

5th Conference on the Conservation of Cetaceans in South Mediterranean Countries

Online, 13-15 April 2021

Host Country: Lebanon

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday 13 th April 2021	
MORNING	
9:00 - 10:00	OPENING SESSION
	<i>Gaby KHALAF</i> , Conference Chair
	<i>Susana SALVADOR</i> , ACCOBAMS Executive Secretary
	<i>Khalil ATTIA</i> , Director of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre
	<i>Iryna MAKARENKO</i> , Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution
	<i>Abdellah SROUR</i> , Executive Secretary of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
	<i>Céline IMPAGLIAZZO</i> , ACCOBAMS National Focal Point for Monaco
	<i>Milad FAKHRI</i> , ACCOBAMS National Focal Point for Lebanon Overview on the National Centre for Marine Sciences' recent activities for cetaceans' conservation in Lebanon (conference host country)
10:00 - 12:30	SESSION 1: MONITORING OF CETACEAN POPULATIONS Session Chair: <i>Abdelali LOUDRHIRI</i> Introductory conference / Rapporteur: <i>Simone PANIGADA & Julie BELMONT</i>
10:00	Opening by the Session Chair
10:05	Introductory conference: ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative, reinforcement and sustainability of monitoring efforts - <i>Julie BELMONT</i> Information on ASI Results Special Issue - <i>Nejla BEJAOU</i>
10:15	La région tunisienne, un point chaud de mégafaune marine en Méditerranée <i>Mehdi DEKHIL</i>
10:25	Assessing knowledge on cetaceans inshore and offshore Algeria <i>Souad LAMOUTI</i>
10:35	Estimation des biais associés à l'évaluation de l'abondance de la mégafaune marine au cours de la campagne d'observation ASI <i>Mehdi DEKHIL</i>
10:45	Poster : Suivi de <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> autour d'une ferme aquacole à l'Est de la Tunisie (Teboulba) <i>Wael KOUCHED</i>
10:50	Poster: Estimating abundance and residency of a <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (sub)population along the south-western coast of Sicily <i>Alessandra VANACORE</i>
10:55 - 11:20	Discussion
Break	
11:30	A well-connected network for cetacean monitoring in south Mediterranean countries following the EcAp/IMAP principles <i>Medhi AISSI</i>
11:40	Collaboration tripartite (Liban, Tunisie et France) pour une amélioration du suivi des cétacés en Méditerranée <i>Gaby KHALAF</i>
11:50	Poster: National implementation for Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme on Marine Mammals (Opportunity & Challenges) <i>Mohamed ABDELWARITH</i>
11:55	Poster: Trends in cetacean research in the Eastern North Atlantic <i>Bárbara CARTAGENA DA SILVA MATOS</i>

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12:00 - 12:30	Discussion and Session 1 Conclusions by the Session Chair and the Rapporteur
AFTERNOON	
13:30 - 14:30	SESSION 2: AREAS OF IMPORTANCE FOR CETACEANS Session Chair: <i>Mahmoud FOUAD</i> Introductory conference / Rapporteur: <i>Léa DAVID & Maïlis SALIVAS</i>
13:30	Opening by the Session Chair
13:35	Introductory conference: Toward the identification of important cetacean's areas at a regional scale - <i>Léa DAVID</i>
13:45	Intervention sur la candidate IMMA en Tunisie <i>Rimel BENMESSAOUD</i>
13:55 - 14:20	Discussion and Session 2 Conclusions by the Session Chair and the Rapporteur
14:20 - 16:00	SESSION 3: INTERACTIONS BETWEEN CETACEANS AND HUMAN ACTIVITIES: WHALE WATCHING AND NOISE Session Chair: <i>Ibrahim BEN AMER</i> Introductory conference / Rapporteurs: <i>Lobna BEN NAKHLA & Maïlis SALIVAS</i>
14:20	Opening by the Session Chair
14:25	Introductory conference: Progress for a better prevention and mitigation of underwater noise impacts on cetaceans and for a sustainable implementation of whale-watching activities - <i>Lobna BEN NAKHLA & Maïlis SALIVAS</i>
14:35	Whale watching et pécaturisme au Maroc, enjeux et contraintes <i>Abdelali LOUDRHIRI</i>
14:45	Investigating the impact of anthropogenic activities on cetaceans within the Eastern Mediterranean Sea of Turkey <i>Aylin AKKAYA</i>
<i>Break</i>	
15:05	Cetacean sightings in the Mediterranean off the territorial waters of Moroccan Atlantic coast during oil exploration aboard the drilling vessel: Biodiversity and Sperm whale behaviour <i>Mohammed RAMDANI</i>
15:15	Prise en compte de la problématique du bruit sous-marin en Algérie <i>Souad LAMOUTI</i>
15:25	Poster: Progressing prevention, mitigation and reduction of anthropogenic noise <i>Nicolas ENTRUP & Johannes MÜLLER</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Discussion and Session 3 Conclusions by the Session Chair and the Rapporteur

