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**SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN
FOR THE ATLANTIC HUMPBACK DOLPHIN (*Sousa teuszii*)**

Noting that the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (*Sousa teuszii*) was listed on CMS Appendix II in 1991 and Appendix I in 2009,

Concerned that the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin has been assessed by the *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* in 2017 as Critically Endangered (CR) and the population trend was assessed as decreasing, raising serious concerns about the viability of the species given ongoing high threat levels,

Deeply concerned that the species and its habitat are threatened by the expansion of the fishing sector, direct hunting, coastal construction and habitat degradation throughout its range,

Recognizing that a multi-pronged approach is required that simultaneously addresses knowledge, resource, capacity and legal gaps that hinder effective conservation of the species, while, at the same time implementing and enforcing existing laws and regulations that can mitigate threats to the species,

Recalling Concerted Action 12.3 (Rev.COP13), which called for the development of an action plan for the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin, reflecting the concern of Range State governments and other stakeholders about its conservation status,

Recognizing the support of the Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (CCAHD) in the implementation of the above-mentioned Concerted Action,

Noting the linkages between the Single Species Action Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Conservation of the Manatee and Small Cetaceans of Western Africa and Macaronesia (Western African Aquatic Mammals MOU),

Further noting the high relevance of several work areas of CMS to the conservation of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin, especially concerning bycatch, aquatic wild meat, marine pollution, underwater noise, and connectivity,

Affirming the need to address the threats to the species and its habitat in close collaboration with the Convention for the Co-operation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region (Abidjan Convention),

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

1. *Adopts* the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP) for the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (*Sousa teuszii*) contained in the Annex with the goal of promoting the long-term sustainability of its populations and their habitats by reducing the negative effects of human activities through research, awareness-raising, capacity-building and conservation action;
2. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party Range States to implement the relevant provisions of the SSAP;
3. *Calls on* Parties to strive for active collaboration between governmental and non-governmental stakeholders within each range country to maximize the effective use of resources and expertise, to ensure that the results of research and awareness-raising activities can support the design and implementation of effective policy and management;
4. *Further calls on* Parties and other stakeholders to facilitate regional collaboration between stakeholders in different *Sousa teuszii* Range States to ensure that knowledge and experience gained in one country can be used to most effectively implement conservation action in another, especially in countries where cross-border populations are suspected to occur;
5. *Encourages* Parties and non-Party States to provide technical and/or financial support to activities included in the SSAP;
6. *Invites* other relevant intergovernmental frameworks, in particular the Convention for the Co-operation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region (Abidjan Convention) and the African Union, to take into account the provisions of the SSAP in the consideration of their activities and to support implementation of relevant SSAP activities that fall within their mandates, as appropriate;
7. *Invites* the Consortium for the Conservation of the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (CCAHD) to continue its active support of research and conservation measures for this species; and
8. *Instructs* the Secretariat to bring the SSAP to the attention of all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organizations and to monitor the implementation of the SSAP.