



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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DRAFT RESOLUTION 7.7**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area:

Recalling Article VII of the Agreement on the composition and functions of the Scientific Committee,

Recalling Resolution 6.7 adopting the rules concerning the Scientific Committee with a rotation between the Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to be entrusted with the Chairmanship of the Committee,

Considering the recommendations of the Scientific Committee and the Bureau,

Commending the participation in the Scientific Committee of representatives from CIESM, IUCN, the European Cetacean Society (ECS), the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Scientific Council of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS),

Taking into account the ACCOBAMS Strategy (period 2014-2025), as adopted by Resolution 5.1, and the Work Programme 2020-2022 as adopted by Resolution 7.6,

Stressing the need for establishing a closer link between the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS and the rest of the scientific community working on cetaceans in the Agreement Area,

Stressing the need for strengthening the representation of the Parties' scientific community in the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS, by allowing Parties to designate, on a voluntary basis, national experts to participate to the work of the Scientific Committee,

Considering that the "Task Managers" and the regional representatives should have an active role in supporting the Chair during the meetings of the Scientific Committee and other works,

Stressing the need to ensure the diversity of experiences and competences and the equitable geographical distribution and gender balance of membership within the Scientific Committee,

1. *Entrusts* the Chair of the Scientific Committee to CIESM and the Vice-Chair to IUCN, according to the modalities described in the Rules on the Scientific Committee annexed to Resolution 6.7;
2. *Takes note* of the experts appointed by CIESM and IUCN for the period 2020-2022 as follows:
 - **CIESM:**
 - Mrs. Loriane MENDEZ,
 - Mrs. Ayaka Amaha OZTÜRK,
 - Mr. Simone PANIGADA,

- **IUCN:**
 - Mrs. Léa DAVID,
 - Mrs. Cristina FOSSI,
 - Mrs. Souad LAMOUTI;
3. *Asks* the Scientific Committee to appoint, at its first Meeting of the triennium, its Chair among the experts designated by CIESM, its Vice-Chair among the experts designated by IUCN and its “Task Managers”;
 4. *Invites* each of the two Organizations listed in the previous paragraph to appoint one of their experts to assist the Permanent Secretariat in the preparation of the first Meeting of the Scientific Committee of the triennium;
 5. *Appoints* the regional representatives as follows:
 - [to be appointed by MOP7], representing Western Mediterranean and contiguous Atlantic area,
 - [to be appointed by MOP7], representing Central Mediterranean,
 - [to be appointed by MOP7], representing Eastern Mediterranean,
 - [to be appointed by MOP7], representing Black Sea;
 6. *Takes note* of the representatives designated by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the European Cetacean Society (ECS) and the International Whaling Commission (IWC) for the period 2020-2022 as follows:
 - Mr. Giuseppe NOTARBARTOLO DI SCIARA, representing the Scientific Council of the CMS,
 - Mr. Joan GONZALVO, representing the ECS,
 - Mr. Greg DONOVAN, representing the Scientific Committee of the IWC;
 7. *Thanks* CIESM, CMS, IUCN and IWC for shouldering the responsibility for their experts’ participation expenses;
 8. *Invites* the Sub-Regional Coordination Units to fully participate in the work and the Meetings of the Scientific Committee;
 9. *Invites* the Permanent Secretariat, if resources allow, to ensure, where necessary, the participation in the Meetings and/or work of the Scientific Committee of experts in disciplines that are not covered by the members of the Scientific Committee, including legal and socio-economic aspects, after consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee as for the selection and the definition of tasks of these experts;
 10. *Decides* that the present Resolution replaces Resolution 6.7, with the exception of its Annex “Rules of the Scientific Committee” that is to be considered as annexed to the present Resolution.