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9:00 - 12:00	SESSION 4: CETACEAN STRANDINGS Session Chair: <i>Rahima BERKAT</i> Introductory conference / Rapporteur: <i>Sandro MAZZARIOL & Chedly RAIS</i>
9:00	Opening by the Session Chair
9:05	Introductory conference: Best practices in monitoring and management of cetacean stranding - <i>Sandro MAZZARIOL</i>
9:15	On the occurrence of bottlenose dolphin, <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (cetacea: delphinidae) from the Syrian coast (eastern Mediterranean Sea): historical data and recent records <i>Malek ALI</i>
9:25	Échouage des cétacés le long de la côte Algérienne. Cas du grand dauphin <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> <i>Henda ASSIA</i>
9:35	Cetacean in Libyan waters: recorded via a citizen science project and mining social media platforms <i>Jamila RIZGALLA</i>
9:45	Poster: Première signalisation d'un échouage d'une orque pygmée (<i>Feresa attenuata</i>) en Tunisie <i>Hédia ATTIA EL HILI</i>
9:55	Poster : Nouvelle espèce échouée sur le littoral algérien : Baleine à bosse " <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> " <i>Yahia BOUSLAH</i>
10:00	Poster: A rare stranding event of the short beaked common dolphin (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>) in the eastern Tunisian coastline <i>Olfa CHAIEB</i>
10:05	Poster: First Record of a Shark Predation Case on Bottlenose Dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncates</i>) in the South Mediterranean Region <i>Salih DIRYAQ</i>
10:10	Poster: First records of Cuvier's beaked whale (<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i> , G. Cuvier 1823) strandings along the Tunisian coast <i>Sami KARAA</i>
10:15	Poster: Stomach content analysis of stranded cetaceans along the Lebanese coast <i>Céline MAHFOUZ</i>
10:20	Poster: Data on four delphinidae species stranding in the Gulf of Hammamet (Central-eastern Mediterranean): recent findings (2019-2021) <i>Olfa CHAIEB</i>
<i>Break</i>	
10:40	Le Réseau National des Echouages en Tunisie : historique et perspectives <i>Hédia ATTIA EL HILI</i>
10:50	Review and Compilation of Cetaceans' Stranding Records along the Libyan Coastline <i>Ibrahem BEN AMER</i>
11:00	Échouages de cétacés sur les côtes marocaines entre 2015 et 2020 <i>Imane TAI</i>
11:10	Poster : Statut des cétacés en Tunisie à travers l'analyse de la base de données du Réseau National d'Echouages (RNE) de 2010 à 2021 <i>Sami KARAA</i>
11:15	Poster: Using MEDACES to conserve cetaceans through stranding data <i>Patricia SANZ</i>
11:20	Poster: Mapping the Stranding Whales in Turkish Marine Waters <i>Cemal TURAN</i>
11:25 -12:00	Discussion and Session 4 Conclusions by the Session Chair and the Rapporteur
<i>Pause</i>	
13:00 - 16:00	Training workshop on the use of Netccobams Digital Platform for cetacean conservation

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9:00 - 10:30	SESSION 5: INTERACTIONS BETWEEN CETACEANS AND HUMAN ACTIVITIES: FISHERIES AND BYCATCH Session Chair: <i>Nejla BEJAOUI</i> Introductory conference / Rapporteur: <i>Souad LAMOUTI & Celia LE RAVALLEC</i>
9:00	Opening by the Session Chair
9:05	Introductory conference: Activities and progress in assessing and mitigating interactions with fisheries - <i>Souad LAMOUTI & Celia LE RAVALLEC</i>
9:15	Incidental catch of vulnerable species in the Mediterranean: an overview of the “MedBycath project” and of the results from “SoMFi 2020” <i>Paolo CARPENTIERI</i>
9:25	Assessing the overlap of fishing and bottlenose dolphins in an understudied region of the Mediterranean <i>Tim AWBERY</i>
9:35	Changement dans le volume et la composition des captures des sardinières attribuable à la déprédation par <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> au Nord-Est de la Tunisie (Kélibia) <i>Rimel BENMESSAOUD</i>
9:45	Poster : Etude préliminaire sur l’étendue des captures accidentelles et les événements de déprédation entre les cétacés et les activités de pêche en Algérie <i>Mohamed El Amine BOUHADJA</i>
9:50	Poster : Expérimentation de deux types de répulsifs acoustiques pour atténuer la déprédation au niveau des sennes au Nord-Est de la Tunisie <i>Arwa CHAKROUN</i>
9:55	Poster : Utilisation du système Licado pour la prévention de la déprédation des Grands Dauphins sur les sennes au Nord-Est de la Tunisie (Kélibia) <i>Mourad CHERIF</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Discussion and Session 5 Conclusions by the Session Chair and the Rapporteur
10:30 - 11:00	Side Event on the PlasticBusterMPA project by <i>Maria Cristina FOSSI</i>
<i>Pause</i>	
11:30 - 12:30	Conclusions and Recommendations of the Conference
12:30 - 13:00	Closing of the Conference <i>Mouïin HAMZÉ, Secretary General of the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research</i>