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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronyms

100 HS	Secretariat of the Programme for the Protection of Coastal Historic Sites
ACCOBAMS	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area
AFDC	Association for Forests, Development and Conservation
APNEK	Association for the Protection of Nature and Environment
BP/RAC	Regional Activity Centre for the Blue Plan
BOD ₅	five-day biochemical demand
CEDARE	Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe
CIDCE	International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law
CIHEAM	International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies
CP/RAC	Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
EBSA	ecologically or biologically significant area
ECAT	Environmental Center for Administration and Technology
ELV	emission limit value
ENDA-Maghreb	Environnement, Développement et Action au Maghreb
EU	European Union
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
FAO/GFCM	FAO/General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
HELMEPA	Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
IME	Institut méditerranéen de l'eau
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INARE	Institute for Sustainable Development and Management of Natural Resources
INDEMER	Institut du droit économique de la mer
INFO/RAC	Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
MEA	Mouvement écologique algérien
MEAs	multilateral environmental agreements
MEDMARAVIS	Mediterranean Marine Bird Association
MedPAN	Network of Managers of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean
MED POL	Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean region
MIO-ECSDE	Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development
MSSD	Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

MTF	Mediterranean Trust Fund
NGO	non-governmental organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OGP	International Association of Oil and Gas Producers
OSPAR (Commission)	Oslo-Paris Commission
PAP/RAC	Regional Activity Centre for the Priority Actions Programme
PERSGA	Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
POP	persistent organic pollutant
RAC	Regional Activity Centre
REMPEC	Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea
Rio+20	United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
SEPS	Syrian Environment Protection Society
SPA/RAC	Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas
SPAMI	Specially Protected Area of Mediterranean Interest
TUDAV	Turkish Marine Research Foundation
UNADEP	Union of Northern Associations for Development, Patrimony & Environment
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization
WHO/EURO	World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

Introduction

1. At the invitation of the Government of France, the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols was held at the Centre de Conférence Ministériel Convention, Paris, France, from 8 to 10 February 2012.

Attendance

2. The following Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention were represented at the Meeting: Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Union, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain and Tunisia.

3. The following United Nations agencies, programmes, funds and related organizations, and other intergovernmental organizations, were represented: United Nations, UNEP, UNDP-Turkey, FAO, FAO/GFCM, IMO, UNESCO, WHO/EURO, IAEA, ACCOBAMS, CEDARE, Council of Europe/Bern Convention, IUCN, League of Arab States, OSPAR Commission, PERSGA and Union for the Mediterranean.

4. The following non-governmental and other organizations were represented: AFDC, APNEK, CIDCE, CIHEAM, Clean Up Greece, ECAT-Tirana, ENDA MAGHREB, Greenpeace International, IME, INARE, INDEMER, MEA, MEDMARAVIS, MEDPAN, MIO-ECSDE, Oceana, OGP, SEPS, TUDAV, UNADEP and WWF.

5. The MAP Coordinating Unit, including the MED POL Programme, and the following MAP RACs were also represented: REMPEC, BP/RAC, CP/RAC, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC and 100 HS.

6. The complete list of participants is attached as Annex VI.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

7. Mr. Mohamed Benyahia (Morocco), President of the Bureau, declared the meeting open and thanked the host Government. He said that, despite the difficulties encountered by MAP over the previous two years, there had been some notable advances: the Offshore and ICZM Protocols had entered into force and the Compliance Committee had made progress in its work; a number of technical action plans, road maps, reports and strategies had been drafted or finalized to guide future work; the review and adaptation of the MSSD sought to ensure that the strategy would adequately deal with climate change issues; and various initiatives carried out in partnership with other organizations had continued. Furthermore, the declaration made by Morocco in the name of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya, Japan, had reaffirmed their collective commitment to conserve marine and coastal diversity. Nevertheless, the financial and administrative difficulties faced by MAP necessitated review of the overall structure and functioning of MAP, its governance, its relation with UNEP and possibilities for resources mobilization. Only by improving its governance could MAP build on the progress made and ensure that it would play a lead role in future efforts to protect the environment as a whole, and the Mediterranean in particular.

8. Ms. Amina Mohamed, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP, underscoring France's action at the forefront of international efforts to protect the Mediterranean environment, said that the Barcelona Convention, with the firm support of the Contracting Parties, had successfully addressed issues of pollution and biodiversity protection, but that challenges remained; of particular concern, against a background of financial crisis in Europe, were the

financial difficulties faced by the Convention itself, to which UNEP and the MAP Coordinating Unit had responded by initiating implementation of a recovery plan, with further reductions and rationalization planned. Guidance from the Contracting Parties in that respect would be welcome. Meanwhile, it was important not to lose sight of new opportunities for working together on emerging environmental issues, the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) being one such opportunity. The green economy, as one of the pillars of sustainable development and a focus of Rio+20 discussions, was particularly relevant to the Mediterranean region. A recent UNEP report on the benefits of the transition towards a green economy had focused on five sectors that were particularly relevant to the Mediterranean: fisheries, tourism, shipping, renewable energy and pollution. At the same time, different national contexts had to be acknowledged, with each country pursuing its own unique pathway towards a green economy.

9. H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Ambassador for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of France, welcomed participants to the Meeting. He underscored the key governance role of MAP, which also acted as a forum for regional dialogue, including on sustainable development issues, a unique standard-setting mechanism, and a driver of projects for implementation of the Barcelona Convention. However, it was time to revisit existing structures in order to adapt MAP to present-day challenges and to add fresh impetus to the efforts of Mediterranean countries to achieve their common goals. That called for ambitious, rapid and coordinated responses, more effective tools to protect species and ecosystems, and renewed and deeper multistakeholder dialogue, which was especially important in the light of the Arab Spring. The spirit of collective action reflected in the SPAMI list would also need to carry through to the work of identifying EBSAs, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. At the regional level, ties must be strengthened with the Union for the Mediterranean and other regional bodies, and all components and donors, and emphasis must be placed on the full participation of civil society. At the international level, the Rio+20 summit would provide an opportunity to place the preservation and governance of marine environments at the top of the global agenda; and the Paris Declaration should call for real progress in areas such as the blue as well as the green economy, which required the development of new economic models and a shift in focus to specific agreements. France pledged its continuing commitment to MAP and support for a bold decision-making process at the current session, so crucial to the future of the vulnerable territories of the Mediterranean.

10. Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, MAP Coordinator, thanked the Government of France for hosting the Meeting. The current radical process of change in the Mediterranean region was accompanied by growing environmental fragility due to coastal urban sprawl, over-fishing, problems associated with the movement of large vessels and deep-water oil drilling. Recovery would only be possible if economic and social needs were not allowed to take precedence over the preservation of the environment, but the three progressed together in pursuance of sustainable development. The Barcelona Convention process had achieved some notable successes including improvements in water quality, reduced levels of DDT and heavy metals and increased coverage by sewage treatment plants. However, many challenges remained, with a dramatic decline in numbers of certain species of fish and marine mammals, and the effects of desalination projects and aquaculture, which would require careful monitoring. She assured the Contracting Parties of the Secretariat's commitment to effective action in the coming biennium, despite the prevailing financial restrictions.

11. The full text of the above statements is reproduced in Annex IV.to the present report.

Agenda item 2: Organization of work

2.1 Rules of procedure

12. The Meeting noted that the Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) would apply to the present Meeting.

2.2 Election of officers

13. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and with the principles of equitable geographical distribution (Article 19 of the Convention) and continuity (Article III of the Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties), the Meeting elected the members of the Bureau, as follows, from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties:

President:	Mr. Jean-Pierre Thébault (France)
Vice-President:	Mr. Abdelkader Benhadjoudja (Algeria)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Patrick Van Klaveren (Monaco)
Vice-President:	H.E. Ms. Memia Benna Zayani (Tunisia)
Vice-President:	In absentia (Turkey)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Oliviero Montanaro (Italy)

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

14. The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/1 and 2.

2.4 Organization of work

15. The Meeting adopted the timetable proposed in the Annex to the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/2 and Corr.1).

16. The Meeting agreed to establish a working group to consider programme of work, budget and governance issues.

2.5 Credentials

17. In accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the credentials of the representatives of the Contracting Parties attending the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties had been found to be in order.

Agenda item 4: Progress report and Paris Declaration

4.1 Progress report

18. The Coordinator introduced the report by the Secretariat for the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/3), outlining developments and progress since the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

19. In the legal field, further ratifications of the Protocols to the Convention had led, inter alia, to the entry into force of the Offshore and ICZM Protocols. She urged Contracting Parties that had not yet ratified all protocols to do so, in the hope that all seven protocols would be in force by the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties. MAP was now entering a new phase in which the focus would be on implementation. The work of the Compliance Committee was key in that respect. Contracting Parties were urged to submit their national reports in the first few months of the biennium to expedite the Committee's work.

20. Significant progress had been made in anchoring the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols within a solid and integrated strategy. A milestone development in that respect would be the adoption at the current meeting of the integrated framework for the implementation of the ecosystem approach. A variety of regional strategies, action plans and legally binding measures, also under consideration, would, once adopted, form the foundations for MAP work in the biennium ahead. The independent assessment of the MSSD had underlined the Strategy's legitimacy and its focus on core priorities, as well as the need to place more emphasis on meeting environmental as opposed to social objectives.

21. Work had progressed on strengthening MAP in accordance with the governance reforms adopted by the Parties in 2008, including proposals to standardize host country agreements regulating the RACs in order to ensure greater transparency and more solid resource mobilization and communications strategies. MAP had also begun to establish synergies with other bodies and organizations. With regard to the serious financial deficit that had accumulated over the years, which should never have occurred, measures had been taken to strengthen fund management and thus the efficient delivery of the programme of work. Over-budgeting of EUR 2.5 million had been corrected, and the MTF deficit had been reduced by some EUR 1.5 million. Controls had been strengthened, the collection of arrears accelerated and additional external resources mobilized. Austerity measures, however, would remain in place until a healthy financial situation had been restored. In the meantime, MAP would focus on the core business within its five-year strategy, broadening partnerships with other key actors, and completing institutional reform.

22. H.E. Mr. Mostafa Hussein Kamel, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs of Egypt, stressed the importance of cooperation among nations in addressing the many issues facing the Mediterranean, including those relating to biodiversity, ICZM, waste and ships' ballast water management, and the protection of particularly vulnerable areas. At a time when many countries were experiencing political, social and economic challenges, he emphasized the need to reaffirm, and work towards, a common goal, especially in view of the upcoming Rio+20 meeting in June 2012. He urged Parties to increase their technological cooperation with southern Mediterranean countries to help them become a more effective part of the MAP system for the good of all the people in the Mediterranean region.

23. H.E. Ms. Mèmia El Banna Zayani, Minister of the Environment of Tunisia, said that the current political, social and economic upheaval in several Mediterranean countries called for greater efforts to be made in terms of cooperation to formulate innovative approaches to development at national and regional level. Actions that aimed to create jobs, equitable access to resources and a better standard of living should not have a negative impact on the environment and natural heritage. Despite the efforts of MAP over the previous 35 years, the Mediterranean environment had continued to deteriorate as development activities had not followed the principles of sustainable development. The negative effects were on-going and affected all the countries in the region. It was therefore imperative that countries should work together to create win-win scenarios for the management of natural resources and the protection of the environment. MAP had a crucial role to play in that regard. She therefore urged Parties to pursue their efforts to review the MAP system and governance issues and to achieve more efficient and effective resource management, and reaffirmed Tunisia's commitment to that process.

24. Mr. Federico José Ramos de Armas, Secretary of State for the Environment, Spain, welcomed recent positive trends in the development of MAP legal instruments, particularly the entry into force of the unique ICZM Protocol and the Offshore Protocol. Full implementation of the ecosystem approach would require institutional reform to improve coordination between all MAP components, generate the information required for sound management, provide a platform for negotiation and mobilize the necessary funding. As part of good governance, the Contracting Parties had a responsibility to define MAP's work programmes and monitor their implementation, while the Secretariat must provide the necessary institutional framework for them to do so effectively. The various MAP components must be governed by a set of common principles, while maintaining their unique characteristics and flexibility. The Coordinating Unit should be strengthened so that it could allocate resources effectively and ensure the coherent implementation of the work programme, in which greater focus should be on strategic vision and prioritization. Contracting Parties should not be expected to increase their contributions to the MTF; instead, MAP should make optimum use of its resources in addressing core activities while reducing administrative overheads.

25. H.E. Ms. Konstantina Birbili, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to OECD, said that common objectives could be achieved by strengthening the linkages and synergies among the various Mediterranean initiatives in place; engaging all regional stakeholders in the relevant processes; and enhancing the role of the MCS. All MAP and RAC activities should also henceforth be based on the ecosystem approach. Committed as it was to the improvement of marine ecosystems and services, her Government greatly valued MAP's efforts to promote the integration of marine biodiversity values into decision-making, in which context the Aichi Plan of Action adopted by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity served as a useful framework. The provisions of the ICZM Protocol and Plan of Action would also be taken into due consideration during the current revision of Greece's 12 regional spatial plans. As to the Offshore Protocol, she and her Italian counterpart had undertaken a joint initiative aimed at ensuring finalization of the discussions on the subject within the European Commission. Lastly, decisions of the Contracting Parties should be such as to drive forward all pending issues in the interest of fulfilling the mandates of the Barcelona Convention, including through the delivery of actions within the agreed time frames.

26. Mr. Gustaaf Borhardt, DG Environment, European Commission, said that MAP's present financial situation should prompt it to complete long overdue governance reforms and to set priorities. The European Union's Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the ecosystem approach of the Barcelona Convention, the implementation of which was fully supported by the European Union, shared the same goals. The effectiveness of the ICZM Action Plan would be enhanced by wider ratification of the ICZM Protocol. The Commission had presented a proposal in 2011 for European Union ratification of the Offshore Protocol and supported the decision concerning the preparation of an action plan during the next biennium. The forthcoming Rio+20 conference should be used to embed marine concerns in the global sustainability agenda. The European Union would continue to address the problem of marine litter as a matter of priority. The Commission would contribute to and monitor further progress in implementing governance and financial management reforms. MAP Secretariat reports, for example on SPAMIs, should be more critical and results-oriented. The use of scarce resources should be optimized and overlaps with other regional initiatives avoided. Examples of the European Union's new approach to Euro-Mediterranean cooperation included the Horizon 2020 initiative and the Shared Environmental Information System, in which MAP could play an effective role. Further important points were the greater focus on civil society and the identification of socio-economic gains from environmental improvements.

27. Mr. Hrvoje Dokoza, Deputy Minister of Environment and Nature Protection, Croatia, said that emerging financial, economic and other threats must be taken into account in the

formulation of policies and strategies for implementation of the Barcelona Convention. Economic growth must also be decoupled from environmental degradation and an equitable and inclusive society fostered through concrete action to address the three interdependent pillars of sustainable development in a holistic and integrated manner. MAP provided a strong and efficient framework for regional cooperation in the interests of the marine environment and sustainable development, counting among its many achievements the introduction of the ecosystem approach and the adoption of the ICZM Protocol. It additionally facilitated the creation and implementation of national policies, as in the case of Croatia's current efforts to develop an action plan for sustainable consumption and production. As the second largest archipelago in the Mediterranean, Croatia was committed to the protection and management of its coastal and marine environment through an integrated ecosystem approach. In that regard, the innovative ICZM Protocol was a vital tool for promoting both sustainable development and the governance needed for addressing the key vulnerabilities in that environment.

28. Mr. Peter Portelli, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Tourism, Culture and the Environment, Malta, said that the unprecedented political changes in the Mediterranean region and the global economic crisis had together given rise to new opportunities and challenges requiring stronger cooperation and fresh policies and strategies. Close cooperation and a coordinated and comprehensive regional approach to protection of the marine environment were ever vital, requiring a commitment to good governance based on coherence, accountability, transparency and the establishment of efficient budgetary monitoring mechanisms, with the Executive Coordination Panel and other MAP structures continuing to play a key role in enhancing collaboration and coordination across the MAP system. MAP must also work with other pan-Mediterranean cooperation initiatives while at the same time avoiding duplication of responsibilities and competencies. In order to ensure satisfactory fulfilment of their functions, MAP and its components, including REMPEC, must be adequately resourced. Lastly, MAP must carry out as a matter of priority activities relating to the ecosystem approach, ICZM and the implementation of legal obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in line with the main orientations of its programme of work.

29. Mr. Abdelkader Benhadjoudja, Principal Private Secretary, Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment, Algeria, said that the global financial situation and the changes under way in the Mediterranean region must be appraised with a view to strengthening the cooperative framework already in place. Algeria's own readiness to engage in cooperation was demonstrated by its early ratification of various protocols and by such activities as its plans for coastal development, ICZM and the establishment of marine museums for education and awareness purposes. It was furthermore well placed to convey the MAP message to international organizations and partners, including at the forthcoming Rio+20 conference, through its chairmanship of various international groups tasked with addressing climate change and environmental issues.

30. Ms. Alona Sheaffer, Director General, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel, said that the MAP programme of work should reflect the varying needs of the Contracting Parties and, while future work would focus on the ecosystem approach and the ICZM Protocol, MAP's more traditional areas of expertise should also be reflected in its programme of work. The draft decision on an action plan for the Offshore Protocol was of particular importance given an increased focus on exploration of natural resources in deep water in the region. Ahead of the Rio+20 summit, MAP components were already working, at the regional level, on several topics on the global agenda, including the promotion of a green economy. There was, however, no universal definition of a green economy; rather, each country should choose the policies and mechanisms most appropriate to its economic, social and development priorities. Countries that had enjoyed the benefits of industrialization for many years should lead the way in ensuring better global consumption habits and a more equitable and efficient use of resources. MAP should build upon its work in resource productivity and

sustainable consumption and production, and play a central role in promoting the green economy in the region, inter alia by setting ambitious standards for emissions from land-based sources.

31. Mr. Mitja Bricelj Director, Nature Protection Authority, Institute for Water, Slovenia, reaffirmed Slovenia's commitment to following up on action under the Barcelona Convention, including the implementation of Agenda 21 and the promotion of the ecosystem and subregional approaches to enhance regional efficiency. Slovenia had also increased dialogue with other Adriatic countries with respect to the MSSD and subregional activities. Continued implementation of Barcelona Convention and EU mechanisms would promote a better quality of life along the shared Mediterranean coast and Slovenia hoped to promote synergies at three distinct levels: UNEP, MAP and EU policies; Mediterranean coastal countries; and other relevant sectors or users. Such synergies and the implementation of the ecosystem approach were essential for the improved management of Mediterranean resources. In addition, enhanced governance of the whole Barcelona Convention structure was needed alongside appropriate and transparent bottom-up approaches at the national and local levels and top-down approaches at the regional level.

32. Ms. Sanaa Al Sairawan, Chief, Planning and Programming Service, Ministry of the Environment of Lebanon, said that Lebanon always endeavoured to meet its commitments with regard to international conventions and environmental priorities and had recently adopted legislation on protected areas and waste management, and had introduced measures for better environmental governance and research. However, in trying to meet those commitments, there were often hurdles to be overcome and Lebanon was still affected by the 2006 oil spill and pollution along its coastline. While a number of decisions had been taken within the United Nations stating that the polluting party should pay for the damage caused, Lebanon would have welcomed engagement by MAP and its Contracting Parties on the issue, which it had raised at a number of meetings. If similar situations arose in future, swift action should be taken, under the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, to counter the effects; crucial to that would be good governance mechanisms and adequate financial provisions.

33. Mr. Rafiq Husseini, Deputy Secretary General, Environment and Water, Union for the Mediterranean, welcomed MAP's continued input into capacity-building and enhancing information systems and said that the Union for the Mediterranean would endeavour to support those efforts. However, such efforts would need to be greatly increased if the objectives of MAP were to be achieved and, to that end, discussions on enhancing coordination on common issues had led to the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations. Among the objectives were the identification of synergies and review of operational plans as to how the two could mutually benefit and support each other. The Union for the Mediterranean urged caution with regard to calls to do more but with less money since investment was often necessary if assets such as the Mediterranean were to be protected and used for the benefit of future generations.

34. Mr. Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, FAO, said that the protection of the Mediterranean marine environment remained a key concern of the Commission, as it was only with a healthy ecosystem that it could be effective in achieving its objectives. FAO/GFCM therefore sought increased synergies and collaboration with MAP, enabling the partners to develop common regulations and to optimize the impact of their financial and other resources, especially in times of crisis. FAO/GFCM hoped that MAP's Contracting Parties would favour such developments and subsequently approve the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations later in the year.

35. The representative of MIO-ECSDE emphasized the need for action to meet current challenges, particularly in the face of the financial and socio-economic crises affecting the

region. He recalled that Barcelona Convention had been the first international instrument to consider NGOs as partners rather than simply observers. Within the Mediterranean, and among MIO's many members, there was a wealth of expertise and resources that could be tapped to assist in MAP endeavours. While expressing disappointment that some of the Contracting Parties' commitments, such as that relating to MPAs, had not been met, he praised the progress made on ICZM and the ecosystems approach, but noted that there were more references to the role of civil society in the ICZM Protocol than in the related Action Plan and hoped that the omission would be rectified. As there was often a lack of understanding of some of the concepts dealt with by MAP and how to apply them, MIO, within the framework of Horizon 2020, and in close cooperation with MAP components, namely the Coordinating Unit, MED POL, CP/RAC and PAP/RAC, had organized a number of workshops to assist countries in that respect. Such activities should be expanded. Given the number and complexity of the issues being addressed by MAP and the need to avoid duplication, synergy with other bodies working on similar issues, such as the Union for the Mediterranean, was also of the utmost importance.

36. The representative of IUCN recalled that the scientific community was a pillar of efforts to move forward towards sustainable development and that IUCN had been active in that field since 1946. Given the importance of the Mediterranean as a biodiversity conservation area, the economic crisis should not be an excuse for failing to address the threats to the region's environment and development. He reiterated IUCN's commitment to the work in that regard, including through its Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation in Malaga, Spain.

37. The representative of Greenpeace, on behalf of Greenpeace, Oceana, WWF and IUCN, expressed her concern that the MPA target set by the Contracting Parties at their 16th Meeting had not been met. Cautioning against using the economic and financial crisis as an alibi for inaction, she called on the Parties to increase efforts to protect marine biological diversity by submitting specific proposals and management plans for the priority conservation areas in order to ensure the timely establishment of MPAs and marine reserves based on the precautionary approach. She also urged the Contracting Parties through the Coordinating Unit to contact the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to share the results of the scientific EBSA identification, as agreed by the SPA/RAC Focal Points. She also called on the Parties to make a clear link between MAP and the upcoming Rio+20 conference in the Paris Declaration and to declare their support for the launch of negotiations on an implementing agreement to ensure that marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction would be sustainably managed and effectively conserved across all the world's oceans.

38. A representative of Oceana, speaking also on behalf of Greenpeace, Oceana and WWF, recalled that ten species of threatened sharks and rays had been proposed for transfer from Annex III to Annex II of the SPA Protocol. As a decision on the issue had already been delayed on two occasions, she urged the Parties to adopt those proposals immediately in keeping with the precautionary approach.

39. The provided full texts of statements are reproduced in Annex V to the present report.

4.2 Paris Declaration

40. The President introduced a consolidated version of the draft Paris Declaration, contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/4 and incorporating the amendments proposed by delegations prior to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties. In the ensuing discussions, additional amendments were made to the document. Points raised included the need for reference to be made, inter alia, to the contribution of civil society organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders; to climate change; to the objective of ensuring that the outcomes of the Rio+20 conference included technical and financial support for poorer

countries; and to judicial and operational cooperation to respond to pollution caused by shipping. All outstanding issues were settled in a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

41. The draft Paris Declaration, as amended, was adopted by the Contracting Parties. The Declaration is contained in Annex I to the present report.

Agenda item 3: Decisions

3.1 Thematic decisions

42. The Meeting of the Contracting Parties considered the draft decisions contained in documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 20/5 and Corr.1 and Corr.2.

Draft decision IG.20/1: Compliance Committee: Amendment to the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 and partial renewal of membership

43. The President drew attention to the proposed amendment to paragraph 6 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms presented in Annex I to draft decision IG.20/1, and to the Compliance Committee's programme of work for the biennium 2012–2013 contained in Annex III. The list of Committee members and alternate members elected for a term of four years was as follows: from the southern and eastern Mediterranean Contracting Parties – Mr. Hawash Shahin (Syrian Arab Republic – member), Mr. Joseph Edward Zaki (Egypt – alternate member); from the European Union Member States Parties to the Barcelona Convention – Mr. Michel Prieur (France – member), Ms. Daniela Addis (Italy – member), Mr. José Juste Ruiz (Spain – alternate member) and Ms. Katerina Skouria (Greece – alternate member); and from the other Contracting Parties: Ms. Rachel Adam (Israel – member) and Mr. Tarzan Legovic (Croatia – alternate member).

44. Mr Larbi Sbai, Chairperson of the Compliance Committee, introduced the Committee's report (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 20/7). The Committee had held two meetings, in July and November 2011, and members and the Secretariat were commended for their work and support, including during the intersessional period. The involvement of MED POL and the RACs in such meetings, with their wealth of experience, would also be most valuable.

45. In the absence of referrals by the Contracting Parties or the Secretariat, the Committee had followed the work programme adopted at the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The two information brochures had been reviewed and revised, and the Committee had also worked on the revision of the French version of its Procedures and Mechanisms in order to align it with the original English version. The Chairperson had suggested some changes that members had preferred to consider in depth during their next mandate. The Committee had, however, dealt with a proposal by one of its members to amend paragraph 6 of Decision IG.17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in order to allow members and alternates to serve for a second consecutive term. Given that there were no more than two Committee meetings per year, such a change would lead to greater continuity in the Committee's work. A draft decision to that effect was before the Contracting Parties for consideration at the present meeting.

46. After examining national reporting patterns, the Committee had concluded that there was much room for improvement. Reporting was crucial for tracking progress at national level, for identifying difficulties and common challenges, and for the medium- and long-term programming of MAP activities. For such reports to be of optimum use, they should be submitted in a timely manner. Consideration might be given to specifying a strict deadline for submission. Although some Parties had never submitted their reports, the Committee considered it more constructive to seek reasons for their omission than to lay blame. The

Committee had never been intended as a sanction mechanism and it was important to foster trust in the triangular relationship between the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat and the Compliance Committee.

47. The Compliance Committee had submitted to the Contracting Parties a proposed programme of work for 2012–2013. The Parties were requested to reflect on the possibility of introducing a third mode of referral to the Committee, namely self-referral, on which they might wish to adopt a draft decision at their next Meeting. Rather than increasing the number of Committee meetings, the Chairperson proposed extending them, which would have lesser financial implications, to enable the body to fulfil its mission adequately.

48. In the ensuing discussion it was highlighted that, in future, Contracting Parties should be provided with information on which countries had not presented reports. The President concluded the discussion by encouraging Parties to submit reports more promptly and by welcoming the proposal regarding self-referral as suggested by the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee.

49. The draft decision was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/2: Adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012–2019)

50. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/2.

51. The draft decision was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/3: Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols

52. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/3. In the light of the issues raised in the Report of the Compliance Committee to the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (see draft decision IG.20/1 above), a brief discussion took place on the need to adjust reporting obligations so that Parties were required to submit only new information available for the biennium, rather than repeating information already submitted, and to set a realistic deadline for the submission of national reports in order to give Parties sufficient time to collect and analyse the requisite information.

53. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/4: Implementing MAP ecosystem approach road map: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives, Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach road map

54. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/4.

55. The representative of Greece, noting that the 11 ecological objectives listed in Annex II of the draft decision were, elsewhere, often referred to as priority actions, said that only one of those terms should be used in all contexts. Further, an explicit reference to those 11 objectives/priority actions should be made in the body of the draft decision text.

56. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/5: Amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

57. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/5.

58. The representative of the European Union explained that the Union intended to make use of the procedure laid down in article 23, paragraph 2 (iv) of the Barcelona Convention and notify its final position in writing. He formally requested a period of 180 days for the submission of any objections.

59. The representative of Tunisia stated that the decision should contain no reference to the lifting of all reservations on the annexes following the SPA/RAC Focal Points meeting in May 2011, as his Government did not approve of moving two species of cartilaginous fish, *Rhinobatos cemiculus* and *Rhinobatos rhinobatos*, from Annex III to Annex II. After a discussion, Tunisia also requested a period of 180 days to lodge an objection in accordance with the procedure provided for in article 23, paragraph 2 (iv) of the Barcelona Convention.

60. A representative speaking on behalf of three environmental NGOs expressed disappointment at the continued delay in including the species in question in the endangered species list, as their numbers had declined dramatically.

61. Following an appeal by the representative of FAO/GFCM for his organization to be involved in the preparation of all decisions with a potential impact on fishing matters, representatives agreed on the desirability of a detailed, two-way exchange of information between MAP and FAO/GFCM and other relevant stakeholders.

62. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/6: Adoption of the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012–2017

63. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/6.

64. The representative of Spain expressed support for the draft decision but pointed out that three species of algae listed as *Heterokontophyta* should instead be listed as *Rhodophyta*.

65. The representative of the European Union expressed similar support for the draft decision but requested clarification, to be provided in due course, as to which items in the programme of work would relate to its implementation.

66. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/7: Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean

67. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/7.

68. In the ensuing discussion, additional amendments were made to the document, including the deletion of the list of potential proposed EBSAs in the Mediterranean contained in Annex II, and the insertion into the operative part of a reference to the work of the experts segment at the MAP Focal Points meeting in Athens in 2011.

69. The representative of ACCOBAMS expressed support for the decision and stated its willingness to cooperate with MAP and specifically SPA/RAC in its follow-up.

70. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/8: Regional Plans in the framework of Article 15 of the Land-Based Sources and Activities Protocol of the Barcelona Convention

71. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/8, which contained three parts.

72. The representative of Spain presented the outcomes of informal discussions and proposed a number of amendments, mostly editorial. Of particular note were those proposed to table A, contained in Article IV of Annex I of the first part of the draft decision, whereby a mercury ELV of 50 mcg/l would be included for all Contracting Parties by 2015 and, as a compromise, the ELV of 5 mcg/l, set for 2019, would be designated as a target value, but would be revised by 2015.

73. The representative of the European Union requested that, for the purposes of clarity, the three parts of the draft decision should be presented as separate decisions on mercury, BOD₅ and POPs. The representative of Spain, agreeing with the European Union, suggested that the draft decision be discussed as it stood and editorial changes should be made afterwards to separate it into three distinct decisions.

74. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted on the understanding that the final text would comprise three separate decisions.

Draft decision IG.20/9: Criteria and standards for bathing waters quality in the framework of the implementation of Article 7 of the LBS Protocol

75. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/9.

76. The representative of the European Union requested that, as in other decisions, a paragraph should be added stating that adoption of the decision would not prevent Contracting Parties from adopting stricter standards.

77. The representative of Spain proposed that the table contained in the draft decision should be supplemented by a footnote that read: "These criteria should be revised in the light of the experience of the Contracting Parties on its application and possible progress in other specific forums in 2015".

78. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/10: Adoption of the Strategic Framework for Marine Litter Management

79. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/10 and invited the Meeting to adopt the Strategic Framework for Marine Litter Management laid out in Annexes I and II of the draft.

80. The representative of ACCOBAMS stressed the negative impact of marine litter on cetaceans in the Mediterranean, and offered to work with MED POL on the activities specified in Objective five of the Strategic Framework.

81. The representative of Spain said that the policy document set out in Annex I was a work in progress: in particular, the future regional plan on marine litter management should place emphasis on ways of preventing litter.

82. The representative of the OSPAR Commission said that his organization was working on a regional plan similar to the Strategic Framework. Marine litter had been a major topic of discussion at the Third Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities, which had taken place in Manila, Philippines, in January 2012.

83. The President suggested the addition of a new operative paragraph to the decision inviting the MAP Secretariat to liaise closely with the OSPAR Commission Secretariat in

order to explore a possible common approach to the subject, expressing shared concerns while taking into consideration the specific nature of each convention, thus making for greater efficiency.

84. The representative of Clean Up Greece noted that her organization and MIO-ECSDE, as well as HELMEPA, had been involved in the assessment of the marine litter problem referred to in Annex I of the draft decision. The three organizations were likewise joint authors of the document "Public Awareness for the Management of Marine Litter in the Mediterranean".

85. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/11: Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species

86. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/11.

87. The draft decision was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/12: Action Plan to implement the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil

88. The Coordinator drew attention to draft decision IG.20/12.

89. The representatives of ACCOBAMS and of WWF confirmed the willingness of their organizations to contribute to the activities of the working group to be coordinated by REMPEC.

90. The draft decision was adopted.

Draft decision IG.20/13: Governance

91. The Meeting considered a revised version of the draft decision on governance, as proposed by the working group tasked with discussing programme of work, budget and governance issues.

92. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

3.2 Adoption of the MAP programme of work and budget for the 2012–2013 biennium

93. The Meeting of the Contracting Parties had before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/6, containing draft decision IG.20/14 on the MAP programme of work and budget for the 2012–2013 biennium.

94. The Meeting considered a revised version of the draft decision, as proposed by the working group tasked with discussing programme of work, budget and governance issues.

95. Following discussions among the Contracting Parties, additional amendments were negotiated and agreed.

96. After a debate, the Contracting Parties, being aware of the difficult financial situation, agreed in a spirit of solidarity to take action to recover the deficit and to ensure the continued regular functioning of MAP.

97. The representative of Greece requested a smooth implementation of the Functional Review with special emphasis to be placed on its consequences for human resources, the budget and the implementation of the work programme. After listening to the concerns of the President of the Meeting and acknowledging the importance of reform, the Meeting of the Contracting Parties agreed to implement the technical results of the Functional Review and asked the Coordinating Unit to implement its results and in the process smoothen its implications.

98. The representative of the European Union reported that her authorities had agreed to the transfer of nearly EUR 1 million of expenditure from the MTF to the account containing the voluntary contributions of the European Union, thereby helping to reduce the MTF deficit.

99. After a lengthy debate, the Contracting Parties agreed that, as an exceptional measure for the biennium, the European Union should be invited to meetings of the Bureau when reallocation of the budget was discussed.

