

# The ACCOBAMS Call for proposals

*Small investments for significant impacts – example of the Black Sea*

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# Context

- Pilot Cetaceans Photo-ID activities along Southern Bulgarian Black Sea coast – 2012/3
- Starting pilot photo-ID activities along Bulgarian coast
- Training national experts
- Creating first catalog for the study area
- Building capacities of Bulgarian Black Sea municipalities on Cetaceans strandings – 2013/4
- Building capacities of coastal municipalities how to react in cases of cetacean strandings
- Improving national CSN
- Publishing manual on cetacean strandings' data collection



# Context

- **Added value:**

Raising Green Balkans' and national capacity on cetacean studies after a long term gap

Gained experience helped for follow-up EEA project in 2015/6

Establishment of relations at regional and international level

- **Funding**

Not available by other sources at that time

Personnel, trainings, field work costs

- **Pilot activities both for GB and BG!**

# Challenges / Perspectives

- Weather conditions
- National institutional support and adequacy
- Funding of follow-up activities
- Strong pressures on Black Sea – tourism, fisheries, oil and gas exploration
- Lack of enforcement and management of (M)PAs

# Recommendations

- Good support by ACCOBAMS Secretariat
- Results more important than paper!
- Continuing the Funding scheme
- Sharing experience with national authorities and recommendation of standard survey/monitoring methods



THANK YOU!  
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