

RESOLUTION 2.22
RELATION WITH IUCN

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

On recommendation of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee,

Aware of the common interest between the work of the IUCN SSC's Cetacean Specialist Group and that of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS, in their respective effort of assessing the levels of threat of cetacean populations found in the Agreement Area,

Noting particularly that the current process of evaluating threats to cetaceans by the Scientific Committee is linked to the IUCN Red List assessment of cetacean populations,

Convinced that a harmonization of such effort within a proper joint institutional arrangement would greatly enhance reciprocal efficiency,

Recognizing all the benefit of the participation of IUCN through Resolution 1.3. as full member of the Scientific Committee,

Recognizes that a further strengthening of the relations of ACCOBAMS and IUCN will facilitate the implementation of the Agreement, the promotion of IUCN goals in the region and synergies with its specialized Commissions,

1. *Urges* the Secretariat to liaise with IUCN, in order to find the ways and the means to strengthen their link and, as far as relevant, to establish a memorandum of understanding to this end.