

Agenda Item 14

Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial  
Work Plan (2007-2009)

**Document 25**

**ACCOBAMS National Report Format**

**Action Requested**

- take note of the format for reporting used by the sister Agreement ACCOBAMS
- decide whether to change the format for ASCOBANS reporting

Submitted by

Secretariat



**NOTE:**  
**IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN  
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

### **Secretariat's Note**

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to ACCOBAMS, the attached National Report Format was adopted as Resolution 1.8. As the format used by ASCOBANS' sister Agreement, it might contain some useful suggestions for an improvement of the ASCOBANS Reporting Format, called for by AC 14.

## RESOLUTION 1.8

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIENNIAL NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT FOR THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS OF THE BLACK SEA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ATLANTIC AREA**

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

*Referring to Article VIII of the Agreement asking Parties to prepare for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties a report on its implementation of the Agreement;*

*Desiring that ACCOBAMS adopts form of national reporting which are not unnecessarily complex and do not duplicate the data and information gathering already undertaken by other Conventions and related international programs;*

*Aware of the ongoing efforts under the auspices of UNEP to co-ordinate reporting systems;*

*Further noting that Article III paragraph 7.f) of the Agreement calls on the Meeting of the Parties at its first session to determine the format of reports;*

1. *Adopts* the attached format of national reports;
2. *Stresses* the need to review the implementation of Resolutions of the Meetings of the Parties within their national reports and, for this purpose,
3. *Instructs* the Secretariat, in relation with the Bureau, to amend periodically the national report format;
4. *Recommends* that Parties consult, if appropriate, with relevant non-governmental Organisations and others with technical expertise in the preparation of national reports;
5. *Instructs* the Scientific Committee, the Sub-Regional Co-ordination Units and Agreement Secretariat to liaise actively with related international Conventions, the UNEP/World Conservation Monitoring Centre and other international Organisations concerning all this aspects of the implementation of the Agreement, especially the harmonisation of data and information collection and management, so as to encourage the development of synergies;
6. *Urges* all Parties to prepare national reports and submit them to the Meeting of the Parties at its second session in accordance with the timetable outlined in Article VIII, paragraph b), of the Agreement;
7. *Requests* the Meeting of the Parties, at its second session, to review the national reporting format in the light of experience and, if necessary, recommend changes that may be desirable.

## ANNEX 1

### FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF CETACEANS OF THE BLACK SEA, THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE CONTIGUOUS ATLANTIC AREA

#### General remarks

In conformity with Article VIII, paragraph b) of the Agreement, the Parties prepare for each of the ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties a report on the implementing of the Agreement. The contents, structure and presentation of the Parties' national reports will be defined at the first session of the Meeting of the Parties. Each Party's first national report is to be provided for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

The aim of the present document is to submit to the first session of the Meeting of the Parties (Monaco, from 28 February to 2 March 2002) a suggestion as to content and form for the Parties' national reports<sup>1</sup>.

To avoid redundancy and repetition in the successive reports, it is suggested that a content be adopted for the first report submitted by each Party and a more succinct content for following reports.

Moreover, a slightly different content is suggested for reports to be submitted by the Parties that do not border on the area of the Agreement.

This framework does not take into account follow-up of the Resolutions adopted by the Meeting of the Parties. It will be amended in consequence at the end of each Meeting of the Parties by the Office, in cooperation with the Secretariat.

#### **I. Format and deadline for presenting reports**

The national report is to be made in English or in French, in triplicate, and accompanied by an electronic version on floppy disk or CD-Rom. It must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Agreement at least one hundred and twenty days before the Meeting of the Parties for which it is destined. States or regional economic integration Organizations which become Parties to the Agreement less than six months before an ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties will submit their first report at least one hundred and twenty days before the third next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.

#### **II. Method of circulation**

National reports will be filed by the Secretariat of the Agreement and will be opened at public consultations at the Secretariat headquarters and at the level of the Sub-regional Coordinating Units. The electronic version of each report received will be immediately available on the Agreement's internet site.