100. The Meeting stressed the importance of continued reform in decision-making on the budget. The MAP Coordinating Unit, UNEP and UNON were requested to work together to develop a proposal for consideration by the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties based on best practice in other UNEP-administered MEAs. That request was included in the budget decision adopted.

101. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

Agenda item 5: Date and place of the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013

102. The meeting accepted with gratitude the offer by Turkey to host the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 6: Other business

103. There was no discussion under this agenda item.

Agenda item 7: Adoption of the report

104. The meeting adopted its report, on the basis of the draft report contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/L.1, including the Paris Declaration, contained in Annex I to the present report, the thematic decisions contained in Annex II to the present report, and the programme of work and budget for the 2012–2013 biennium, contained in Annex III to the present report.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting

105. Four closing statements were made.

106. Mr. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator of the Rio+20 summit, said that the Meeting had reflected the exemplary contribution of the Barcelona Convention process to standard-setting, efforts to improve governance, and civil society participation. He invited MAP to contribute its experience and expertise in the coastal and marine environment to the preparations for the Rio+20 summit.

107. Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director of UNEP/Division of Policy Implementation, thanked the Contracting Parties for reaffirming their confidence in UNEP and welcomed the spirit of cooperation and compromise that had enabled them to meet the challenge of adopting a budget for 2012–2013.

108. The Coordinator said that the frank discussion of complex issues at the Meeting had paved the way for the significant work ahead, and that the experience of the Barcelona Convention including the just adopted set of 11 ecological objectives would be provided for the Rio+20 summit.

109. The representative of France said that his country had been honoured to host the Meeting, and stressed the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to environmental problems in the Mediterranean.

110. The Meeting expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the French authorities for their hospitality and their contribution to the successful conclusion of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

111. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the President declared the Meeting closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 February 2012.

ANNEX I

PARIS DECLARATION

We, Heads of Delegation of the 22 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols, meeting in Paris, France, on 10 February, 2012

Recalling the regional cooperation framework established through the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) since 1975; taking into due consideration the new political context and *determined* to reinforce effective regional cooperation for the protection of the marine environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean through strong political commitment, and the active participation of civil society;

Acknowledging the value and significance of MAP, and the Barcelona Convention and its protocols, their contribution to the definition of a shared legal, regulatory and innovative framework, and their forerunning role at the global level in the definition and implementation of protection and sustainable development measures and policies for the Mediterranean marine environment and its coastal zone;

Recognizing the valuable contribution of representatives of international and regional organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders and major groups to the work of 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention;

Deeply concerned by the threats which continue to menace the coastal and marine environment in the Mediterranean, including pollution from land-based sources, from offshore exploration and exploitation activities, waste, the over-use of natural resources and potentially dangerous exploitation of vulnerable habitats and ecosystems, the loss of biodiversity, soil and coastal degradation, the impacts of climate change, and *recalling* that if the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal zone ecosystems are protected and managed with a view to sustainable development, this will allow goods and services they provide to be used sustainably over the long term;

Recognizing that the consequences of the global economic crisis may affect the environment and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region, but also provide opportunities to illustrate the irreplaceable role of MAP as a framework for dialogue and operational cooperation on environment and sustainable development;

Encouraging Parties that have not yet done so to sign or ratify the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention - and *recognizing* the need for the Contracting Parties to fulfil their obligations in relation to the Convention, its Protocols and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, and their commitments under the Action Plans and the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development;

Reaffirming the political commitments made at previous Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, and particularly the outcome of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Almería in 2008 on, among others, the ecosystem approach, Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and governance;

Also reaffirming the commitments made at the Meeting of Contracting Parties held in Marrakesh in 2009 on actions related to climate change and the promotion of better governance within MAP;

Noting the progress made in reinforcing MAP, and particularly the entry into force in 2011, following ratification by 6 countries, of the "Offshore" Protocol and of the ICZM Protocol, the

first legally binding instrument of its type in the world, *seeking* to ensure their effective, collective and responsible implementation, and *aware* of the necessity to ensure their timely implementation through action plans;

Convinced of the need to enhance governance in the MAP system, taking into account contemporary institutional developments and the plurality of political, civil, environmental and financing actors, and *aware* of the need for sound budgetary management, financial sustainability and the effective use of resources;

Aware that the effectiveness of future structural reforms and the implementation of programmes of work require prompt implementation of the adopted resource mobilization strategy, involving the regional and global actors concerned;

Reaffirming the value and importance of the overall system of the Convention and its Protocols as a legal and regulatory platform for policy decisions for advancing cross-sectoral cooperation to progress on internationally agreed conservation and sustainable use goals in marine and coastal areas, and their commitment to implement the related action plans;

Recalling the framework for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation offered, amongst others, by the Union for the Mediterranean and the European Neighbourhood Policy and their calling to promote sustainable development and in particular depollution of the Mediterranean, notably through the EU-Horizon 2020 Initiative *inter alia*;

Welcoming the results of the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya in 2010, which achieved a global agreement for the protection and development of world biodiversity and the adoption of a new strategy aimed at halting biodiversity loss, with a programme for the preservation of the marine environment;

Emphasizing the need to implement the recommendations of the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding marine habitats and species, and particularly on the use of marine protected areas as an instrument for protecting the marine environment and on the designation of marine ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSAs);

Emphasizing the need to further reinforce cooperation between all actors in the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean and *welcoming* the ongoing efforts to enhance cooperation with the Secretariats of the Union for the Mediterranean, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Maritime Organization, IUCN and the other regional seas conventions and programmes, and future cooperation with all other relevant organizations;

Committed to working together to preserve the wealth and sustainability of Mediterranean ecosystems, goods and services to serve as an example for other regions of the world and thus contribute to the adoption at the worldwide level of global measures for the protection, sustainable development and management of the marine and coastal environment;

Conscious of the opportunity represented by the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development in 2012, known as Rio+20, and *determined* to address marine and coastal environment concerns among the major challenges to be tackled at the Conference;

Taking note with appreciation of the inter-institutional report opening the way to the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development, the “Blueprint for Oceans and Coastal Sustainability”, presented at the 36th General Conference of UNESCO and of the recent presentation of the “Green Economy in a Blue World” synthesis report;

Determined to contribute positively to the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development in 2012, with a view to achieving global commitments on the green economy in the context of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and the institutional framework of sustainable development, in particular those related to marine and coastal issues;

Hereby declare that we are resolved to:

- **Take all the necessary measures to make the Mediterranean a clean, healthy and productive sea with conserved biodiversity and ecosystems**
 - o by reaffirming our political commitments to protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal zones through an ecosystem approach to the management of human activities, to be implemented by stages in regular cycles;
 - o by developing, a coherent, well-managed network of coastal and marine protected areas in the Mediterranean, including on the high seas, in accordance with United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and implementing the Aichi Plan of Action adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular to meet the target of 10 percent of marine protected areas in the Mediterranean by 2020;
 - o by reinforcing regional cooperation for the scientific evaluation of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, in relation to the global work under the Convention on Biological Diversity and by the United Nations General Assembly;
 - o by intensifying efforts to curb pollution from land-based sources, such as marine litter, through the adoption and implementation of legally binding measures, and pollution from offshore activities and sea-based activities, through regional action plans;
 - o by ensuring, in view of the predicted increase in maritime traffic, the continuous strengthening of capacities and resources to prevent and respond to marine pollution caused by shipping, in particular through judicial and operational cooperation.
- **Strengthen the integrated management of Mediterranean coastal zones**, as a unique instrument at the service of Mediterranean States, an integrated vision of coastal areas and the basis for their sustainable development
 - o by implementing the Action Plan and roadmap approved by the Parties as rapidly as possible;

- by recognizing the need to improve coherence between the different levels of coastal governance, supplemented by optimal national frameworks for integrated coastal zone management;
 - by encouraging the ratification of the ICZM Protocol by the Barcelona Convention Parties.
- **Address major concerns on the marine and coastal environment and provide a Mediterranean input into the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012**
- by supporting and undertaking strong commitments, in our capacity as United Nations Member States, regarding the sustainable management of marine resources and preservation of marine biodiversity;
 - by continuing to support, at Mediterranean level, capacity building and other activities associated with green economy as means to achieve sustainable development, such as the promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns, sustainable chemical management and ecoinnovation, all of which have been shown to also have direct or indirect effect on the Mediterranean marine environment;
 - by calling on the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development to propose policies to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the implementation of a “blue economy” for the Mediterranean, as a version of the “green economy” applied to the seas and oceans, having the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development as appropriate strategic policy framework;
 - by supporting consideration of the theme of oceans and the initiation of negotiations for a process initiated by the United Nations General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction effectively addresses those issues by identifying gaps and ways forward, through the development of a multilateral agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. This agreement would include a series of regimes covering marine protected areas, access to genetic resources and the sharing of the benefits of their use, and impact assessments of human activities;
 - by promoting achievement in the Mediterranean of the objectives of Agenda 21, in particular through the implementation of the commitments made under Agenda MED 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;
 - by supporting the preparation by 2014 of the report on the state of the marine environment, including the socioeconomic aspects, through the related regular process mandated by the United Nations General Assembly.

Establish the conditions for transparent, effective and enhanced institutional governance of MAP

- by consolidating synergies with regional and global partners, with a view to optimizing financing of MAP activities and the allocation of resources;
- By actively involving civil society representatives and in particular NGOs, local and regional governments and the private sector, to elaborate better informed decisions and provide for efficient implementation at all levels;
- by encouraging the Secretariat in its efforts to conclude, as soon as possible, cooperation agreements with the secretariats of the Union for the Mediterranean, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Maritime Organization, other regional seas conventions and all other relevant organizations;
- by pursuing reflection on an institutional reform of the MAP system, in the light of recent developments, involving all marine and coastal environmental stakeholders, with a view to strengthening the governance of MAP;
- by calling for the consideration, at the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, of a proposal for the institutional reform of MAP, taking into account *inter alia*, the results of the functional review, formulated in close cooperation with the Contracting Parties.

Invites the Presidency to forward this declaration and the outcomes of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, for the attention of the other regional seas conventions and programmes, as well as other relevant organizations.

Invites the Presidency to forward this declaration to the attention of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and to take, in cooperation with the representatives of the Contracting Parties, all initiatives necessary to promote it and its conclusions.

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THEMATIC DECISIONS

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Decision IG.20/1

Compliance Committee: amendment to the Compliance Procedures and mechanisms, programme of work for Biennium 2012-2013 and partial renewal of membership

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Articles 18 and 27 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as amended at Barcelona in 1995, hereinafter “the Barcelona Convention”,

Also recalling decision IG 17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2008, by which they approved the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, hereinafter “the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms”, and particularly paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 35 of the aforementioned,

Also recalling decision IG 19/1 of the 16th meeting of the Contracting Parties, by which they approved the Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee,

Having considered the report on the activities of the Compliance Committee, submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties by the Committee’s Chair, pursuant to section VI of decision IG 17/2, for the 2010-2011 biennium,

Emphasizing that the Compliance Committee’s role is to provide advice and assistance to Contracting Parties to implement its recommendations and those of Meetings of the Contracting Parties in order to assist them in complying with their obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and to generally facilitate, promote, monitor and secure such compliance,

Noting with satisfaction the Compliance Committee's implementation, during its two meetings, of its programme of work for the period covered by the report,

Having considered the proposed programme of work for the Compliance Committee covering the 2012-2013 biennium,

Strongly emphasizing the importance for Contracting Parties to comply with their obligations regarding the timely submission of reports on the measures taken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols during the period 2010-2011, as well as decisions by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, and for this purpose to use the new standardized reporting format now available online,

Noting the Compliance Committee's decision to propose the amendment of paragraph 6 of the Annex II of Decision IG 17/2 on the Compliance Procedures and Mechanism, in order to allow Committee members to serve a second consecutive term on the Committee,

Encourages Contracting Parties to bring before the Compliance Committee for its consideration any problems of interpretation concerning implementation of the provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Urges those Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to submit their reports on

implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as soon as possible;

Requests the MAP components to provide the Committee with all relevant information to assist it in carrying out its activities,

Requests the Compliance Committee, pursuant to paragraph 17, (b), of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, to consider general compliance issues, such as recurrent non-compliance problems;

Notes with satisfaction the two guide leaflets on the subject of Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms approved in Decision IG 17/2, which are included in document UNEP (DEPI) MED WG 363/ Inf 16, drawn up by the Compliance Committee, and aimed respectively at the Contracting Parties and at the public at large;

Requests the Compliance Committee, pursuant to paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, to submit a report on its activities to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, making particular note of any difficulties encountered in the application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Approves the Compliance Committee's proposal to amend paragraph 6 of the Annex to the Decision IG 17/2 on the subject of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanism, the wording of which is set out in Annex I to this Decision;

Elects and/or confirms to the Compliance Committee the list of candidates nominated by the Contracting Parties the members and alternates listed in Annex II to this Decision, pursuant to Decision IG 17/2 on the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Approves the programme of work for the Compliance Committee for biennium 2012-2013, which is set out in Annex III to this Decision.

Annex I

Decision IG 17/2 regarding Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

I. Compliance Committee

Paragraph 6 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms is modified as follows:

6. Members and alternate members shall not serve on the Committee for more than two consecutive terms.

Annex II

Members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee elected/renewed by the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

Group I – Contracting Parties of the South and East of the Mediterranean

- Mr. Hawash SHAHIN, renewed as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Joseph Edward ZAKI, renewed as alternate member for a term of four years

Group II - Contracting Parties which are European Union members

- Mr. Michel PRIEUR, elected as member for a term of four years
- Ms Daniela ADDIS, renewed as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Jose JUSTE RUIZ, elected as alternate member for a term of four years
- Ms Katerina SKOURIA, renewed as alternate member for a term of four years

Group III – Other Contracting Parties

- Ms. Rachel ADAM, elected as member for a term of four years
- Mr. Tarzan LEGOVIC, elected as alternate member for a term of four years

Annex III

Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the 2012-2013 Biennium.

The Compliance Committee is to carry out the following tasks during the 2012-2013 biennium according to the following procedures:

- a) The calling of two meetings of the Compliance Committee per biennium. A **third** meeting if need be can be organized, subject to availability of funds;
- b) The attendance at Compliance Committee meetings of the members and alternate members of the Compliance Committee, of the representatives of Parties concerned, and, where appropriate, of any observers, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure;
- c) The furnishing of advice, and, where appropriate, assistance to concerned Parties, pursuant to paragraph 32 (a) and (b) of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms.

The Compliance Committee is to address the following issues:

- a) Evaluation of any referrals submitted to the Committee by Contracting Parties pursuant to paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms;
- b) Analysis of general non-compliance issues in the implementation of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, based on the Contracting Parties' national reports for the biennium 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.
- c) Evaluation of matters referred to the Committee by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 23 of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
- d) Analysis of broader issues requested by the meeting of the Contracting Parties pursuant to Paragraph 17 (c) of the Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms, including in-depth consideration of issues raised by the MAP Components on the implementation of the protocols;
- e) Analysis of any proposal with the view to reinforce the role of the Compliance Committee in the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols;
- f) Examination of possible difficulties of interpretation of the provisions of the protocols for consideration at the meeting of the Contracting Parties;
- g) Preparation and adoption of the Committee's report and recommendations for submission to the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Decision IG 20/2

Adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012-2019)

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Having regard to the Resolutions of the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries for adopting in January 2008 the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean herein after referred to as ICZM Protocol, and Article 4, paragraph 3, point (e) of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean as amended in 1995,

Taking into account Article 4, paragraph 4, point (a) of the Barcelona Convention, where it is foreseen that "In implementing the Convention and the related Protocols, The Contracting Parties shall: (a) adopt programmes and measures which contain, where appropriate, time limits for their completion",

Acknowledging the major importance of the entry into force of the ICZM Protocol on 24 March 2011 following the deposit of six instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, according to Article 39 of the ICZM Protocol by Albania, the European Union, France, Slovenia, Spain and Syria,

Recognizing the importance of having the ICZM Protocol ratified by all Contracting Parties with a view to effectively promoting the sustainable development of the coastal zones and management of land and marine parts in an integrated manner,

Aware that the implementation of this Protocol is of utmost importance for the protection of the coastal zones and their sustainable development and the wellbeing of coastal populations,

Recognizing that the implementation of the ICZM Protocol implies the integration of ICZM principles, objectives and actions into national policy frameworks and instruments, the enhancement of the governance mechanisms, the engagement of stakeholders and development of partnerships, as well as capacity building and awareness raising,

Convinced that a strategic operational vision is needed to guide the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat in this endeavour,

Considering that effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol calls for complementary and coordinated actions at different levels facilitated by the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components and in synergy with other organizations, networks and relevant programmes in the region,

Decides to adopt the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol 2012-2019 contained in the Annex to this decision that highlights and identifies key priorities, expected major outputs and accomplishments, time frames for their achievement, necessary partnerships to be established and the potential financial resources required/needed for its successful implementation.

Considers that among the activities and expected outputs in the Action Plan, priorities in the Programme of Work of the next biennium should be given to the development of the national strategies, the assessment of the state of the Mediterranean coasts, including through data gathering and indicators' monitoring, and to the Protocol implementation projects (CAMPs).

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties also

Urges all the Contracting Parties who have not yet done so, to ratify the ICZM Protocol as early as possible with the view to ensuring its entry into force for all the Parties, as appropriate, by the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Invites the Contracting Parties to inform the Coordinating Unit and PAP/RAC about the measures taken to implement the ICZM Protocol and, the difficulties encountered, in order to enable the Secretariat to develop an effective capacity building and assistance programme based on the needs

of the Contracting Parties, and to report accordingly to the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Call upon the Contracting Parties to take measures, which contain time frames for their completion, as appropriate, to implement the ICZM Protocol Action Plan and to report on their effectiveness to the Secretariat on a biennial basis,

Invites MAP partners from civil society and other relevant international and regional organizations to contribute to the implementation of the ICZM Protocol Action Plan through partnerships and cooperation with the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat,

Requests the Coordinating Unit and PAP/RAC to coordinate the implementation of the Action Plan while also ensuring the support of concerned MAP components with a view to support Contracting Parties with technical assistance and mobilization of financial resources, where appropriate, to undertake and successfully implement the outputs agreed in the Action Plan.

Annex I

Action Plan for the Implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean 2012-2019

I. Introduction

The Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP) has paved the way to a global and integrated approach of coastal zone management. Since its establishment, the UNEP/MAP has been concerned by spatial development of coastal zones, the need for assessing and measuring pressures from human activities as well as promoting policy responses.

The creation of the Blue Plan and the PAP Regional Activities Centres was a clear signal that Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention would cooperate on that major dimension of the MAP. Blue Plan studies popularized the concept of “lateralization” and the CAMP approach implemented under PAP guidance provided practical experience of its implementation requirements.

Following the Rio Earth Summit held in 1992, the adoption of the Agenda 21 including its important and innovative chapter on oceans and coastal zones, Mediterranean countries agreed to revise the Barcelona Convention, aiming at modernizing and upgrading its concepts, principles and provisions, putting them in line with the Rio Declaration and the Agenda 21 and integrating coastal zones in its scope. The amended Convention is now entitled “Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean”.

A major achievement for UNEP/MAP was the adoption by the Contracting to the Barcelona Convention of a new Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM Protocol) in Madrid on January 2008, which entered into force on 24 March 2011. The Protocol is based on and further develops the amended legal Convention, building on in-depth studies on the littoralisation process and taking account the experience gained with the CAMP program as well as national initiatives on coastal zone management.

The moment has come to prioritize UNEP/MAP’s engagement in the implementation of the Protocol. The innovation and success achieved with the adoption of the Protocol should now be followed by shifting our attention to the necessary changes it outlines for the benefit of our threatened coastal ecosystems.

By outlining priority initial activities, this Action Plan is meant to support Contracting Parties, the Secretariat and partners in meeting the challenges of implementation.

II. Mandate to prepare this document

The mandate for this Action Plan is given by Resolution II of the Madrid Conference of Plenipotentiaries, January 2008:

“The Conference,

Having adopted the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Mediterranean (hereinafter referred to as “the Protocol”),

Having regard to Article 17 of the Barcelona Convention in which the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is designated as responsible for carrying out the secretariat functions of the Convention and of any Protocol thereto,

Bearing in mind the urgent need to halt and reverse the continuing degradation of the Mediterranean coastal zone through a process of integrated management,

Desirous of facilitating the earliest practicable implementation of the Protocol,

- 1. Invites the Contracting Parties and the Executive Director of UNEP to ensure that the Sixteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean considers the measures and actions necessary for the successful implementation of the Protocol.*
- 2. Calls on the Executive Director of UNEP to initiate consultations with the Contracting Parties on the work plan and timetable for meetings of experts to elaborate the technical aspects of the implementation of the Protocol.*
- 3. Invites the Executive Director of UNEP to establish cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations in activities related to the implementation of the Protocol.*
- 4. Also calls on the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, pending the entry into force of the Protocol, to commence preparations for its implementation at the local, regional and national levels.”*

Article 4, paragraph 4 of the Barcelona Convention also requires the Contracting Parties:

“In implementing the Convention and the related Protocols, the Contracting Parties shall:

- (a) adopt programmes and measures which contain, where appropriate, time limits for their completion.”*

Further, the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Marrakesh, November 2009, additionally recognized that states, having ratified the Protocol, *“will be required to transpose its provisions into their national legislation. Demonstration programmes will need to be run with MAP backing in those states which have ratified the Protocol in order to test the effective conditions for its roll-out in the field.”* Demonstration projects are effective as concrete manifestations at the country level of the Protocol and serve as a model to others.

The ICZM Protocol represents therefore a tremendous challenge. In this respect, the MAP Secretariat shared with the Bureau (Zagreb, 8-9 November 2010) its vision with regard to the implementation of the ICZM Protocol, main pillars of action, key outputs and process. The Bureau adopted a conclusion to go ahead with the preparation of the Action Plan and suggested that its preparation should take into account the content of key deliverables of the current programme of work.

The Bureau agreed with the proposed outline of and the roadmap for the ICZM Protocol implementation Action Plan as presented in document UNEP/BUR/71/4, highlighting in particular the special importance of Governance issues and encouraged the MAP Secretariat, PAP/RAC and its focal points to accelerate the finalization of the implementation Action Plan for consideration by the next Contracting Parties, as appropriate.

This Action Plan is presented to meet this requirement and for its consideration by the next meeting of the Contracting Parties.

III. Timeframe

Subject to the approval of this Action Plan at the 17th Contracting Parties meeting, the timeframe for this Action Plan is the 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2019.

A more detailed programme is attached to link to the UNEP/MAP:

- I. Existing biennium programme
- II. Remaining 3 years of the existing 5-year MAP programme to end 2014

IV. ICZM in the Mediterranean: Background and Context

In order to fully implement the ICZM Protocol it will be necessary to establish coordination and synergy between all initiatives in the Mediterranean, which affect the coastal zones, particularly those of the UN, the GEF, the European Union and other international bodies.

Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention

The Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP-BC) is a multidisciplinary programmatic, legal and institutional framework of Mediterranean countries to protect and enhance marine and coastal environments and promote sustainable development. MAP has seven sectoral protocols, including the ICZM Protocol, supported at technical level by programmes and centres of cooperation, the Regional Activity Centres¹. The sectoral activity takes place alongside key cross-cutting issues including the Ecosystems Approach as defined by the Convention on Biological Diversity 1993 and the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development, along with integrated reporting and compliance. The Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention, which is based in Athens, coordinates the integrated implementation of the MAP's Programme of Work.

ICZM initiatives spread in the Mediterranean since the 1992 Rio Summit and the adoption of the Agenda 21 whose chapter 17 is dedicated to oceans and coastal zones. The subsequent revision of the Barcelona Convention and the re-focusing of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP-Phase II) in 1995 put the emphasis on coastal issues and the ICZM as a path to follow towards sustainable coastal development. This approach was re-confirmed by the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) of 2005.

The Regional Activity Centre for the Priority Actions Programme (PAP/RAC) with support of other MAP centres provides technical assistance, guidelines, and methodologies for the practical delivery of ICZM in the Mediterranean. The revised MAP Components' mandates, including the PAP/RAC mandate were adopted by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Marrakech, Morocco, November 2009, and reflect their contribution for the implementation of the Protocol, the cross-cutting issues in particular. The specific objective of PAP/RAC is to:

"...contribute to sustainable development of coastal zones and sustainable use of their natural resources. In this respect, PAP/RAC's mission is to provide assistance to Mediterranean countries in the implementation of Article 4(i) of the Barcelona Convention, meeting their obligations under the ICZM Protocol and implement the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), 2005, and by carrying out, in particular, the tasks assigned to it in Article 32 of the ICZM Protocol, 2008."

A most important MAP activity in the field of ICZM has been the Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) at the local level. The main benefits of CAMP include strengthening of institutional capacities, implementation of national information systems and integration of environmental issues in coastal planning.

An important added value of the ICZM Protocol is the strengthening of the legal basis to implement in an integrated manner the sectoral protocols of MAP.

The ICZM Action Plan is coherent and synergistic with the application by UNEP/MAP of the Ecosystems Approach to the management of human activities roadmap as per Decision IG 17/6 adopted by the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (2008) and the consideration of the Ecosystems Approach as the overarching priority of UNEP/MAP's Programme of Work as decided by the Contracting Parties at their 16th Meeting (2009).

¹ BP-providing future scenarios, systemic and prospective analysis, assessments, indicators; PAP- sustainable development of coastal zones; SPA-protection, preservation and sustainable management of marine and coastal biodiversity; INFO-collecting and sharing information, communication and dissemination; REMPEC-prevention and reduction of pollution from ships and combating pollution in case of emergency; CP-sustainable production and consumption; and MEDPOL-prevention and elimination of land-based pollution.

It will also be implemented in connection with other MAP Global or sectoral strategies to be considered by the Conference of Parties, such as the MSSD, the SAP MED, i.e. legally binding measures under the LBS Protocol, the SAP BIO and Climate Change Adaptation.

In addition, it will also integrate those initiatives taken at the regional level to adapting to climate change in the context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as recent developments affecting the development of the Mediterranean region and its environment. As an example, recent developments at the regional level such as the intensification of offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation and the prospect for marine renewable energy would have to be coherent with potential political decisions to be taken by the Parties for the implementation of the Nagoya strategy component on marine biodiversity and the establishment of MPA's.

GEF projects in the Mediterranean

The GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean LME Project (The MedPartnership), implemented under the umbrella of UNEP and the World Bank responds directly to the priorities set by the countries of the Mediterranean Sea basin to protect their marine and coastal environment. It consists of two complementary components: a Regional Component implemented by UNEP/MAP and the Investment Fund implemented by the World Bank. The objective of the Regional Component is to: promote and induce harmonized policy, legal and institutional reforms; fill the knowledge gap aimed at reversing marine and coastal degradation trends and living resources depletion; and prepare the ground for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol. One of the key focuses of the Regional Component is to provide assistance to eligible countries in advancing their ICZM and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) plans with emphasis on the protection of biodiversity and the prevention of pollution from land-based sources. A related initiative will address ways to integrate Climate Variability and Change into National ICZM strategies. The MedPartnership therefore gives an excellent opportunity for collaboration of UNEP/MAP with many other organisations such as GEF, WB, EU, UNIDO, UNESCO and FFEM (French Global Environment Facility), to induce the implementation of integrated approaches and boost environmental investment in the field of pollution reduction, ICZM and biodiversity conservation, as appropriate.

European Union

Within the EU, since the 1970s, coastal zones are dealt with in cooperation with regional seas conventions. They are addressed in specific legal documents, such as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008), the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2001), the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001), the Water Framework Directive (2000), the Quality of Bathing Water Directive (1976; amended 2005), the Directive on Quality Required of Shellfish Waters (1979), the European Spatial Development Perspective (1999), and the EC Treaty (1999) Art. 130a.

The EU adopted two policy documents specifically relating to ICZM:

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management: a Strategy for Europe (2000); and
- Recommendation Concerning the Implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe (2002), which encourages all member states to carry out national stock-take and to prepare national ICZM strategies.

Other marine policy instruments as the Commission's communication on the European Marine Strategy, Green Paper on the EU's Maritime Policy, COM(2007) 575 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union", COM(2008) 791 Communication from the Commission "Roadmap for Maritime Spatial Planning: Achieving Common Principles in the EU", COM(2009) 466 Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament "Towards an Integrated Maritime Policy for Better Governance in the Mediterranean", make an important contribution towards the implementation of ICZM policy within the EU. These documents, as well as the above mentioned legal instruments, are to be considered in the broader framework of the EU Maritime Policy launched in June 2006.

ICZM has a key role to play to deliver in the coastal zone, providing the bridging the interface between land and sea. More precisely, it is expected that ICZM “*would contribute to ensure coherence between policies, plans and programmes, and the effective nesting and implementation of plans and programmes at different scales of intervention. Working at different scales and across administrative and sectoral boundaries remains a formidable challenge, but is central to achieving integration. The overall result should be greater clarity, certainty and predictability of policy and decision-making. This will facilitate the sustainable development of maritime economies and enhance the livelihoods of coastal communities.*” (An evaluation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in Europe; Communication from the Commission, COM (2007) 308)

ICZM is a high priority in a number of EU programmes including the Seventh Framework (FP7) to support research activities carried in trans-national cooperation. The major PEGASO project funded under FP7 is designed to support integrated policies for the coast and maritime realms of the Mediterranean and Black Sea. The European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI) has the promotion of joint planning methodologies across the Mediterranean with regard to integrated coastal zone management as one of its core priorities. Other programmes such as INTERREG IV support cross-border and transnational activity including for example the SHAPE project – a holistic approach including ICZM for 6 Adriatic countries.

Horizon 2020

In 2005, the European Commission launched the Horizon 2020 initiative in support of the EuroMediterranean partnership (Barcelona process). It aims to tackle the top sources of Mediterranean pollution by the year 2020 focusing on: industrial pollution, wastewater and waste. The EU has developed three programmes in support of this initiative. The European Investment bank Mediterranean facility (FEMIP) contributes to the financial implementation of the initiative.

The MED Programme: Maritime Security

The MED programme is an EU transnational cooperation programme (territorial cooperation objective) involving Mediterranean regions of the following countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Slovenia and Spain. The MED programme launched targeted calls for strategic projects in 2010. MED objective “Maritime risks prevention and maritime safety” is particularly important for the ICZM as it encourages countries to cooperate in order to mitigate potential risks for coastal and marine environments.

The Union for the Mediterranean, Barcelona process

The “Union for the Mediterranean” (UfM) has been launched to strengthen the political dimension of the partnership between the European countries and other Mediterranean countries. It has selected six priority projects, three of which are particularly relevant in the context of the Mediterranean ICZM initiatives: (a) the de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea; (b) the establishment of maritime and land highways; and (c) the development of renewable energy including in the marine environment.

Convention on Biological Diversity

The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Mediterranean Protocol) was adopted in the frame of the Barcelona Convention in 1995 and entered into force in 1999. The SPA/BD Mediterranean Protocol is the Mediterranean’s main tool for implementing the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as regards the sustainable management of coastal and marine biodiversity. The updated Strategic Plan for the implementation of the CBD specifically refers to ICZM as a key means of implementation (Strategic goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem service). At tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya, Japan in 2010, a decision on marine and coastal biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/X/29) was adopted.

V. Main Issues Related to the Implementation of the ICZM Protocol

ICZM remains the key tool for delivering the wide range of sectoral and institutional policies in the coastal zone, and the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean represents a major achievement in global terms in delivering a common agenda for a regional sea.

However, among the key issues constraining the full and effective implementation of the Protocol in the Mediterranean area:

- **ICZM is still localised and relatively short-term and project based. Major 'up scaling' is still required to meet fully the natural and anthropogenic challenges facing the Mediterranean.**
- **ICZM needs a strategic context to avoid piecemeal and potentially wasteful activity and to make a substantive impact.**
- **The practice of ICZM is still largely seen as an environmental activity, and is yet to fully engage those institutions and actors responsible for the social and economic pillars of sustainability.**
- **The planning and management of the marine and terrestrial areas of the coast remain rigidly divided between policies, administrations and institutions. More specifically, spatial planning for both the terrestrial and marine zones, a major tool for ICZM, needs strengthening and better implementation.**
- **Future risks and uncertainties, notably climate change and natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and tsunamis, need to be fully integrated into the ICZM process.**
- **ICZM's role as the key tool for the implementation of the ecosystem approach in the coastal area is not yet recognised.**

Uniquely, the ICZM Protocol provides a vehicle to address these issues in a concerted approach across the whole Mediterranean region. This Action Plan seeks to translate these provisions into a programme for ICZM that matches the high ambitions of the Protocol.

A comprehensive stock-take by PAP/RAC of all Contracting Parties to assess the status of the implementation of the ICZM Protocol is currently underway and its results will be available in the first half of 2012. Early results confirm that states employ a wide variety of legislative tools, instruments and programmes to implement the Protocol. Progress and capacity amongst the states varies with a similar degree of complexity.

However, it is clear that there are only a few isolated examples of specific legislation or established institutional frameworks in place for either the implementation of ICZM or the Protocol itself.

Specific issues relating to the comprehensive adoption and implementation of the ICZM Protocol need to be addressed at all levels - regional, national and local, namely:

- **The requirement for consistency of institutional structures and legal frameworks for ICZM governance, specially marine and terrestrial spatial planning.**
- **The need of clear strategic priorities to guide ICZM.**
- **The importance of human and technical capacity and institutional coordination for ICZM.**
- **The importance of awareness of the Protocol and ICZM both within the region and internationally.**

- **The need for a strong centre of ICZM excellence to support the implementation and monitoring of ICZM in the Mediterranean.**
- **The need for access to and exchange of high quality information, knowledge and research.**

VI. Implementation Responsibilities

The full and effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol will require a concerted effort by all MAP components under the overall leadership of the Coordinating Unit and the technical direction of the PAP/RAC. It will also require the active involvement of all Contracting Parties to promote synergies and coherence, and to avoid overlap with other initiatives of the partners in the region.

Article 32 of the Protocol refers to institutional coordination. Accordingly:

- Contracting Parties are responsible for the implementation of the Protocol, and reporting.
- MAP Coordinating Unit is responsible for the coordination and the monitoring of the implementation of the Protocol as per articles 13, 17 and 20 of the Barcelona Convention.
- The Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) provides technical and expert support.

