



**STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION FOR A BETTER CETACEAN CONSERVATION IN THE ACCOBAMS  
AREA: WORKING TOGETHER WITH COMMON TOOLS**

**ECS Workshop – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 - Malta**

**ORGANIZERS:** ACCOBAMS Secretariat (Florence DESCROIX COMANDUCCI, Camille MONTIGLIO and Maylis SALIVAS), GIS3M (Hélène LABACH), WWF France (Denis ODY, Aurelie TASCOTTI) and Acquario di Genova (Guido GNONE)

**EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 40

All interested participants are invited to contact Maylis SALIVAS by email (msalivas@accobams.net).

**PRICE:** 25€/ participant (full day)  
Or 15€ half day

**OBJECTIVE: Strengthening the Cooperation in the ACCOBAMS Area**

This workshop aims at facilitating the information data flow and the dynamic exchange of knowledge and experiences between all experts involved in cetacean conservation in the Mediterranean and Black Seas (scientists, NGOs, students ...).

**The final objective of the workshop is the implementation and the use of common and relevant information/communication tools for the conservation of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS area.**

**AGENDA**

Morning Session

**8:45** Welcome of participants

**9:15** Presentation and launch of the ACCOBAMS communication database for information exchange - *Maylis SALIVAS*

This initiative came from a real need expressed by ACCOBAMS Parties during the regional workshops on the 'ACCOBAMS Strategy' in 2012. In this context, and after consultation with the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee and the ACCOBAMS Partners, it was decided to propose a dynamic internet tool allowing:

- (i) the consultation of studies and activities (anyone can ask to add his/her own contribution),
- (ii) the concrete exchanges of information through a discussions' forum, e.g., a blog.

All topics about the conservation of cetaceans can be addressed (research, threats, stranding, etc.). This tool aims at facilitating collaborations between all actors in cetacean conservation, especially between experts from North Countries and experts from Southern Mediterranean Countries, but also between experts within a same sub-region.

**9:45** Launch of the network NetCCoBAMS

With this workshop, we would like to launch the **first network in cetology for the ACCOBAMS area** (Mediterranean, Black Sea and Atlantic adjacent area): the **"NetCCoBAMS" initiative**.

Organizations and experts will be invited to provide advices and guidance on this initiative and to contribute to the discussions.



Two coordinators will be appointed to work in close collaboration on this issue with ACCOBAMS / GIS3M and WWF.

- Presentation of NetCCoBAMS - *Maylis SALIVAS and Aurélie TASCOTTI*
- Discussions

**10:45** Coffee break

**11:00** Feedback from ACCOBAMS Partners and other relevant organizations- *Camille MONTIGLIO - all ACCOBAMS Partners and relevant organizations*

ACCOBAMS Partners and other relevant organizations will be invited to express their views with emphasis on collaboration/communication within the ACCOBAMS area and contribute to the discussion.

**12:30** Lunch – snacks will be provided

#### Afternoon session

**14:00** Training to the use of Intercet – *Guido GNOME*

**Material needed:** participant should come with their own computer. An internet access will be needed.

Intercet is a photo ID Web-GIS application thought to support aggregation, visualization and integrated analysis of data coming from various institutions engaged in cetacean research. About 100 potential data contributors at Mediterranean level were identified during the last ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee.

A training of different experts involved in the cetacean conservation, on the Intercet use, is the first step of a sustainable implementation of this important tool that promotes data sharing on a common basis.

(More information on this tool is available: <http://www.intercet.it/>)