

REPORT OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ACCOBAMS BUREAU



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OPENING OF THE MEETING

At the kind invitation of the "Département des pêches maritimes" of Morocco, the Tenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau was held on 24th and 25th of November 2015, at the Sheraton Hotel, in Casablanca, Morocco. It was attended by Mrs. Zakia Driouich, Chair of the Bureau (Morocco), Mr. Florian Expert (France) and Mrs. Ana Štrbenac (Croatia).

Mrs. Irina Lomashvili (Georgia) and M. Gilles Tonelli (Monaco) were not able to attend the meeting. Nevertheless, M. Gilles Tonelli provided the Bureau Members and the Secretariat with his comments on some meeting documents.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Abdelali Loudrhiri (Advisor to the Chair of the Bureau), Mrs. Florence Descroix-Comanducci (Executive Secretary of ACCOBAMS), Mr. Simone Panigada (Chair of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS), and the staff of the Permanent Secretariat. The full List of Participants appears in [Annex 1](#) to this report.

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Bureau, Mrs. Zakia Driouich. She welcomed the Bureau Members and other participants in Casablanca.

Mrs. Florence Descroix-Comanducci, ACCOBAMS Executive Secretary, welcomed the Bureau Members and conveyed the regrets of Mr. Gilles Tonelli for not being able to attend. She provided details about the logistic arrangements for the participants and about the documentation of the meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Executive Secretary introduced the provisional Agenda (BU10/2015/Doc 01). The Meeting reviewed and adopted the Agenda. It appears as [Annex 2](#) to this report.

2. PROGRESS REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT

The Executive Secretary introduced Document BU10/2015/Doc 05Rev1, presenting information about the activities carried out since the last Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau in December 2014 and about the progress made in promoting the Agreement and strengthening collaboration with other instruments.

Some specific topics were discussed under this agenda item.

❖ *Nomination of Focal Points*

The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau Members that the Secretariat is still waiting for the official nomination of the Focal Point for Montenegro. She added that contacts with representatives of the Ministry of Environment of Montenegro were made confirming that the process is ongoing.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare a letter to be sent by the Chair of the Bureau inviting the relevant authorities of Montenegro to nominate a Focal Point.

❖ **NETCCOBAMS**

The Secretariat presented the progress made in the development of the NETCCOBAMS communication tool.

The Bureau Members stressed the importance of promoting the communication between the different stakeholders and partners involved in ACCOBAMS and the need of ensuring the consistency and reliability of the information to be disseminated through this channel.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- commended the development of this communication tool;
- recommended to change the terminology “Become Members” to avoid misunderstandings on the status of the NETCCOBAMS contributors. “Join NETCCOBAMS” could be used as an alternative;
- recommended to mention detailed "Terms of use" explaining conditions of publishing and use of data as well as administration and data verification;
- invited the Secretariat to contact the Bureau Members, the Focal Points, the Scientific Committee and the Partners inviting them to provide feedbacks and comments once NETCCOBAMS will be ready and before its official launch;
- suggested to schedule a side event on NETCCOBAMS at the Sixth Meeting of the Parties (MOP6) to be convened in November 2016 in order to give visibility to this tool and to disseminate information on its use.

❖ **ACCOBAMS Cetaceans Day**

For the next celebrations of the “ACCOBAMS Cetaceans Day”, the Bureau recommended the Secretariat to inform the Parties and other ACCOBAMS Bodies earlier in order to ensure that enough time is provided to organize any special events.

❖ **The EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)**

The Executive Secretary provided the Bureau Members with an overview of the implementation of MSFD regarding cetaceans in relation to the ACCOBAMS area and the contribution to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach process (EcAp) of the Barcelona Convention, as contained in document BU10/2015/Doc 08. She indicated that a questionnaire was elaborated by the ACCOBAMS co-chair of the ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS correspondence working group on the MSFD. It was reviewed by the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS and disseminated to the ACCOBAMS Focal Points to collect information about the implementation of the MSFD and the EcAp at national levels, with special focus on the measures of relevance for cetacean conservation. By October 2015, the Secretariat received replies to the questionnaire from 11 Parties.

