

**RESOLUTION 4.14**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

*Taking in consideration* the Recommendation of the Scientific Committee,

*Aware* that global climate change is occurring and that some scenarios envisage rapid environmental changes to take place in particular in the marine ecosystems of the ACCOBAMS area,

*Recalling* the Decision IX/16 of the ninth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Resolution 9.7 of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Resolution by the International Whaling Commission (IWC) on climate and other environmental changes and cetaceans (IWC/61/16),

*Acknowledging* the recent scientific data showing the impact of climate change on cetacean population in the Agreement area,

1. *Encourages* Parties to support the Scientific Committee activities and to take necessary actions to reduce anthropogenic contributions to climate change and marine acidification and to assist in the work described above;
2. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue to monitor the activities on this topic and to liaise with other Organisations, in particular the IWC and CMS;
3. *Charges* the Scientific Committee:
  - to progress on a targeted region-specific workshop on this issue within the next triennium, in cooperation with ACCOBAMS Partners, and other relevant Organisations;
  - to continue its works on studies of climate change and the impacts of other environmental changes on cetaceans as appropriate;
4. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to make contact with the intergovernmental panel on climate change in order to broaden its knowledge on this subject and also contribute with its experience and knowledge about this topic;
5. *Requests* the Agreement Secretariat to make contact with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change in order to improve the coordination between both Agreements;
6. *Mandates* the Agreement Secretariat to forward this Resolution and the works of the Scientific Committee and of the ACCOBAMS Partners to the relevant bodies and meetings.