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- The Atlantic humpback dolphin was listed on Appendix II in 1991, and in addition on Appendix I in 2008, and in the same year was designated for concerted action
- It is also covered by the Western African Aquatic Mammals MOU (2008)
- Range States: Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo, Angola, (Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea)



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- Threats:
  - Bycatch in small-scale fisheries
  - Suspected deliberate catches for aquatic wild meat and as bait for longline shark fisheries
  - Habitat loss and disturbance from coastal development
  - Prey competition
- Low and evidently declining abundance
- Evidence for local extirpation in many places along its former range





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- The proposed concerted action:
  - Forms a Steering Committee of governmental and NGO stakeholders of the Range States, and the Secretariat, to fundraise for and prepare a meeting
  - Convenes a Conservation Policy Meeting of Range States (foreseen for early 2018, preliminary offer to host by Guinea)



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- At the Meeting:
  - formulate a feasible Plan of Action (PoA) for the period 2018-2023, addressing the immediate conservation needs of the species
  - establish a Task Force to mutually support, coordinate and implement conservation and management activities
- Main risk factor: lack of funding
- But: less costly than full MOU meeting



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