VII. Objectives and Actions

The core purposes and objectives of this Action Plan are to implement the Protocol based on country-based planning and regional coordination.

- 1. Support the effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol at regional, national and local levels including through a Common Regional Framework for ICZM;**
- 2. Strengthen the capacities of Contracting Parties to implement the Protocol and use in an effective manner ICZM policies, instruments, tools and processes; and**
- 3. Promote the ICZM Protocol and its implementation within the region, and promote it globally by developing synergies with relevant Conventions and Agreements.**

Individual tasks included in the Action Plan are structured according to the three objectives above. These reflect the nature and scope of the Action Plan, which is not meant to be prescriptive but to respond to the needs of different administrative situations across the region. Rather, it should motivate the Contracting Parties to implement the Protocol while leaving them enough flexibility to do that at their own pace.

Each action relates to:

Outputs relating to the Contracting Parties

- Actions by all Contracting Parties to implement the ICZM Protocol.

Outputs relating to the MAP Components

- Supporting actions offered by the MAP Coordinating Unit, on behalf of the Organisation, and the Centre as defined by Article 32 of the ICZM Protocol, as well as other relevant MAP components.

Objective 1: Support the effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol at regional, national and local levels including through a Common Regional Framework for ICZM

1.1 Ratification and Transposition

The responsibility for ratification and transposition rests with the individual Contracting Parties. Contracting Parties are encouraged to ratify the Protocol as soon as possible.

Transposition will take longer and demonstrate a range of forms subject to national conditions and preference (e.g. executive law, specific law on coastal areas, spatial planning aiming at implementing the Protocol, specially articles 10, 11 and 12, national or regional master plan for coastal zone, etc.), or to amend existing legislation to comply with it (e.g. ICZM framework law). EU Member and Accession countries will also need to integrate relevant EU policies.

Based on the relevant provisions of the Barcelona Convention, support will be provided upon request to assist countries to adopt legally binding mechanisms and to build technical and human capacities.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 1.1.1 Ratification by all Contracting Parties of the Protocol.
- 1.1.2 Transposition by all Contracting Parties into legislation or guidance, and adoption of legally binding mechanisms.

Outputs: MAP Components

- 1.1.3 Support for countries to adopt legally binding measures and transpose the Protocol into national legislation through, for example, comparative and gap analyses, or the dissemination of good practice.

1.2 Strengthening and Supporting Governance

Cross-sectoral institutional governance structures at regional, national and local levels will be essential to provide effective delivery mechanisms for ICZM. Such structures will vary according to local circumstances, but should extend the remit and 'ownership' of the ICZM process beyond its traditional identification as an environmental activity to encompass other key drivers such as economic activities, in particular agriculture and fisheries, tourism, energy, transport and infrastructure, pursuant to Article 9 of the Protocol. These will also help change the behavior of the actors at all levels by enhancing relationships among them with regard to coastal zones. At this, particular effort will be made to reach the business sector and use the potential it offers.

The development of an "ICZM Governance Platform" is currently underway, led by the PAP Centre as part of the EU-funded FP7 project PEGASO. The partnership also includes Plan Bleu as well as a wide range of international and national institutions. It is envisaged that the PAP/RAC will continue to host and maintain this Platform after the project is completed to provide permanent support to ICZM in the Mediterranean.

The ICZM Governance Platform will provide an on-line and interactive resource to support the implementation of ICZM. The Platform will enable: the sharing of data and information, case studies, tools and applications; to support coastal planning and management; to guide future policy implementation under the Barcelona Convention and contribute to the transformation in governance structures. As such, it could provide the foundation for an "ICZM Observatory" as a component of the coastal monitoring and observation mechanisms and networks proposed in the Protocol (Article 16).

Article 17 of the Protocol, "Mediterranean Strategy for Integrated Coastal Zone Management" calls for the Parties to define, with the assistance of the Centre, a common regional framework for integrated coastal zone management in the Mediterranean to be implemented by means of appropriate regional action plans and other operational instruments, as well as through their national strategies.

Based on progress and learning achieved in the understanding of local and national governance structures and the issues which could benefit from a regional governance approach, a first outline of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM will be prepared by compiling the articles of the MSSD related to the coastal zone. This approach will not only facilitate the work on the Common Regional Framework but will clearly show that the ratification of the Protocol and the implementation of this Action Plan are a logical continuation of the steps undertaken to implement the MSSD.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 1.2.1 Cross-sectoral and institutional governance mechanisms, such as inter-ministerial committees, coastal commissions and fora, established for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol at and between national and local levels.
- 1.2.2 Common Regional Framework for ICZM developed (under revised MSSD).
- 1.2.3 Transboundary strategies for ICZM allowing for coordination of national coastal strategies, plans and programmes related to contiguous coastal zones, in accordance with the Common Regional Framework developed under revised MSSD).

Outputs: MAP Components

- 1.2.4 Assistance to the Contracting Parties as required in the development of governance structures, including for example the carrying out of gap analyses of legal and institutional arrangements, and the improvement of human and technical capacities.
- 1.2.5 Development and continuous improvement of the ICZM Governance Platform to support CPs in the implementation of ICZM through the provision of information and expert tools, including its continued maintenance and refinement throughout the whole Action Plan period.
- 1.2.6 Based on progress and learning from national and local strategies, assessment of gaps and needs to be included in Common Regional Framework for ICZM.
- 1.2.7 Coordination of the preparation of the Common Regional Framework (under the revised MSSD).

1.3 Adopting National Strategies and Coastal Implementation Plans and Programmes

Article 18 of the ICZM Protocol requires each Party to further strengthen or formulate "a national strategy for integrated coastal zone management along with coastal implementation plans and programmes consistent with the common regional framework...". A number of national strategies are already complete, underway or proposed; these should mutually reinforce the development of the common regional framework.

Work is already underway to prepare guidelines for the preparation of the national ICZM strategies and the coastal plans and programmes required by the Protocol. Guidelines are in preparation for coastal plans, and the successful model of the Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) can be further mobilized to deliver the ICZM Protocol at the local level.

The national strategies for ICZM envisaged will provide the key link between the Mediterranean-wide issues as described by the Protocol, global, regional and national priorities and policies, and the coastal plans and programmes. The national strategies for ICZM should also provide a proactive framework to incorporate current policy drivers and integrate planning on other key sectors in the coastal zone.

To this end, elaborated and improved ICZM guidance for the preparation of ICZM strategies and plans should be made available in order to:

- Incorporate current policy drivers, particularly National Strategies for Sustainable Development as adopted following the Johannesburg Summit(2002), National Action Plans for the implementation of the LBS Protocol, National Strategies for Biodiversity adopted in the context of the CBD, National Adaptation Plans and Programs adopted in the context of UNFCCC as well as relevant European Directives applicable to European countries;
- Demonstrate how ICZM will implement the MAP ecosystem approach (ECAP) in coastal areas;
- Provide integrated planning frameworks relating with key sectors in the coastal zone including: water, biodiversity, agriculture, fishery, energy, tourism sporting and recreational activities, utilization of specific natural resources, cultural values, landscape, transport and infrastructure and other economic activities that may affect the coastal zone, as well as the integration of the specificities of climate change in the coastal zone;
- Ensure a coherent “spatial planning” and integrated connection between land and sea areas; and
- Assist countries in the implementation of specific Articles of the Protocol, notably the definition of set-back zone for development, the use of tools and instruments such as carrying capacity assessment and Environmental Assessments (EIA and SEA).

Outputs: Contracting Parties

1.3.1 National strategies for ICZM by all countries.

Outputs: MAP Components

1.3.2 Support development of national strategies for ICZM based on regionally relevant examples.

1.3.3 Periodically assess progress and lessons learned through the region as well as provide analyses of comparative practices and experiences.

1.4 Reporting on Protocol Implementation and Monitoring the State of the Mediterranean Coast

Reporting on the implementation of the Protocol itself will require a review of the reporting process for the Barcelona Convention to take account of the specificities of the Protocol. *“The Parties shall define appropriate indicators in order to evaluate the effectiveness of integrated coastal zone management strategies, plans and programmes, as well as the progress of implementation of the Protocol”* (Article 18).

A comprehensive stocktaking of the status of implementation of the Protocol is currently in progress and will report in late 2011. The stocktaking will reveal the existing gaps and future needs with regard to ICZM, and will serve as the starting point for the assessment of the progress made resulting from the Protocol implementation. It will also help in preparing national ICZM strategies and allow for better understanding of potential benefits and contents of the Common Regional Framework.

Article 16 of the Protocol, “Monitoring and Observation Mechanisms and Networks” requires Parties: to use and strengthen existing appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and observation, or create new ones if necessary on both resources and activities as well as legislation, institutions and planning; to participate in a Mediterranean coastal zone network in order to promote exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices; and to collect appropriate data in national inventories. Public access to the information so derived from these activities should be ensured.

Assessing the State of the Mediterranean Coasts and measuring the effectiveness of Protocol implementation will require the development of indicators to monitor change, important areas and hot spots. In the context of the application of the Ecosystems Approach, a Government Designated

Expert Group (GDE) has adopted in Durres (Albania) a set of 11 ecological objectives, operational objectives and a framework of indicators which will guide the work of the Contracting Parties in the application of the Ecosystems Approach. These objectives and indicators are relevant for the implementation of the Protocol and represent a primer in UNEP/MAP in terms of launching a process of periodic monitoring of the status of coastal areas. Under this Action Plan, priority will be given to gather information and establish monitoring systems for indicators agreed under the successive iterations of the Ecosystems Approach with a view to establish trends, thresholds and targets.

Actions to assess the state of the Mediterranean coastal zone will be coherent and synergistic with the application of the Ecosystems Approach by UNEP/MAP. For example, coastal areas will be part of the periodic integrated assessments on the status of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Ecosystems whose periodicity and approach will be defined in UNEP/MAP Assessment Policy. Formulation of the corresponding chapters on Coastal Zones in the State of the Environment Report and in the Environment and Development Report as well as sectoral assessments (i.e. Tourism, Urban Development, Water and Climate Change), as need be, could also be developed.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 1.4.1 Regular reports on the progress of implementation according to a reporting format provided by the MAP Secretariat in the context of MAP reporting system.
- 1.4.2 Regular reports to, periodic monitoring at agreed frequency and reference format on the state and evolution of coastal zones at national level.

Outputs: MAP Components

- 1.4.3 Reporting format for use by the Contracting Parties and coordination of the reports.
- 1.4.4 Report on the stocktaking currently underway of the state of implementation of the Protocol to identify gaps and progress at regional and Contracting Party level.
- 1.4.5 Report on Protocol implementation and Compliance as part of the biannual Report on Treaty Implementation prepared by the Secretariat.
- 1.4.6 Gathering data and monitoring ICZM indicators for the Mediterranean starting with those related to coastal management in the context of the application of the Ecosystems Approach.
- 1.4.7 Periodic assessment of the State of the Mediterranean Coasts as part of the periodic UNEP/MAP Assessment on the State of the Environment and reflected in the State of the Environment Report as well as the Environment & Development Report.

Objective 2: Strengthen the capacities of Contracting Parties to implement the Protocol and use in an effective manner ICZM policies, instruments, tools and processes

This objective aims at strengthening the capacities of the Mediterranean countries to apply the Protocol and building a common culture of the ICZM process through the Mediterranean Region.

2.1 Methodologies and Processes

The profusion of thematic programmes in coastal areas presents in itself a challenge to the efficient delivery of the Protocol, notably but not exclusively: water, biodiversity, climate change, economic activities, agriculture and fisheries, energy, transport and infrastructure.

Climate change in particular is further emphasised by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Marrakesh in 2009; adaptation to climate change in the Mediterranean coastal and marine environments was identified as a priority issue requiring attention. Accordingly, climate change adaptation in the coastal zone has been incorporated into the "Marrakesh Declaration" on Adaptation

to Climate Change. There is added value therefore in providing a central regional assessment in the specific context of coastal zones, identifying agreed scenarios, information and responses.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

2.1.1 Thematic methodologies and technical capacities reviewed in order to assure that ICZM is effectively and practically integrated at national and local levels.

Outputs: MAP Components

2.1.2 Technical assistance to ensure that ICZM is delivered effectively and practically at the national level consistently across the region.

2.1.3 ICZM Guidelines prepared tested at national and local level. The Guidelines will:

- i. Describe the ICZM process, illustrating and guiding the effective use of tools and instruments.
- ii. Provide an integrated methodological framework for the integration of key sectoral issues, notably but not exclusively: water, biodiversity, climate change, economic activities, agriculture and fisheries, energy, transport and infrastructure.
- iii. Provide an integrated methodological framework for integrated spatial planning of the marine and terrestrial areas, and for economic and fiscal instruments.
- iv. Assist in the definition of set-back zone for development, the use of tools and instruments such as carrying capacity assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

2.2 Protocol Implementation Projects

Article 27 requires Parties to carry out activities of common interest, such as demonstration projects of integrated coastal zone management. A key to the successful implementation of the Protocol will be the practical results both on the ground and in key thematic areas such as tourism, urban development, water management, etc. It will also be essential to disseminate good practice on a continuous basis, with special emphasis on governance and coordination mechanisms to practically implement the Protocol at the local level and to the use methodologies and tools as required.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

2.2.1 Implementation or support for practical projects at the local and transboundary level.

2.2.2 Protocol implementation projects to strengthen governance at all levels.

2.2.3 Pilot initiatives targeting and involving key actors in coastal zone, particularly those from the business sector.

Outputs: MAP Components

2.2.4 Support for ICZM Protocol implementation projects at local and transboundary level - prototype interventions to assist countries to implement the Protocol - subject to their clear link to the preparation of over-arching national strategies and policies. Projects to be based on the recognised model developed in the Mediterranean, Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMPs). These include:

1. CAMPs already underway or approved by the Contracting Parties in Spain, Montenegro, France and Italy, and consolidated lessons learned shared with parties.

2. A further programme - CAMP IIIs - to build in-country capacity and to implement the Protocol at country level, particularly at regional/local level, along with thematic demonstration programmes to be agreed and delivered in partnership with donor or sectoral funding.

2.3 Professional Development, Training and Education

The implementation of the Protocol and ICZM in the Mediterranean requires a well-informed constituency of state of the art expertise at regional and national level. It will be particularly important however to target other sectors across government to extend awareness and ownership of ICZM.

Article 25 of the Protocol invites the Parties “to cooperate in the training of scientific, technical and administrative personnel in the field of ICZM” while Article 15 recognises the importance of awareness-raising activities on integrated coastal zone management, educational programmes, training, and public education at national, regional or local level.

PAP Centre already delivers on annual basis a virtual MedOpen training course. MedOpen is recognised a high quality source of continuing professional development, attracting decision makers (at the local, national, regional and international level), policy advisors, project managers, staff and experts from international institutions, academic researchers, students, and all others interested in coastal management in the Mediterranean. Nevertheless, this important element of ICZM should be strengthened by delivering training courses, workshops, field work and other capacity building activities.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 2.3.1 Organisation of national education programmes on ICZM.

Outputs: MAP Components

- 2.3.2 Programme of high-level seminars, round tables and workshops at regional, sub-regional and national levels to promote the implementation of the ICZM Protocol.
- 2.3.3 Further development and annual delivery of the MedOpen training course.

Objective 3: Promote the ICZM Protocol and its implementation within the region, and promote it globally by developing synergies with relevant Conventions and Agreements.

Given the unique and innovative nature of the Protocol, its ambition at regional scale, and the relative complexity and importance on a global scale of the Mediterranean coast, the Protocol will require the central coordination and technical support for ICZM of the highest quality.

The Protocol is already recognized internationally as a unique and innovative achievement and the first and only document of legal nature to deal with sustainable development of coastal zones. Therefore, it represents an excellent promotional tool for the Mediterranean region in the international arena, which should be used at forthcoming global events such as Rio+20, Expo 2012 in South Korea (with the theme “The Living Ocean and Coast: Diversity of Resource and Sustainable Activities”), etc. to show what has already been achieved and how the Mediterranean coastal community plans to move forward.

3.1 Public Participation and Awareness Raising

Article 14 of the Protocol “Participation” calls for Parties to ensure the appropriate involvement of the various stakeholders in the phases of the formulation and implementation of coastal and marine strategies, plans and programmes or projects, as well as the issuing of the various authorizations. It

also calls for the right of stakeholders to challenge “...*decisions, acts or omissions, subject to the participation provisions established by the Parties with respect to plans, programmes or projects concerning the coastal zone.*”

The effective implementation of the Protocol will require a wide societal engagement involving civil society and individual citizens in the coastal zone, as well as governmental institutions. Good communication, open and transparent access to information and decision-making processes will be key to this engagement.

Continued awareness-raising of ICZM issues at the public level will therefore be required. The annual Mediterranean Coast Day celebration (September 25th) has been a success as a focus for this activity, generating wide spread participation amongst the general public, events and publicity in coastal regions across the Mediterranean. It is proposed to continue this event and awareness-raising actions to compliment the implementation of the Protocol at the political and technical levels.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 3.1.1 Processes reviewed to ensure the participation of civil society and individual citizens in ICZM.
- 3.1.2 Support for the annual Mediterranean Coast Day through the promotion of appropriate activities and publicity.
- 3.1.3 Support for region-wide ICZM awareness raising activities.

Outputs: MAP Components

- 3.1.4 Develop an ICZM Awareness Raising and Communication Programme.
- 3.1.5 Implement and support the annual celebration of the Mediterranean Coast Day.

3.2 Excellence on ICZM issues for the Mediterranean

The ambition of the Protocol poses a significant challenge to the capacity of MAP and the relevant Regional Centres, in particular PAP/RAC. The potential of the Protocol puts the Mediterranean at the forefront globally in coastal management in Regional Seas. This will require the highest calibre and state of the art technical support. PAP/RAC is already a centre of excellence in ICZM and Plan Bleu in development and the environment. This capacity should be maintained and enhanced primarily through training and staff development on Protocol related issues.

Article 15 requires the Parties to provide for interdisciplinary scientific research on integrated coastal zone management and on the interaction between activities and their impacts on coastal zones. To this end, the Protocol proposes that the Parties establish or support specialized research centres to further knowledge of integrated coastal zone management, to contribute to public information and to facilitate public and private decision-making.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

- 3.2.1 Development or support for research programmes for ICZM in accordance with Article 15 of the Protocol.

Outputs: MAP Components

- 3.2.2 Support for and participation in research programmes for ICZM that support the implementation of the Protocol.

3.3 Promoting the Protocol

The full implementation of the ICZM Protocol will require continued promotion both at national and local levels within the region. In addition, the Protocol is the first international legal instrument addressing ICZM of its type and is attracting significant interest from other regional seas. Dissemination activities include published papers, materials for regional and local administrations, ICZM practitioners and other key audiences, case studies with national examples of success.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

3.3.1 Support for the promotion of the Protocol and its implementation.

Outputs: MAP Components

3.3.2 Promotion of the ICZM Protocol and good practice in its implementation across the Mediterranean.

3.3.3 Promotion of the ICZM Protocol and its implementation internationally through publications, published papers, networks and conferences.

3.4 Networks

Article 16 of the Protocol calls for Parties to participate, at the appropriate administrative and scientific level, in a Mediterranean coastal zone network in order to promote exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices.

The Mediterranean has a number of thematic networks such as coastal cities and regions cooperating on environmental protection, or sub-regional agreements such as the Joint Commission for the Protection of the Adriatic Sea (Croatia, Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia) and RAMOGE (France, Monaco, Italy). Such networks provide opportunities to both promote and deliver aspects of the ICZM Protocol, in particular transnationally within the region.

Moreover, reaching out and interacting with strong regional and local association networks, such as CPRGM/FOGAR, ARLEM and others dealing with local and regional governance issues will be of essence to engage regional and local institutions responsible with the economic and social pillars of sustainability. Internationally, the Mediterranean is providing a model for other Regional Seas and there is potential for mutual support between the programmes and their conventions and networks.

Outputs: Contracting Parties

3.4.1 Collaboration with appropriate networks to assist in the implementation of the Protocol.

3.4.2 Participation in a Mediterranean coastal zone network to promote the establishment and exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices (e.g. BATs and BEPs).

3.4.3 Establishment of a network of coastal agencies or other relevant national institutions.

Outputs: MAP Components

3.4.4 Identification and development of synergies and partnerships with appropriate networks to assist in the implementation of the Protocol.

3.4.5 Proposal for the establishment of a Mediterranean coastal network to promote the exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices (BATs and BEPs).

VIII. Mid-term Evaluation

This Action Plan will be subject to mid-term review and an evaluation to coincide with the end of the existing 5-year MAP programme in 2014.

The evaluation and monitoring will be done on the basis of the accomplishment of the outputs listed in this Action Plan using, as appropriate, the indicators established for the reporting format on the progress of implementation of the Protocol required in Article 18.

IX. Financial Resources

The full delivery of the Action Plan will require a substantial funding partnership over that of the UNEP/MAP itself.

The existing funding base is relatively narrow and will not be sufficient to fully deliver the ambitions of the ICZM Protocol and this Action Plan. Effort will therefore be required at the regional and national levels to attract external funding, both from established sources such as GEF, World Bank and EU, and from others where a common agenda can be identified, notably in the field of economic development. Particular attention should be given to this Action Plan in the MAP resource mobilisation strategy that will seek for funding sources required, identification of potential donor organisations, partners and country contributions. In particular, the strategy should identify those complimentary aspects of the work programme that can be "bundled" into packages more attractive to funders.

A costed programme for each objective showing links to the Biennium and 5-year MAP programme of work and funds mobilized or expected to be mobilized in line with the MAP resource mobilisation strategy is attached.

Annex II
Links with MAP Programme of Work

Objective 1: Support the effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol at regional, national and local levels including through a Common Regional Framework for ICZM									
Contracting Parties	MAP Components								
		TOTAL 2012-19 €,000 (estimated only for PAP/RAC) *	MTF & external sources €,000 (already mobilised 2012-13)	Links to next Biennium Outputs and Indicative activities of 5-year PoW		Balance €,000 (only for PAP/RAC)	Notes:	Contribution to ECAP & MSSD	
				2012-2013 PoW	MAP 5-year PoW			Moderate ✓	Strong ✓✓
1.1 Ratification and Transposition									
1.1.1 [†] Ratification by all Contracting Parties of the Protocol.	1.1.3 [‡] Support for countries to adopt legally binding measures and transpose the Protocol into national legislation through for example comparative and gap analyses, or the dissemination of good practice.	200 PAP/RAC	20			180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from external sources (GEF MedPartnership). ▪ Potential for bilateral/voluntary CPs funding. 	✓	✓✓✓
1.1.2 Transposition by all Contracting Parties into legislation or guidance, and adoption of legally binding mechanisms.									
1.2 Strengthening and Supporting Governance									
1.2.1 Cross-sectoral and institutional governance mechanisms, such as inter-ministerial committees, coastal commissions and fora, established for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol at and between national and local levels.	1.2.4 Assistance to the Contracting Parties as required in the development of governance structures, including for example the carrying out of gap analyses of legal and institutional arrangements, and the improvement of human and technical capacities.	200 PAP/RAC	0			200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to be secured from MTF and mobilised from external sources. ▪ Potential for bilateral/voluntary CPs funding. 	✓ ✓✓	✓✓✓

* Figures are included only for PAP/RAC due to the impossibility to estimate for other MAP components amounts that will be strictly related to the implementation of the ICZM Protocol after 2013.

[†] Code reference refers to the outputs relating to the Contracting Parties in the Action Plan.

[‡] Code reference refers to the MAP Secretariat outputs as presented in the Action Plan.

	1.2.5 Develop and continuously improve the ICZM Governance Platform to support the implementation of ICZM through the provision of information and expert tools, including its continued maintenance and refinement throughout the whole Action Plan period.	700 PAP/RAC	250	1.3.3.2 [§] Developing an interactive ICZM Governance Platform	1.3.3 ^{**} Knowledge sharing and exchange	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF and external sources (EU FP7 PEGASO project). ▪ MTF funding required for ongoing maintenance and support (€75,000 pa). 	✓✓✓	✓✓
		BP/RAC	135	1.3.3.2 Developing an interactive ICZM Governance Platform (PEGASO partner)	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange				
1.2.2 Common Regional Framework for ICZM developed (under revised MSSD).	1.2.6 Based on progress and learning from national and local strategies, assessment of gaps and needs to be included in Common Regional Framework for ICZM. 1.2.7 Coordination of the preparation of the Common Regional Framework (under revised MSDD)	139 PAP/RAC	5	1.2.1.10 Outlining a Common Regional Framework for ICZM	1.2.1 Regional policies, guidelines and plans necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention, protocols and strategies adopted, updated and implemented	134	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured. ▪ Potential for voluntary CPs funding. 	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
1.2.3 Transboundary strategies for ICZM allowing for coordination of national coastal strategies, plans and programmes related to contiguous coastal zones, in accordance with the Common Regional Framework developed under revised MSSD).									

§. Code reference refers to the Expected Results in the consolidated 5-year PoW.

** Code reference refers to the Main Activities included in the consolidated 5-year PoW.

1.3 Adopting National Strategies and Coastal Implementation Plans and Programmes									
1.3.1 National strategies for ICZM countries by all countries.	1.3.2 Support development of national strategies for ICZM based on regionally relevant examples.	1,495 PAP/RAC	270 (350) ^{††}	2.1.1.1 National ICZM Plans and Strategies in Albania, Algeria, Montenegro and <i>Syria</i> ; Interactive Methodological Framework for ICZM; Outline for ICZM Strategies adapted to Adriatic countries	2.1.1 Implementing ICZM Action Plan; Assist countries in preparing ICZM Strategies and Plans	1,225 (875)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF and external sources (GEF MedPartnership for 3 pilot countries and SHAPE project for the Outline for Adriatic countries). ▪ Future bilateral/ voluntary CPs funding and other grant sources for support to up to 8 additional countries. 	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
		MEDPOL	6	1.2.2.3 Assist countries to implement the adopted Regional Plans in the framework of art.15 of LBS Protocol; updating, as needed, Regional Plans and developing NIPs in the framework of the Stockholm Convention	1.2.2 Assistance to countries to implement regional policies and guidelines				
		C. Unit	10	1.2.2.1 Assist countries to prepare NSSD in line with MSSD	1.2.2 Assistance to countries to implement regional policies and guidelines				
	1.3.3 Periodically assess progress and lessons learned through the region as well as provide analyses of comparative practices and experiences.	200 PAP/RAC	0	2.1.3.2 Assessment report on CAMP and CAMP manual updated: regional workshop organised	2.1.3 Implementing ICZM Protocol through specific local and policy initiatives	200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to be secured from MTF and mobilised from external sources. 	✓✓	✓✓

^{††} In brackets are indicated resources expected from the LITUSnostrum project proposal submitted for ENPI CBCMED funding.

1.4 Reporting on Protocol Implementation and Monitoring the State of the Mediterranean Coast									
	1.4.3 A reporting format for use by the Contracting Parties and coordination of the reports.	C. Unit together with all MAP components	25	1.2.1.3 Preparing MAP integrated monitoring programme based on EsA 1.2.1.5 Preparing MAP policy on the assessment of marine and coastal environment in line with EsA 1.2.4.1 Assessment report on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols	1.2.1 Regional policies, guidelines and plans necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention, Protocols and strategies adopted, updated and implemented 1.2.4 Compliance mechanisms and procedures fully operational			✓	✓
	1.4.4 Report on the stocktaking currently underway on the state of implementation of the Protocol to identify gaps and progress at regional and Contracting Party level.	20 PAP/RAC	20	1.3.3.3 Stocktaking synthesis report	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange	0	▪ Funding secured from external support (EU FP7 PEGASO project) in current biennium.	✓	✓
		BP/RAC	5	1.3.3.3 Stocktaking synthesis report (dissemination of the stocktaking results in an interactive manner, in collaboration with PAP/RAC)	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange				
1.4.1 Regular reports on the progress of implementation according to a reporting format provided by MAP Secretariat in the context of MAP reporting system.	1.4.5 Report on Protocol implementation and Compliance as part of the biennium Report on Treaty Implementation.	C. Unit	30	1.2.4.1 Assessment report on the implementation of the Convention and its protocols	1.2.4 Compliance mechanisms and procedures fully operational			✓	✓
	1.4.6 Gathering data and monitoring ICZM Indicators for the Mediterranean starting with those related to coastal management in the context of the application of the Ecosystems Approach.	BP/RAC	20	2.1.2.3 ICZM indicators in line with the Ecosystems approach developed and tested	2.1.2 Updating and preparing ICZM methodologies			✓✓✓	✓
		INFO/RAC	0	1.3.1.4 INFO/MAP spatial data infrastructure, definition of use cases for SDI based on EsA	1.3.1 Further development of INFO/MAP including the integration of information systems of MAP components				

		C. Unit	20	1.2.1.4 Determining GES and targets in the frame of EsA for 10 ecological objectives	1.2.1 Regional policies, guidelines and plans necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention, Protocols and strategies adopted, updated and implemented				
1.4.2 Regular reports to, periodic monitoring at agreed frequency and reference format on the state and evolution of coastal zones at national level.	1.4.7 Periodic assessment of the State of the Mediterranean Coasts as part of the periodic UNEP/MAP Assessment on the State of the Environment and reflected in the State of the Environment Report as well as the Environment & Development Report.	BP/RAC	0	1.3.3.1 State of Environment Report in 2013	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The current budget for 2012-2013 does not allocate specific resources to BP for this task. Nevertheless, SIMEDD is cited because it will contribute to SOED. 	✓✓	✓✓

Objective 2:
Strengthen the capacities of Contracting Parties to implement the Protocol and use in an effective manner ICZM policies, instruments, tools and processes

Contracting Parties	MAP Components								
	TOTAL 2012-19 €,000 (estimated only for PAP/RAC)	MTF & external sources €,000 (already mobilised 2012-13)	Links to next Biennium Outputs and Indicative activities of 5-year PoW		Balance €,000 (only for PAP/RAC)	Notes:	Contribution to ECAP & MSSD		
			2012-2013 PoW	MAP 5-year PoW			Moderate ✓	Strong ✓✓	Very strong ✓✓✓
2.1 Methodologies and Processes									
2.1.1 Thematic methodologies and technical capacities reviewed in order to assure that ICZM is delivered effectively and practically at national and local levels.	2.1.2 Technical assistance to ensure that ICZM is delivered effectively and practically at the national level consistently across the region.	1,010 PAP/RAC	632	1.1.5.4 Marine spatial planning understood and implemented as appropriate in line with ICZM; Approaches developed and synergies ensured with other relevant organisations 6.1.1.6 Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts and adaptation options in two critically vulnerable sites, and evaluation of response options 6.1.2.1 Methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability and change developed; Awareness raising for Policy makers on implementation of climate variability and ICZM Protocol 6.1.2.2 Integration of climate change issues and disaster prevention into ICZM Plans and Strategies	1.1.5 Integrate and streamline approaches in implementing horizontal and emerging issues 6.1.1 Analysis of climate change impact	378	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for development in 1st Biennium secured plus external support (EU FP7 PEGASO project, GEF). ▪ MTF funding required for ongoing maintenance and support. 	✓✓✓	✓✓✓

		CP/RAC	40	5.1.3.1 Methodology, guidelines and toolkit for integration of SCP in the Mediterranean and related Capacity building activities (Switch MED)	5.1.3 Capacity building (CB) activities and pilot projects on SCP				
		C. Unit	0	6.1.2.3 Existing interministerial coordination mechanisms committed to mainstream climate variability and change issues into ICZM planning processes	6.1.2 Development of methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability and change				
	2.1.3 ICZM Guidelines prepared and tested at national and local level.	700 PAP/RAC	20 (302)	2.1.2.1 ICZM Guidelines updated; Outline for ICZM Strategies and Plans; Carrying capacity; MSP	2.1.2 Updating and preparing ICZM methodologies	680 (378)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF and mobilised from external sources. ▪ Potential for bilateral/voluntary CPs funding and grant support. 	✓✓	✓✓
		REMPEC	3	2.1.2.6 The ranking of the ports to be equipped in priority with port reception facilities	2.1.2 Updating and preparing ICZM methodologies				
2.2 Protocol Implementation Projects									
2.2.1 Implementation or support for practical projects at the local and transboundary level.	2.2.4 Support for ICZM Protocol implementation projects at local and transboundary level - prototype interventions to assist countries to implement the Protocol - subject to their clear link to the preparation of over-arching national strategies and policies. Projects to be based on the	4,050 PAP/RAC	250 (1,400)	2.1.3.1 Projects prepared and implemented (CAMPs France, Italy, Spain, Montenegro); pilot project on setback and MSP, carrying capacity, etc. <i>(Carrying capacity methodology testing on pilot sites in Spain, France and Egypt)</i>	2.1.3 Implementing ICZM protocol through specific local and policy initiatives	3,800 (2,400)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF plus bilateral funding and SHAPE project. ▪ MTF funding required plus bilateral/voluntary CPs funding and grant sources. 	✓✓✓	✓✓

the business sector.	recognised model developed in the Mediterranean, Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMPs). These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAMPs already underway or approved by the Contracting Parties in Spain, Montenegro, France and Italy. ▪ A further programme - CAMP IIIs - to build in-country capacity and to implement the Protocol at country level - along with thematic demonstration programmes to be agreed and delivered in partnership with donor or sectoral funding. 	BP/RAC SPA/RAC CP/RAC MEDPOL REMPEC INFO/RAC C. Unit	49	2.1.3.1 Support CAMP projects as appropriate	2.1.3 Implementing ICZM protocol through specific local and policy initiatives				
2.3 Professional Development, Training and Education									
2.3.1 Organisation of national education programmes on ICZM.	2.3.2 Programme of high-level seminars, round tables and workshops at regional, sub-regional and national levels to promote the implementation of the ICZM Protocol.	200 PAP/RAC	0			200	▪ MTF funding required for ongoing maintenance and support (8 events at 25,000).	✓✓	✓✓
		CP/RAC	10	5.1.5.1 Assist countries to develop and implement National Action Plans on SPP; National Action Plan implementation on the short-medium and long run	5.1.5 Capacity building to implement National Action Plans on Sustainable Public Procurement at local, regional or national level in Mediterranean countries				
	2.3.3 Further development and annual delivery of the MedOpen training course.	80 PAP/RAC	18	1.3.3.4 Capacity building on ICZM Protocol, including a Virtual MedOpen training course	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange	62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF and SHAPE project. ▪ MTF funding required for ongoing maintenance and support. 	✓✓	✓✓