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<sup>1</sup> : In the European Commission report only the pertinent headings will be reported on

**FORM I**  
**First report of riparian Parties of the Agreement area**

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1. **Name of Party** <sup>2 3</sup>;
2. **Date when report finalized;**
3. **Focal Point (full name, organization, function, address, telephone, fax, e-mail);**
4. **Definition of the areas under national jurisdiction included in the Agreement's field of application (over which the Agreement applies);**
5. **Say whether the Party is a member of an organization of economic integration** (as defined in Article I, paragraph h) of the Agreement);
6. **Date when signed, ratified, accepted, approved or joined the ACCOBAMS;**
7. **Date when ratified the amendment** (if amendment there be);
8. **Possible reservations expressed in accordance with Article XV or Article X of the Agreement**<sup>1</sup>;
9. **National authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans;**
10. **Main national legislative and regulatory texts pertinent to cetaceans:**

Title of text	Date when promulgated	Authorities responsible for application

11. **Bilateral or multilateral fishing agreements with regard to the area of the Agreement** (Countries concerned, object, date, entry into force, duration, etc.);

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<sup>2</sup> : In the European Commission report only the pertinent headings will be reported on

<sup>3</sup> : Turkey's report will specify, where necessary, actions related to the Mediterranean area and those related to the Black Sea

<sup>1</sup> : If a reservation was withdrawn, indicate the date of entry into force of the withdrawal of the reservation

**12. Relevant International Conventions and Agreements to which the country is Party:**

	<b>Date of entry into force of the Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Adhesion</b>
<b>Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio, 1992)</b>	
<b>Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, 1979)</b>	
<b>Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne, 1979)</b>	
<b>United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Montego Bay, 1982)</b>	
<b>Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Barcelona, 1995)</b>	
<b>Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)</b>	
<b>Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES - Washington, 1973)</b>	
<b>International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (Washington, 1946)</b>	
<b>Agreement on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks(1995)</b>	
<b>General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean</b>	
<b>La Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Méditerranée</b>	

**13. Networks set up for monitoring cetacean strandings**

(coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, MEDACES data transmission, publishing of results);

**14. Emergency plans**

(conditions of activating, coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, publishing of results);

**15. List of cetaceans reported in the area under the jurisdiction of the country included in the distribution area (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement);**

		<b>Common</b>	<b>Rare</b>	<b>Occasional</b>
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Minke Whale			
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Rudolph's Whale			
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Fin Whale			
<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Common Dolphin			
<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Northern Right Whale			
<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Long-finned Pilot Whale			
<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Risso's Dolphin			
<i>Kogia simus</i>	Dwarf Sperm Whale			
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Humpback Whale			
<i>Mesoplodon densirostris</i>	Blainville's Beaked Whale			
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Killer Whale			

<i>Phocæna phocæna</i>	Harbour Porpoise			
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Sperm Whale			
<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i>	False Killer Whale			
<i>Stenella cæruleoalba</i>	Striped Dolphin			
<i>Steno bredanensis</i>	Rough-toothed Dolphin			
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Bottlenose Dolphin			
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	Cuvier's Beaked Whale			

**16. Information on the national fishing fleet active in the area of the Agreement:**

Type of fishing	Number of units
Fishing boats with fixed gill-nets	
Fishing boats with spinning seine nets	
Fishing boats with drift-nets	
Fishing boats with floating palangre	
Other types of fishery able to interact with cetaceans	

**17. Scientific assessment of the state of cetacean conservation in the area under national jurisdiction included in the distribution area (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement);**

The assessment must be based on scientific data. Append the list of bibliographical references used.

**18. Conservation measures introduced to attain and maintain a state of conservation favourable to cetaceans;**

- Measures introduced to eliminate deliberate removal
- Measures introduced to reduce man/cetacean interaction
- Measures introduced to create and maintain a network of specially protected areas to protect cetacean habitats
- Measures related to the reduction of pollution
- Measures introduced to strengthen the national capacities, the institutional framework, the collection and dissemination of information and education
- Other measures

**19. Research work done to improve knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans**

**20. Programmes of continuous monitoring undertaken**

**21. Measures linked to implementing bilateral or multilateral cooperation programmes**

**22. Specific information linked to the agenda of the session at which the report is submitted**

**FORM II**

**Reports of riparian Parties of the Agreement area, starting from their second ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties**

