

Resolution 3.3

SMALL CETACEANS

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Acknowledging that the Scientific Council's report on the global review of the conservation status of small cetaceans provides a detailed basis for conservation measures to be included in agreements for the species and populations identified for listing in Appendix II,

Recalling that Resolution 2.3 adopted by the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties instructed the Secretariat and Standing Committee to envisage and facilitate agreements between Range States for such species,

Noting that under the auspices of the Convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats a technical report and draft agreement concerning small cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas and contiguous waters prepared by Greenpeace International has already been discussed with the secretariats of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution and this Convention and with IUCN - the World Conservation Union,

Noting that the draft legal instrument on the conservation of small cetaceans of the Mediterranean and the Black Seas and contiguous waters prepared by Greenpeace International could be used as a basis for an agreement under the Convention, to be implemented in co-operation with the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution and in consultation with the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats,

1. Urges Parties and non-Parties to the Convention which are Range States for the species and populations of small cetaceans listed by the Conference in Appendix II of the Convention, to give priority to concluding agreements for their conservation;
2. Urges Range States to collaborate, under the sponsorship of a Party Range State, with a view to concluding under the Convention an agreement for the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Mediterranean and Black Seas;
3. Directs the Secretariat to assist Parties in these endeavours.