Objective 3:
Promote the ICZM Protocol and its implementation within the region, and promote it globally by developing synergies with relevant Conventions and Agreements

Contracting Parties	MAP Components								
		TOTAL 2012-19 €,000 (estimated only for PAP/RAC)	MTF & external sources €,000 (already mobilised 2012-13)	Links to next Biennium Outputs and Indicative activities of 5-year PoW		Balance €,000 (only for PAP/RAC)	Notes:	Contribution to ECAP & MSSD	
				2012-2013 PoW	MAP 5-year PoW			Moderate ✓	Strong ✓✓
3.1 Public Participation and Awareness Raising									
3.1.1 Process reviewed to ensure the participation of civil society and individual citizens in ICZM.									
3.1.2 Support for the annual Mediterranean Coast Day through the promotion of appropriate activities and publicity. 3.1.3 Support for region-wide ICZM awareness raising activities.	3.1.4 Develop an ICZM Awareness Raising and Communication Program 3.1.5 Implement and support the annual celebration of the Mediterranean Coast Day	400 PAP/RAC	81 (104)	1.3.4.6 Organization of Mediterranean Environmental events; dissemination of key success stories; presence at key events including a side event at Rio+20, including communication materials related to MedPartnership project , awareness raising regarding marine and coastal biodiversity, climate change, and promoting Coast Day and ICZM Protocol	1.3.4 One voice campaign for UNEP MAP	319 (215)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for 1st Biennium secured from MTF and external sources (SHAPE project). ▪ Potential for bilateral and grant support. 	✓✓	✓✓
		CP/RAC	10	5.1.4.1 Civil society increased awareness; Green shots award well attended; Increased contents of Consumpediamed; Visits and comments in Consumpediamed	5.1.4 Empowering civil society, consumer associations and NGO on SCP and POPs prevention				

		C. Unit	30	1.3.4.5 Media, NGO and Business strategy developed as part of implementation of the Communication Strategy;; Media training for MAP spokespeople 1.3.4.6 Organization of Mediterranean Environmental events; dissemination of key success stories; presence at key events including a side event at Rio+20, including communication materials related to MedPartnership project , awareness raising regarding marine and coastal biodiversity, climate change, and promoting Coast Day and ICZM Protocol	1.3.4 One voice campaign for UNEP MAP				
3.2 Excellence on ICZM issues for the Mediterranean									
3.2.1 Development or support for research programmes for ICZM in accordance with article 15 of the Protocol.	3.2.2 Support for and participation in research programmes for ICZM that support the implementation of the Protocol.	50 PAP/RAC	0			50	▪ Potential for bilateral/voluntary CPs funding and grant sources.	✓✓✓	✓✓
3.3 Promoting the Protocol									
3.3.1 Support for the promotion of the Protocol and its implementation.	3.3.2 Promotion of the ICZM Protocol and good practice in its implementation across the Mediterranean.	50 PAP/RAC	0			50	▪ MTF funding required. ▪ Potential for bilateral and grant support.	✓✓	✓✓
	3.3.3 Promotion of the ICZM Protocol and its	INFO/RAC	0	1.3.3.10 Collection and dissemination of R&D project results related to marine and coastal environments	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange				

	implementation internationally through publications, published papers, networks and conferences.	C. Unit	20	1.3.4.6 Organization of Mediterranean Environmental events; dissemination of key success stories; presence at key events including a side event at Rio+20, including communication materials related to MedPartnership project , awareness raising regarding marine and coastal biodiversity, climate change, and promoting Coast Day and ICZM Protocol	1.3.4 One voice campaign for UNEP MAP				
3.4 Networks									
3.4.1 Collaboration with appropriate networks to assist in the implementation of the Protocol. 3.4.2 Participation in a Mediterranean coastal zone network to promote the establishment and exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices (e.g. BATs and BEPs). 3.4.3 Establishment of a network of coastal agencies or other relevant institutions.	3.4.4 Identification and development of synergies and partnerships with appropriate networks to assist in the implementation of the Protocol. 3.4.5 Proposal for the establishment of a Mediterranean coastal network to promote the exchange of scientific experience, data and good practices (BATs and BEPs).	70 PAP/RAC C. Unit with other MAP components	0 40	1.3.3.9 Best practices from pollution reduction/biodiversity protection and ICZM successfully replicated	1.3.3 Knowledge sharing and exchange	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to be secured from MTF and mobilised from external sources. ▪ Potential for bilateral/voluntary CPs funding. 	✓✓	✓✓

Decision IG.20/3

Reporting on measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Articles 26 and 27 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean as amended in Barcelona in 1995, herein after referred to as the Barcelona Convention, also the relevant articles of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention providing for reporting obligations on their implementation,

Appreciating in that respect the progress achieved with regard to the enter into force of MAP legal instruments and in particular the ICZM and Off-shore protocols and noting the urgent need for one additional adoption of amendments for the enter into force of the amendments to the Dumping Protocol bringing all MAP legal instruments and amendments into force,

Noting with concern that seven Contracting Parties have not submitted biannual reports on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and that some of the reports were not received on time,

Noting the increased number of Contracting Parties for which the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols are in force and urging the remaining Contracting Parties to ratify as soon as possible,

Recalling Decision IG 17/18 of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties that requested the Coordinating Unit and PAP/RAC to develop a reporting format for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol on measures taken by the Contracting Parties to implement the Convention and its Protocols as well as the decisions of the meetings of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Decision 17/ 4 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties that requested the Secretariat, based on information emerging from the reporting mechanism, to prepare a report to every Meeting of Contracting Parties describing the overall situation regarding legislative and institutional progress in the region,

Welcoming the participation of UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention in the United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreement (InforMEA) which provides a search facility across MEA COP decisions, news, events, national focal points, and – soon to come –national reports and implementation plans,

Decides to

Invite all Contracting Parties to update annually the data provided through the questionnaire prepared by PAP/RAC on ICZM in order to obtain a reference basis. This reference basis will facilitate the finalization of the reporting format, in close cooperation among the Coordinating Unit, PAP/RAC and the Parties. The draft reporting format thus prepared will be submitted to the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Urge INFO/RAC to revise and make urgently available an amended and more user-friendly on line reporting format aligned with InforMEA.

Request the Contracting Parties to submit to the Coordinating Unit reports, using the approved reporting formats, on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2010-2011 by December 2012 at the latest,

Request the Coordinating Unit:

- to provide, subject to availability of funds, advice to Contracting Parties with the view to enabling them to submit complete reports in a timely manner on measures for the implementation of all MAP legal instruments,
- to present in the period 2012-2013, in consultation with the Contracting Parties, a realistic and feasible proposal on the reporting frequency by the Contracting Parties of their implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.
- to undertake an analysis of information provided in the national reports in order to draw up a report describing the overall situation regarding legislative and institutional progress in the region towards implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and suggest as appropriate further measures and present the report to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Decision IG.20/4

Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives, Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling the objective of the Barcelona Convention to prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent eliminate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal areas; to protect and preserve biological diversity, rare or fragile ecosystems, as well as species of wild fauna and flora which are rare, depleted, threatened or endangered and their habitats and to protect and enhance the marine environment so as to contribute towards its sustainable development;

Recalling the vision and the goals for the implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities adopted in decision IG. 17/6 of its 15th meeting held in Almeria, Spain (2008) providing for “A healthy Mediterranean with marine and coastal ecosystems that are productive and biologically diverse for the benefit of present and future generations” and the seven step road-map for implementing the ecosystem approach by Mediterranean Action Plan also adopted during that meeting;

Recalling also the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) regarding the ecosystem approach and the Aichi targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 adopted at the COP 10 of the CBD (Nagoya, 2010);

Considering the initiatives undertaken within the framework of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) to develop principles for and implement the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF);

Recalling also the four objectives of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and the UNEP/MAP Five Year Strategic Programme of Work adopted in Marrakech in 2009 that highlighted the ecosystem approach as the Programme's overarching principle and several decisions of the Contracting Parties to ensure the necessary synergies and harmonization to the extent possible in terms of common understanding, tools used, reporting and timetable with the implementation of the EU Marine Strategy Directive;

Acknowledging the need for synergy to the extent possible with relevant global and regional processes, such as those under the UN regular Process for Global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment and the UNEP Regional seas programmes;

Recognizing the special importance of MAP work related to ecosystem approach for those Contracting Parties that are EU members states in view of implementing the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) that provides for building on relevant existing programmes and activities developed in the framework of structures stemming from international agreements such as Regional Sea Conventions;

Acknowledging with satisfaction the progress achieved and work carried out in the Mediterranean with respect to the implementation of the ecosystem approach roadmap by the Government-designated Experts Group (GDE) supported by the Secretariat during the biennium 2010-2011;

Thanking the Secretariat including MEDPOL, SPA/RAC and BP/RAC for the successful preparation of the integrated assessment report of the status of the Mediterranean Sea using ecosystem approach and ecosystem services analysis;

Appreciating the conclusions and recommendations of the Government-designated Experts' Meeting held in Durres, Albania in June 2011;

Recognizing the necessity for the Contracting Parties to fully support the implementation of the ecosystem approach roadmap and the need for substantive financial resources to support the process at regional and national levels;

Recognizing the need to focus the PoW on ECAP amongst other priorities.

Recognizing also, the importance of moving forward towards establishing InfoMAP following the principles of a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) for the purposes of the implementation of future phases of the ecosystems approach in the Mediterranean thus ensuring synergy and harmonization with national efforts by contracting parties with regards to the establishment of environmental information systems that support decision-making and enhance public information as well as recent global and regional developments in this field;

Considering the need to establish an effective governance of the knowledge and information generated through an appropriate data sharing policy which takes fully into account the GEOSS Data Sharing Action Plan for the implementation of the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles which was adopted by the GEO-VII Plenary of 3-4 November 2010 and which have been ratified by nearly all Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention;

Decides:

To re-affirm the commitment of the Contracting Parties to continue to apply the ecosystem-based approach to the management of human activities while enabling a sustainable use of marine goods and services with the view to achieving or maintaining good environmental status of the Mediterranean sea and its coastal region; their protection and preservation, as well as preventing their subsequent deterioration as an integrated operational approach for the successful implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols while enhancing sustainable development in the region;

To endorse the Summary for decision-makers (attached as Annex I to this decision) that provides the main findings and priorities highlighted in the Initial Integrated Assessment Report (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.363/Inf.21) prepared by the Secretariat based on the available knowledge and information and with the precious contribution of the Contracting Parties, partners, as well as with the expertise of MEDPOL, SPA/RAC and Blue Plan and which has been peer reviewed by GESAMP;

To adopt based on Article 18 of the Barcelona Convention the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives associated with Operational Objectives and Indicators presented in Annex II to the present decision;

To adopt the timeline and projected outputs of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap implementation presented in Annex III to this decision for the next two years and on an indicative basis until 2017, as well as to update it on biannual basis to take into account progress achieved as need be;

To adopt the establishment of a review cycle for the integrated assessment of ecosystem approach roadmap implementation on a 6 year basis;

To establish an ECAP Coordination Group consisting of MAP focal points, the Coordinating Unit, the MAP components and MAP partners to oversee the implementation of the ecosystem approach, identifying progress gaps in the implementation of the road map and find feasible solutions for the advancement of the ECAP agenda. This Coordination Group will inform the Bureau about the results and the MAP components on the action they need to take;

To request the Secretariat to:

1. Prepare an integrated monitoring programme based on the agreed ecosystem approach indicators with the participation of and contribution from all MAP components and with a leadership role by MED POL and in cooperation with other regional competent organisations such as the Secretariats of GFCM, ICAT and ACCOBAMS;
2. Work on the determination of Mediterranean Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets during the next biennium through a participatory process involving MAP components, contracting parties and scientific community, with the leadership role by the Coordinating Unit with the view of submitting the proposed Mediterranean GES and targets by the meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013;
3. Prepare in cooperation with Contracting Parties, MAP components and competent partner organizations and with a leadership role by Blue Plan an in-depth socio-economic analysis developed through a common methodology for the consideration of the Contracting Parties meeting at its 18th meeting;
4. Develop a MAP-Barcelona Convention policy on assessments in the framework of the implementation of the ECAP
5. Work in 2012-2013, with SPA/RAC, with the national authorities and the relevant organisations to (i) evaluate the progress made so far in the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biodiversity in the Mediterranean (SAPBIO) adopted by the 13th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Catania, 2003); (ii) to define the orientations of SAPBIO at national and regional levels for the coming years, in accordance with the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives and the Aichi targets; and, (iii) to investigate options for ensuring appropriate financial support for the implementation of SAPBIO at national and regional levels;
6. Establish and make operational, through INFO/RAC, by 2013, at the latest, an information system to support the implementation of ecosystem approach and MAP integrated monitoring system;
7. Develop with the participation of and contribution from all MAP components and with a leadership role by INFO/RAC a MAP/Barcelona Convention data sharing policy taking into account the SEIS data sharing principles and with due consideration of access rights and confidentiality for the consideration of MAP Focal Points and 18th Contracting Parties meeting;
8. Ensure the implementation of this decision through the operational activities of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its integration in the next Strategic and 2-year Programme of work;
9. Ensure that MAP/Barcelona Convention regional policies become coherent with the ecosystem approach progress and outcome and in particular to consider systematically the ECAP indicators when coordinating work of the various MAP components, or evaluating efficiency of MAP actions;

10. Consider the work carried out for the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach by all MAP components where appropriate;
11. Undertake under the guidance of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties the necessary analysis to enhance MAP/Barcelona Convention governance structure with the view to implementing the ecosystem approach for the consideration of the 18th meeting of the Contracting Parties;
12. Continue supporting the Contracting Parties in their efforts to implement the other steps of the road map according to the agreed timeline and enhance cooperation with partners and stakeholders and other global and regional process in particular with the EU common MSFD implementation strategy;
13. Mobilize resources for supporting financially the application of ecosystem approach by MAP as a means to effectively achieve the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention.

Annex I

Summary for Decision-Makers

of the Initial Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea and Coastal Areas Carried out as part of Step 3 of the road map for the application of the Ecosystem Approach

The commitment by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea to an Ecosystem Approach signals recognition of the immense value of the region's seas and coasts, and the singular importance of promoting management that allows for sustainable use.

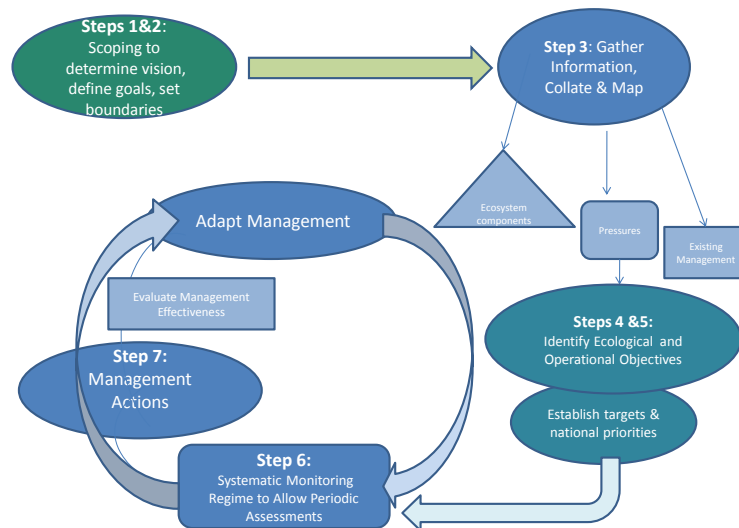
Mediterranean marine and coastal systems are at risk, and as a result, so too are the communities and countries that border the Basin. However, the Mediterranean Action Plan / Barcelona Convention and its 7 associated protocols offer an excellent foundation for coordinated and effective management of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal areas. Contracting Parties have committed to the progressive application of the Ecosystem Approach (EA) to the management of human activities, and have moved forward to lay the groundwork for policy formulation that addresses priority threats and improves understanding of management needs.

The seven step EA process to which they have agreed is rational and strategic, and comprises: 1) establishing the vision for an ecosystem approach throughout the Mediterranean; 2) elaborating three strategic goals to achieve this vision; 3) undertaking an initial assessment to determine priority issues, information availability as well as gaps that need to be filled; 4) deciding on ecological objectives; 5) determining operational objectives and associated indicators and identifying targets or thresholds for those indicators; 6) developing a monitoring strategy; and 7) elaborating specific management plans and actions that will ensure that ecological objectives and strategic goals are met, moving the Mediterranean countries effectively towards their vision for marine and coastal management.

This Ecosystem Approach goes beyond examining single issues, species, or ecosystem functions in isolation. Instead it recognizes ecological systems for what they are: a rich mix of elements that interact with each other in important ways. This is particularly important for coasts and oceans. A commercially valuable fish species may depend on a range of widely separated habitats over its life, depending on whether it is young or adult, feeding, spawning or migrating – this being one example of how human well-being and economies are inextricably linked to intact natural habitats. The connection between human welfare and the health of the environment can be described as “ecosystem services” whereby marine and coastal systems provide a wide range of valuable resources and functions to human communities. To ensure the health and economic vitality of communities in the region, therefore, ocean functions must be sustained and protected. This means managing them in a way that acknowledges the complexity of marine ecosystems, the connections among them, and their links with land and freshwater as well.

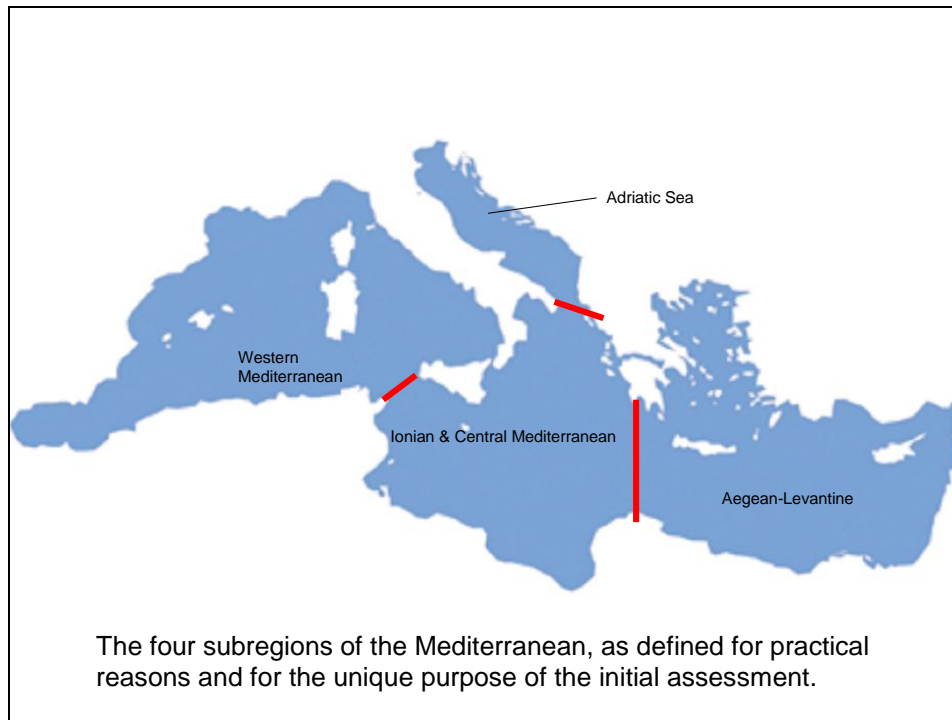
However, before countries collectively adopt an Ecosystem Approach, it is necessary to take stock of environmental conditions and trends. Assessing the information available on coastal and marine ecosystems and their services in the Mediterranean Basin is thus a crucial step (see EA planning diagram below). The Initial Integrated Assessment (IIA) completed during 2010-2011 represents step 3 in the EA process: collating information on the overall nature of ecosystems in the Mediterranean, including physical and ecological characteristics, drivers and pressures that affect the state of the marine environment, conditions or state of the coastal and marine ecosystems, and expected response of ecosystems if trends continue,

where feasible. The goals of the IIA are to define the major basin-wide priority issues to be addressed by the EA and to determine where information that is being gathered within MAP/Barcelona Convention system, combined with published studies, could eventually suffice to elucidate management priorities. The converse of this goal is also important: determining where gaps exist, in order to improve scientific research and monitoring being undertaken by Mediterranean countries so as to provide an adequate foundation for effective and efficient ecosystem-based management going forward.



For the purposes of the IIA, the Contracting Parties provided information, in snapshot as well as longer-term time series, on the physical, chemical, and biological features of the Mediterranean Sea. This information was combined with information from international bodies on uses, pressures, and impacts, to first develop four sub-regional and thematically-oriented assessments, and subsequently an over-arching assessment that attempts to synthesize information from the four subregions. The focus of information gathering and analysis was on status and trends in pressures already identified as important, and reflected in the foci of the Convention's protocols, with the aim of harnessing this information to further an ecosystem approach to coastal and marine management throughout the Mediterranean.

The four subregions of the Mediterranean (see below), as defined by the Contracting Parties for practical reasons and the unique purpose of the initial assessment, present a conglomerate of linked coastal and marine ecosystems, with many shared resources, species and common approaches to both environmental monitoring and management. Each of the major pressures or classes of threat identified by national monitoring, the research undertaken by scientific institutions, and the analysis of multilateral agencies and programs such as MAP, occur across all four subregions – but the priority issues are different in each. This is partly based on the underlying physical and biological characteristics of each subregion, and the degree to which various impacts are being felt by the marine ecosystems within them. The characteristics of each subregion are described briefly below.



The Western Mediterranean subregion has a high level of industrialization and coastal development-related habitat loss and alteration in this region – especially on the north coasts. Tourism drives much of the coastal development and pressure on resources, and tourism is behind much of the degradation of coasts and nearshore waters. In addition to the physical alteration of the environment and the degradation caused by pollution and loss of key habitats, growth in tourism and urbanization drive increasing pressure on resources, including freshwater (limiting availability in wetlands and estuaries and increasing the need for desalination, with its attendant pollution impacts) and fisheries. In the southern portion of this subregion, population growth along the coast has led to degradation from sewage inputs and run-off. Maritime industries, including shipping, energy development, and aquaculture also degrade the environment and impact biodiversity, causing localized pollution as well as broader impacts on the delivery of ecosystem services due to trade-offs.

The Central Mediterranean and Ionian subregion experiences some of the same pressures and drivers, though the major impacts are somewhat different from the western Mediterranean, in part because of the differing physical characteristics of this subregion. There is no direct exchange with waters of the Atlantic, and in contrast to the wide open basin of the western subregion, the central subregion has complex bottom topography and numerous straits through which water masses and species pass. Coastlines are generally not as highly developed as in the Western Mediterranean, though urbanization is a factor in some localized areas. Fishing is a major pressure on species and ecosystems, both due to over-exploitation and incidental catch or by-catch, and due to the use of destructive fishing methods, including dynamite fishing, bottom trawling, and destructive removal of deep corals. Shipping pressures are concentrated in the straits between the African continent and the southern Sicilian coast, and nutrient over-enrichment from sewage and run-off puts the southeastern portion of this subregion at risk of hypoxia.

The Adriatic Sea is a semi-enclosed sea within a semi-enclosed sea; given its limited water exchange, agricultural inputs and urbanization along its western flank, and its relative shallowness, eutrophication is a major issue. Although point source pollution by toxic contaminants has been largely controlled and toxic pollution is confined to a few localized industrial areas, run off and inadequately treated sewage continues to upset the nutrient

balances of the narrow sea, leading to algal blooms, mucilages, and spreading hypoxia. Climate changes may be exacerbating the impacts of these pressures, as well as compounding the effects of invasive species in the subregion. Fisheries over-exploitation is also identified as a pressure, especially in the northern reaches of the central Adriatic. Yet despite the pressures, the Adriatic Sea is remarkably diverse and productive, with a variety of ecosystems providing valuable ecosystem services. Tourism is important to the region, as are fisheries. The Adriatic is also noteworthy in that several of the countries within this subregion have been exploring ways to coordinate research and management, setting the stage for a facilitated movement towards an ecosystem approach.

The Eastern Mediterranean subregion is perhaps the least known of the four subregions delineated for the initial assessment. This subregion is also very diverse in large-scale biodiversity: extensive archipelagos exist in the north, while a wide shelf with alluvial sediments is found around the Nile Delta to the south. The coastline and bottom topography is highly varied, as are the human uses of coasts and seas. While all the pressures that exist throughout the Mediterranean are found within this subregion as well, invasive species and climate change are the top issues of concern. Spreading hypoxia and lowered water quality result from untreated sewage inputs, desalination effluents, and urban run-off. The trends in water quality, invasive species spread, and tropicalization from climate change have not yet devalued this subregion. The northern portion remains one of the primary coastal tourist destinations in the world, and coastal communities throughout the region continue to depend on marine resources.

To the extent this information synthesis provides a common approach to assessment, it has begun to highlight how different threats or pressures have differing levels of importance in each region. Thus pressure-state-impact-response varies, and this initial assessment can only begin to tease out why these responses may be different in different areas. Nonetheless, while the subdivision of the Mediterranean into four regions facilitated the initial assessment, there is great value in synthesizing the information across regions at a Mediterranean-wide level in order to guide the ecosystem approach.

The region is now on track to lead to strategic activities across the Mediterranean at three different levels: 1) at the basin level, where having standardized Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives, and Indicators will put everyone on the same page and allow future assessments to tell states what they need to know; 2) at the national level, with countries being guided through a standardized process for determining priorities and developing in-country management actions; and 3) at the site level, where management tools such as protected areas, regional fisheries measures, cooperation to study or protect areas within Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), and bilateral (transboundary) agreements to reduce pollution loading, could take place.

An overview of all four subregions, taken together with a review of literature on Mediterranean ecology overall, suggests that commonalities may be more pervasive than are differences between subregions. Common to all regions is the recognition that certain coastal and marine habitats deliver extremely valuable ecosystem services that benefit all Mediterranean inhabitants. These multiple services are provided by a wide range of natural habitats, and include not only fisheries resources and tourism values (things for which economic values can be ascertained relatively easily), but also waste assimilation, medium for transport, ability to buffer land from storms, and maintaining ecological balances that make life on Earth possible.

In an attempt to prepare a preliminary analysis of the known economic value of some of these services, the UNEP/MAP Blue Plan Regional Activity Center produced an initial Mediterranean marine ecosystem services valuation report. The study concludes that across the Mediterranean region, ecosystem service benefits may exceed 26 billion euros annually. The bulk of these estimated economic benefits (more than two thirds) come from tourism and

the value of nature supporting such tourism. Other valuable services supported by the studied habitats include provisioning of seafood, waste assimilation, coastal stabilization and erosion prevention, and carbon sequestration, which contribute to the total value with amounts within the same order of magnitude. While the findings of the study are under review, the magnitude of the value estimates for the different ecosystem services studied suggest the relative importance of certain types of habitats and resources in supporting human well-being throughout the basin. As countries discuss how to move forward together toward a more ecosystem-based approach to marine management, priorities may center on those habitats that provide the bulk of these economically, ecologically, and culturally valuable services.

Despite increasing bodies of knowledge due in part to the emerging science of valuation highlighting the value of Mediterranean coastal and marine environments, degradation continues due to direct uses and indirect impacts on ecosystems. The pressures and impacts that are common to all four subregions include:

- ❖ **coastal development and sprawl**, driven by urbanization and tourism development, leading to habitat loss and degradation, and erosion/ shoreline destabilization
- ❖ **overfishing**, and incidental or by-catch, affecting community structure, ecological processes, and delivery of ecosystem services
- ❖ **destructive fishing, including bottom trawling and fishing methods resulting in benthic disturbance**
- ❖ **contamination of sediments and biota caused by pollution, primarily from urbanization and industry, but also from anti-foulants and atmospheric inputs of hazardous compounds**
- ❖ **nutrient over-enrichment, leading sometimes to eutrophication and hypoxia, more regularly leading to ecological imbalances (reduced water quality and growth of algae)**
- ❖ **disturbance and pollution caused by maritime industries, including shipping, energy, aquaculture, and desalination (operational as well as disaster-related)**
- ❖ **invasive species spread, in many cases mediated by climate changes**
- ❖ **degradation of transitional or estuarine areas, which serve as critical nursery areas for commercial fisheries and also support unique assemblages of species**

Additionally, the initial assessment provides some information on ecologically important, biologically diverse, or vulnerable areas, and the potential biodiversity loss (inferred but not yet quantified) that emerges as a priority issue across the whole of the Basin. However, there may be other drivers of change to ecosystems and attendant delivery of ecosystem services that have not been highlighted as basin-wide in the assessment, due to lack of information available across the whole of the Basin. This includes anthropogenic impacts from changing hydrodynamics and sediment delivery (through dams, freshwater diversion, etc.) from watersheds, as well as coastal constructions, which both contribute to changes to shoreline stability and potentially exacerbate sea level-induced erosion.

Since the 2006 UNEP/MAP - EEA report on Priority issues in the Mediterranean environment, some changes in condition are apparent. Improvements in water quality are

discernable in many places, thanks to strategic efforts to reduce pollutant loading. Quantities of hazardous substances such as DDT and heavy metals are declining in most areas. New issues, however, are emerging which warrant attention. Desalination and its effects, particularly with respect to brine release, should be better investigated. The increasing uses of coastal and ocean space for aquaculture, including the grow out operations for bluefin tuna, bring with them the threat of increased pollution, eutrophication, invasive species and pathogen releases, and increased conflicts over reduced access and availability of space for other uses. And impacts on ecology and economy caused by invasive species continue to grow in the region, warranting more serious attempts to prevent new invasions and to control, where possible, impacts caused by these species.

It should be emphasized that the IIA is not a compilation of all scientific information on the Mediterranean Sea and its uses. Care was taken to balance the assessment across the significant variability that exists in availability of information, and across sometimes incompatible datasets. Furthermore, because knowledge was derived from information already being collected for other purposes (for instance to meet obligations under the Convention's protocols), and not from the sort of comprehensive and systematic monitoring program for integrated management that will eventually be adopted under EA, the initial assessment is important not just for summarizing the state of the art, but also for highlighting gaps in data and information. As such, the assessment guides the crucial regionally coordinated approach to monitoring that will emerge from the Ecosystem Approach process in the future.

One key information gap concerns the ability to uniformly assess pressures and states, in order to formulate responses. With the exception of localized pollutants and nutrient and organic matter enrichment, data for some countries is limited, whereas for others it is more extensive. Some countries have begun to assess climate change impacts and have research oriented towards emerging issues such as noise pollution and cumulative impacts assessments, whereas other countries with more limited human and financial resources are focusing at the national level on their obligations under the various Barcelona Convention protocols. It is expected that the rationalized monitoring program that will flow from the ecological and operational objectives will overcome these barriers to understanding pressure-state-impact-response across a wide span of inter-related impacts from human activity. A further gap that the assessment points to is the strong bias towards understanding the ecology and human impacts on shallow water environments, particularly rocky bottoms and intertidal areas, as well as seagrass meadows. While some descriptions of biodiversity and the ecosystem services that flow from other habitats is available, systematic information on pressures and state have not been compiled – with the exception of special transitional and marine areas (such as within protected areas, in Natura 2000 sites in EU countries, etc.). A rationalized system of monitoring using key indicators will overcome these discrepancies in focus.

In line with the Ecosystem Approach, every attempt was made to focus on ecosystem services in coastal and marine areas that are of value to the Mediterranean countries. However, because the study of ecosystem services is still in its infancy everywhere in the world, the assessment has utility in pointing to gaps in information about how communities and nations depend on and value these ecosystems – gaps which if filled could steer Mediterranean countries towards an effective, efficient, coordinated response to the growing pressures being exerted on Mediterranean coasts and marine ecosystems. The conclusions arising from the assessment also have implications for how to raise awareness about the value of Mediterranean ecosystems and their services, with the eventual outcome of improved management.

The Initial Integrated Assessment process has thus helped to highlight commonalities, and possible priorities that should serve as foci for subsequent steps in the Ecosystem Approach.

It has also been extremely useful in highlighting information gaps serving as the foundation to support the next steps in the EA process. These steps include the determination of ecological objectives that reflect common issues for marine management at the regional scale, the determination of operational objectives, indicators, and targets, which will help steer future monitoring and guide decision-making; and the development of management plans at sub-regional, national, or local levels, based on the robust information that will flow from an integrated monitoring regime in the future.

Annex II

Proposed Ecological Objectives

1 Biodiversity

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Biological diversity is maintained or enhanced. The quality and occurrence of coastal¹ and marine habitats² and the distribution and abundance of coastal³ and marine species⁴ are in line with prevailing physiographic, hydrographic, geographic and climatic conditions.	1.1 Species distribution is maintained	1.1.1 Distributional range
		1.1.2 Area covered by the species (for sessile/benthic species)
	1.2 Population size of selected species is maintained	1.2.1 Population abundance
		1.2.2 Population density
	1.3 Population condition of selected species is maintained	1.3.1 Population demographic characteristics (e.g. body size or age class structure, sex ratio, fecundity rates, survival/mortality rates)
	1.4 Key coastal and marine habitats are not being lost	1.4.1 Potential / observed distributional range of certain coastal and marine habitats listed under SPA protocol
		1.4.2 Distributional pattern of certain coastal and marine habitats listed under SPA protocol
		1.4.3 Condition of the habitat-defining species and communities

¹ By coastal it is understood both the emerged and submerged areas of the coastal zone as considered in the SPA/BD Protocol as well as in the definition of coastal zone in accordance with Article 2e and the geographical coverage of Article 3 of the ICZM Protocol

² Regarding benthic habitats currently, sufficient information exists to make a prioritization amongst those mentioned in the UNEP/MAP - RAC/SPA list of 27 benthic habitats and the priority habitats in areas beyond national jurisdiction following CBD decisions VIII/24 and VIII/21 paragraph 1 . These could include from shallow to deep: biocoenosis of infralittoral algae (facies with vermetids or trottoir), hard beds associated with photophilic algae, meadows of the sea grass *Posidonia oceanica*, hard beds associated with Coralligenous biocenosis and semi dark caves, biocoenosis of shelf-edge detritic bottoms (facies with *Leptometra phalangium*), biocoenosis of deep-sea corals, cold seeps and biocoenosis of bathyal muds (facies with *Isidella elongata*). Amongst pelagic habitats upwelling areas, fronts and gyres need special attention and focus.

