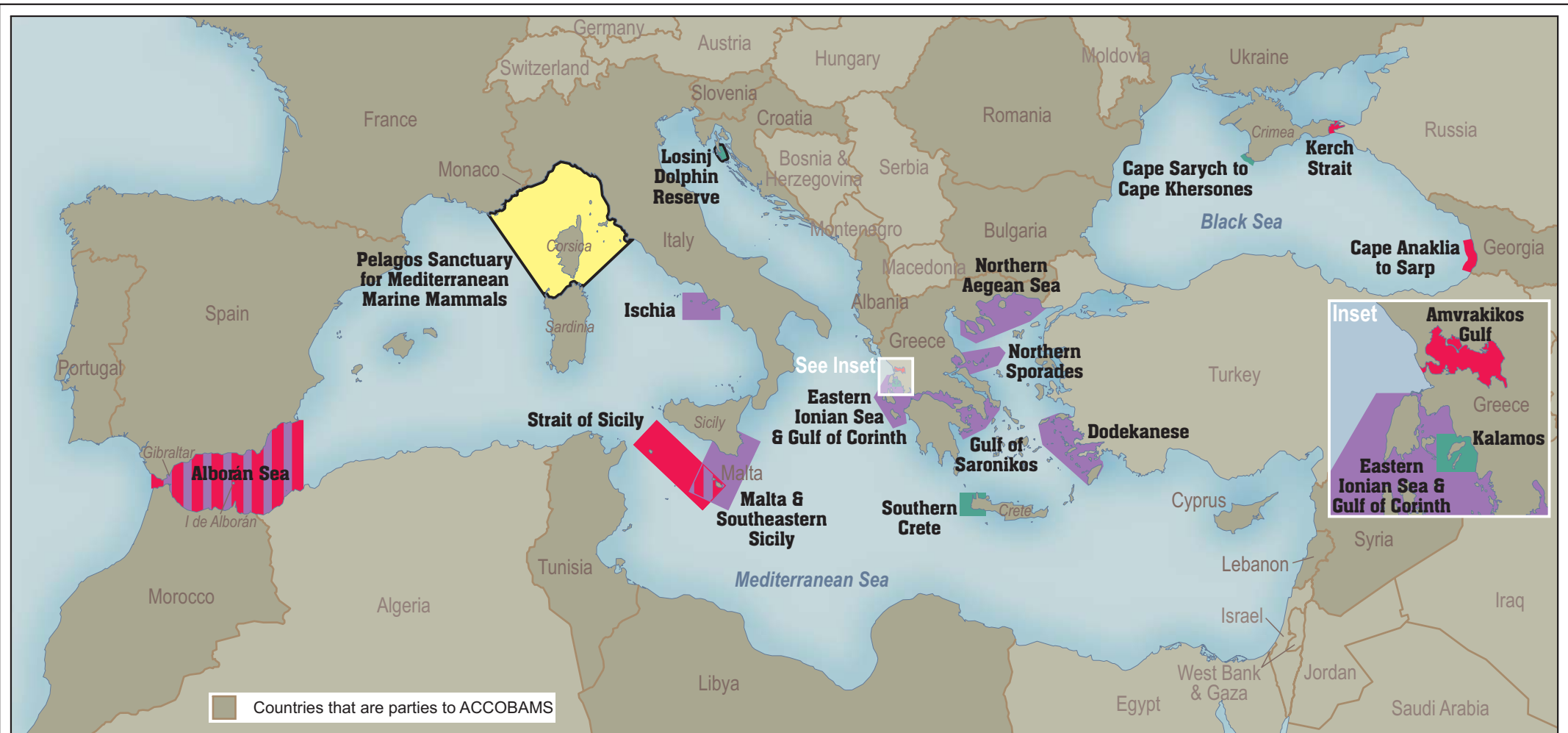




New Marine Protected Areas Proposed for Whales and Dolphins in the Mediterranean and Black Seas by ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area)

- Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, designated 1999 in the waters of Italy, France and Monaco and the adjacent high seas and subsequently declared a SPAMI (Specially Protected Area of Mediterranean Interest)
- Losinj Dolphin Reserve designated an MPA in 2006
- Eight proposed MPAs recommended by the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee as part of the Mediterranean Common Dolphin Conservation Plan
- Five important cetacean areas in the Mediterranean and Black Sea and adjacent waters proposed by the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee in November 2006 and to be recommended to the ACCOBAMS Parties in 2007