

RESOLUTION 2.11

FACILITATION OF EXCHANGE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMMES

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

Aware that scientific research in the Agreement area remains essential to identify the populations having the least favourable conservation status and to address the conservation priorities,

Recalling that research field works are also a major tool for capacity building,

Considering with appreciation international surveys organised on behalf of ACCOBAMS by IFAW and Ocean Alliance in the previous triennium and the help of several Riparian States to delivering research permits,

Aware that international surveys in semi-enclosed seas needs more than elsewhere several national permits, which procedures are not harmonized, long lasting and not well publicized,

Recalling

- Resolution 2.7, adopting a working program for 2005-2007,
- Resolution 2.8 on derogation pursuant to Article II.1 of the Agreement for scientific research,

Without prejudice of national measures imposed by maritime traffic and public security,

1. *Calls upon* Parties, Riparian States, Range States, the International Organisations, the International Scientific Institutions and others to participate and support the ACCOBAMS studies;
2. *Urges* Parties to facilitate research *in situ* campaigns organized under the auspices of ACCOBAMS;
3. *Calls upon* Parties to provide the Agreement Secretariat with the pertinent information concerning *inter alia* :
 - national legal definitions of marine scientific research;
 - concerned geographical areas;
 - conditions and regulations established by the coastal state;
 - procedures;
 - contact points to address any requests of *in situ* research;
4. *Instructs* the Agreement Secretariat to establish, make available and update all the relevant information on the Agreement website.