³ By coastal it is understood both the emerged and submerged areas of the coastal zone as considered in the SPA/BD Protocol as well as in the definition of coastal zone in accordance with Article 2e and the geographical coverage of Article 3 of the ICZM Protocol

⁴ On the basis of Annex II and III of the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol of the Barcelona Convention

2 Non-indigenous species

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Non-indigenous⁵ species⁶ introduced by human activities are at levels that do not adversely alter the ecosystem	2.1 Invasive non-indigenous species introductions are minimized	2.1.1. Spatial distribution, origin and population status (established vs. vagrant) of non-indigenous species
		2.1.2 Trends in the abundance of introduced species, notably in risk areas
	2.2. The impact of non-indigenous particularly invasive species on ecosystems is limited	2.2.1 Ecosystem impacts of particularly invasive species
		2.2.2 Ratio between non-indigenous invasive species and native species in some well studied taxonomic groups

⁵ The term non-indigenous refers to an organism that may survive and subsequently reproduce, outside of its known or consensual range. Non-indigenous may be further characterized as un-established or vagrant, established, invasive and noxious or particularly invasive. Occhipinti-Ambrogi and Galil (2004). Marine Pollution Bulletin 49 (2004) 688–694. doi:10.1016/j.marpolbul.2004.08.011

⁶ The list of priority (indicator) species introduced by human activities will be derived by consensus, based on information from the CIESM Atlas of Exotic Species in the Mediterranean and the DAISIE project (European Invasive Alien Species Gateway) a database tracking alien terrestrial and marine species in Europe

3 Harvest of commercially exploited fish and shellfish

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
<p>Populations of selected commercially exploited fish and shellfish⁷ are within biologically safe limits, exhibiting a population age and size distribution that is indicative of a healthy stock</p>	<p>3.1 Level of exploitation by commercial fisheries is within biologically safe limits</p>	3.1.1 Total catch by operational unit ⁸
		3.1.2 Total effort by operational_unit
		3.1.3 Catch per unit effort (CPUE) by operational unit
		3.1.4 Ratio between catch and biomass index (hereinafter catch/biomass ratio).
		3.1.5 Fishing mortality
	<p>3.2 The reproductive capacity of stocks is maintained</p>	3.2.1 Age structure determination (where feasible)
		3.2.2 Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB)

⁷ The choice of indicator species for collecting information for Ecological Objective 3 should be derived from fisheries targeting species listed in Annex III of Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (species whose exploitation is regulated) and the species in the GFCM Priority Species list (<http://www.gfcm.org/gfcm/topic/166221/en>). Choice of indicators should cover all trophic levels, and if possible, functional groups, using the species listed in Annex III of SPA and/or, as appropriate the stocks covered under regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy

⁸ Operational unit is "the group of fishing vessels which are engaged in the same type of fishing operation within the same Geographical Sub-Area, targeting the same species or group of species and belonging to the same economic segment"

4 Marine food webs

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
<p>Alterations to components of marine food webs caused by resource extraction or human-induced environmental changes do not have long-term adverse effects on food web dynamics and related viability</p>	<p>4.1 Ecosystem dynamics across all trophic levels are maintained at levels capable of ensuring long - term abundance of the species and the retention of their full reproductive capacity</p>	<p>4.1.1 Production per unit biomass estimates for selected trophic groups and key species, for use in models predicting energy flows in food webs</p>
	<p>4.2 Normal proportion and abundances of selected species at all trophic levels of the food web are maintained</p>	<p>4.2.1 Proportion of top predators by weight in the food webs</p>
		<p>4.2.2 Trends in proportion or abundance of habitat-defining groups</p>
		<p>4.2.3 Trends in proportion or abundance of taxa with fast turnover rates</p>

5 Eutrophication

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Human-induced eutrophication is prevented, especially adverse effects thereof, such as losses in biodiversity, ecosystem degradation, harmful algal blooms and oxygen deficiency in bottom waters.	5.1 Human introduction of nutrients in the marine environment is not conducive to eutrophication	5.1.1 Concentration of key nutrients in the water column
		5.1.2 Nutrient ratios (silica, nitrogen and phosphorus), where appropriate
	5.2 Direct effects of nutrient over-enrichment are prevented	5.2.1 Chlorophyll-a concentration in the water column
		5.2.2 Water transparency where relevant
		5.2.3 Number and location of major events of nuisance/toxic algal blooms caused by human activities ⁹
	5.3 Indirect effects of nutrient over- enrichment are prevented	5.3.1 Dissolved oxygen near the bottom, i.e. changes due to increased organic matter decomposition, and size of the area concerned* ¹⁰

6 Sea-floor integrity

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Sea-floor integrity is maintained, especially in priority benthic habitats¹¹	6.1 Extent of physical alteration to the substrate is minimized	6.1.1 Distribution of bottom impacting activities ¹²
		6.1.2 Area of the substrate affected by physical alteration due to the different activities ¹²
	6.2 Impact of benthic disturbance in priority benthic habitats is minimized	6.2.1 Impact of bottom impacting activities ¹² in priority benthic habitats
		6.2.2 Change in distribution and abundance of indicator species in priority habitats ¹³

⁹The connection between eutrophication and toxic algal blooms is subject of devoted research at the moment. The connection between the two is not clearly established as not all the ecosystems react in the same way. In fact recent surveys in UK/Ireland in the framework of OSPAR have allowed concluding on the lack of relation between the them and therefore the number and location of major events of nuisance/toxic algal blooms should always be regarded cautiously as an indicator of a direct effect of nutrient over-enrichment.

¹⁰Monitoring to be carried out where appropriate

¹¹ e.g. coastal lagoons and marshes, intertidal areas, seagrass meadows, coralligenous communities, sea mounts, submarine canyons and slopes, deep-water coral and hydrothermal vents

¹² e.g bottom fishing, dredging activities ,sediment disposal, seabed mining, drilling, marine installations, dumping and anchoring, land reclamation, sand and gravel extraction

¹³Indicator species to be used to assess the ecosystem effects of physical damage to the benthos could refer to disturbance-sensitive and/or disturbance-tolerant species, as appropriate to the circumstances, in line with methodologies developed to assess the magnitude and duration of ecological effects of benthic disturbance.

7 Hydrography

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
<p>Alteration of hydrographic conditions does not adversely affect coastal and marine ecosystems.</p>	<p>7.1 Impacts to the marine and coastal ecosystem induced by climate variability and/or climate change are minimized</p>	<p>7.1.1 Large scale changes in circulation patterns, temperature, pH, and salinity distribution</p>
		<p>7.1.2 Long term changes in sea level</p>
	<p>7.2 Alterations due to permanent constructions on the coast and watersheds, marine installations and seafloor anchored structures are minimized</p>	<p>7.2.1. Impact on the circulation caused by the presence of structures</p>
		<p>7.2.2 Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by the alterations and/or the circulation changes induced by them: footprints of impacting structures</p>
		<p>7.2.3 Trends in sediment delivery, especially in major deltaic systems</p>
		<p>7.2.4 Extent of area affected by coastal erosion due to sediment supply alterations</p>
	<p>7.3 Impacts of alterations due to changes in freshwater flow from watersheds, seawater inundation and coastal freatic intrusion, brine input from desalination plants and seawater intake and outlet are minimized</p>	<p>7.3.1. Trends in fresh water/sea water volume delivered to salt marshes, lagoons, estuaries, and deltas; desalination brines in the coastal zone</p>
		<p>7.3.2. Location and extent of the habitats impacted by changes in the circulation and the salinity induced by the alterations</p>
		<p>7.3.3 Changes in key species distribution due to the effects of seawater intake and outlet</p>

8 Coastal ecosystems and landscapes

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
<p>The natural dynamics of coastal areas are maintained and coastal ecosystems and landscapes are preserved</p>	<p>8.1 The natural dynamic nature of coastlines is respected and coastal areas are in good condition</p>	8.1.1. Areal extent of coastal erosion and coastline instability
		8.1.2 Changes in sediment dynamics along the coastline
		8.1.3 Areal extent of sandy areas subject to physical disturbance ¹⁴
		8.1.4 Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of manmade structures
	<p>8.2 Integrity and diversity of coastal ecosystems, landscapes and their geomorphology are preserved</p>	8.2.1 Change of land-use ¹⁵
		8.2.2 Change of landscape types
		8.2.3 Share of non-fragmented coastal habitats

¹⁴ Physical disturbance includes beach cleaning by mechanical means, sand mining, beach sand nourishment

¹⁵ Land-use classes according to the classification by Eurostat-OCDE, 1998:
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/q2004land.pdf>

9 Pollution

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
<p>Contaminants cause no significant impact on coastal and marine ecosystems and human health</p>	<p>9.1 Concentration of priority¹⁶ contaminants is kept within acceptable limits and does not increase</p>	<p>9.1.1 Concentration of key harmful contaminants in biota, sediment or water</p>
	<p>9.2 Effects of released contaminants are minimized</p>	<p>9.2.1 Level of pollution effects of key contaminants where a cause and effect relationship has been established</p>
	<p>9.3 Acute pollution events are prevented and their impacts are minimized</p>	<p>9.3.1 Occurrence, origin (where possible), extent of significant acute pollution events (e.g. slicks from oil, oil products and hazardous substances) and their impact on biota affected by this pollution</p>
	<p>9.4 Levels of known harmful contaminants in major types of seafood do not exceed established standards</p>	<p>9.4.1 Actual levels of contaminants that have been detected and number of contaminants which have exceeded maximum regulatory levels in commonly consumed seafood¹⁷</p>
		<p>9.4.2 Frequency that regulatory levels of contaminants are exceeded</p>
	<p>9.5 Water quality in bathing waters and other recreational areas does not undermine human health</p>	<p>9.5.1 Percentage of intestinal enterococci concentration measurements within established standards</p>
		<p>9.5.2 Occurrence of Harmful Algal Blooms within bathing and recreational areas</p>

¹⁶ Priority contaminants as listed under the Barcelona Convention and LBS Protocol

¹⁷ Traceability of the origin of seafood sampled should be ensured

10 Marine litter

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Marine and coastal litter do not adversely affect coastal and marine environment¹⁸	10.1 The impacts related to properties and quantities of marine litter in the marine and coastal environment are minimized	10.1.1 Trends in the amount of litter washed ashore and/or deposited on coastlines, including analysis of its composition, spatial distribution and, where possible, source
		10.1.2 Trends in amounts of litter in the water column, including microplastics, and on the seafloor
	10.2 Impacts of litter on marine life are controlled to the maximum extent practicable	10.2.1 Trends in the amount of litter ingested by or entangling marine organisms, especially mammals, marine birds and turtles ¹⁹

11 Energy including underwater noise

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Noise from human activities cause no significant impact on marine and coastal ecosystems	11.1 Energy inputs into the marine environment, especially noise from human activities is minimized	11.1.1 Proportion of days and geographical distribution where loud, low and mid-frequency impulsive sounds exceed levels that are likely to entail significant impact on marine animals
		11.1.2 Trends in continuous low frequency sounds with the use of models as appropriate

¹⁸ A policy document on marine litter strategy, taking fully into account the activities envisaged for the implementation of the EA roadmap, is being prepared by MEDPOL and will be submitted to the MAP Focal Point for approval. The approved document will be used as the basis for the formulation of an action plan for the reduction of marine litter.

¹⁹ Marine mammals, marine birds and turtles included in the regional action plans of the SPA/BD Protocol.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing IA report for four sub regions and on Mediterranean wide commonalities Preparing a Mediterranean regional study on ecosystem services State of Environment Report (SOER 2011) based on Initial Assessment 	COP Decision
<p>Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives and Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives and Indicators for Mediterranean wide GES Testing the Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives and Indicators 	

Determination of Good Ecological Status (GES) and Targets

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of ToRs and follow-up of socioeconomic and ecosystem services analysis to support target definition Definition of the process and methodological approach for the establishment of GES and Targets (2011) Pilot Study finalized to support definition of the process and method for the establishment of GES and Targets Establishment of GES relative to each Indicator (subject to data availability) Establish coordinated Targets per Indicator (subject to data availability) 	COP Decision
<p>Development of MAP assessment policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop MAP assessment policy to address multiple needs for thematic and integrated assessment in the EA framework Update/revise a set of effectiveness indicators of the implementation of the Convention and its protocols including the EA 	
<p>Integrated Monitoring Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing the regional integrated monitoring programme (by mid 2013 if possible) Information and GIS system established 	
<p>UNEP/MAP policies under development to incorporate EA application progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate the EA objectives/indicators in the ICZM Protocol Action Plan Updating SAP BIO as appropriate. Preparing Action plan to implement the Offshore Protocol Preparing Action Plan on marine litter Review of the management plans of 1-2 SPAMIs 	

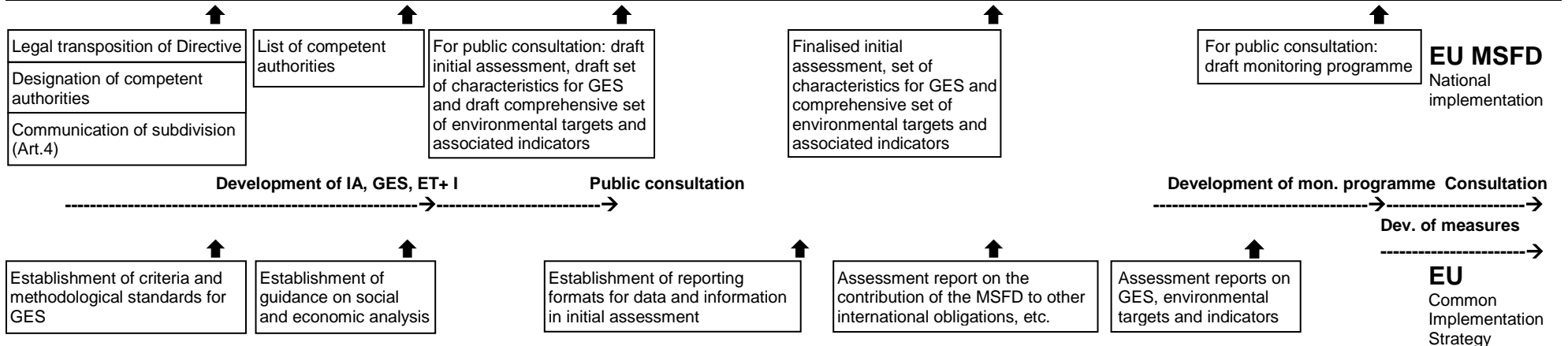
UNEP/MAP Ecosystem Approach roadmap projected outputs

UNEP/MAP Programatic work (ongoing during the whole EA cycle)

- Integrate the activities related to the Ecosystem Approach through UNEP/MAP policy and action including the 2012-13 and the five year programme of work

Public awareness raising on the Ecosystem Approach

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Integrated Monitoring Programme

- Updating national monitoring programme on
- Assessment of needs for implementing the updated national monitoring programmes

Review and development of Action Plans and Programmes of measures to take into account the EA application progress

- New regional plans on LBS protocol identified and developed as appropriate
- Regional plans on endangered species, updated or new ones developed as appropriate
- Regional strategy to combat pollution from ships updated
- Update as appropriate NAPs (LBS) and SAPs (BIO) to reflect the targets and commitments under the regional plans
- Management plans of selected SPA and SPAMIs, adjusted to reflect the EA application progress and other requirements under the Barcelona convention and its protocols as well as commitment under the regional plans
- Establishment of new protected areas, as appropriate and development and implementation of their management plans in order to address priority issues identified by the Initial Assessment as well as EA progress
- National ICZM strategies and coastal plans to take into account EA application progress

Public awareness raising on the Ecosystem Approach

COP Decision

Integrated of Monitoring Programme

- Implementing national monitoring programme in line with the integrated regional one with coordinated support from the Secretariat, where appropriate
- Reporting monitoring data and information on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols

Review and development of Action Plans and Programmes of measures to take into account the EA application progress

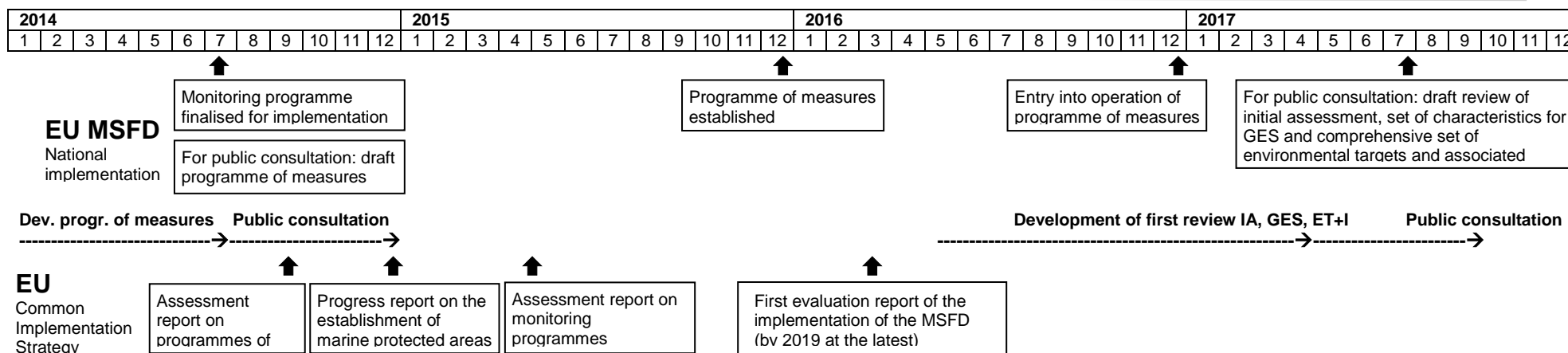
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COP Decision

Review process and implementation of its outcome

- Coordinated review of national and regional/subregional assessment
- Review progress achieved towards EO, OO, Indicators and Targets
- Evaluation of implementation of regional plans, legally binding measures
- COP decisions to suggest policy/adjustment and revision of monitoring programmes as appropriate and other regional policy instruments

Public awareness raising on the Ecosystem Approach



Integrated Monitoring Programmes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing national monitoring programme in line with the integrated regional one with coordinated support from the Secretariat, where appropriate • Reporting monitoring data and information on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols 	COP Decision
<p>Development and implementation of Action Plans and Programmes of measures to take into account the EA application progress</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New regional plans based on LBS protocol identified and developed as appropriate • Regional plans on endangered species, updated or new ones developed as appropriate • Updating as appropriate and implement their NAPs (LBS) and SAPs (BIO) to reflect the targets and commitments under the regional plans • Management plans of selected SPA and SPAMIs, adjusted to reflect the EA application progress and other requirements under the Barcelona convention and its protocols as well as commitment under the regional plans • Establishment of new protected areas, as appropriate and development and implementation of their management plans in order to address priority issues identified by the EA • National ICZM strategies and coastal plans to take into account EA application progress 	
<p>Review process and implementation of its outcome</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest the necessary policy adjustment as appropriate to the meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2019 with regard to, EO, OO, Indicators, Targets and monitoring programme • Implementation of 2017 COP decisions related to the adjustment as appropriate of the regional policies, legally binding measures and monitoring programme. • COP 2019 decision to approve the necessary updates and revisions of regional policies and targets, legally binding measures and regional plans. 	

Public awareness raising on the Ecosystem Approach

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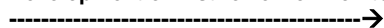


EU MSFD
National
implementation

Review established of initial assessment, set of characteristics for GES and comprehensive set of environmental targets and associated indicators

For public consultation: draft review of monitoring programme

Development of first review of monitoring programme



EU
Common
Implementation
Strategy

Decision IG.20/5

Amendments of the Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 23 of the Barcelona Convention on the Annexes and Amendments to Annexes of the Convention and to the Annexes to the Protocols,

Recalling Articles 11 and 12 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred to as the Protocol, on national measures for the protection and conservation of species and on cooperative measures for the protection of species,

Recalling Articles 14 and 16 of the Protocol, on the adoption of common criteria for the inclusion of additional species in Annexes II and III to the Protocol,

Recalling the recommendation adopted by the 14th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Portoroz, November 2005) that approved the principle of modifying the lists of species included in Annexes II and III to the Protocol on the basis of criteria to be established, and the decision to adopt these criteria, approved during the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, January 2008),

Being aware of the need to ensure that the lists of species appearing in Annexes II and III to the Protocol are updated, taking into account both the evolution of the conservation status of species and the emergence of new scientific data,

Taking into account, the request made to the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas, hereinafter referred to as "SPA/RAC", to evaluate the status of the species listed in Annexes II and III to the Protocol, using the adopted Common Criteria, with a view to submitting an evaluation report and related recommendations for the consideration of the meeting of the Focal Points for SPA in 2011, and the results presented by SPA/RAC during their last meeting (Marseilles, May 2011),

Taking into account the request of the European Union for necessary time to complete prior internal procedures, for adopting these amendments and the reservations of Tunisia about including the two species of Rhinobatos in Annex II;

Decides in application of Article 23 of the Barcelona Convention and of the article 14 of the Protocol, to amend the Annexes II and III to the Protocol. In conformity with this amendment, the Annexes II and III will be as indicated in the lists attached to this decision;

Decides to give to the European Union and Tunisia, in accordance to Article 23.2 paragraph iv of the Barcelona Convention, a period of 180 days after the adoption of this decision, to finalize their decisions regarding the approval of these amendments;

Invites the Depositary to communicate without delay to all the Contracting Parties the adopted amendments;

Requests SPA/RAC to assist the Parties to implement this decision.

Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean: List of endangered or threatened species

(The species underlined and marked with (*) are deleted from Annex III and added to Annex II)

Magnoliophyta
<i>Cymodocea nodosa</i> (Ucria) Ascherson <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> (Linnaeus) Delile <i>Zostera marina</i> Linnaeus <i>Zostera noltii</i> Hornemann
Chlorophyta
<i>Caulerpa ollivieri</i> Dostál
Heterokontophyta
<i>Cystoseira</i> genus (except <i>Cystoseira compressa</i>) <i>Fucus virsoides</i> J. Agardh <i>Laminaria rodriguezii</i> Bornet <i>Sargassum acinarium</i> (Linnaeus) Setchell <i>Sargassum flavifolium</i> Kützinger <i>Sargassum hornschurchii</i> C. Agardh <i>Sargassum trichocarpum</i> J. Agardh
Rhodophyta
<i>Gymnogongrus crenulatus</i> (Turner) J. Agardh <i>Kallymenia spathulata</i> (J. Agardh) P.G. Parkinson <i>Lithophyllum byssoides</i> (Lamarck) Foslie (Synon. <i>Lithophyllum lichenoides</i>) <i>Ptilophora mediterranea</i> (H. Huvé) R.E. Norris <i>Schimmelmannia schousboei</i> (J. Agardh) J. Agardh <i>Sphaerococcus rhizophylloides</i> J.J. Rodríguez <i>Tenarea tortuosa</i> (Esper) Lemoine <i>Titanoderma ramosissimum</i> (Heydrich) Bressan & Cabioch (Synon. <i>Goniolithon byssoides</i>) <i>Titanoderma trochanter</i> (Bory) Benhissoune et al.
Porifera
<i>Aplysina</i> sp. plur. <i>Asbestopluma hypogea</i> Vacelet & Boury-Esnault, 1995 <i>Axinella cannabina</i> (Esper, 1794) <i>Axinella polypoides</i> Schmidt, 1862 <i>Geodia cydonium</i> (Jameson, 1811) <i>Petrobiona massiliana</i> (Vacelet & Lévi, 1958) <i>Sarcotragus foetidus</i> (Schmidt, 1862) (synon. <i>Ircina foetida</i>) <i>Sarcotragus pipetta</i> (Schmidt, 1868) (synon. <i>Ircinia pipetta</i>) <i>Tethya</i> sp. plur.
Cnidaria
<i>Astroides calycularis</i> (Pallas, 1766) <i>Errina aspera</i> (Linnaeus, 1767) <i>Savalia savaglia</i> Nardo, 1844 (synon. <i>Gerardia savaglia</i>)
Bryozoa
<i>Hornera lichenoides</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)

<p>Mollusca</p> <p><i>Charonia lampas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (= <i>Ch. Rubicunda</i> = <i>Ch. Nodifera</i>) <i>Charonia tritonis variegata</i> (Lamarck, 1816) (= <i>Ch. Seguenziae</i>) <i>Dendropoma petraeum</i> (Monterosato, 1884) <i>Erosaria spurca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Gibbula nivosa</i> (Adams, 1851) <i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Luria lurida</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (= <i>Cypraea lurida</i>) <i>Mitra zonata</i> (Marryat, 1818) <i>Patella ferruginea</i> (Gmelin, 1791) <i>Patella nigra</i> (Da Costa, 1771) <i>Pholas dactylus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pinna nobilis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pinna rudis</i> (= <i>P. pernula</i>) (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Ranella olearia</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Schilderia achatidea</i> (Gray in G.B. Sowerby II, 1837) <i>Tonna galea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Zonaria pyrum</i> (Gmelin, 1791)</p>
<p>Crustacea</p> <p><i>Ocyrode cursor</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pachylasma giganteum</i> (Philippi, 1836)</p>
<p>Echinodermata</p> <p><i>Asterina pancerii</i> (Gasco, 1870) <i>Centrostephanus longispinus</i> (Philippi, 1845) <i>Ophidiaster ophidianus</i> (Lamarck, 1816)</p>
<p>Pisces</p> <p><i>Acipenser naccarii</i> (Bonaparte, 1836) <i>Acipenser sturio</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Aphanius fasciatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1821) <i>Aphanius iberus</i> (Valenciennes, 1846) <i>Carcharias taurus</i> (Rafinesque, 1810) <i>Carcharodon carcharias</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> (Gunnerus, 1765) <i>Dipturus batis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Gymnura altavela</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i> (Cuvier, 1829) (synon. <i>Hippocampus ramulosus</i>) <i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Huso huso</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> (Rafinesque, 1810) (*) <i>Lamna nasus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788) (*) <i>Lethenteron zanandreaei</i> (Vladykov, 1955) <i>Leucoraja circularis</i> (Couch, 1838) (*) <i>Leucoraja melitensis</i> (Clark, 1926) (*) <i>Mobula mobular</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788) <i>Odontaspis ferox</i> (Risso, 1810) <i>Oxynotus centrina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pomatoschistus canestrini</i> (Ninni, 1883) <i>Pomatoschistus tortonesei</i> (Miller, 1969) <i>Pristis pectinata</i> (Latham, 1794) <i>Pristis pristis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Rhinobatos cemiculus</i> (E. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1817) (*) <i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Rostroraja alba</i> (Lacépède, 1803) <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (Griffith & Smith, 1834) (*) <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> (Rüppell, 1837) (*) <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Squatina aculeata</i> (Dumeril, in Cuvier, 1817) <i>Squatina oculata</i> (Bonaparte, 1840) <i>Squatina squatina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Valencia hispanica</i> (Valenciennes, 1846) <i>Valencia letourneuxi</i> (Sauvage, 1880)</p>

<p>Reptiles</p> <p><i>Caretta caretta</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Chelonia mydas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> (Vandelli, 1761) <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> (Linnaeus, 1766) <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> (Garman, 1880) <i>Trionyx triunguis</i> (Forskål, 1775)</p>
<p>Aves</p> <p><i>Calonectris diomedea</i> (Scopoli, 1769) <i>Ceryle rudis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Charadrius leschenaultii columbinus</i> (Lesson, 1826) <i>Falco eleonora</i> (Géné, 1834) <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Larus armenicus</i> (Buturlin, 1934) <i>Larus audouinii</i> (Payraudeau, 1826) <i>Larus genei</i> (Breme, 1839) <i>Larus melanocephalus</i> (Temminck, 1820) <i>Numenius tenuirostris</i> (Viellot, 1817) <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> (Bruch, 1832) <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> (Linnaeus, 1761) <i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i> (Pallas, 1773) <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i> (Lowe, PR, 1921) <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i> (Brünnich, 1764) <i>Sterna albifrons</i> (Pallas, 1764) <i>Sterna bengalensis</i> (Lesson, 1831) <i>Sterna caspia</i> (Pallas, 1770) <i>Sterna nilotica</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> (Latham, 1878)</p>
<p>Mammalia</p> <p><i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i> (Lacépède, 1804) <i>Balaenoptera borealis</i> (Lesson, 1828) <i>Balaenoptera physalus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Delphinus delphis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Eubalaena glacialis</i> (Müller, 1776) <i>Globicephala melas</i> (Trail, 1809) <i>Grampus griseus</i> (Cuvier G., 1812) <i>Kogia simus</i> (Owen, 1866) <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> (Borowski, 1781) <i>Mesoplodon densirostris</i> (de Blainville, 1817) <i>Monachus monachus</i> (Hermann, 1779) <i>Orcinus orca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Pseudorca crassidens</i> (Owen, 1846) <i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i> (Meyen, 1833) <i>Steno bredanensis</i> (Cuvier in Lesson, 1828) <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Montagu, 1821) <i>Ziphius cavirostris</i> (Cuvier G., 1832)</p>

Annex III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean: List of species whose exploitation is regulated

(The species marked with (*) are deleted from Annex III and added to Annex II)

Porifera
<p><i>Hippospongia communis</i> (Lamarck, 1813) <i>Spongia</i> (<i>Spongia</i>) <i>lamella</i> (Schulze, 1872) (synon. <i>Spongia agaricina</i>) <i>Spongia</i> (<i>Spongia</i>) <i>officinalis adriatica</i> (Schmidt, 1862) <i>Spongia</i> (<i>Spongia</i>) <i>officinalis officinalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1759) <i>Spongia</i> (<i>Spongia</i>) <i>zimocca</i> (Schmidt, 1862)</p>
Cnidaria
<p><i>Antipathes</i> sp. plur. <i>Corallium rubrum</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)</p>
Crustacea
<p><i>Homarus gammarus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Maja squinado</i> (Herbst, 1788) <i>Palinurus elephas</i> (Fabricius, 1787) <i>Scyllarides latus</i> (Latreille, 1803) <i>Scyllarus arctus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Scyllarus pygmaeus</i> (Bate, 1888)</p>
Echinodermata
<p><i>Paracentrotus lividus</i> (Lamarck, 1816)</p>
Pisces
<p><i>Alopias vulpinus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788) <i>Alosa alosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Alosa fallax</i> (Lacépède, 1803) <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i> (Nardo, 1827) <i>Centrophorus granulosus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) <i>Epinephelus marginatus</i> (Lowe, 1834) <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Heptranchias perlo</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788) <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> (Rafinesque, 1810) (*) <i>Lamna nasus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788) (*) <i>Leucoraja circularis</i> (Couch, 1838) (*) <i>Leucoraja melitensis</i> (Clark, 1926) (*) <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Mustelus asterias</i> (Cloquet, 1821) <i>Mustelus mustelus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Mustelus punctulatus</i> (Risso, 1826) <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Prionace glauca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Rhinobatos comicus</i> (E. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1817) (*) <i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Sciaena umbra</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (Griffith & Smith, 1834) (*) <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> (Rüppell, 1837) (*) <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (*) <i>Squalus acanthias</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Umbrina cirrosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) <i>Xiphias gladius</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)</p>

Decision IG.20/6

Adoption of the Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 11 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol", on national measures for the protection and conservation of species,

Recalling Article 12 of the Protocol, on cooperative measures for the protection and conservation of species, and in particular its paragraph 3 on the formulation and implementation of action plans for their conservation and recovery,

Considering the "Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea" adopted by the Contracting Parties in Malta, in October 1999, and more particularly its section G. concerning the assessment of the implementation and revision of the Action Plan,

Considering the "Updated Activity Programme for the implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea" adopted by the Contracting Parties, in Portoroz, in November 2005,

Taking into account Decision IG.19/12 related to the "Amendments of the list of Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean" adopted by the Contracting Parties, in Marrakech, in November 2009, and more particularly the marine vegetation species newly included in Annex II to the Protocol "List of endangered or threatened species",

Noting the work accomplished by the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC) in order to report on the Action Plan achievements over the period 2006-2011,

Taking into account the proposal by the SPA/RAC Focal points Meeting (Marseilles, May 2011) of a new work programme and timetable for the implementation of the Action Plan,

Decides,

1. to adopt the "Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017", as contained in Annex to this Decision;
2. to modify the list of species requiring particular attention in implementing the Action Plan (Article 8.1) taking into account the amendments to the Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean adopted by the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Marrakech, 2009) and entered into force on the 13th of February 2011. Therefore, the species requiring particular attention in implementing the Action Plan will be as follows:

Magnoliophyta: *Cymodocea nodosa* (Ucria) Ascherson, *Posidonia oceanica* (Linnaeus) Delile, *Zostera marina* Linnaeus, *Zostera noltii* Hornemann

Chlorophyta: *Caulerpa ollivieri* Dostál

Heterokontophyta: *Cystoseira* genus (except *Cystoseira compressa*), *Fucus virsoides* J. Agardh, *Laminaria rodriguezii* Bornet, *Sargassum acinarium* (Linnaeus) Setchell, *Sargassum flavifolium* Kützing, *Sargassum hornschurchii* C. Agardh, *Sargassum trichocarpum* J. Agardh

Rhodophyta: *Gymnogongrus crenulatus* (Turner) J. Agardh, *Kallymenia spathulata* (J. Agardh) P.G. Parkinson, *Lithophyllum byssoides* (Lamarck) Foslie (Synon. *Lithophyllum lichenoides*), *Ptilophora mediterranea* (H. Huvé) R.E. Norris, *Schimmelmannia schousboei* (J. Agardh) J. Agardh, *Sphaerococcus rhizophylloides* J.J. Rodríguez, *Tenarea tortuosa* (Esper) Lemoine, *Titanoderma ramosissimum* (Heydrich) Bressan & Cabioch (Synon. *Goniolithon byssoides*), *Titanoderma trochanter* (Bory) Benhissoune *et al.*

Requests the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the Action Plan in accordance with the new work programme and within the time limits set out in its updated timetable, and report on their implementation according to the cycle and format of the MAP reporting system;

Requests SPA/RAC to assist the Parties in the implementation of the new work programme and implementation timetable of the Action Plan.