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1. **Name of Party<sup>2 3</sup>**
2. **Period covered by the report**
3. **Date when report finalized**
4. **Focal point (full name, organization, function, address, telephone, fax, e-mail)**
5. **Say whether the Party is a member of an economic integration organization** (as defined in Article I, paragraph h) of the Agreement)
6. **Date when ratified the amendments not notified in the previous report to the Parties** (if amendments there be)
7. **Possible reservations expressed in accordance with Article X or withdrawal<sup>4</sup> of reservation; including those of article XV**
8. **National authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans**
9. **Main national legislative and regulatory texts pertinent to cetaceans that were promulgated or amended during the period covered by the report:**

<b>Title of text</b>	<b>Date when promulgated</b>	<b>Authorities responsible for application</b>

10. **Bilateral or multilateral fishing agreements with regard to the area of the Agreement**
  - a) Indicate possible changes happening during the period covered by the report, for the Agreements notified by previous reports;
  - b) New Agreements signed during the period covered by the report (countries concerned, object, date, entry into force, duration, etc.).

<sup>2</sup> : In the European Commission report only the pertinent headings will be reported on

<sup>3</sup> : Turkey's report will specify, where necessary, actions related to the Mediterranean area and those related to the Black Sea

<sup>4</sup> : If a reservation was withdrawn, indicate the date of entry into force of the withdrawal of the reservation

**11. Relevant International Conventions and Agreements to which the country is Party:**

	<b>Date of entry into force of the Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Adhesion</b>
Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio, 1992)	
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, 1979)	
Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne, 1979)	
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Montego Bay, 1982)	
Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Barcelona, 1995)	
Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)	
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES - Washington, 1973)	
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (Washington, 1946)	
Agreement on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks(1995)	
General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean	
La Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Méditerranée	

**12. Changes happening during the period covered by the report concerning the networks set up for monitoring cetacean strandings**

(coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, MEDACES data transmission, publishing of results)

**13. Changes happening during the period covered by the report concerning emergency plans**

(conditions of activating, coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, publishing of results)

**14. Information on the national fishing fleet active in the area of the Agreement:**

<b>Type of fishing</b>	<b>Number of units (date)</b>
Fishing boats with fixed gill-nets	
Fishing boats with spinning seine nets	
Fishing boats with drift-nets	
Fishing boats with floating palangre	
Other types of fishery able to interact with cetaceans	

**15. Results, obtained during the period covered by the report, of scientific assessments of the state of cetacean conservation in the area under national jurisdiction included in the distribution area (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement)**

The assessment must be based on scientific data. Append the list of bibliographical references used.

**16. Measures introduced during the period covered by the report to implement the Conservation Plan:**

- Measures introduced to eliminate deliberate removal
- Measures introduced to reduce man/cetacean interaction
- Measures introduced to create and maintain a network of specially protected areas to protect cetacean habitats
- Measures related to the reduction of pollution
- Measures introduced to strengthen the national capacities, the institutional framework, the collection and dissemination of information and education
- Other measures

- 17. Research work done during the period covered by the report to improve knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans**
- 18. Continuous monitoring programmes undertaken during the period covered by the report**
- 19. Measures linked to implementing bilateral or multilateral cooperation programmes**
- 20. Information on possible disagreements arising during the period covered by the report with one or several Parties**
- 21. Possible difficulties encountered for implementing the Agreement;**
- 22. Dispensations allowed in accordance with Article II, paragraph 2 of the Agreement and paragraph 6 of Annex 2**
- 23. Ongoing projects and Funds set aside for conservation and research**
- 24. Main events (meeting, symposium, etc.) organized during the period covered by the report or planned for following years**
- 25. Specific information linked to the agenda of the session at which the report is submitted.**

**FORM III**  
**First report of non riparian Parties of the Agreement area**

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1. **Name of Party;**
2. **Date when report finalized;**
3. **Focal Point (full name, organization, function, address, telephone, fax, e-mail);**
4. **Sub-region/s concerning the Party;**
5. **Say whether the Party is a member of an economic integration organization** (as defined in Article I, paragraph h) of the Agreement);
6. **Date when signed, ratified, accepted, approved or joined the Agreement;**
7. **Reasons why the Party joined the Agreement;**
8. **Date when ratified the amendments** (if amendment there be);
9. **Possible reservations expressed in accordance with Article XV or Article X of the Agreement<sup>5</sup>;**
10. **National authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans;**
11. **Main national legislative and regulatory texts pertinent for cetaceans:**