Regarding the development of a formal partnership with the European Commission (EC), as provided by the ACCOBAMS Strategy and the 2014-2016 program of work, the Executive Secretary informed the meeting that contacts at high level with the European Commission are planned within the framework of the development of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative, jointly and with support of the UNEP-CMS Executive Secretary. These high-level meetings with DG-MARE and DG-Environment will be an opportunity to present ACCOBAMS and its work and to consider the question of partnership between ACCOBAMS and EC.

Regarding the questionnaire prepared by the ACCOBAMS co-chair of the MSFD working group, the Bureau invited the Secretariat to send a letter to the Focal Points that have not yet replied for reminding them.

Regarding the contribution to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, the Bureau Members appreciated the cooperation established with UNEP/MAP that contributes to promote ACCOBAMS work and leadership on the issues related to the monitoring of cetaceans populations (for Ecological Objective 1 on biodiversity) and the monitoring of anthropogenic noise (for Ecological Objective 11 on anthropogenic noise).

The Bureau recommended that the Secretariat investigate with the UNEP/MAP options for the formalization of the contribution of ACCOBAMS in the monitoring of cetaceans populations and of anthropogenic noise within the EcAp context.

❖ **ACCOBAMS extension area**

The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that Montenegro, in addition to Bulgaria, Cyprus, Monaco, Spain and Ukraine, deposited its instrument of acceptance in 2015 with the Depository.

With the view of having the amendment to the Agreement related to the extension of the Agreement Area into force before MOP6, the Bureau invited the Secretariat to send a letter signed by the Chair of the Bureau to the Focal Points of the ACCOBAMS Parties that have not yet ratified/accepted/approved the amendment to encourage them to expedite the process.

❖ **Overview of the noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS area**

The Executive Secretary presented the results of the project "Overview of the noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS area" as contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 07Rev1.

To further elaborate this study,

The Bureau approved the recommendations of the Scientific Committee to :

- (a) consider additional information on the Mediterranean,
- (b) cover the other sub-regions of the ACCOBAMS area (the Black Sea and the contiguous ACCOBAMS Atlantic area). It recommended that (i) the results of this study will not be presented at MOP6 as a draft Resolution to be considered for adoption by the Contracting Parties but the Parties will be invited to take note of this study and (ii) if the study would have to be made public before its review by MOP6, a disclaimer specifying that this document is not yet endorsed by ACCOBAMS be included.

Regarding the development of an international noise registry as proposed by the project,

The Bureau recommended to take into consideration other initiatives on this matter for harmonizing the efforts, in particular the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Stressing the importance of the marine noise issue for the conservation of cetaceans, the Secretariat recommended to develop a regional project including collection of new data from the field, capacity-building, public awareness and communication, and cooperation with other relevant organizations.

In this context,

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare a project concept on this matter for the next Extended Bureau Meeting to be held in 2016.

❖ **Captivity related issues**

Based on the information presented by the Secretariat regarding the draft Resolution on the identification of origin of cetaceans bred or kept in captivity to be presented to the CITES Secretariat before the next CITES COP in 2016, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to provide all ACCOBAMS Focal Points with the draft Resolution and to invite them to consider a submission by their Country to the next CITES COP.

❖ **ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative**

The Secretariat provided the Bureau with an overview of the recent developments and work of the Secretariat for the development of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative and the related fundraising process.

In particular, the Secretariat informed the Bureau Members that the MAVA Foundation expressed, on a preliminary basis, its interest to support financially the project (with an amount of 1.7 million Euros), provided that the countries of the region, beneficiaries of the project, confirm their effective commitment. The Secretariat contacted formally the Parties between September and November 2015 for seeking a written commitment regarding their involvement in the project and the national contributions they could provide to the project.

Considering the slow rate of response by countries and the short remaining time for responding to the MAVA Foundation, the Executive Secretary stressed the risk of losing the important funding possibility by the MAVA Foundation.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to send a letter, on behalf of the Chair of the Bureau, to the Focal points that have not yet replied in order to invite the Parties to confirm their interest for the project.

❖ **Interactions with fisheries**

The Secretariat provided the Bureau with an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the project on mitigating interactions between endangered marine species and fishing activities implemented jointly by ACCOBAMS and GFCM with the financial support of the MAVA Foundation.