Annex

Work Programme and Implementation Timetable of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea for the period 2012-2017

TYPE OF ACTION PLANNED	ACTIVITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PLAN	DEADLINE
1. Regulatory activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parties which have not yet done so ratify the SPA/BD Protocol ▪ Help the Parties take new vegetation species in Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol into account ▪ Help the countries which have legal protections make them operational and efficacious ▪ Urge the Parties to create MPAs to conserve marine vegetation 	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>From 2013</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
2. Scientific knowledge and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organise a symposium every 3 years ▪ Extend the bibliographical database to all the vegetal species in Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol and regularly update it ▪ Make the information layer on distribution of meadows accessible (MedGIS) ▪ Update the information layer on mapping priority habitats ▪ Complete and regularly revise the directory of specialists and laboratories, institutions and organisations concerned 	<p>From 2013</p> <p>From 2013</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Every two years</p> <p>At each Symposium</p>
3. Inventorying and mapping the main vegetal assemblages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set up a programme for making national inventories on macrophyta species, with staggered planning according to the regions' priorities ▪ Make theoretical probable distribution maps for the main plant assemblages ▪ Implement targeted mapping and inventorying actions (Annex II species, priority sites) 	<p>From 2012</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>From 2012</p>
4. Monitoring and following up over time the main vegetal assemblages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a programme for setting up monitoring networks for the main marine plant assemblages at national and regional level ▪ Help the countries set up and/or extend their networks for follow-up of plants in the Mediterranean 	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>From 2013</p>
5. Taking on the Action Plan and enhancing national capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urge the countries that have so far not done so to develop short-, medium- and long-term action plans according to national and regional priorities ▪ Help countries implement action plans ▪ Set up training of 'liaison officers' responsible for providing national training courses ▪ Help the countries set up regular national trainings 	<p>From 2012</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>From 2013</p> <p>From 2014</p>

Decision IG.20/7

Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest in the Mediterranean

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling the Marrakech Declaration adopted at the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Marrakech, 2009) that called on States to continue the establishment of marine protected areas and to pursue the protection of biodiversity with a view to the establishment by 2012 of a network of marine protected areas, including on the high seas, in accordance with the relevant international legal framework and the objectives of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recalling, in particular, decision X/31 on Protected areas and decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity adopted at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Nagoya, Japan, 2010),

Considering also decision X/2, adopted at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in particular Target 11 by which by 2020 at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and nationally managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes,

Considering the need to enhance efforts towards achieving the 2012 target of establishment of representative network of marine protected areas, in accordance with international law as reflected in UNCLOS, and, in this respect, recognizing the need to promote international cooperation and coordination for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, even through consideration of issues of marine protected areas,

Recalling Article 8 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred to as the Protocol, on the establishment of the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI) List,

Recognizing the need to facilitate the consultation and coordination processes for the joint preparation of proposals for inclusion in the SPAMI List in accordance with Article 9 of the Protocol,

Considering that the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted in 2008, in decision IX/20, scientific criteria for identifying Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) in need of protection in open-ocean waters and deep sea habitats as well as scientific guidance for selecting areas to establish a representative network of marine protected areas,

Recognizing that the open seas waters and deep-sea habitats in the Mediterranean include features that are essential for the conservation of the Mediterranean marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of the marine living resources,

Having considered the work carried out by the Secretariat and the SPA/RAC to identify EBSAs in the Mediterranean following the CBD scientific and ecological criteria and initially examined at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas held in Istanbul in 2010 and at the Tenth Meeting of the Focal Points for SPAs held in Marseille in 2011,

Considering the proposals made by France, Italy and Lebanon to include new areas in the SPAMI List and the conclusions of the Tenth Meeting of Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas (Marseille, 2011), regarding the evaluation of their conformity with the criteria provided for in Article 16 of the Protocol,

Recalling Decision 17/12 adopted at the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, 2008) on the procedure for the revision of the areas included in the SPAMI List, stating that for each SPAMI, a Periodic Review should be carried out every six years by a mixed national/independent Technical Advisory Commission;

Encourages Contracting Parties to establish and/or strengthen a range of measures for long-term appropriate management of marine protected areas under national jurisdiction or in areas subject to international regimes competent for the adoption of such measures and to incorporate good governance principles,

Decides to include the following sites in the SPAMI List:

- The Blue Coast Marine Park (France),
- The Embiez Archipelago-Six Fours (France)
- The Porto Cesareo Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- The Capo Carbonara Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- The Marine Protected Area of Penisola del Sinis-Isola di Mal di Ventre (Italy),
- The Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon), and
- The Palm Island Nature Reserve (Lebanon),

Requests the concerned Parties to take the necessary protection and conservation measures specified in their SPAMI proposals in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 3 and Annex I to the Protocol,

Requests SPA/RAC to inform the competent international organizations of the newly adopted SPAMIs including the measures taken in these SPAMIs, as provided for in Article 9, paragraph 5 of the Protocol,

Requests SPA/RAC to work with the relevant authorities in Algeria and Italy to carry out during the 2012-2013 biennium the periodic ordinary review for the following SPAMIs, according to the guidelines adopted by the Contracting Parties:

- The Banc des Kabyles Marine Reserve (Algeria)
- The Habibas Islands (Algeria)
- The Portofino Marine Protected Area (Italy),

Decides to add to the Annotated Format for the presentation reports for the areas proposed for inclusion in the SPAMI List a new section that could be used for the preliminary declaration of SPAMI proposals to be presented in accordance with Article 9 of the Protocol, paragraphs "b" or "c". The new section appears as Annex I to this decision,

Encourages the Parties and the competent intergovernmental organizations to adhere to the process launched by SPA/RAC on the identification of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) in the Mediterranean,

Requests the Barcelona Convention Secretariat to contact the CBD Secretariat and present the work carried out regarding EBSAs identification in the Mediterranean, as appears in documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.348/3rev.1 supported by WG.348/Inf.3 to Inf.6 presented to the SPA/RAC Focal Points , and without prejudice to the competence of the Contracting Parties over marine areas that are or could be under their sovereignty or jurisdiction in accordance with international law as reflected in UNCLOS, to adopt possible management and conservation measures.

Annex I

Section to be added in the first page of the annotated format for the presentation reports for the areas proposed for inclusion in the SPAMI List

PRELIMINARY DECLARATION

Regarding the Proposals for inclusion in the SPAMI List to be made in accordance with the paragraphs “b” and “c” of Article 9 of the Protocol, the Contracting Parties could consider making individually or jointly a preliminary declaration stating their intention to conduct consultation processes with the neighbouring Parties concerned with a view to prepare the Presentation Report.

For the preliminary declaration of intention, the Contracting Party/ies would not have to present a complete Presentation Report, only the following information shall be provided to SPA/RAC:

- Name of the area
- Geographic location (please provide a map showing the geographical location of the area. It is implied at this stage that the geographic location is not yet the precise determination of the boundaries of the proposed area)
- Approximate surface area
- Legal status (with a general indication of the kind of measures that would be appropriate for the area)

Such preliminary declaration would allow to get opinions and any possible reactions from other Parties on the SPAMI proposal project and would serve as an invitation to the neighbouring Parties concerned for getting involved in the necessary consultation. Through this declaration, the Contracting Party may as appropriate request SPA/RAC and Secretariat assistance to facilitate the consultation process including with relevant international or regional organizations.

Decision IG.20/8.1

Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of Mercury in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 8 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean as amended in Barcelona 1995, concerning the obligations of the Parties to prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent to eliminate pollution from land based sources,

Recalling also Article 5 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities, hereinafter referred to as the LBS Protocol, concerning the phasing out of inputs of the substances as presented in its Annex 1.C, that are toxic, persistent and liable to bio-accumulate,

Having regard to Decision 17/8 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) entitled "Implementation of NAPs and the preparation of legally binding measures and timetables required by Art.15 of the LBS Protocol",

Acknowledging the widespread concerns over the serious adverse effects of mercury on human health and the environment,

Taking into account the work carried out within the framework of United Nations Environment Programme and in particular of the Global Negotiation Process on Mercury as well as the pertinent provisions of the relevant international environmental agreements and other regional agreements of relevance,

Having considered the results of the Assessment on Mercury in the Mediterranean prepared by CP/RAC, recognizing that the current efforts to reduce risks from mercury are not sufficient to tackle the challenges posed by mercury and the need for coordinated action to prevent further environmental contamination by Mercury of the Mediterranean sea and its coastal zone due to its special hydrographical and ecological characteristics as a semi closed sea particularly vulnerable to pollution, including bio accumulation of Mercury,

Noting the different capabilities of the Parties to undertake measures, as well as their common but differentiated responsibilities,

Committed to increased efforts to tackle the global and regional challenges to reduce risks from releases of mercury and the need to manage chemicals of global and regional concern in an efficient, effective and harmonized manner;

Fully aware of the obligation to comply with requirements of the Barcelona Convention and the LBS protocol as per Article 27 of the Convention and Decision IG 17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) on compliance procedures and mechanisms,

Having considered the report of MED POL Focal Points meeting held in Rhodes, Greece, in May 2011,

Decides to adopt the Regional Plan on the reduction of Mercury in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol together with its Appendices hereinafter referred to as the Regional Plan, which are contained in Annex to this decision;

Urges the Contracting Parties to take the necessary legal, administrative and other measures to ensure the implementation of this Regional Plan and to report on their progress to the Secretariat in accordance with its Article VI.

Urges the Contracting Parties, intergovernmental organizations, industry, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions to continue and enhance their support to the implementation of the regional Plan through the provision of technical and financial resources, such as by supporting the implementation of country-based projects that tackle mercury risk reduction and risk management;

Requests the Secretariat (MED POL and CP/RAC) to provide, upon request and subject to availability of funds, the necessary assistance to, and organize capacity building programmes for, the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Regional Plan.

ANNEX

Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of Mercury in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

For the purpose of this Action Plan:

- (a) "Emission Limit Values (ELVs)" means the maximum allowable concentration measured as a daily average as a "composite" sample, of a pollutant in an effluent discharged to the environment.
- (b) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes, of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste (reference to Annex IV of the LBS Protocol).
- (c) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies.
- (d) "Secretariat" means the body referred to in article 17 of the Barcelona Convention, as amended in 1995.
- (e) LBS Protocol refers to the amended version of 1996 of the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE II

Scope and Objective:

1. The area to which this Regional Plan applies is the area defined in accordance with Art. 3 of the LBS Protocol. This is intended for all the anthropogenic releases in accordance with the requirements of article 4 of the LBS Protocol.
2. The objective of this Regional Plan is to protect the coastal and marine environment and human health from the adverse effects of Mercury

ARTICLE III

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the levels of mercury contained in other existing or future national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE IV

Measures

A Chlor alkali industry

- 1- The parties shall prohibit the installation of new Chlor alkali plants using mercury cells with immediate effect.

2- The parties shall prohibit the installation of vinyl chloride monomer production plants using mercury as a catalyst with immediate effect.

3- The parties shall ensure that the releases of mercury from the activity of Chlor alkali plants shall cease by 2020 at the latest and

i) that the environmentally sound management of metallic mercury from the decommissioned plants is achieved, including the prohibition of its re-entry into the market.

ii) that the total releases of mercury (to the air, the water and to the products) from existing Chlor alkali plants are progressively reduced until their final cessation with the view not to exceed 1.0g per metric tonne of installed chlorine production capacity in each plant. In doing so, the air emissions should not exceed 0.9g per metric tonne of installed chlorine production capacity in each plant.

B Non Chlor alkali industry

The Parties shall adopt by 2015 and 2019 National ELVs for Mercury emissions from other than Chlor Alkali industry as follows.

A. Chemical industries using Mercury catalysts:

	I ELV 2015	II ELV 2019*	Unit of Measurement
a) Use of mercury catalysts in the manufacture of polyurethane elastomers	50	5	µg/l effluent
b) Acetaldehyde production with mercury-sulphate (HgSO ₄) as catalyst	50	5	µg/l effluent
c) Vinyl acetate production with Hg catalysts	50	5	µg/l effluent
d) Production of the cube (1-amino anthrachion) colours/pigments with Hg catalyst	50	5	µg/l effluent
e) Use of mercury intermediates for production of other mercury compounds	50	5	µg/l effluent
f) Use of mercury intermediates in the pharmaceutical / chemical industry	50	5	µg/l effluent
g) Manufacture of mercury catalysts	50	5	µg/l effluent
h) Manufacture of organic and non-organic mercury compounds	50	5	µg/l effluent

B. Batteries industry

	ELV 2015	ELV 2019*	Unit of Measurement
Manufacture of batteries containing mercury	50	5	µg/l effluent

C. Non-ferrous metal industry

	ELV 2015	ELV 2019*	Unit of Measurement
a-Mercury recovery plants	50	5	µg/l effluent
b-Extraction and refining of non-ferrous metals	50	5	µg/l effluent

D. Waste Treatment

	ELV 2015	ELV 2019*	Unit of Measurement
Plants for the treatment of wastes	50	5	µg/l effluent

* The values of the column II in the above table are target values. These ELV will be considered for revision by 2015, with a view to establishing new ELVs in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of LBS Protocol.

2. The Parties shall adopt National ELVs for Mercury emissions from incineration plants as follows:

Waste gas 0.05 mg/ Nm³

3. The Parties shall take the appropriate measures to reduce the inputs of Mercury emissions from other sectors and use alternatives as appropriate.

4. Mercury containing wastes

The Parties shall take the appropriate measures to isolate and contain the mercury containing wastes to avoid potential contamination of air, soil or water.

5. Contaminated sites

The Parties shall identify existing sites which have been historically contaminated with mercury including at least the old mines and decommissioned Chlor alkali plants, and take, with regard to these sites, environmentally sound management measures such as safety works, use restrictions or decontamination, as appropriate. To this end,

i the Parties shall report to the Secretariat by January 2013 on the identified sites

ii the Secretariat shall prepare guidelines on BEPs for the environmentally sound management of contaminated sites, for discussion and approval by the parties in 2013

iii. the Parties shall report in 2015 on the measures envisaged for the environmentally sound management of the identified sites by making use of the approved guidelines on BEPs.

6. The Parties shall neither open new mines nor re-open old mercury mining sites.

7. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies monitor releases of Mercury into water, air and soil to verify compliance with the requirements of the above table.

8. The Parties shall take the necessary steps to enforce the above measures.

ARTICLE V

Timetable for Implementation

The Parties shall implement the above measures according to the timetables indicated in the respective Articles. .

ARTICLE VI

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), of the LBS Protocol, the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures, on their effectiveness and difficulties encountered. The Contracting Parties shall review the status of implementation of these measures in 2015.

ARTICLE VII

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building, including transfer of know-how and technology, shall be provided by the Parties and the Secretariat to the Contracting Parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given upon request to Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The present regional Action Plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180 day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the LBS Protocol.

Decision IG.20/8.2

**"Regional Plan on the reduction of BOD₅ in the food sector
in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol"**

Recalling Article 8 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean as amended in Barcelona 1995, concerning the obligations of the parties to prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent to eliminate pollution from land based sources,

Recalling also Article 5 the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities, as amended in Syracuse in 1996, hereinafter referred to as the LBS Protocol, concerning the phasing out of inputs of the substances as presented in its Annex 1.C,

Having regard to Decision 17/8 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) entitled "Implementation of National Action Plans and the preparation of legally binding measures and timetables required by Art.15 of the LBS Protocol",

Noting the different capabilities of the Parties to undertake measures, as well as their common but differentiated responsibilities,

Considering the recommendations of the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, held in Kalamata in 2009, to include substances releases from food sector in the action list of substances to be addressed as priority in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol implementation,

Considering that BOD₅ is an element contributing to nutrients enrichment in coastal areas of the Mediterranean thus to the occurrence of eutrophication phenomena taking into account the special hydrographical and ecological characteristics of the Mediterranean Sea area as a semi closed sea,

Fully aware of the obligation to comply with requirements of the Barcelona Convention and the LBS protocol as per Article 27 of the Convention and Decision IG 17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) on compliance procedures and mechanisms,

Having considered the report of MED POL Focal Points meeting held in Rhodes, Greece, in May 2011

Decides to adopt the Regional Plan on the reduction of BOD₅ in the food sector in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol together with its Appendices hereinafter referred to as the Regional Plan, which are contained in Annex to this decision,

Urges the Contracting Parties to take the necessary legal, administrative and other measures to ensure the implementation of this Regional Plan and to report on their progress to the Secretariat in accordance with its Article VI,

Requests the Secretariat (MED POL and CP/RAC) to provide, upon request and subject to availability of funds, the necessary assistance to, and organize capacity building programmes for, the Contracting parties for the implementation of the Regional Plan.

ANNEX

Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of BOD₅ from selected food sectors in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

For the purpose of this Action Plan:

- (a) "Emission Limit Values (ELVs)" means the maximum allowable concentration measured as a "composite" sample, of a pollutant in an effluent discharged to the environment.
- (b) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste. (Annex IV, A of LBS Protocol).
- (c) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies. (Annex IV, B of LBS Protocol).
- (d) "Secretariat" means the body referred to in article 17 of the Barcelona Convention, as amended in 1995.
- (e) LBS Protocol refers to the amended version of 1996 of the LBS Protocol.
- (f) 1 p.e. (population equivalent) means the organic biodegradable load having a five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) of 60 g of oxygen per day;

ARTICLE II

Scope and Objective:

1. The area to which this Regional Plan applies is the area defined in accordance with Art. 3 of the LBS Protocol. This is intended for all the food sector industries listed in Appendix I within the hydrological basin discharging directly or indirectly into the Mediterranean Sea.
2. The objective of this Regional Plan is to prevent pollution and to protect the coastal and marine environment from the adverse effects of discharges of organic load (BOD₅) from food sectors.

ARTICLE III

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the levels of organic load (BOD₅) from food sectors contained in other existing or future national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE IV Measures

1. Reduction of pollution load by application of BEP and BAT

Industrial Food Plants outlined in Appendix I which discharge more than 4 000 pe into water bodies shall meet the following requirements (24-hour values)

Parameter	Value
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	160 mg/l
or	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	55 mg/l
Biochemical Oxygen Demand BOD ₅ or (BOD ₇)	30 mg/l

In case the food sector installation discharges into the sewerage system, the competent authorities shall establish ELV and an authorization compatible with the operation and the emission discharge values of the urban waste water treatment plant.

Appendix II and document UNEP/MAP MTS 142, entitled "Guidelines for the application of BATs and BEPs in industrial sources of BOD, Nutrients and Suspended Solids for the Mediterranean Region", could be used as relevant references for the implementation of the above measures.

2. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall monitor related discharges into water to verify compliance with the requirements of the above table taking into account the guidelines included in Appendix I.
3. The Parties shall take the necessary steps to enforce these measures in accordance with their national regulations.
4. The values referred in this article will be reviewed in 2015 by the Parties on the basis of reports prepared on the implementation of the measures and on possible difficulties encountered, taking into account new developments on BAT and BEP and on EQ standards in the region.
5. Taking into account the need to reduce water consumption in the Mediterranean, the revision by 2015 should consider the possibility to develop ELVs based on contaminant's loads.

ARTICLE V

Timetable for Implementation

The Parties shall implement by 2014 the ELVs indicated in the table of article IV above on the same sectors outlined in Appendix I, taking into account their national circumstances the respective capacity to implement the required measures and the need to reduce the use of water in the industrial sectors of Appendix II using BAT and BEP

ARTICLE VI

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), of the LBS Protocol, the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures, their effectiveness and difficulties encountered.

ARTICLE VII

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building, including transfer of know-how and technology will be provided by the Parties and the Secretariat to the Contracting Parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given to Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The present regional Action Plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180 day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the LBS Protocol.

REFERENCE METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Internationally accepted standardized sampling, analyzing and quality assurance methods (e.g. CEN-standards, ISO-standards and OECD-Guidelines) should be used whenever available.

APPENDIX I
BRANCHES OF FOOD INDUSTRIES

- 1) Dairy industry
- 2) Fruit and vegetable processing
- 3) Breweries
- 4) Winery and Distilleries
- 5) Fish processing industry
- 6) Sugar manufacturing
- 7) Vegetable oil processing
- 8) Canning and preserving
- 9) Meat processing and slaughtering

APPENDIX II
**GUIDELINES FOR THE REDUCTION OF WASTE WATER VOLUME AND POLLUTION LOAD
BY THE FOLLOWING**

- automatic control of processes;
- installation of cooling circuits instead of run-through-cooling;
- use of vapor condensates for cleaning operations;
- recycling of preheated water from heat exchangers for cleaning operations;
- recycling of low polluted waste waters for cleaning operations;
- multiple use of cleaning waters;
- use of biodegradable cleaning agents;
- decentralized cleaning stations in order to shorten the pipes for cleaning agents;
- push away of liquid products in pipes with compressed air and vacuum instead of water;
- use of nitric acid for cleaning operations instead of other acids;
- control of product losses by continuous waste water sampling and analyses;

- improving the basic technology for reducing raw material losses;
- installation of safety mechanisms to prevent overfilling;
- use of peroxyacids instead of chlorine-containing cleaning agents and disinfectants to avoid generation of hazardous chlorinated substances;
- mechanical cleaning before cleaning with liquids and disinfection to minimize the use of cleaning agents and disinfectants;
- controlled discharge of waters containing disinfectants in order to protect subsequent biological treatment;
- collection of product residues for further use, e.g. as feed for animals and fertilizers;
- separate collection and disposal of disinfectant rests and used concentrates;
- separate collection and treatment of fat, blood and nutrients;
- transportation of processed fish and sea products in a plant preferably without water;
- equipment of floor drains with fixed sink strainers.

Decision IG.20/8.3

Regional Plan on the elimination in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, 1996 of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane; Beta hexachlorocyclohexane; Hexabromobiphenyl; Chlordecone; Pentachlorobenzene; Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and Pentabromodiphenyl ether; Hexabromodiphenyl ether and Heptabromodiphenyl ether; Lindane; Endosulfan, Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 8 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean as amended in Barcelona 1995, , concerning the obligations of the parties to prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent to eliminate pollution from land based sources,

Recalling also Article 5 the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land- based Sources and Activities, as amended in Syracuse in 1996, hereinafter referred to as the LBS Protocol, concerning the phasing out of inputs of the substances as presented in its Annex 1.C, and the priority given to substances that are toxic, persistent and liable to accumulate,

Having regard to Decision 17/8 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) entitled "Implementation of National Action Plans and the preparation of legally binding measures and timetables required by Art.15 of the LBS Protocol",

Taking into account the pertinent provisions of the international environmental Conventions, especially the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal,

Taking also into account of the National Implementation Plans in course of development or already developed by the Parties under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Recognizing that the above mentioned chemicals are persistent organic pollutants that possess toxic properties, resist degradation, bio-accumulate and are transported widely, thus presenting health risks resulting from local exposure as well as pollution of the Mediterranean sea area due to its special hydrographical and ecological characteristics as a semi closed sea particularly vulnerable to pollution, including bio accumulation,

Acknowledging that the production and use of the above mentioned chemicals by the Contracting Parties is prohibited and/or limited in the framework of several international and regional agreements and organizations and that in spite of the actions already taken at regional and national level, the substances that are the object of this Regional Plan although in decreasing amount may still enter the marine environment due to an insufficient management of stockpiles and wastes

Conscious of the need of developing regional regulatory measures for hazardous substances in harmony, as appropriate, with other relevant international environmental agreements,

Fully aware of the obligation to comply with requirements of the Barcelona Convention and the LBS protocol as per Article 27 of the Convention and Decision IG 17/2 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) on compliance procedures and mechanisms,

Having considered the report of MED POL Focal Points meeting held in Rhodes, Greece, in May 2011,

Decides to adopt in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, the Regional Plan on the elimination and/or reduction of production and use of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane; Beta hexachlorocyclohexane; Hexabromobiphenyl; Chlordecone; Pentachlorobenzene; Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and Pentabromodiphenyl ether; Hexabromodiphenyl ether and Heptabromodiphenyl ether; Lindane; Endosulfan, Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooactane sulfonyl fluoride, together with its Annexes which are contained in Annex to this decision; hereinafter referred to as the Regional Plan.

Urges the Contracting Parties to take the necessary legal, administrative and other measures to ensure the implementation of this Regional Plan and to report on their progress to the Secretariat in accordance with its Article V.

Requests the Secretariat (MED POL and CP/RAC) to provide, upon request and subject to availability of funds, the necessary assistance to, and organize capacity building programmes for, the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the Regional Plan.

ANNEX

Elimination of 10 Persistent Organic Pollutants (Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane; Beta hexachlorocyclohexane; Hexabromobiphenyl; Chlordecone; Pentachlorobenzene; Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and Pentabromodiphenyl ether; Hexabromodiphenyl ether and Heptabromodiphenyl ether; Lindane; Endosulfan, Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride)

1. *Regional Plan on the phasing out of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER AND PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol*

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

- (a) "HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER has a CAS No: 68631-49-2 ,207122-15-4 and means other hexabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial octabromodiphenyl ether. It is used as flame retardant in thermoplastic acrinotrill-butadiene-styrene (ABS) for the construction, electric appliance and electrical products industries as well as in polyurethane foam for auto upholstery.
- (b) "HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER" has a CAS No;446255-22-7,207122-16-5 and means other heptabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial octabromodiphenyl ether. It is used almost exclusively for the manufacture of flexible polyurethane (PUR) foam for furniture and upholstery in homes and vehicles, packaging and flexible polyurethane (PUR) without foam for electronic equipment. It is also sometimes used in specialized applications in textiles and industry.
- (c) TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER "has a CAS No: 5436-43-1, and means other tetrabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether,. It is used almost exclusively for the manufacture of flexible polyurethane (PUR) foam for furniture and upholstery in homes and vehicles, packaging and PUR without foam for electronic equipment. It is also sometimes used in specialized applications in textiles and industryand
- (d) PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER" has a CAS No: 60348-60-9 and means other pentabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether. It is used almost exclusively for the manufacture of flexible polyurethane (PUR) foam for furniture and upholstery in homes and vehicles, packaging and PUR without foam for electronic equipment. It is also sometimes used in specialized applications in textiles and industry.
- (e) "Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)" are organic compounds from natural or anthropogenic origin that possess toxic properties, resist physical, chemical and biological degradation, bioaccumulate in high concentrations through the food web and are transported through air, water and migratory species, reaching regions where they have never been produced or used; their high persistence pose a risk of causing adverse effects to the environment and human health.

- (f) "Wastes" means substances or objects which are disposed of or are intended to be disposed of or are required to be disposed of by the provisions of national law.
- (g) "Environmentally sound management of pesticides wastes" means taking all practical steps to ensure that wastes are collected, transported, and disposed of (including after-care of disposal sites) in a manner which will protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects which may result from such wastes.
- (h) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste.
- (i) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies.

ARTICLE II

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the phasing out of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* contained in other existing or future, national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE III

Measures

1. The Parties shall prohibit and/or take legal and administrative measures necessary to eliminate:
 - (a) the production and use of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHEYL ETHER*, subject to the provisions of Appendix A; and
 - (b) the import and export of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENIL ETHER*, subject to paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. The Parties shall ensure that any export or import of these chemicals for the purpose of their environmentally sound disposal, and for the use or purpose which is allowed under Appendix A, is done in accordance with the relevant international rules, standards and regulations.
3. The Parties shall take appropriate measures so that HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste, including products and articles upon becoming wastes, are:
 - (a) handled, collected, transported and stored in an environmentally sound manner;
 - (b) disposed of in such a way that the persistent organic pollutant content is destroyed or irreversibly transformed so that they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner when destruction or

irreversible transformation does not represent the environmentally preferable option or the persistent organic pollutant content is low, taking into account international rules, standards, and guidelines, and relevant global and regional regimes governing the management of hazardous wastes;

- (c) not permitted to be subjected to disposal operations that may lead to recovery, recycling, reclamation, direct reuse or alternative uses of persistent organic pollutants; and
 - (d) not transported across international boundaries without taking into account relevant international rules, standards and guidelines.
4. The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to apply BEPs for environmentally sound management of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER*. In doing so, the information on the BEPs provided in Appendix B shall, among others, be used.
 5. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies monitor the implementation of the measures.

ARTICLE IV

Timetables for Implementation

Each Party shall implement the measures provided for in Article 3 by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013 at the latest.

ARTICLE V

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), of the LBS Protocol, the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures and on their effectiveness. In doing so, the Contracting Parties agree that the reporting format of the Barcelona Convention shall be adjusted to be, as much as possible, in line with the reporting requirements – both in terms of content and timing – of the Stockholm Convention and with other Parties' reporting obligations on chemicals, as appropriate..

ARTICLE VI

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building including transfer of know-how and technology would be provided by the Parties and the Secretariat to the Contracting Parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given to Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VII

Identification of Stock Piles

The Parties should identify to the extent practicable stock piles consisting of or containing HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and they should report to the Secretariat¹ before 2013.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The regional plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180th day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the LBS Protocol.

¹ Coordinated reporting under Stockholm and Barcelona conventions where appropriate

APPENDIX A

a Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals to be used for laboratory-scale research or as a reference standard.

b. Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles

List of allowable uses/exemptions

<p><i>HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER AND PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER</i></p>	<p>use</p>	<p>1. A Party may allow recycling of articles that contain or may contain hexabromodiphenyl ether, heptabromodiphenyl ether, tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether and the use and final disposal of articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain or may contain these substances provided that:</p> <p>(a) The recycling and final disposal is carried out in an environmentally sound manner and does not lead to recovery of hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether for the purpose of their reuse. This specific exemption/use shall in any case expire in 2020</p> <p>(b) The Party shall prohibit exports of such articles that contain levels/concentration of any of the four substances exceeding those permitted for the sale, use, import or manufacture of those articles within territory of the Party;</p>
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APPENDIX B

Best Environmental Practices (BEP) for Environmentally Sound Management of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER and PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER Wastes

- A. Several BEPs for the phasing out of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* are hereby described:
1. Develop appropriate strategies to identify:
 - i. Stockpiles consisting of or containing HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and its derivatives;
 - ii. Products in use and wastes consisting of or containing HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER*;
 2. Minimize cross-contamination which may affect the choice of available destruction options. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall ensure segregation of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste by trained personnel on the basis of:
 - i. label information where HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER and PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER waste is in its original container with a definitive label;
 - ii. or indicative analytical tests, where label information is not available.
 3. Waste holders shall be responsible for the sound management of that waste which is in their possession.
 4. HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste must be segregated from other categories of waste that may be collected in any collection programme.
 5. Mixing or bulking of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste shall not occur unless the waste has been positively identified by individual or composite sampling and analysis techniques.
 6. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall adopt and employ emergency containment and clean-up procedures for the accidental release of HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste into the environment, as approved by the national authority.

7. Endeavour to develop appropriate strategies to identify sites contaminated by HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and its derivatives. Remediation should be undertaken in an environmentally sound manner.
 8. HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* waste in consolidation stores shall be consigned, within one year of the starting date, for destruction by a licensed destruction facility, unless the national authority determines that viable destruction facilities are not available in the country.
- B. The BEP list above mentioned is not exhaustive; more extensive and detailed information is described in the MAP Technical Report n° 155 Plan for the Management of PCB Waste and Nine Pesticides for the Mediterranean Region, in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Convention (Annex B Part II), and in the Basel Convention Technical guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of Wastes Consisting of, Containing or Contaminated with HEXABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, HEPTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER, *TETRABROMODIPHENYL ETHER* and *PENTABROMODIPHENYL ETHER*.

The Parties shall add to, and exchange information on, other strategies and/or practices helpful to the phase out of the substances concerned, stock piles and waste.

2. Regional Plan on the phasing out of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

- (a) "LINDANE" has a CAS No: 58-89-9. It is used as high-spectrum insecticide for seed and soil treatment, foliar applications, tree and wood treatment and also for antiparasitic applications to humans and animals.
- (b) "ENDOSULFAN" is technical endosulfan CAS 115-29-7 with its isomers CAS 959-98-8, and 33213-65-9; and Endosulfan sulphate CAS 1031-07-8. It is used to effectively control several pests on a very range of crops.
- (c) "Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)" are organic compounds from natural or anthropogenic origin that possess toxic properties, resist physical, chemical and biological degradation, bioaccumulate in high concentrations through the food web and are transported through air, water and migratory species, reaching regions where they have never been produced or used; their high persistence pose a risk of causing adverse effects to the environment and human health.
- (d) "Wastes" means substances or objects which are disposed of or are intended to be disposed of or are required to be disposed of by the provisions of national law.
- (e) "Environmentally sound management of pesticides wastes" means taking all practical steps to ensure that wastes are collected, transported, and disposed of (including after-care of disposal sites) in a manner which will protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects which may result from such wastes.
- (f) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste.
- (g) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies.

ARTICLE II

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the phasing out of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN contained in other existing or future, national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE III

Measures

- 1. The Parties shall prohibit and/or take legal and administrative measures necessary to eliminate:

- (a) the production and use of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN, subject to the provisions of Appendix A; and
 - (b) the import and export of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN and its waste, subject to paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. The Parties shall ensure that that any export or import of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN for the purpose of their environmentally sound disposal, and for the use or purpose which is allowed under Appendix A, is done in accordance with the relevant international rules, standards and regulations.
 3. The Parties shall take appropriate measures so that LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste, including products and articles upon becoming wastes, are:
 - (a) handled, collected, transported and stored in an environmentally sound manner;
 - (b) disposed of in such a way that the persistent organic pollutant content is destroyed or irreversibly transformed so that they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner when destruction or irreversible transformation does not represent the environmentally preferable option or the persistent organic pollutant content is low, taking into account international rules, standards, and guidelines, and relevant global and regional regimes governing the management of hazardous wastes;
 - (c) not permitted to be subjected to disposal operations that may lead to recovery, recycling, reclamation, direct reuse or alternative uses of persistent organic pollutants; and
 - (d) not transported across international boundaries without taking into account relevant international rules, standards and guidelines.
 4. The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to apply BEPs for environmentally sound management of Lindane and Endosulfan. In doing so, the information provided in Appendix B shall, among others, be used.
 5. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies monitor the implementation of the measures.

