



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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To whom it may concern:

During its first meeting, which was held in Tunis from 3 to 5 October, 2002, the Scientific committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS) noted that a marine protected area (MPA) was to be established in the Lošinj and Cres archipelago (Northern Adriatic Sea), dedicated to the conservation of a well documented resident population of common bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*). An associated marine education centre promote the MPA.

The committee warmly welcomed these developments, congratulated Blue World and Croatia on their work to date in this matter and recommended that potential donors should consider provision of financial assistance for the establishment of the MPA and education centre.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara".

Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara
Chair of the Scientific Committee