The Bureau took note of the critical situation regarding the issue of depredation by bottlenose dolphins in the purse seine fishery in the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. The depredation and the related damages to the fishing gear is generating situation of severe conflicts between fishermen and dolphins that could lead to extreme behaviours against dolphins.

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that, as recommended by the Scientific Committee during its Tenth Meeting, this issue is addressed in the framework of the project and mitigation solutions to limit the impacts of depredation will be tested by the national partners, assisted by international experts.

Taking note of the progress made in the project implementation, the Bureau commended the efforts of the Secretariat and the collaboration with GFCM, stressing the crucial need to assist Parties regarding the technical and socioeconomic aspects of the interaction between cetaceans and fishing activities. It invited the Secretariat to further collaborate with the Scientific Committee in assisting the Parties to address the depredation by cetaceans in the fishing gear, in accordance with the objectives of ACCOBAMS.

❖ **Collaboration with other organisations:**

The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau members that a joint strategy with RAC/SPA and GFCM focusing on spatial based management and conservation measures was under preparation and a MOU prepared between ACCOBAMS and UNEP/MAP is expected to be signed at the next COP of Barcelona Convention. She also informed the meeting that the Secretariat started contacts with ICES and identified topics of collaboration, an agreement letter will be signed to formalise the collaboration.

The Bureau commended the collaboration efforts and invited the Secretariat to pursue the finalisation of the joint strategy, the MOU and the agreement letter.

3. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

3.1 Report on activities

The Chair of the Scientific Committee presented Document BU10/2015/Doc 09 on the activities of the Scientific Committee between the Ninth Meeting of the Bureau (Paris, France, 9-10 December 2014) and the Tenth Meeting of the Bureau.

He emphasized that during this one-year period the 10th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC10) was convened in Nice, France, from 20th to 22th November 2015 and he presented the recommendations adopted by SC10.

3.2 Issues arising from the Tenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee

The following topics were discussed under this agenda item.

❖ *Extension of the ACCOBAMS area to cover the Red Sea*

After a brief presentation by the Secretariat of document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 10 containing a note about the proposed extension of the ACCOBAMS area to cover the Red Sea, the Chair of the Scientific Committee informed the Bureau members that as requested by the Ninth Meeting of the Bureau, the Scientific Committee considered this issue during its 10th Meeting and concluded that, based on the best scientific evidence available, there is no ecological coherence (regarding cetaceans) between the Red Sea and the ACCOBAMS area. In fact, it seems more likely that cetaceans in the Red Sea are linked to the Indian Ocean to the south. The Scientific Committee concluded that, from the scientific angle, there will be no added value of the extension of the ACCOBAMS to the Red Sea. However, the Scientific Committee confirmed its willingness to assist in capacity building in the Red Sea region.

After discussions, the Bureau concluded that there is no scientific rationale to extend the ACCOBAMS Agreement to the Red Sea. However, the Bureau stressed the importance of establishing a scientific and technical cooperation between ACCOBAMS and the interested Red Sea riparian Countries by facilitating exchange of data and technical tools and by reinforcing capacities.

In this context, the Bureau mandated the Secretariat to contact the Egyptian Focal Point to see if Egypt would be interested to implement ACCOBAMS provisions on the Egyptian coast of the Red Sea.

❖ *MEDACES*

Following the presentation by the Secretariat of document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 14, the Chair of the Scientific Committee informed the Bureau members that during its Tenth Meeting, the Scientific Committee agreed on the great overall importance and value of a central database such as MEDACES to cetacean conservation and recommended that ACCOBAMS should ensure MEDACES's future operation by securing and allocating funds to the host institution (University of Valencia) at least until the next Meeting of Parties. The Scientific Committee recommended also that a thorough review should be undertaken by the Secretariat in conjunction with the Chair of the Scientific Committee (or his nominee(s)) and in consultation with those running MEDACES concerning the collaboration with focal points and stranding network organisers.

