



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)

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I. BACKGROUND

At their First Meeting (Monaco, 28 February – 2 March 2002), and as provided by Article IX, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the Parties to ACCOBAMS established a Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund (SCF) from voluntary contributions of Parties or from any other source in order to increase the funds available for monitoring, research, training and projects relating to the conservation of cetaceans.

The SCF became operational as of the Second Meeting of the Parties (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 9-12 November 2004) and had a significant role in supporting ACCOBAMS conservation initiatives in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Since 2011, projects to be funded under the SCF were selected through calls for proposals launched by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Parties, and following the scientific evaluation made by the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS.

In 2013, at their Fifth Meeting (Tangier, 5-8 November 2013), the Parties to ACCOBAMS adopted the [Resolution 5.5](#) on the Procedure for the ACCOBAMS calls for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Fund.

As provided by Resolution 5.5, the goals and objectives of the SCF are as follows:

- to catalyse the development and implementation of concerted or cooperative actions that should clearly contribute to the implementation of the Agreement and the priorities adopted by the Parties;
- to support applied conservation projects;
- to provide seed money to initiate long-term projects that have a multiplying impact well beyond the funding period;
- to stimulate dialogue and cooperation at the local and regional level in order to improve the conservation status of the cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area;
- to assist in development of capacities to conserve cetaceans and their habitats;
- to raise awareness of the conservation and management needs of cetaceans and their habitats;
- to make relatively small funds available to communities and other conservation stakeholders with limited access to alternative funding sources.

This report gives an overview of income and expenditure for the Supplementary Conservation Grants Fund in 2017, 2018 and 2019 (up to 15th July 2019).

The Permanent Secretariat is grateful for the support received from the Principality of Monaco and from Italy for the replenishment of this Fund during the triennium.

II. INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE SCF DURING THE TRIENNIUM 2017-2019

a) 2017

The **amount of available** resources from the SCF as per 01/01/2017 was **30 347 €**.

A **replenishment of 14 000 €** was made in 2017 with remaining from the 2016 Voluntary Contribution from Monaco for MOP6.

The **total of expenses** on 31st December 2017 was **16 990 €** (including bank fees for transfer).

This amount corresponds to the following payments:

- One project in Romania: **7 500 €** was paid to for the project “Increase the regional capacity for developing cetacean distribution and abundance studies”
- One project in Ukraine: **5 890 €** was paid for the project “Identification and initial assessment of cetacean groupings in coastal waters of the north-western Black Sea, Ukrainian sector”
- One project in Tunisia: **3 500 €** was paid for the “Tunisian Dolphin Project: population size and habitat use for bottlenose and common dolphins”

Table I: Incomes and expenses of the Supplementary Conservation Fund in 2017

	€
Available from previous years	30 347
Total incomes (replenishments)	14 000
Total amount of expenses	16 990
Remaining balance (31/12/2017)	27 357
<i>Amount allocated to ongoing projects</i>	<i>8 590</i>
Available amount (31/12/2017)	18 767

b) 2018

The amount of available resources from the SCF as per 01/01/2018 was **27 357€**.

In 2018, none transaction has been initiated (on 31st December 2018).

Table II: Incomes and expenses of the Supplementary Conservation Fund in 2018

	€
Available from previous years	27 357
Total incomes (replenishments)	0
Total amount of expenses	0
Remaining balance (31/12/2018)	27 357
<i>Amount allocated to ongoing projects</i>	<i>8 590</i>
Available amount (31/12/2018)	18 767

c) 2019 (on 15th July 2019)

The amount of available resources from the SCF as per 01/01/2019 was **27 357€**.

As requested by Bureau Members during the Twelfth Meeting of the Bureau, a **replenishment of 24 000 €** was made in 2019 with Voluntary Contributions from Italy (15 000 €) and Monaco (5 000 €), as well as remaining from Ordinary Contributions (4 000 €).

The **total of expenses** in 2019 (on 15th July 2019) was **14 617 €** (including bank fees for transfers).

This amount corresponds to the following payments:

- One project in Tunisia: **2 535 €** was paid for the Tunisian Dolphin Project: population size and habitat use for bottlenose and common dolphins;
- One project in Ukraine: **12 000 €** was paid for the project “Establishing the bank of cetacean tissue samples in Ukraine”.

Table III: Incomes and expenses of the Supplementary Conservation Grant Fund in 2019 (on 15th July 2019)

	€
Available from previous years	27 357
Total incomes (replenishments)	24 000
Total amount of expenses	14 617
Remaining balance (15/07/2019)	36 740
<i>Amount allocated to ongoing projects</i>	<i>19 500</i>
Available amount (15/07/2019)	17 240

III. TRIENNIUM STATEMENT (2017-2019)

Table IV: Incomes and expenses of the Supplementary Conservation Fund during the triennium 2017- 2019 (on 15th July 2019)

	€
Available from previous years	30 347
Total of incomes (replenishments)	38 000
Total of expenses	31 607
Remaining balance (on 15/07/2019)	36 740
<i>Amount allocated to ongoing projects</i>	<i>19 500</i>
Available amount (on 15/07/2019)	17 240