Title of text	Date when promulgated	Authorities responsible for application

12. **Bilateral or multilateral fishing agreements with regard to the area of the Agreement** (countries concerned, object, date, entry into force, duration etc.);

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<sup>5</sup> : *If a reservation was withdrawn, indicate the date of entry into force of the withdrawal of the reservation*

**13. Relevant International Conventions and Agreements to which the country is Party:**

	<b>Date of entry into force of the Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Adhesion</b>
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**14. Networks set up to monitor cetacean strandings**

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(conditions of activating, coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, publishing of results);

**16. Information on the national fishing fleet active in the area of the Agreement** (indicate the main ports used in the area of the Agreement):

<b>Type of fishing</b>	<b>Number of units (date)</b>
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- Measures introduced to create and maintain a network of specially protected areas to protect cetacean habitats
- Measures related to the reduction of pollution
- Other measures

- 18. Research work done to improve knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans;**
- 19. Measures linked to implementing bilateral or multilateral cooperation programmes concerning the area of the Agreement;**
- 20. Specific information linked to the agenda of the session at which the report is submitted.**

**FORM IV**

**Reports of non riparian Parties of the Agreement area, starting from their second ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties**

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1. **Name of Party**
2. **Period covered by the report**
3. **Date when report finalized**
4. **Focal Point (full name, organization, function, address, telephone, fax, e-mail)**
5. **Say whether the Party is a member of an economic integration organization** (as defined in Article I, paragraph h) of the Agreement)
6. **Dates of ratification of amendments not notified in the previous report to the Parties** (if amendment there be)
7. **Possible reservations expressed in accordance with Article X or withdrawal<sup>6</sup> of reservation; including those of article XV**
8. **National authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans**
9. **Main legislative and regulatory texts pertinent to cetaceans promulgated or amended during the period covered by the report:**

Title of text	Date when promulgated	Authorities responsible for application

10. **Bilateral or multilateral fishing agreements with regard to the area of the Agreement:**
  - a) Indicate possible changes happening during the period covered by the report for the Agreements notified by previous reports;
  - b) New Agreements signed during the period covered by the report (countries concerned, object, date, entry into force, duration, etc.).

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**12. Changes happening during the period covered by the report concerning the networks set up to monitor cetacean strandings**

(coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, MEDACES data transmission, publishing of results)

**13. Changes happening during the period covered by the report concerning emergency plans**

(conditions of activating, coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, publishing of results)

**14. Information on the national fishing fleet active in the area of the Agreement** (indicate the main ports used in the area of the Agreement):

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Fishing boats with drift-nets	
Fishing boats with floating palangre	
Other types of fishery able to interact with cetaceans	

**15. Results, obtained during the period covered by the report, of the scientific assessments of the state of conservation of cetaceans in the area under national jurisdiction included in the distribution area** (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement);

The assessment must be based on scientific data. Append the list of bibliographical references used.

- 16. Measures introduced, during the period covered by the report, to implement the Conservation Plan:**
  - Measures introduced to eliminate deliberate removal
  - Measures introduced to reduce man/cetacean interaction
  - Measures introduced to create and maintain specially protected areas to protect cetacean habitats
  - Measures related to the reduction of pollution
  - Measures introduced to strengthen the national capacities, the institutional framework, the collection and dissemination of information and education
  - Other measures
  
- 17. Research work done, during the period covered by the report, to improve knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans**
  
- 18. Continuous monitoring programmes undertaken during the period covered by the report**
  
- 19. Bilateral or multilateral cooperation measures concerning the area of the Agreement**
  
- 20. Information on possible disagreements arising during the period covered by the report with one or several Parties**
  
- 21. Possible difficulties encountered for implementing the Agreement**
  
- 22. Dispensations allowed in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Agreement and paragraph 6 of Annex 2**
  
- 23. Ongoing projects and Funds set aside for conservation and research**
  
- 24. Main events (meeting, symposium, etc.) organized during the period covered by the report or planned for following years**
  
- 25. Specific information linked to the agenda of the session at which the report is submitted.**