The Bureau invited the Secretariat to undertake, before the next MOP, a review of the functioning of MEDACES taking into account the recommendations of the Scientific Committee. It stressed that the review should cover also the use of the financial support provided by ACCOBAMS and RAC/SPA, as well as the cost-effectiveness of MEDACES.

❖ **Important Marine Mammal Areas**

The Executive Secretary and the Chair of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee informed the Bureau Members on the efforts undertaken by the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Area Task Force in developing “Important Marine Mammal Areas”, in particular through the organization of a workshop for the Mediterranean region, and on the potential links with the current effort undertaken by ACCOBAMS for identifying new areas of importance for cetaceans (Critical Cetacean Habitats - CCH).

After discussions, considering that IMMAs are not included in the current ACCOBAMS work program but they represent an added value as they address the management aspects related to the conservation of Cetacean Critical Habitats, the Bureau agreed that ACCOBAMS contributes to this initiative and supports the workshop to be organized in 2016, highlighting the following points:

- (i) the work already done under ACCOBAMS on the CCH will have to be taken into consideration by the workshop when identifying IMMAs;
- (ii) the participation of scientists from South and East Mediterranean Parties in the workshop should be ensured in order to have geographically balanced participation of experts, in particular for the areas where information on cetaceans is rare.

❖ **Strategy on the conservation of cetaceans in the Adriatic Sea for the period 2016 – 2025**

Ana Štrbenac informed the Bureau Members about the Strategy on the conservation of cetaceans in the Adriatic Sea for the period 2016 – 2025 that was prepared in the scope of the EU IPA Adriatic project *Network for the Conservation of Cetaceans and Sea Turtles in the Adriatic* - NETCET (www.netcet.eu).

She underlined that due to absence of institution with the appropriate mandate to develop, implement and revise the Strategy, it is important to make sure that elements of the Strategy are included in the future relevant regional strategies and plans, as for example the Conservation plan for the bottlenose dolphin in the Mediterranean Sea, developed under ACCOBAMS.

The Bureau took note with appreciation of the preparation of this regional strategic document and will ensure that appropriate references are included in the relevant draft Resolution to be reviewed by the next Extended Bureau Meeting.

4. BUDGETARY MATTERS

❖ **Status of the contributions to the ACCOBAMS Trust Fund and Report on the expenditures incurred from December 2014**

The Executive Secretary introduced Documents BU10/2015/Doc 11 on incomes and expenditures for 2014 and BU10/2015/Doc 12 on incomes and expenditures for 2015 as of 30 September 2015.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- noted with appreciation the presented documents;
- warmly thanked the Principality of Monaco for the voluntary contributions offered in 2014 and 2015;
- welcomed the co-funding provided by partner organizations, in particular the MAVA Foundation, for their financial supports and contributions to the ACCOBAMS activities;
- agreed with the Secretariat’s proposal to send by mid-December 2015 the invoices for 2016 in order to allow a payment of the contributions at the beginning of 2016;
- requested the Secretariat to provide more details for the expenses related to the conservation actions in the expenditures charts of the budgetary documents to be prepared in the future;
- agreed that a part of the funds available for the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative may be used by the Secretariat to cover external assistance services, in relation to the development of the project. Where needed, the Secretariat will request the approval of the Bureau members.

❖ **Provisional list of activities for 2016**

The Executive Secretary presented the provisional list of activities for 2016, as contained in Document BU10/2015/Doc 13Rev1.

After discussions, the Bureau approved the proposed list of activities for 2016.

❖ **Supplementary conservation Grants Fund (SCF)**

Referring to Resolution 5.5 on the Procedure for the ACCOBAMS Calls for proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Fund, the Secretariat presented options for a possible new call for proposals to be opened in 2016, making reference to document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 15.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- welcomed the proposal from Monaco to use the remaining of its voluntary contributions for 2015 to allow a call for proposals for 3 projects in 2016;
- approved the schedule proposed in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 15;
- approved the priority proposals contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 15 and invited the Scientific Committee to propose ranking for the proposed priorities and to suggest activities that could be promoted under each of the proposed priorities.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

5.1 Staff regulation / Headquarters Agreement

Referring to document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 16, the Executive Secretary informed the Bureau Members on the progress made towards developing Staff Regulations proposal. The draft document prepared was reviewed by the Department of Human Resources of the Principality of Monaco.

