

RESOLUTION 2.30

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGOs)
IN CETACEAN CONSERVATION**

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

Recalling Resolution 1.13 on granting the ACCOBAMS Partner title, and *acknowledging* the success of this initiative,

Aware that the expertise and the activities of competent NGOs represent a substantial contribution to the successful implementation of the Agreement,

Recognising that the governments highly benefit from the voluntary monitoring and data collection work of such NGOs,

Appreciating the enormous and most successful efforts of NGOs in public awareness raising for the need of cetacean conservation;

Aware that both governments and NGOs highly benefit if they co-operate closely and solve potential conflicts in a constructive manner through recognising each other's roles and responsibilities,

Further aware that NGO activities could have increased impacts if they are not only locally or nationally orientated but also seek for international co-operation and exchange of information as well as trans-boundary projects,

1. *Expresses* its good will to further support the most valuable activities of competent NGOs;
2. *Encourages* activities of NGOs to collaborate and share experience in ways that have the potential to substantially improve trans-boundary co-operation and exchange of information as well as mutual assistance.