ARTICLE IV

Timetables for Implementation

Each Party shall implement the measures provided for in Article 3 by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013 at the latest.

ARTICLE V

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), of the LBS Protocol, the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures and on their effectiveness. In doing so, the Contracting Parties agree that the reporting format of the Barcelona Convention shall be adjusted to be, as much as possible, in line with the reporting requirements – both in terms of content and timing – of the Stockholm Convention and with other Parties' reporting obligations on chemicals, as appropriate..

ARTICLE VI

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building including transfer of know-how and technology would be provided by the Parties and the Secretariat to the Contracting Parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given to Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VII

Identification of Stock Piles

The Parties should identify to the extent practicable stock piles consisting of or containing LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN and they should report to the Secretariat² before 2013.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The regional plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180th day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the LBS Protocol.

² Coordinated reporting under Stockholm and Barcelona conventions where appropriate

APPENDIX A

a Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals to be used for laboratory-scale research or as a reference standard.

b. Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles

List of allowable uses/exemptions for LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN

CHEMICAL	ACTIVITY	ALLOWABLE USES/exemptions
LINDANE	Production	None
	Use	None

Chemical	Activity	Allowable use/exemptions
Endosulfan	Production	None
	Use	Crop-pest complexes as listed below

Crop	Pest
Cotton	Cotton bollworms, pink bollworm, aphids, jassids, whiteflies, thrips, leafroller
Jute	Bihar hairy caterpillar, yellow mite
Coffee	Berry borer, stem borer
Tea	Aphids, caterpillars, tea mosquito bugs, mealybugs, scale insects, thrips, flushworm, smaller green leaf hopper, tea geometrid
Tobacco	Oriental tobacco bud worm, aphids
Cow peas, beans, tomato	Whiteflies, aphids, leaf miner
Okra, tomato, eggplant	Fruit and shoot borer, diamondback moth, aphids, jassids
Onion, potato, chillies	Aphids, jassids
Apple	Yellow aphids
Mango	Hopper, fruit fly
Gram, arhar	Aphids, caterpillar, pod borer, pea semilooper
Maize	Aphids, stem borer, pink borer
Paddy/rice	White jassids, stem borer, gall midge, rice hispa
Wheat	Aphids, termites, pink borer
Groundnuts	Aphids
Mustard	Aphids, gall midge

APPENDIX B

Best Environmental Practices (BEP) for Environmentally Sound Management of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN wastes

- A. Several BEPs for the phasing out of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN are hereby described:
1. Develop appropriate strategies to identify:
 - i Stockpiles consisting of or containing LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN and its derivatives;
 - ii Products in use and wastes consisting of or containing LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN;
 2. Minimize cross-contamination which may affect the choice of available destruction options. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall ensure segregation of LINDANE waste by trained personnel on the basis of:
 - i label information where LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste is in its original container with a definitive label;
 - ii or indicative analytical tests, where label information is not available.
 3. Waste holders, including farmers and householders, shall be responsible for the sound management of that waste which is in their possession.
 4. LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste must be segregated from other categories of waste that may be collected in any collection programme.
 5. Mixing or bulking of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste shall not occur unless the waste has been positively identified by individual or composite sampling and analysis techniques.
 6. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall adopt and employ emergency containment and clean-up procedures for the accidental release of LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste into the environment, as approved by the national authority.
 7. Endeavour to develop appropriate strategies to identify sites contaminated by LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN and its derivatives. Remediation should be undertaken in an environmentally sound manner.
 8. LINDANE and ENDOSULFAN waste in consolidation stores shall be consigned, within one year of the starting date, for destruction by a licensed destruction facility, unless the national authority determines that viable destruction facilities are not available in the country.
- B. The BEP list above mentioned is not exhaustive; more extensive and detailed information is described in the MAP Technical Report n° 155 Plan for the Management of PCB Waste and Nine Pesticides for the Mediterranean Region, in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Convention (Annex B Part II), and in the Basel Convention Technical guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of Wastes Consisting of, Containing or Contaminated with LINDANE and or ENDOSULFAN.

The Parties shall add to, and exchange information on, other strategies and/or practices helpful to the phase out of the substances concerned, stock piles and waste.

3. Regional Plan on the phasing out of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

- (a) PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID (CAS No:1763-23-1), its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE (CAS No:307-35-7) are used almost exclusively for the manufacture of flexible polyurethane (PUR) foam for furniture and upholstery in homes and vehicles, packaging and PUR without foam for electronic equipment. It is also sometimes used in specialized applications in textiles and industry.
- (b) "Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)" are organic compounds from natural or anthropogenic origin that possess toxic properties, resist physical, chemical and biological degradation, bioaccumulate in high concentrations through the food web and are transported through air, water and migratory species, reaching regions where they have never been produced or used; their high persistence pose a risk of causing adverse effects to the environment and human health.
- (c) "Wastes" means substances or objects which are disposed of or are intended to be disposed of or are required to be disposed of by the provisions of national law.
- (d) "Environmentally sound management of pesticides wastes" means taking all practical steps to ensure that wastes are collected, transported, and disposed of (including after-care of disposal sites) in a manner which will protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects which may result from such wastes.
- (e) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste.
- (f) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies.

ARTICLE II

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the phasing out of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE contained in other existing or future, national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE III

Measures

1. The Parties shall prohibit and/or take legal and administrative measures necessary to eliminate:
 - (a) the production and use of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, ITS SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE, subject to the provisions of Appendix A; and
 - (b) the import and export of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, ITS SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE and its waste, subject to paragraph 2 of this Article
2. The Parties shall ensure that any export or import of this chemical for the purpose of their environmentally sound disposal and for a use or purpose which is allowed under Appendix A, is in done in accordance with the relevant international rules, standards and regulations.
3. The Parties shall take appropriate measures so that such PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste, including products and articles upon becoming wastes, are:
 - (a) handled, collected, transported and stored in an environmentally sound manner;
 - (b) disposed of in such a way that the persistent organic pollutant content is destroyed or irreversibly transformed so that they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner when destruction or irreversible transformation does not represent the environmentally preferable option or the persistent organic pollutant content is low, taking into account international rules, standards, and guidelines, and relevant global and regional regimes governing the management of hazardous wastes;
 - (c) not permitted to be subjected to disposal operations that may lead to recovery, recycling, reclamation, direct reuse or alternative uses of persistent organic pollutants; and
 - (d) not transported across international boundaries without taking into account relevant international rules, standards and guidelines.
4. The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to apply BEPs for environmentally sound management of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste. In doing so, the information provided in Appendix B shall, among others, be used.
5. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies monitor the implementation of the measures.
6. The Parties also decide that:
 - (a) The production and use of Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and Perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) shall be eliminated by all Parties except as provided in Appendix A

- (b) Parties that produce and/or use these chemicals shall take into account, as appropriate, guidance such as that given in the relevant parts of the general guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices given in Appendix B.
- (c) Every two years each Party that uses and/or produces these chemicals shall report on progress made to eliminate PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and submit information on such progress to the Conference of the Parties pursuant to and in the process of reporting under Article 26 of Barcelona Convention and Art.13 of the LBS Protocol;
- (d) With the goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating the production and/or use of these chemicals, the Contracting Parties shall encourage:
- (i) Each Party using these chemicals to take action to phase out uses when suitable alternatives substances or methods are available;
 - (ii) The Parties, within their capabilities, to promote research on and development of safe alternative chemical and non-chemical products and processes, methods and strategies for Parties using these chemicals, relevant to the conditions of those Parties. Factors to be promoted when considering alternatives or combinations of alternatives shall include the human health risks and environmental implications of such alternatives;
 - (iii) Synergy with the work carried out under the Stockholm convention on the evaluation of the continued need for these chemicals for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information
- (e) Due to the complexity of the use and the many sectors of society involved in the use of these chemicals, there might be other uses of these chemicals of which countries are not presently aware. Contracting Parties which become aware of other uses are encouraged to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible;

ARTICLE IV

Timetables for Implementation

Each Party shall implement the measures provided for in Article 3 by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013 and the chemical waste and stock piles by 2013 at the latest.

ARTICLE V

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), of the LBS Protocol, the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures and on their effectiveness. In doing so, the Contracting Parties agree that the reporting format of the Barcelona Convention shall be adjusted to be, as much as possible, in line with the reporting requirements – both in terms of content and timing – of the Stockholm Convention and with other Parties' reporting obligations on chemicals, as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building including transfer of know-how and technology would be provided by the Parties and the Secretariat to the Contracting parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given to the Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VII

Identification of Stock Piles

The Parties should identify to the extent practicable stock piles consisting of or containing PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE and they should report to the Secretariat³ before 2013.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The regional plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180th day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the LBS Protocol.

³ Coordinated reporting under the Stockholm and Barcelona Conventions

APPENDIX A

a Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals to be used for laboratory-scale research or as a reference standard.

b. Article III shall not apply to quantities of the chemicals occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles

List of Accepted production purposes and allowable uses/exemptions for PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE.

CHEMICAL	Acceptable Production Purposes	Allowable Uses/exemptions
PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID,ITS SALTS ANDPERFLUOROOCTA NE SULFONYL FLUORIDE	Production of other chemicals to be used solely for the allowable uses. Production for allowable uses	The following allowable uses, or as an intermediate in the production of chemicals with the following allowable uses: Photo-imaging Photo-resins and anti-reflective coatings for semi-conductors Etching agent for compound semi-conductors and ceramic filters Aviation hydraulic fluids Metal plating (hard metal plating) only in closed-loop systems Certain medical devices (such as ethylene tetrafluoroethylene copolymer (ETFE) layers and radio-opaque ETFE production, in-vitro diagnostic medical devices, and CCD colour filters) Fire-fighting foam Insect baits for control of leaf-cutting ants from Atta spp. and Acromyrmex spp. Photo masks in the semiconductor and liquid crystal display (LCD) industries Metal plating (hard metal plating) Metal plating (decorative plating) Electric and electronic parts for some colour printers and colour copy machines Insecticides for control of red imported fire ants and termites Chemically driven oil production Carpets Leather and apparel Textiles and upholstery Paper and packaging Coatings and coating additives Rubber and plastics

APPENDIX B

Best Environmental Practices (BEP) for Environmentally Sound Management of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE Wastes

- A. Several BEPs for the phasing out of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE are hereby described:
1. Develop appropriate strategies to identify:
 - i. Stockpiles consisting of or containing PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE and its derivatives;
 - ii. Products in use and wastes consisting of or containing PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE;
 2. Minimize cross-contamination which may affect the choice of available destruction options. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall ensure segregation of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste by trained personnel on the basis of:
 3. label information where PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste is in its original container with a definitive label;
or indicative analytical tests, where label information is not available.
- (a) Waste holders, shall be responsible for the sound management of that waste which is in their possession.
 - (b) PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste must be segregated from other categories of waste that may be collected in any collection programme.
 - (c) Mixing or bulking of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste shall not occur unless the waste has been positively identified by individual or composite sampling and analysis techniques.
 - (d) Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall adopt and employ emergency containment and clean-up procedures for the accidental release of PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste into the environment, as approved by the national authority.
 - (e) Endeavour to develop appropriate strategies to identify sites contaminated by PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE and its derivatives. Remediation should be undertaken in an environmentally sound manner.
 - (f) PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE waste in consolidation stores shall be consigned, within one year of the starting date, for destruction by a licensed destruction facility, unless the national authority determines that viable destruction facilities are not available in the country.

- B. The BEP list above mentioned is not exhaustive; more extensive and detailed information is described in the MAP Technical Report n° 155 "Plan for the Management of PCB Waste and Nine Pesticides for the Mediterranean Region", in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Convention (Annex B Part II), and in the Basel Convention Technical guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of Wastes Consisting of, Containing or Contaminated with PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, its SALTS and PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE.

The Parties shall add to, and exchange information on, other strategies and/or practices helpful to the phase out of the substances concerned, stock piles and waste.

4. Regional Plan on the elimination of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordane, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

ARTICLE I

Definitions of Terms

(a) *Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane* has a CAS No: 319-84-6. It is an unintentional derivate for discarding. It is a by-product of the production of the insecticide lindane.

Beta hexachlorocyclohexane has a CAS No: 319-85-7. It is an unintentional derivate for discarding. It is a by-product of the production of the insecticide lindane

Chlordane has a CAS No: 143-50-0. Pesticide previously used to treat root disease of banana, mildew, potato moth, rust, other insects, and in traps.

Hexabromobiphenyl has a CAS No: 36355-01-8. It has been used as a flame retardant in thermoplastic acrylonitril-butadiene-styrene (ABS) for the construction, electric appliance and electrical products industry as well as in polyurethane foam for auto upholstery.

Pentachlorobenzene has a CAS No: 608-93-5. There are currently no intentional uses, although it has been discovered in the following uses: PCBs, packages of dyes, flame retardants and pesticides (quintozene, endosulfan, chlorpyrifos methyl, atrazine and clopirilida). It is also used as an intermediate in the manufacture of the fungicide pentachloronitrobenzene.

(b) "Wastes" means substances or objects which are disposed of or are intended to be disposed of or are required to be disposed of by the provisions of national law.

(c) "Environmentally Sound Management" of pesticides wastes" means taking all practical steps to ensure that wastes are collected, transported, and disposed of (including after-care of disposal sites) in a manner which will protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects which may result from such wastes.

(d) "Best Available Techniques (BAT)" means the latest stage of development (state of the art) of processes of facilities, or of methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of a particular measure for limiting discharges, emissions and waste.

(e) "Best Environmental Practices (BEP)" means the application of the most appropriate combination of environmental control measures and strategies.

ARTICLE II

Preservation of Rights

The provisions of this Regional Plan shall be without prejudice to stricter provisions respecting the elimination of:

- *Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane*
- *Beta hexachlorocyclohexane*
- *Chlordane*
- *Hexabromobiphenyl*
- *Pentachlorobenzene*

contained in other existing or future national, regional or international instruments or programmes.

ARTICLE III

Measures

1. The Parties shall prohibit and/or take legal and administrative measures necessary to eliminate:
 - (a) the production and use of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenil, Pentachlorobenzen, subject to the provisions of Appendix A; and
 - (b) the import and export of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordocane, Hexabromobiphenil, Pentachlorobenzen and their wastes, subject to paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. The Parties shall ensure that any export or import of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene for the purpose of their environmentally sound disposal and for a use or purpose which is allowed under Appendix A, is done in accordance with the relevant international rules, standards and regulations.
3. The Parties shall take appropriate measures so that such wastes, including products and articles upon becoming wastes, are:
 - (a) handled, collected, transported and stored in an environmentally sound manner;
 - (b) disposed of in such a way that the persistent organic pollutant content is destroyed or irreversibly transformed so that they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner when destruction or irreversible transformation does not represent the environmentally preferable option or the persistent organic pollutant content is low, taking into account international rules, standards, and guidelines, and relevant global and regional regimes governing the management of hazardous wastes and the Basel Convention;
 - (c) not permitted to be subjected to disposal operations that may lead to recovery, recycling, reclamation, direct reuse or alternative uses of persistent organic pollutants; and
 - (d) not transported across international boundaries without taking into account relevant international rules, standards and guidelines.
4. The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to apply BAT and BEPs for environmentally sound management of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene. In doing so, the information provided in Appendix B shall, among others, be used.
5. Each Party shall at a minimum take measures to reduce the total releases derived from anthropogenic releases of Pentachlorobenzene, with the goal of their continuing minimization and, where feasible, ultimate elimination in accordance with the obligations under article 5 of the Stockholm Convention taking into consideration the Guidelines on BAT and BEP and new progresses on this issue developed within the framework of the mentioned Convention.
6. The Parties shall ensure that their competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall monitor the implementation of the measures.

ARTICLE IV

Timetables for implementation

Each Party shall implement the measures provided for in Article 3 by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2013 at the latest.

ARTICLE V

Reporting

In conformity with Article 26 of the Convention and Article 13, paragraph 2(d), the Parties shall report on a biennial basis on the implementation of the above measures and on their effectiveness. In doing so, the Contracting Parties agree that the reporting format of the Barcelona Convention shall be adjusted to be, as much as possible, in line with the reporting requirements – both in terms of content and timing – of the Stockholm Convention and with other Parties' reporting obligations on chemicals, as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

Technical Assistance

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the measures, capacity building including transfer of know-how and technology will be provided by the countries and the Secretariat to the Contracting parties in need of assistance. Priority shall be given to the Parties to the LBS Protocol.

ARTICLE VII

Identification of Stock Piles

The Parties should identify, to the extent practicable, stock piles consisting of or containing chemicals listed in Appendix A, and they should report to the Secretariat⁴ before 2013.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

The Regional Plan shall enter into force and become binding on the 180th day following the day of notification by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 15, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the LBS Protocol.

APPENDIX A

^a Article III shall not apply to quantities to be used for laboratory-scale research or as a reference standard.

^b Article III shall not apply to quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles.

⁴ Coordinated reporting under Stockholm and Barcelona Conventions

APPENDIX B

BAT and BEP for Environmentally Sound Management of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenil, Pentachlorobenzen

- A. Several BAT and BEP for the phasing out of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene are hereby described:
1. Develop appropriate strategies to identify:
 - a) Stockpiles consisting of or containing chemicals listed in Annex A;
 - b) Products and articles in use and wastes consisting of or containing chemicals listed in Annex A;
 2. Minimize cross-contamination which may affect the choice of available destruction options. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall ensure segregation of the waste by trained personnel on the basis of:
 - a) label information where pesticides waste is in its original container with a definitive label;
 - b) or indicative analytical tests, where label information is not available.
 3. Waste holders shall be responsible for the sound management of that waste which is in their possession;
 4. Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene waste must be segregated from other categories of waste that may be collected in any collection program;
 5. Mixing or bulking of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene waste shall not occur unless the waste has been positively identified by individual or composite sampling and analysis techniques;
 6. Managers of collection points and consolidation stores shall adopt and employ emergency containment and clean-up procedures for the accidental release of Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene waste into the environment, as approved by the national authority;
 7. Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, Beta hexachlorocyclohexane, Chlordecone, Hexabromobiphenyl, Pentachlorobenzene waste in consolidation stores shall be consigned, within one year of the starting date, for destruction by a licensed destruction facility, unless the national authority determines that viable destruction facilities are not available in the country;
- B. The BAT and BEP list mentioned above is not exhaustive; more extensive information is described in the Stockholm Convention technical guidelines
- The Parties shall add to and exchange information on, other strategies and/or practices helpful to the phase out of the pesticides concerned, waste and stock piles.

Decision IG.20/9

Criteria and Standards for bathing waters quality in the framework of the implementation of Article 7 of the LBS Protocol

The 17th meeting of the Contracting parties

Having regard to Article 7(1) C of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land based sources and activities, as amended in 1996 herein after referred to as the LBS Protocol, that provides for regional cooperation in progressively formulating and adopting common guidelines, standards and criteria dealing with the quality of sea-water used for specific purposes that is necessary for the protection of human health, living resources and ecosystems,

Being aware of the risks for public health associated to bathing in contaminated waters,

Considering the considerable tourist influx in the Mediterranean region and the central role that tourism plays in the development of the Mediterranean coastal states,

Bearing also in mind that the beaches and the adjacent bathing waters are among the most attractive tourist destinations common to all Mediterranean countries,

Acknowledging the need to efficiently exploit the tourist industry without jeopardizing the health of the tourists and swimmers in general,

Recalling the Interim Quality criteria for bathing waters adopted in 1985 by the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, within the context of the thirteen common measures,

Considering the new Guidelines for safe recreational water environments published by the World Health Organization in 2003 and revised in 2008,

Decides to adopt the criteria and standards for bathing waters in the Mediterranean region, which are contained in the annex to this decision, noting that nothing in this decision prevents the Contracting Parties from adopting stricter standards;

Urges the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the Criteria and Standards for bathing waters in the Mediterranean region and establish beach profile for each bathing water within a period of four years and to report to the Secretariat on progress achieved through biennial reporting on the implementation of the LBS Protocol as provided for in its Article 13.

Requests the Secretariat to organize capacity building programmes for the Contracting Parties to comply with the adopted criteria and standards

ANNEX

CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR BATHING WATERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Introduction

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention adopted in 1985 an interim common criteria and standards for coastal recreational waters, with a view to update them when more evidence would be provided. A new proposal was prepared ten years later but, as at the same time a proposal of a European Council Directive was tabled on the same subject, it was decided to postpone any decision and wait until the new Directive would be operational to avoid any duplication of efforts regarding microbiological analyses and elaboration of data. In the meantime, WHO developed the "Guidelines for Safe Recreational-water Environments" launched in 2003 and the EU abandoned their old proposal and started a new one linked to the WHO Guidelines. Finally, a new EC Directive was adopted by the European Parliament in 2006, and the Mediterranean countries have proposed criteria and standards that comply with both the WHO guidelines and the EC Directive.

The Mediterranean guidelines for bathing waters were formulated in 2007 based on the WHO guidelines for "Safe Recreational Water Environments" and on the EC Directive for "Bathing Waters". The proposal was made in an effort to provide updated criteria and standards that can be used in the Mediterranean countries and to harmonize their legislation in order to provide homogenous data. In addition, in 2009, the guidelines were coupled with the instructions for the preparation of water quality profiles that were used by several countries. As a result, national water quality profiles were presented during the "Consultation meeting for the finalization and approval of criteria and standards for bathing waters along with beach profiles", held in Athens from 8-9 November 2010. The meeting recommended to approve the criteria and standards as well as the methodology used and to present them at the MED POL Focal Points meeting in 2011 with the view at their transmission for approval and adoption at the meetings of the MAP Focal Points and the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. It is to be noted that all countries in the Mediterranean undertook pilot studies for the preparation of bathing waters quality profiles, with the assistance of WHO/MED POL.

The main objective of the revised criteria and standards for bathing waters in Mediterranean countries, is to reduce gastroenteritis and other waterborne health risks. They are based on scientific knowledge related to the protection of human health and the environment as well as environmental management experience. They also provide better and earlier information to citizens about the quality of their bathing waters and they range from simple sampling and monitoring of bathing waters to bathing quality management.

The revised criteria and standards require monitoring, assessment and classification of bathing water quality status that is referred to as "excellent", "good", "sufficient" and "poor quality", with each qualification linked to clear numerical quality standards of bacteriological quality. In addition to monitoring, the preparation of beach profiles or bathing water profiles is also required as the most important element introduced in the revised criteria and standards. Their aim is to provide swimmers, as well as authorities, with information about physical, geographical and hydrological characteristics of a bathing water, as well as possible sources of pollution impacting on bathing water quality.

A bathing water profile is primarily intended to improve the understanding of the faecal sources and routes of pollution, and focuses on intestinal enterococci, the indicator for faecal pollution. The new parameter is in fact more representative for faecal pollution than the old one.

Information on the route by which and the extent to which the bathing water quality is negatively influenced should be available. In fact, the manager of the bathing water location will have to give an estimate of which sources of emission negatively influence the bathing water quality and through which dispersion routes. Important is the type of emission (continuous/non-recurrent, specific source/diffuse sources). Moreover, the location-specific characteristics of the bathing water (flowing or isolated) play a decisive role. All the above aspects make the bathing water profile the basis on which the manager can better understand the risks of contamination and propose appropriate measures.

The bathing water profile can therefore be used to better substantiate the management measures taken and to make a better use of funds for the remedial measures.. At the same time, the bathing water profile can be used to inform the society/citizens of the quality of the bathing water and the management measures taken.

In this context, compliance will refer to appropriate management measures and quality assurance, not merely to measuring and calculations.

Criteria¹ and standards

Microbial Water Quality Assessment Category (based on Intestinal enterococci (cfu/100 mL))

Category	A	B	C	D
Limit values	<100*	101-200*	185**	>185**(1)
Water quality	Excellent quality	Good quality	Sufficient	Poor quality/ Immediate Action

Minimum sampling frequency: at least one per month and not less than four in a bathing period including an initial one prior to the start of the bathing period.

* 95th percentile intestinal enterococci/100 mL (applying the formula 95th Percentile = antilog ($\mu + 1,65 \sigma$))

** 90th percentile intestinal enterococci/100 mL (90th Percentile=antilog ($\mu + 1,282 \sigma$), μ =calculated arithmetic mean of the log10 values; σ = calculated standard deviation of the log10 values.

(1) For single sample appropriate action is recommended to be carried out once the count for IE exceeds 500 cfu/100 mL

- For classification purposes at least 12 sample results are needed spread over 3-4 bathing seasons
- Reference method of analysis: ISO 7899-2 based on membrane filtration technique or any other approved technique
- Transitional period 4 years (starting by 1st January 2012)

¹ These criteria should be revised in the light of the experience of the Contracting Parties on this application and the possible progress in other specific fora in 2015

In combination with the above criteria and standards, a profile should be prepared for each of the bathing water assessed, as follows:

PREPARATION OF BEACH PROFILES (BATHING WATER PROFILES)

Beach profiles should be prepared following a standardized format similar to that provided here below, a copy of which should be displayed for public information on the beach.

In addition, a map has to be included with the sampling points, sources of pollution, facilities and any other relevant information. The classification of the beach as described in the table above should also be included.

Standardized format: General bathing water profile

General Information

Name of beach and bathing area:.....

Location:.....Location on the map (grid reference):.....

Latitude:..... Longitude:.....

Length.....m wide..m depth...m gradient.....cm

Type of bathing area:

open confined natural lake estuarine marine

Type of bathing area: sand rocky pebble grass other.....

Public facilities: No. of: Toilets..... Showers..... Litter bins.....

Is there in place any information system indicating water quality? Yes No

Are methods in place to warn the people of danger? No

Yes: Flags megaphones Digital panels other.....

Accessibility: Road Path No access. Is there an adequate parking area? Yes No

Beach usage: swimming sailing motor sports other.....

Number of bathers at peak usage (e.g. Sunday).....

Are dogs or other animals present at the beach? Yes Type..... Number..... No

Water colour: Transparent Not transparent brown green reddish

Are there any algae present? Yes Type..... Amount..... No

Does the beach look clean? Yes No Specify type of dirt.....

Characteristics of surrounding area: (more than one category can be used)

- urban residential industrial agricultural dunes
 river mouth hills & mountains grassland other.....

Potential sources of contamination to be specified

- Wastewater discharges River or stream discharge Other discharges
 Other sources

Average water temperature: (during season) max/min.....

Prevailing wind (N/S/E/W):.....

Prevailing current (N/S/E/W):.....

Distance between mean high and low water:.....

Beach manager or contact in case of pollution incident:

Phone: Mobile phone: Fax:
e-mail:

Address:.....

Organisation:.....

Management team at the bathing area

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Decision IG.20/10

Adoption of the Strategic Framework for Marine Litter management

The 17th meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling the UNEP Global Marine Litter Initiative that took an active lead in assisting eleven Regional Seas Programmes in organizing and implementing regional activities on marine litter;

Recalling the results of the assessment of the status of marine litter in the Mediterranean prepared in 2008 in the framework;

Taking note of the commitments endorsed by the Fifth International Marine Debris Conference and the revised Honolulu Strategy, a global framework strategy to prevent, reduce, and manage marine debris/litter;

Taking note of the process of gradual application by MAP of the Ecosystem Approach for the management of human activities in the Mediterranean region, that includes ecological objectives and operational objectives with associated indicators and targets for marine litter;

Taking into consideration Article 15 of the LBS Protocol for the adoption of action plans, programmes and measures, as well as the annex 1 section C, point 14 of the same Protocol;

Decides to:

Adopt the Policy document and the associated Strategic Framework for Marine Litter management presented as Annexes I and II to this decision;

Request the MEDPOL Programme, in close collaboration with the Contracting Parties and in cooperation with the competent MAP components and partners, to prepare a Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol; and

Invite MAP Secretariat to closely liaise with OSPAR Commission Secretariat in order to explore possible common approach on this subject, expressing shared concerns while taking into consideration specificities of each convention and allowing a stronger efficiency.

Invite the Contracting Parties to fully support the process and provide the adequate resources

ANNEX I

A NEW POLICY TO ADDRESS MARINE LITTER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

A new policy to address marine litter in the Mediterranean

Background

Marine litter has been an issue of concern in the Mediterranean since the 1970s. Today the coastline and catchment area of the Mediterranean is home to 427 million inhabitants (7% of the world's population) and to 7% of known marine species; annually the region attracts 25% of the international tourist trade; 30% of shipping traffic passes through the Mediterranean Sea.

The production of marine litter is a result of urbanization and increased economic activities in combination with poor infrastructures throughout the region with more problems, in the south and east Mediterranean countries, where more than 80% of landfill sites are not subject to supervision.

The Mediterranean countries adopted the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (the Barcelona Convention) in 1976. Within the framework of this Convention, in 1980 the Mediterranean countries adopted a Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources. The Protocol recognizes the importance of dealing with the problem of marine litter. In the Annex I of the Protocol marine litter is defined as "Persistent synthetic material which may float, sink or remain in suspension and which may interfere with any legitimate use of the sea". The Protocol was amended in 1996 and entered into force in 2008. The Annex I of the amended Protocol defines litter as "any persistent manufactured or processed solid material which is discarded, disposed of, or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment".

The Mediterranean was designated a Special Area for the purposes of Annex V of the MARPOL 73/78 Convention. Recently the Mediterranean coastal States Parties to the MARPOL Annex V presented a joint submission to the IMO's MEPC, notifying that adequate reception facilities for garbage were provided in their respective ports.

In the framework of the MED POL Programme of UNEP/MAP, a comprehensive Bibliography on Marine Litter containing 440 references and an Assessment of the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Persistent Synthetic Materials, which can Float, Sink or Remain in Suspension were published in 1991.

MAP action on coastal and marine litter

The Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols, 1999, asked the MED POL Programme to include in its work programme, action on coastal and marine litter and to prepare a relevant assessment.

Following the decision by the Contracting Parties, a Questionnaire about Litter Management in Coastal Zones of the Mediterranean was sent to Mediterranean countries and the answers were analyzed with the aim of preparing a new assessment. The assessment showed that the main sources of coastal litter in the region are river runoff, tourist activities and coastal urban centers. This result indicated that it is the inadequate management of coastal solid waste that is responsible for the presence of litter on the beaches, floating in the water and on the sea bed. In addition to the above mentioned results, it appeared that almost all the Mediterranean countries have policies for the management of coastal solid waste but the enforcement of the policies is weak mostly because of the poor coordination between different national and local administrations dealing with solid waste issues. However, only few countries have policies related specifically to marine litter. Local administration and

municipalities are ultimately responsible for the management of coastal litter in the region. The role of the Ministry of environment is limited to the control aspects.

Based on these facts, MED POL built up a strategy to assist coastal local authorities to improve the management of coastal solid waste and prevent the introduction of litter into the marine environment that was successfully tested through a pilot project implemented in Lebanon. A national replication strategy was also developed and agreed upon by all Lebanese coastal municipalities.

In 2003, in the framework of MED POL, WHO/EURO prepared Guidelines for Management of Coastal Litter for the Mediterranean Region. These guidelines were prepared within the framework of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) to address pollution from land-based activities and are intended to help the responsible authorities, planners and field operators.

Following the Global Marine Litter Initiative of UNEP/GPA of 2006, a new assessment was prepared by MED POL to update the current status of the marine litter problem in the Mediterranean and better understand how it is dealt with by the countries of the region. The new assessment was the result of a joint effort of relevant authorities, IGOs, NGOs, scientists and economic sectors in several Mediterranean countries, and has taken full consideration, and can be regarded as the follow-up to, the collective previous related initiatives and activities of UNEP/MAP.

The assessment relied on the information collected from the completed questionnaires of fourteen Mediterranean countries, analysis of beach clean-up data mainly from the period 2002-2006 by Clean Up Greece, the monitoring and recording of litter floating on the sea surface for the duration of the study by HELMEPA member companies with ships traveling in or transiting the Mediterranean, existing literature and initiatives and the direct contacts with local authorities, non-governmental organizations and associations, as well as scientists and individuals, who could provide reliable data on marine litter (recorded or unrecorded). Efforts were made to provide useful statistics that could be further extrapolated to give a quantifiable estimation of the marine litter problem in the Mediterranean.

Recently, in the framework of the gradual application of the Ecosystem Approach (ECAP) for the management of human activities in the Mediterranean by MAP (COP Decision IF 17/6, Almeria, 2008) an Ecological Objective for marine litter has been proposed: "Marine and coastal litter do not adversely affect coastal and marine environment". Also Operational Objectives with associated Indicators are under development. Marine litter monitoring will be implemented in the framework of the ECAP integrated monitoring programme, which will be developed during the biennium 2012-2013.

The main findings of the assessment

- Although useful data on marine litter exists in the region (types, quantities, etc.) it is inconsistent and geographically restricted mainly to parts of the North Mediterranean. Standardized research data for statistical purposes concerning the problem of litter in the Mediterranean is a necessity. Furthermore, information sharing between and among NGOs, IGOs, research institutes, relevant authorities, etc. in the Mediterranean regarding litter data needs to be improved;
- Previous deductions that most of the Mediterranean marine litter is from land-based sources, rather than ships, were confirmed;
- Marine litter found on Mediterranean beaches originates from shoreline and recreational activities and is composed mainly of plastics (bottles, bags, caps/lids etc.), aluminum (cans, pull tabs) and glass (bottles) (52% - based on item counts). This figure is in line with the

global average in the same period (2002-2006). Marine litter from smoking related activities accounts for 40% (collected items) which is considerably higher than the global average;

- In terms of marine litter *floating in the sea*, plastics account for about 83.0%, while all other major categories (textiles, paper, metal and wood) account for about 17% (no. of items observed);

- Besides being an eyesore, marine litter also poses hazards and dangers for wildlife and people. A variety of marine wildlife species was found to be entangled in or injured by marine litter items. In fact, derelict fishing gear, which includes fishing line, nets, rope and lures represents about 70% of all entanglements;

- Most of the countries that provided input to this assessment are undergoing a series of policy reforms relating to marine litter, covering the whole range from waste prevention practices all the way to environmentally sound disposal of waste, with a view to involving a wide range of stakeholders. Administrative coordination, budget allocation, technical capacity and weak enforcement remain the main obstacles. On the up-side, there is a clear indication that private sector involvement is increasing. No country has any kind of cross-border collaboration scheme on the issue of marine litter management;

- The economic impact of marine litter has not been addressed in the region while the specific to the region impacts on nature and humans need to be further identified and explored.