The Executive Secretary also informed the Bureau Members on the progress made towards developing amendments to the Headquarters Agreement. She underlined that the draft Headquarters Agreement document prepared by the Secretariat was under review by the relevant Departments of the Host Country.

Regarding the statement sent by the Vice-President from the Host Country, the Executive Secretary informed the Bureau Members that once a pre-analysis is done, a meeting is to be organized between the relevant authorities and the Secretariat for finalizing the documents.

The Bureau took note of the progress made and recommended the Secretariat to finalize its task in relation with the authorities of the Principality of Monaco in order to present the relevant draft Resolutions together with their annexes to the next Extended Bureau Meeting in 2016.

5.2 Extended Bureau

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Bureau, the Secretariat proposed, for the consideration of the Bureau Members, experts for the Working Group tasked to support the work of the Bureau during its next Meeting to be held in 2016 in preparation of MOP6 as contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 17.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- Selected the following experts to take part in the Working Group:
- Mr. Zamir DEDEJ
- Mr. Simion NICOLAEV
- Mr. Patrick VAN KLAVEREN.
- requested the Secretariat to invite the selected experts to attend the next Extended Bureau Meeting.

6. PREPARATION OF THE MOP6 AND THE ACCOBAMS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

❖ *Preparation of the MOP6*

The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau Members on the progress made in the preparation of the MOP6.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- agreed that MOP6 will be organized in Monaco, on 22-25 November 2016 together with the 20th Anniversary (24 November);
- requested the Secretariat to send a letter to be signed by the Chair for informing the Parties about the dates of MOP6;
- warmly thanked the Principality of Monaco for the significant voluntary contribution with an amount of 150.000 Euros offered to support the organization of the Meeting;
- invited the Secretariat to seize the opportunity of MOP6 to highlight and promote the results achieved by ACCOBAMS.

The Bureau Members were also informed about a Memorandum of Collaboration with the Mohamed VI Foundation that could be signed at the occasion of MOP6.

The Executive Secretary presented the draft list of the Resolutions to be submitted to the Parties as contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 18.

After discussions, the draft list of resolutions as revised appears in [Annex 3](#) of this report.

❖ *The ACCOBAMS 20th Anniversary*

The Executive Secretary presented the activities planned for celebrating the 20th Anniversary (re-shaping the ACCOBAMS website, preparing a commemorative teaser, displaying the photo-exhibition, editing a special issue of FINS...).

After discussions, the Bureau recommended to give visibility to the 20th Anniversary of the Agreement, in particular the Bureau:

- invited the Focal Points to organize special events in their country to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of ACCOBAMS. This has to be included in the letter to be sent for informing the Contracting Parties about the dates of MOP6;
- mandated the Secretariat to strengthen the visibility of the Agreement on the occasion of the Anniversary during regional meetings of other organizations.

7. ACCOBAMS PARTNERS

The Secretariat presented the new requests for ACCOBAMS partnership as contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 19.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- granted the status of ACCOBAMS Partners to the Spanish NGO "Equinac", the French NGO "Groupe d'Etude des Cétacés de Méditerranée" and the Portuguese NGO "Portuguese Wildlife Society" and invited the Secretariat to officially inform these organizations;
- decided to postpone its decision concerning the Italian NGO "Oceanomare Delphis Onlus" pending the reply from the Italian Focal Point and invited the Secretariat to contact him on this matter.

The Secretariat informed the Bureau Members about difficulties faced with one ACCOBAMS Partner during the ECS Conference held in 2015. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to send a letter signed by the Chair of the Bureau to the concerned Partner in order to remind the collaborative and cooperative spirit that has to prevail within ACCOBAMS.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other issues for consideration by the meeting.

9. DATE, VENUE AND DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE NEXT EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING

The Executive Secretary suggested that the next Extended Bureau Meeting be held in April/May 2015 in Monaco and introduced the draft provisional agenda of the next Extended Bureau Meeting as contained in document ACCOBAMS-BU10/2015/Doc 20.

