

ACCOBAMS: Managing Underwater Noise to Protect Cetaceans

Policy Framework · Digital Platform · International Coordination



POLICY FRAMEWORK

Resolutions and instruments

Res. 2.16 (2004) to Res. 9.15 (2025):
progressive commitments to noise mitigation

Methodological Guide on noise mitigation for
industry (2013, rev. 2022)

MMO/PAM Certification scheme for Marine
Mammal Observers

Mediterranean **Noise Assessments** (2015
onward)

Joint workshop with **Navies** (Toulon, 2019 and
2024)

NETCCOBAMS Platform

hub.sinay.ai/accobams

Mediterranean & Black Sea Noise Register:
seismic, pile driving, explosives, sonar

Regional acoustic models for continuous noise
mapping

Supports MSFD Descriptor 11 and IMAP Indicators
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Active 2025 Data Call for national noise
submissions

Bridges ACCOBAMS mandate with Barcelona
Convention reporting
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Joint Noise Working Group

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Cross-regional group spanning the Mediterranean
to northern European waters (North Sea, Baltic &
Celtic Seas)

Advice on **Best Available Techniques (BAT)** and
Best Environmental Practice (BEP)

Industry Advisory Group (IAG): technical
feasibility consultation

Liaison with **IMO, OSPAR, HELCOM**