



Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area, concluded under the auspices of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

Accord sur la Conservation des Cétacés de la Mer Noire, de la Méditerranée et de la zone Atlantique adjacente, conclu sous l'égide de la Convention sur la Conservation des Espèces Migratrices appartenant à la Faune Sauvage (CMS)



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The Depositary of the Agreement, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco, has the honour of submitting this report to the State Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS).

Since the Sixth Meeting of the Parties, held in Monaco from 22 to 25 November 2016, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation, in its capacity as Depositary, registered the instrument of accession of the Republic of Turkey and the accompanying declaration and reservation on November 3rd, 2017.

By verbal Note dated December 15th, 2017, the Depositary informed, through diplomatic channels, the signatories and/or Parties to the Agreement, the Council of the European Union, the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS and the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) as well as the United Nations Treaty Service.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XIV, paragraph 2 (c), the said Agreement entered into force for the Republic of Turkey on February 1st, 2018.

By verbal Note dated January 16th, 2019, the Depositary informed the signatories and/or Parties to the Agreement, the Council of the European Union, the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS and the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) as well as the United Nations Treaty Service of the objections raised by the Republic of Cyprus and the Hellenic Republic respectively to the reservation and declaration made by the Republic of Turkey on November 3rd, 2017 when depositing its Instrument of Approval to the Agreement.

These Objections did not affect the entry into force of the Agreement for the Republic of Turkey.

As of 22nd July 2019, there are 24 Parties to ACCOBAMS (Table 1).

With regard to the Amendments to the text of the Agreement and its annexes, relating to the extension of the geographical area of ACCOBAMS adopted during the MOP4 in 2010, this Department has registered, since the last Meeting of the Parties in 2016, the deposit of the instrument of approval of the French Republic.

The Depositary has not failed to inform, through diplomatic channels, the signatories and/or Parties to the Agreement, the Council of the European Union, the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS and the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS).

As of 22nd July, there were eight Parties that had approved the Amendments (Table 2).

For the record, in accordance with Article X, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, these amendments will enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which two-thirds of the States Parties to the Agreement, i. e. sixteen (16) Parties, have ratified them.

In addition, during the 2017-2019 triennium, the Depositary, through the various diplomatic agents of the Principality of Monaco, supported the Permanent Secretariat's efforts to raise awareness among the other riparian States with a view to their accession to the Agreement and to encourage them to approve the Amendments.

Table 1

The following table presents the status of the Parties to the Agreement as of 22nd July 2019.

COUNTRY / PAYS	SIGNATURES	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR
	Dates	Tool / Instrument	Deposit of the tool Dépôt de l'instrument	
ALBANIA / ALBANIE	24/11/1996	25/05/2001	03/07/2001	01/10/2001
ALGERIA / ALGERIE		19/03/2007(AA)	25/09/2007	01/12/2007
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE HERZEGOVINE				
BULGARIA / BULGARIE	16/09/1999	23/09/1999	10/11/1999	01/06/2001
CROATIA / CROATIE	24/11/1996	03/05/2000	10/07/2000	01/06/2001
CYPRUS / CHYPRE	24/11/1996	30/01/2006	14/02/2006	01/05/2006
EGYPT / EGYPTE		04/03/2010	19/04/2010	01/07/2010
EUROPEAN UNION /UNION EUROPEENNE				
FRANCE	24/11/1996	26/02/2004 (AA)	10/03/2004	01/06/2004
GEORGIA / GEORGIE	24/11/1996	30/03/2001	31/05/2001	01/06/2001
GREECE / GRECE	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	01/06/2001
ISRAEL				
ITALY / ITALIE	24/11/1996	10/02/2005	24/06/05	01/09/2005
LEBANON / LIBAN		05/05/2004(A)	13/12/2004	01/03/2005
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA / LIBYE		12/05/2002	18/06/2002	01/09/2002
MALTA / MALTE	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	01/06/2001
MONACO	24/11/1996	25/04/1997	30/04/1997	01/06/2001
MONTENEGRO		17/02/2009 (AAA)	18/05/2009	01/08/2009
MOROCCO / MAROC	28/03/1997	13/05/1999	05/07/1999	01/06/2001
PORTUGAL	24/11/1996	30/09/2004 (A)	15/10/2004	01/01/2005
ROMANIA / ROUMANIE	28/09/1998	13/06/2000	17/07/2000	01/06/2001
RUSSIA / RUSSIE				
SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE		12/07/2006	25/09/2006	01/12/2006
SPAIN / ESPAGNE	24/11/1996	07/01/1999	02/02/1999	01/06/2001
SYRIA /SYRIE		07/02/02 (A)	22/03/2002	01/06/2002
TUNISIA / TUNISIE	24/11/1996	31/12/2001	15/01/2002	01/04/2002
		29/05/2017		
TURKEY / TURQUIE		(AA)***	03/11/2017	01/02/2018
UKRAINE		09/07/2003	23/10/2003	01/01/2004
UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME UNI				

* Signature valid for ratification / Signature valant ratification

A = Adherence / Adhésion

AA = Approval / Approbation

AAA= Accession / Accession

Table 2

The following table presents the status of the Parties having approved the Amendments as of 22nd July 2019.

COUNTRY / PAYS	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR
	Tool / Instrument	Deposit of the tool Dépôt de l'instrument	
ALBANIA / ALBANIE			
ALGERIA / ALGERIE			
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE HERZEGOVINE			
BULGARIA / BULGARIE	08/02/2012 ³	14/03/2012	
CROATIA / CROATIE			
CYPRUS / CHYPRE	11/08/2014 ³	22/08/2014	
EGYPT / EGYPTE			
EUROPEAN UNION / UNION EUROPEENNE			
FRANCE/FRANCE	15/10/2016 ²	10/11/2016	
GEORGIA / GEORGIE			
GREECE / GRECE			
ISRAEL/ISRAEL			
ITALY / ITALIE			
LEBANON / LIBAN			
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA / LIBYE			
MALTA / MALTE			
MONACO/ MONACO	24/02/2011 ²	02/03/2011	
MONTENEGRO/ MONTENEGRO	03/12/2014 ³	09/07/2015	
MOROCCO / MAROC			
PORTUGAL/PORTUGAL			
ROMANIA / ROUMANIE			
RUSSIA / RUSSIE			
SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE	09/06/2016 ²	09/06/2016	
SPAIN / ESPAGNE	26/11/2012 ¹	10/01/2013	
SYRIA /SYRIE			
TUNISIA / TUNISIE			
TURKEY / TURQUIE			
UKRAINE / UKRAINE	26/11/2012 ³	02/01/2013	
UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME UNI			

1 = Ratification / ratification

2 = Approval / Approbation

3 = Acceptance / Acceptation

NB: 16 approvals are needed for the entry into force of the amendments / 16 approbations sont nécessaires pour l'entrée en vigueur des amendements