After discussions, the Bureau:

- requested the Secretariat to undertake an email consultation for defining the exact dates of the meeting;
- welcomed the proposal from Monaco to facilitate the organization of the meeting;
- reviewed and adopted the draft provisional agenda ([Annex 4](#) to this report)

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chair of the Bureau thanked the Meeting participants and closed the Meeting on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 12:00 am.

In her closure remarks, and referring to the critical situation encountered by Moroccan fishermen, the Chair of the Bureau underlined that it is important for ACCOBAMS to keep listening with an open mind to all relevant stakeholders and to be cautious when addressing the potential impacts and conflicts that could arise when addressing human-cetaceans interactions.

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ANNEX 2: AGENDA OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ACCOBAMS BUREAU

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Progress report by the Secretariat

3. Progress report on the activities of the Scientific Committee

3.1 Report on activities

3.2 Issues arising from the Tenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee

4. Budgetary matters

4.1 Status of the contributions to the ACCOBAMS Trust Fund

4.2 Report on the expenditures incurred from December 2014

4.3 Provisional list of activities for 2016

4.4 Supplementary conservation Grants Fund

5. Administrative issues

5.1 Staff regulation/Head Quarters Agreement

5.2 Extended Bureau

6. Preparation of the MOP6 and the ACCOBAMS 20th Anniversary

7. ACCOBAMS Partners

8. Other business

9. Date, venue and draft provisional Agenda of the next Extended Bureau Meeting

10. Closure of the Meeting

ANNEX 3: PROPOSALS ON THE FUTURE LIST OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MOP6

To assist the Bureau in its works during its next Meeting to be held in May 2016 (tentative date), the Secretariat will prepare the preliminary Draft Resolutions to be submitted to the next MOP for consideration, review and adoption.

The Draft Resolutions will be prepared by the Secretariat with the help of specialised consultants and reviewed by the Extended Bureau. As reviewed by the Tenth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Bureau, the following table includes the list of possible/potential topics to be covered by the ACCOBAMS MOP6 Resolutions.

Administrative items	
Res 6.XX	Financial and administrative matters for the triennium 2017-2019
Res 6.XX	Scientific Committee
Res 6.XX	Composition of the Follow-up Committee
Res 6.XX	Evaluation of ACCOBAMS implementation and Work programme 2017-2019
Res 6.XX	Amendments to the Headquarters Agreement
Res 6.XX	Staff regulations
Res 6.XX	Amendments to the Rules of Procedures for the Bureau
Res 6.XX	Extension of the ACCOBAMS Area
Res 6.XX	List of Resolutions into force
Res 6.XX	Tribute to the organisers
Res 6.XX	Date, venue and funding of the Seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties
Conservation issues	
Res 6.XX	Cetacean population estimates and distribution in the ACCOBAMS Area
Res 6.XX	Population structure
Res 6.XX	Assessment of IUCN conservation status
Res 6.XX	Ship strikes
Res 6.XX	Commercial Cetacean Watching activities in the ACCOBAMS area
Res 6.XX	Live strandings
Res 6.XX	Anthropogenic noise
Res 6.XX	Species Conservation Plans
Res 6.XX	MSFD Implementation
Res 6.XX	New areas of conservation of cetacean habitats
Res 6.XX	Interaction with fisheries
Res 6.XX	Joint Strategy with GFCM, RAC/SPA, IUCN-Med in collaboration with MedPAN
Res 6.XX	Capacity building

ANNEX 4: DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE NEXT EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING

- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Report of the Secretariat**
- 4. Report of the Chair of the Scientific Committee**
- 5. Status of the contributions to the ACCOBAMS Trust Fund**
- 6. Report on the expenditures incurred from October 2015**
- 7. Administrative issues**
- 8. 2016 ACCOBAMS Call for Proposals for projects to be funded under the Supplementary Conservation Fund**
- 9. Proposed budget and ordinary contributions to the ACCOBAMS Trust Fund for 2017-2019**
- 10. Draft Resolutions to be submitted to MOP6**
- 11. Arrangements for the MOP6 and the ACCOBAMS 20th Anniversary**
- 12. ACCOBAMS Partners**
- 13. Other business**
- 14. Closure of the Meeting**