

RESOLUTION 6.15

ASSESSMENT OF IUCN CONSERVATION STATUS OF CETACEANS IN THE ACCOBAMS AREA

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

Acting upon recommendation 10.3 of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee,

Recalling Resolution 2.22, on strengthening relations with IUCN, and Resolution 3.19, on the IUCN Red List of cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas,

Considering Resolution 5.1 on the ACCOBAMS Strategy (period 2014-2025), stating that sufficient data should be collected to be able to assign all currently Data Deficient species to one of the other IUCN categories,

Recalling also document ACCOBAMS-SC9/2014/Doc11 "Assessment of IUCN Conservation Status of Cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area",

Aware that the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation has not received new or updated assessments in the last two years for the species categorized as Data Deficient for the IUCN Red List in the Mediterranean Sea,

Stressing that assessments on the IUCN conservation status of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS Area should be regularly updated,

1. *Asks* the Permanent Secretariat and the Scientific Committee to liaise with the initial assessors to :
 - consider whether there is sufficient new information to re-assess the species that are still Data Deficient and, if so, submit new assessments for consideration by the appropriate evaluators;
 - consider whether there is sufficient information to evaluate species within the region not previously assessed (e.g. the Rough-toothed dolphin) and, if so, submit an assessment for consideration by the appropriate evaluators;
 - re-assess Killer whales, which are still not included in the Mediterranean IUCN Red List despite the evaluation done in collaboration between IUCN and ACCOBAMS in 2006 (Resolution 3.19), taking into account the Agreement Area, and submit such re-assessment for consideration by the appropriate evaluators.