Public awareness and education

In parallel to the assessment, MED POL with the support of the Regional Seas Programme of UNEP developed a medium-term public awareness and education campaign on the management of marine litter in the Mediterranean with the overall objective to contribute to the protection of the environment and the sustainable development of the Mediterranean.

MED POL opted to work with partner NGOs (namely MIO-ECSDE, Clean Up Greece and HELMEPA) of the region, in the context of a project entitled "Keep the Mediterranean Litter-free Campaign" carried out by the three partner organizations with the support of UNEP/MAP.

The outcome of the project was a brochure produced in 11 Mediterranean languages, a series of awareness and clean-up events and a publication for a common regional strategic approach on how to raise awareness and appropriately educate the public about marine litter. The latter has been developed for the general public as well as for all other stakeholders such as the maritime industry, the tourism sector, agriculture, regional and national authorities, NGOs, the media, etc.

Numerous international organizations and NGOs have conducted surveys and beach clean-up campaigns yielding data and information on marine and coastal litter pollution of the Mediterranean Sea. These efforts, which continue to present, are considered as a reliable source of data and information.

Towards a new strategy for the proper management of marine litter in the Mediterranean

With the entering into force of the Barcelona Convention's LBS Protocol (2008), the entry into force of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol in 2011 and the coming into effect in 2009 of the Mediterranean Sea as a *Special Area* (under Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)), the issue of marine litter management got indeed strengthened.

As a result, the need was felt to enter into a more operational phase and tackle the issue of marine litter with more concrete initiatives. Recently, in planning the medium and long-term work plan for MAP and MED POL, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention asked the Secretariat to formulate a new strategy for the proper management of marine litter in the Mediterranean region and to present it for adoption.

The strategy that is being prepared is based on **the overall goal to ensure that marine and coastal litter do not adversely affect the coastal and marine environment and the impacts related to properties and quantities of marine litter in the marine and coastal environment are minimized, controlled and eliminated to the maximum extent practicable through regional and national activities.** The specific objectives for meeting the overall goal are listed below. These have been developed based on the findings of the assessment report, questionnaires and additional literature. Also, the objectives take into consideration the Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives with associated Indicators and targets for marine litter, which are under development in the framework of the gradual application by MAP of the Ecosystem Approach for the management of human activities in the Mediterranean:

- Objective one: Enhance the proper implementation of existing legislation dealing with municipal solid waste, as well as sea based solid waste, by building or further developing legal and institutional capacity in local and port authorities, and other institutional stakeholders, to manage marine litter within an integrated coastal zone management framework;
- Objective two: Reduce, in view to eliminate, marine litter generated “in situ” (on beaches) with emphasis on plastics and smoking related marine litter;
- Objective three: Influence environmental attitudes and behavior of residents and tourists of coastal areas in the Mediterranean Region with regards to marine litter;
- Objective four: Follow the trends of marine litter generation and distribution through the establishment of a monitoring programme for marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea, based on the ecosystem approach;
- Objective five: Assess lost and abandoned fishing gear and identify and implement counter measures against biological damage;
- Objective six: Establish synergies with on-going and planned initiatives in the Mediterranean Region as they relate to waste and marine litter. In fact, this objective aims at ensuring coherence and coordination of scattered activities undertaken by various stakeholders under all previous objectives.

The strategy is being prepared through a participatory process and its basic elements have already been discussed at expert and Government-designated levels. It is proposed to be implemented through a legally binding Regional Plan based on Art 15 of the LBS Protocol, to be formulated on the basis of the strategic framework prepared by MED POL. The Regional Plan will include activities both at the national and regional levels and will indicate measures, targets and timetables.

While a number of preparatory activities could immediately be implemented at the regional and national levels, the Regional Plan will be prepared during the biennium 2012-2013 and will be presented to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for adoption at their next Meeting in 2013.

ANNEX II

MANAGEMENT OF MARINE LITTER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

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PREAMBLE

The present strategic framework was prepared through a participatory process. The first draft was prepared by a designated consultant and after internal circulation was presented (version 2 September 2008) in a Stakeholder Meeting organised on 18-19 September 2008 in Athens, Greece where the draft document was thoroughly discussed and commented. Based on the discussions of the last meeting of MED POL Focal Points held in Rhodes on 25-27 May 2011, where the strategic framework was presented and welcomed by the participants, the present revised draft was prepared by the Secretariat.

The strategic framework is divided into five sections: Section I provides an introduction to and historic evolution of the issue. Section II states the objectives and principles of the strategic framework. Section III sets out a strategic framework for attaining the objectives; goals have been identified and a list of activities, including proposed partners, as a means to attain the objectives. Section IV includes a log frame and work plan, developed to guide the implementation of this strategic framework. The last Section, V, describes the envisioned implementation modalities. The Parties in this strategic framework shall include all the countries which are signatories of the Barcelona Convention.

1. Introduction

1.1 Marine litter in the Mediterranean

Marine litter is discarded waste or lost material resulting from any kind of human activity that has made its way into the marine environment, including material found on beaches or material that is floating or has sunk at sea and accumulated in the sea bottom.

Marine litter was recognised already in the 1960s as an important problem for marine life but since then the volume of marine litter and the associated with it environmental, economic and social problems are growing rapidly globally and in the Mediterranean.

The magnitude of the problem has led to growing concern internationally and to a certain extent also in the Mediterranean by several governments, organisations, scientists and a series of litter surveys and awareness campaigns, which, however, until now are still rather limited in scope and small in comparison to the scale of the problem

The landlocked Mediterranean Sea (Figure 1) has a surface area of 2.5 million km² and a coastline of approximately 46,000km, 73% of which lies in the northern coast.



Figure 1: The Mediterranean Sea and countries of the Mediterranean region

The coastline and catchment area is home to 427 million inhabitants (7% of the world's population) and to 7% of known marine species; annually the region attracts 25% of the international tourist trade; 30% of shipping traffic passes through the Mediterranean sea (2005c). The production of marine litter is a result of urbanization and increased economic activities in combination with poor infrastructures throughout the region with more problems, in the south and east Mediterranean countries, where more than 80% of landfill sites are not subject to supervision.

Marine litter was implicitly dealt with in the Mediterranean through the legal and institutional framework to address the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea provided by the *Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution* (Barcelona Convention) and the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). This was later amended and renamed the *Convention for the Protection of the*

Marine environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean. The convention includes seven protocols some of which are directly or indirectly relevant to marine litter:

- a. The prevention and elimination of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft or incineration at sea;
- b. Cooperation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea;
- c. Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources and activities;
- d. Specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean;
- e. Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil;
- f. Prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal; and
- g. Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean.

Since the implementation of the Protocols against pollution from land-based sources and activities (LBS) and of the prevention of dumping and hazardous waste are under the guidance of the Marine Pollution Assessment and Control programme of MAP known as MED POL, marine litter is also under MEDPOL's supervision.

MED POL has assisted countries to develop action plans and programmes. The Strategic Action Plan (SAP) was prepared by MED POL and Contracting Parties in 1998 to address land-based pollution; specifically the Action Plan has identified pollution hot spots, pollution sensitive areas along with planned activities to be implemented up to the year 2025. Under the guidance of MED POL countries then prepared National Action Plans (NAPs) in which specific areas of intervention were identified and assessed the needed budget. In both the SAP and NAPs among the main priority areas (wastewater, industrial waste and solid waste), marine litter sources are implicitly included.

With the ratification by Croatia and Syria of the LBS protocol on 11th May 2008, the Protocol has entered into force. This paves the way for MED POL in partnership with Parties to develop pollution reduction programmes and apply legally binding targets in order to eliminate land based pollution including marine litter.

In 1987 due to the lack of information on marine and coastal litter UNEP/MAP convened a meeting jointly with IOC and FAO in order to enhance understanding of the quantity, composition and origin of persistent materials in the Mediterranean Sea. As a result of the meeting a pilot project was implemented in five countries (Cyprus, Israel, Italy, Spain and Turkey) to assess marine and coastal litter and a report was published entitled "*Assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by persistent synthetic materials which may float sink or remain in suspension*". In 1996 a wide scale assessment was conducted for the purposes of informing the Parties to the Barcelona Convention, this assessment entitled "*The State of the Marine and Coastal Environment in the Mediterranean Region*" provided in depth review of all sectors of the economy within the region, which have a direct impact on the Mediterranean Sea in general and which also contribute to marine litter. Furthermore a comprehensive bibliography was compiled containing 440 reference covering eight thematic areas on the subject which has been a particularly useful resource for scientist working in the region.

In 2001, MED POL undertook a comprehensive assessment on the status of the management of coastal litter in the Mediterranean. The results of the assessment showed that the main sources of coastal litter in the region are run-off from rivers, tourist activities and coastal urban centres. This result indicates that inadequate coastal solid waste management is responsible for the presence of litter on beaches, floating on water or on the sea bed (benthic). The above mentioned results are in contradiction with the fact that, almost

all the Mediterranean countries have policies for the management of coastal solid waste. In fact, the problem is related to the enforcement of the policies which is, in general, very weak because of the poor coordination between different national and local administrations dealing with solid waste management issues and the inadequate infrastructure and understaffed services. However, perhaps the most important root problem is the absence of proper behaviour by the population which is due to lack of a waste-free culture, awareness and education. Although only few countries have specific policies related to marine litter, usually local administration and municipalities are ultimately responsible for the management of coastal litter in the region. The role of the Ministry of Environment and/or other Ministries (Mercantile Marine, Interior, etc.) is limited to provision of guidelines and control.

Based on these facts, MEDPOL built up a process to assist – as a first step - coastal local authorities in order to improve the management of coastal solid waste and prevent the introduction of litter into the marine environment. In this line, MED POL implemented in 2004-2005, with the cooperation of RAMOGE and UNADEP, a pilot project with the Municipality of Tripoli, Lebanon in which direct technical and legal assistance was provided in combination with a public awareness campaign. As a follow-up of this pilot project, a national replication strategy has been developed and agreed upon by all Lebanese coastal municipalities.

Various technical reports have been published by UNEP/MAP, within its “MAP Technical Reports Series” focusing on technical and policy related aspects of marine litter and solid waste management. Furthermore there are reports on case-studies related to marine litter which have been implemented under UNEP/MAP and MED POL. In 2003, UNEP MAP published guidelines for management of coastal litter in the Mediterranean Region. The guidelines were prepared under the framework of SAP and specifically address land-based sources of marine litter, and aimed to provide a common framework for responsible authorities, planners and field operators to formulate national and regional development strategies within the context of the environmental protection of the Mediterranean Sea. In 2005 a global perspective on marine litter was made available by UNEP “Marine Litter - An analytical overview”, within which various global and regional tools were included as well as recommendations for future activities in this area.

2. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

2.1 Objectives

The overall goal of this Strategic Framework is to ensure that marine and coastal litter do not adversely affect coastal and marine environment and the impacts related to properties and quantities of marine litter in the marine and coastal environment are minimized, controlled and eliminated to the maximum extent practicable through regional and national activities.

Marine litter is, for this strategic framework, a category of substance listed under the LBS Protocol and for the purposes of this strategic framework it will be defined as **any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment**. Marine litter consists of items that have been made or used by people and deliberately discarded into the sea or rivers or on beaches; brought indirectly to the sea with rivers, sewage, storm water or winds; accidentally lost, including material lost at sea in bad weather (fishing gear, cargo); or deliberately left by people on beaches and shores. Although in some countries organic material (e.g. faeces) may be included in litter, in the present document only manufactured material (including processed timber) is considered.

The specific objectives for meeting the overall goal are listed below. These have been developed based on the findings of the assessment report, questionnaires and additional literature:-

- Objective one: Enhance the proper implementation of existing legislation dealing with municipal solid waste, as well as sea based solid waste, by building or further developing legal and institutional capacity in local and port authorities, and other institutional stakeholders, to manage marine litter within an integrated coastal zone management framework.
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- Objective five: Assess lost and abandoned fishing gear and identify and implement countermeasures against biological damage
- Objective six: Establish synergies with on-going and planned initiatives in the Mediterranean Region as they relate to waste and marine litter, including the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. In fact, this objective aims at ensuring coherence and coordination of scattered activities undertaken by various stakeholders under all previous objectives

2.2 Principles of the strategic framework

The underlying concept of this strategic framework is that marine litter is a local, national as well as trans-boundary problem requiring specific measures at each level and across all levels; particular to the Mediterranean region is that due to the different levels of economic development amongst the countries a *partnership* approach is required. The management of marine litter is not a standalone activity; removing the eyesore which marine litter causes is only treating the symptom not the cause, therefore its management must fall under an integrated approach to solid waste management both on land and at sea (see Figure 2). For this reason there are numerous actors and activities in the management of marine litter that are interlinked and must be incorporated in any strategy which attempts to reduce marine litter.

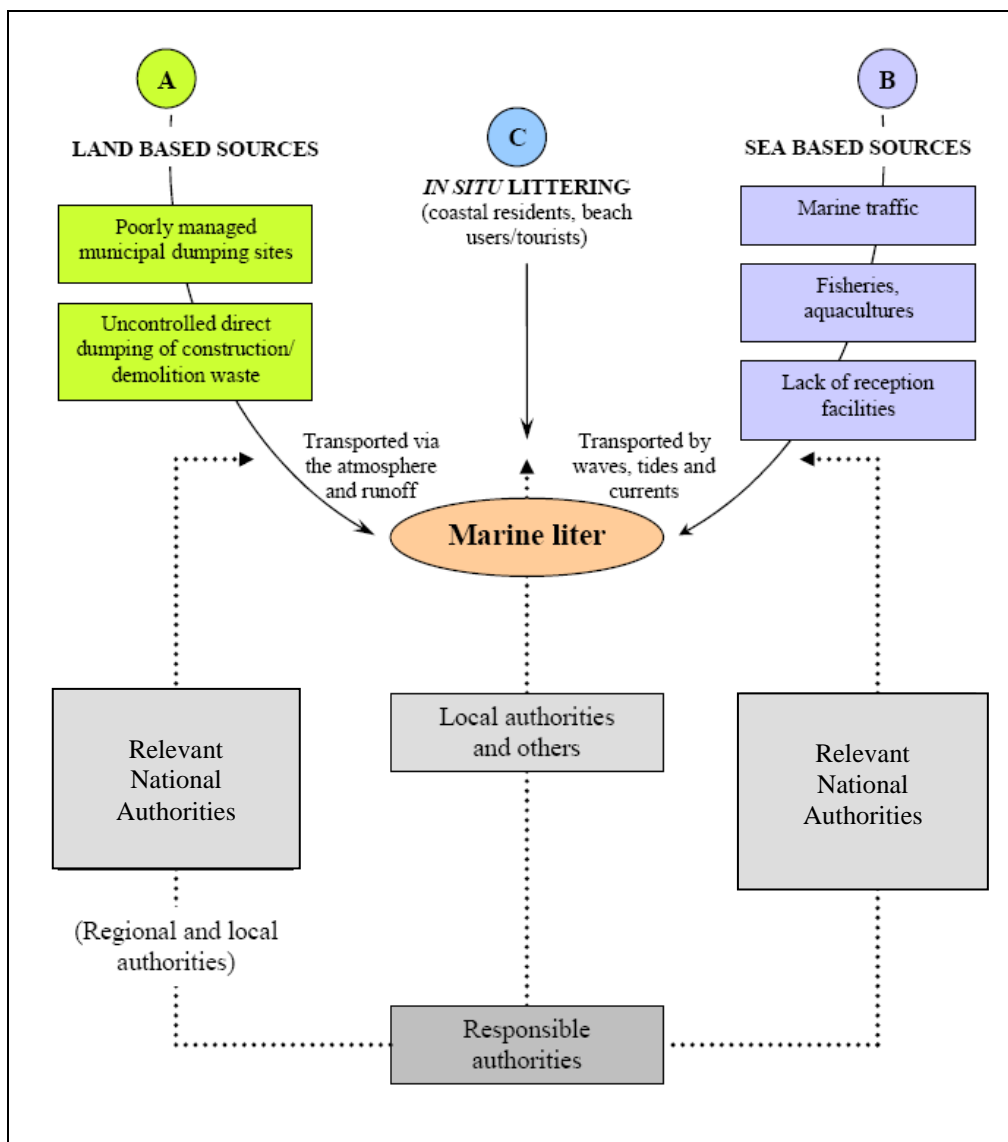


Figure 2. Main sources of marine litter and responsible authorities in the Mediterranean countries

Figure 2 presents the three major sources of litter that the strategic framework addresses and the relevant authorities in the majority of the Mediterranean countries: **(A)** land based sources including all municipal, industrial and demolition waste that finds its way to the coast via the atmosphere (winds) or runoff; **(B)** sea based sources from all kinds of marine traffic (tankers, merchant or cruise ships and pleasure craft), fisheries and off shore aquaculture, and **(C)** “in situ” littering activities by coastal residents, tourists or other “users” of the beach.

The magnitude of the marine litter problem in each country is, to a large extent, directly related to the level of efficiency of solid waste management services provided by local and port authorities for municipal solid waste (A) and sea generated waste (B), respectively. Both these problems are addressed by specific Protocols of the Barcelona Convention and MARPOL and therefore the present strategic framework supports and further advocates and facilitates the implementation of the aforementioned provisions. As a consequence, this strategic framework does not focus on the construction of large scale solid waste management infrastructure, such as landfills, waste reception facilities at ports and material recycling facilities. It is understood that these have already been identified, and in some cases funded, through the NAPs and the SAP. Therefore, this strategic framework focuses mostly on the “in situ” generated waste (C) as well as on what may inevitably “escape” towards the beach and sea by sources (A) and (B) even if the latter are managed properly. In this sense apart from technical solutions that will be included to effectively address (C), the strategic framework will contribute in building legal and institutional capacities of local and port authorities and other institutional stakeholders will provide software support to on-going and planned large scale SWM related investments (covered under the NAPs and other national and regional activities) in the form of public awareness, professional sectorial guidelines, policy formulation and advocacy.

Many of the aforementioned activities and tools have been developed in the Mediterranean region by regional, national and local NGOs, local authorities, schools and various civil society organisations and the strategic framework encourages the continuation and enhancement of their involvement. Figure 3 presents some of the key management tools and activities employed in the strategic framework and principle actors/stakeholders to be involved.

The strategic framework will be supported and in return will enhance, both directly and indirectly, the following existing conventions and legislation: Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; MARPOL 73/78 Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (Annex V); London Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Dumping of Wastes (1996 Protocol); Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal; Agenda 21, Johannesburg Plan of Implementation; EC and Mediterranean Standards for bathing waters, EC Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC), EC Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

This strategic framework does not intend to duplicate efforts in the region to de-pollute the Mediterranean. It has been drafted to specifically support the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 Initiative and therefore the same time frame has been adopted.

Finally, this strategic framework follows a precautionary approach and where appropriate the polluter pays principle will be implemented. The application of economic instruments, in particular for supporting local and national authorities to implement cost recovery programmes, is given emphasis in this strategic framework.

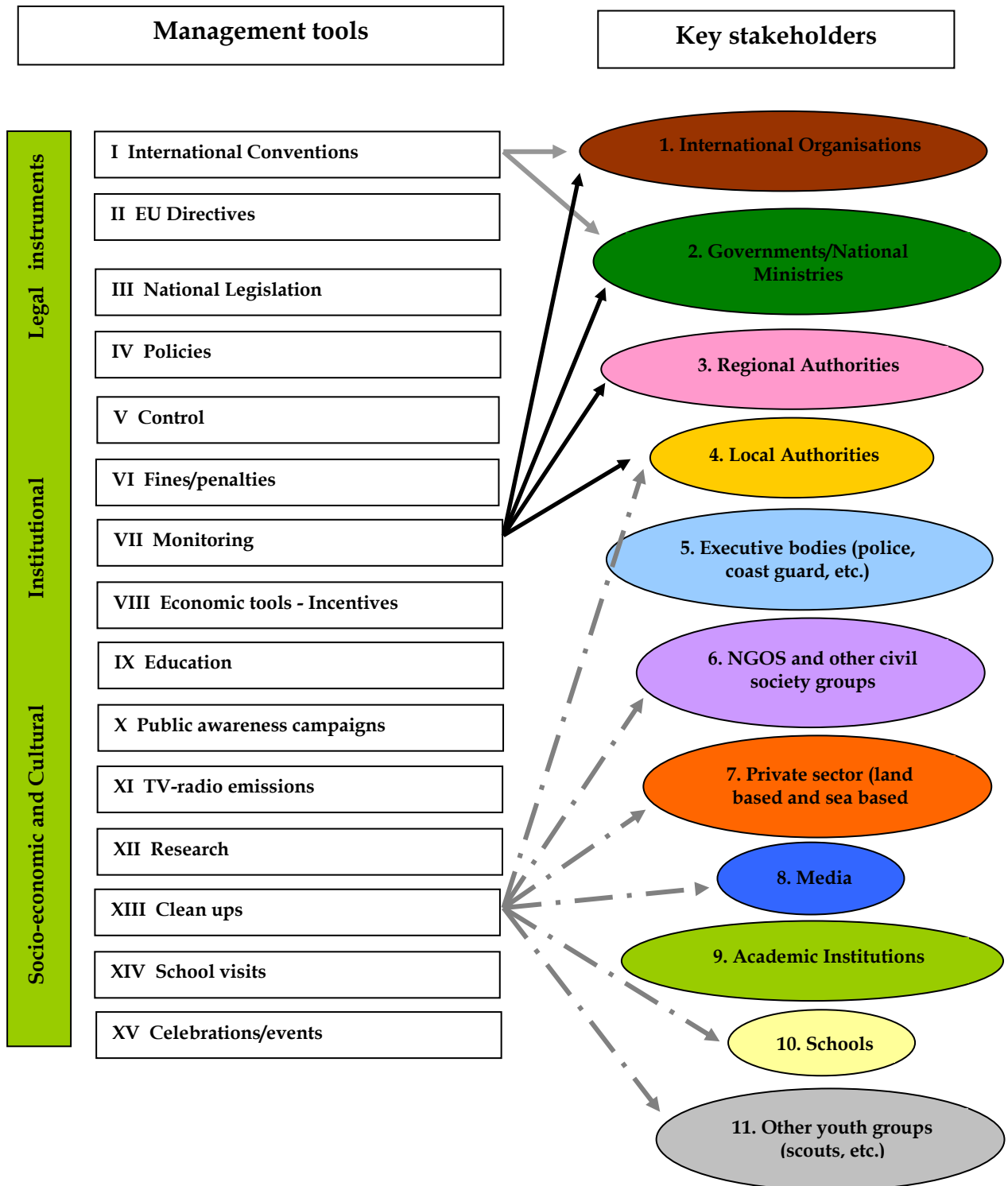


Figure 3. Common management tools/activities and stakeholders to be involved in the implementation of the strategic framework

3. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

3.1 Objective one: Enhance the proper implementation of existing regional legislation dealing with municipal solid waste, as well as sea based solid waste, by building or further developing institutional and legal capacity in local and port authorities and other institutional stakeholders to manage marine litter within an integrated coastal zone management framework

Justification and background of proposed activities: Shoreline and recreational activities pollution is the main source of marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea, accounting for 52% of litter. The sea based pollution from ships, fisheries and off-shore aquacultures is important too, but of lower magnitude. The Assessment report indicates that in some countries, litter is reaching the Mediterranean Sea through sewer systems and that the origin of land-based litter outside the tourist season was from drainage and outfall. Furthermore assessments of pollution hotspots in the Mediterranean Region conducted under MED POL and used in MeHSIP reports noted many open dumps or poor management of sanitary landfills in coastal zones. Furthermore some coastal towns have also received legal action from the EU for the poor waste management and operations of illegal disposal sites.

Ensuring that port reception facilities are operated properly is of utmost importance if MARPOL Annex V is to be effective in reducing the amount of garbage being disposed by ships. REMPEC has recently conducted an assessment of waste reception facilities indicating the needs still existing.

Within the Mediterranean Region the LBS Protocol covers a wide range of land based polluting categories, with its entry into force it is now an opportune time to set legally binding targets and develop regional legislation on land based sources of marine litter similar to MARPOL Annex V which covers the sea based ones.

In parallel, the main waste management related legislations are the European Union's Waste Directive (2006/12/EC), Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) and Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC) which provide a legal framework, but this applies only to 7 out of the 21 countries of the Mediterranean Region. Few countries which have ratified the LBS protocol have addressed marine litter in national legislation; the country questionnaire administered by MED POL, found that only five countries had specific marine litter policies, the remaining countries included marine litter under national waste management legislation. The recent ratification of the LBS protocol by all Parties offers an opportunity for the formulation of a regional marine litter legislation.

Because of the difference in the level of economic development between the countries of the Mediterranean region, (GDP values are lower for South and East Mediterranean countries), access to public services and the level of employment is also lower. This variance trickles down to the local governance level and the availability of financial, technical and human resources to effectively manage public services. Solid waste management (SWM) is a public service which, in general, receives the least amount of attention and funding from national and international resources; projects on energy, water and sanitation are the more popular attracting most of the development aid. Solid waste management does not seem to be a priority area for governments. In the SAP MED, TDA and the NAPs, country priorities were in waste water treatment works, industrial pollution control and then solid waste management.

Therefore, under this objective National Governments and through them regional and local authorities are strongly urged, encouraged and facilitated to the extent possible to implement the provisions deriving from International/Regional Conventions, Directives and other guidelines aiming at effectively reducing managing and stopping waste from reaching the

coasts of the Mediterranean Sea either through streams, rivers and drains or via waves, currents and tides.

This requires: for land based sources, an effective municipal waste management system to ensure that waste receptacles are provided, that waste is stored properly, collected frequently and disposed or recycled appropriately so that waste doesn't become litter. It also requires a drainage system that is maintained and constructed to block litter entering water bodies. Both the provision of solid waste management services and drainage infrastructure require that the responsible authorities have the human resource, infrastructural and financial capacity to manage these services. *Construction of landfills, procurement of waste collection fleet, improvement of drainage and sewer systems are multimillion euro investments and are not under the scope of this strategic framework.* For sea based sources: effective collection, transport and reception facilities at ports and other designated areas.

This objective focuses on the management aspect of marine litter, in particular the legal, institutional and technical requirements for local/port authorities and other institutional stakeholders to effectively manage marine litter and to maintain clean beaches.

In this respect and taking into account the different levels of public service delivery amongst the Mediterranean countries, the more developed countries are encouraged to transfer technology and knowhow and build capacity in the less developed countries. One way to achieve this is by twinning; local or port authorities in a more developed country could be paired with those of a less developed one.

Proposed activities at regional level

Medium term activities

- Activity 1.1: Document and make use of experience of countries in the Region which have specific marine litter policies and practices in place (based on 3.1).
- Activity 1.2: Develop policy guidelines on drainage and marine litter management for high level decision makers.
- Activity 1.3: Prepare operational guidelines for environmentally and ecologically friendly downloading from ships and port/marina cleaning equipment.
- Activity 1.4: Review, update and develop training programmes to support institutional aspects of the management of marine litter.

Long term activities

- Activity 1.5: Develop and implement twinning programmes for cross-border capacity building within local and port authorities in the application of marine litter management knowledge and technology.
- Activity 1.6: Continue the work on assessing and monitoring the operation of port waste reception facilities as stipulated under MARPOL and provide assistance to ports, harbours and small marinas to develop and implement effective waste disposal procedures.
- Activity 1.7: Facilitate eligible countries to develop proposals and apply to donors for grant financing of above activities.

Proposed activities at national level

Medium term activities

- Activity 1.8: Local authorities to integrate beach clean ups into SWM systems and establish networks to improve exchange of experiences between the various national/sub-national/local management authorities.
- Activity 1.9: Mapping of the solid waste infrastructures and/or lack thereof on coastal zones (such as landfills, open dumps, transfer points, etc.). Assessment of the impact of waste disposal sites as point sources of marine litter. Proposals for improvement and, whenever feasible, submission of projects to International Financial Institutions.
- Activity 1.10: Support institutional and technical capacity building of national and local administrations in order for large scale waste management projects to be developed and implemented.

Long term activities

- Activity 1.11: Work with ministries and local/port authorities who have already developed Integrated Coastal Zone Management plans to include management of marine litter.
- Activity 1.12: Assist competent authorities to develop SWM plans, which include the management of marine litter, and investment strategies for smaller towns (i.e. of populations less than 100,000) which were not included in SAP.
- Activity 1.13: Parties to encourage sub-national and local authorities to develop proposals for financing activities under the EU Neighbourhood Policy, the European Investment Bank (EIB), African Development Bank, GEF and other International Financial Institutions.

3.2 Objective two: Reduce in view to eliminate marine litter generated "in situ" (on beaches) with emphasis on plastic and smoking related marine litter

Justification and background of proposed activities: As identified already in chapter II1 the third important source of marine litter are the beach-goers, seasonal tourists anglers and other people using on occasion the coast for recreation or other purposes, or those who purposely use empty spaces near the coast to illegally dump garbage, rubbish, construction debris and other waste. Illegal activities need to be dealt with by the authorities by regularly patrolling the coastal areas and imposing heavy fines. To do so some legal and institutional changes are necessary in most countries to allow for rapid and effective prosecution and imposition of the fines. At the moment this is not an easy procedure in most Mediterranean countries. Setting up a regulatory framework by the responsible ministries, will provide the basis for the implementation of law enforcement and application of environmental economic instruments to reduce, manage and stop marine litter entering the sea. The Israeli Clean Coast project has set up a good example of enforcement procedures on beach goers caught littering. A regulatory framework should also include the enforcement of adequate port reception facilities and requirements of garbage management plans by ships and smaller vessels, as well as compliance by local authorities to solid waste management systems.

The present objective of the strategic framework deals with what is “found” on the beach in the present phase of reality and what is likely to be found there either because it is generated “in situ” or because it may “escape” from other sources despite the good results that may be expected under the implementation of objective one. Therefore, we need to deal under this objective with institutional and technical solutions for: (1) preventing “in situ” generation of litter and (2) cleaning up the beaches from all kinds of litter.

The information provided in the Assessment Report and the available literature indicates that plastic products (bags, bottles, bottle caps, food containers, fishing nets, packaging etc..) are the main litter items both on beaches and at sea; at least 50% of marine litter is a plastic product. In terms of environmental protection and de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea, plastic is particularly hazardous as it does not degrade, it simply breaks down into smaller particles which can persist for 450 years (hard plastic) and it may also cause death and injury to certain marine species.

Recent studies have shown that the presence of plastic in our seas and oceans leads to secondary pollution; research conducted by the University of Athens has looked at pollution from heavy metals “extracted” from marine litter and in particular from plastic waste; the University of Plymouth is looking into the long-term effect of micro-plastic particles, of sizes as small as 20 microns, that have been found in abundance in sand and sediment, there is also a risk that these particles are entering the marine-food chain; and lastly scientific research is showing that many types of plastics when exposed to sea water and sunlight change their characteristics and enhance their sponge-like properties, absorbing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and pesticides.

The second most abundant litter item in the Mediterranean Region is smoking related debris; filters, cigar ends and cigarette packaging. Cigarette litter has a shorter life span, about 5 years, but leaches toxic substances into the marine environment and can be ingested by marine species. Furthermore, the public’s attitude is that discarding cigarettes into the environment is not related to marine litter as it is thought that cigarettes degrade immediately. Therefore educating the public and providing sufficient cigarette bins are key factors in stopping cigarette related litter from reaching the marine environment.

Another marine litter item which has a negative impact on the marine environment is fishing gear. In the Assessment, abandoned on the coast or lost fishing gear accounted for 5% of litter on beaches (litter from ocean/waterway activities). Furthermore, the floating marine litter survey conducted by HELMEPA in 2008 noted that the number of fishing gear, ropes and buoys counted was 2% of the total litter observed. Fishing gear is also dealt with under objective one. But despite the fact that they may not be the most abundant litter item on beaches and at sea and in keeping with the precautionary principle, their longevity (longer than plastic - fishing nets take 600 years to disintegrate), makes it important to address them also under this objective of the strategic framework.

Removing and reducing the input of plastic and cigarette litter from the Mediterranean Sea and its beaches will drastically reduce the quantity of litter. This objective, and the strategic framework as a whole, will therefore give particular emphasis on these two categories. However, with the effective implementation of the objectives under this strategic framework it is envisioned that all other litter categories such as fishing gear, glass, aluminium cans, paper etc. will also be reduced. Some necessary activities are related to capacity building and attitudes and are covered in the subsequent objectives and activities. The activities proposed under this objective draw on the lessons learnt from implementing the SAP and specifically relate to technical and legal aspects of cleaning-up beaches and managing marine litter.

Proposed activities at regional levelMedium term activities

- Activity 2.1: Collect good practices and provide guidelines to countries on legal and institutional aspects in effectively patrolling and imposing fines on those illegally dumping waste in coastal areas and littering on beaches.
- Activity 2.2: Prepare guidelines for environmentally and ecologically friendly mechanical beach clean-ups.
- Activity 2.3: Propose guidelines (eventually in cooperation with other competent international bodies) including incentive schemes for introduction of environmentally friendly fishing gear.

Proposed activities at national levelMedium term activities

- Activity 2.4: Support the International Coastal Clean-up campaigns with aim to increase the number of countries participating in campaigns and also the number of volunteers and beaches cleaned. The campaigns and reporting on the results of the clean-up exercises will be linked to objective four.
- Activity 2.5: Identification of hot spots and conducting emergency clean-up of hotspots and beaches. Once the area is clean, it is more likely that people will refrain from littering, especially if this is followed by an awareness campaign as outlined in objective three.
- Activity 2.6: Appropriate national authorities to develop a legal framework to introduce enforcement procedures for waste recycling activities (sorting of waste, provision of recycling disposal points) where national waste recycling legislation exists.

Long term activities

- Activity 2.7: Local Authorities to work with the private sector and other actors to introduce the means to reduce marine litter on beaches with a special focus on plastic and smoking related litter.
- Activity 2.8: Work with conservation NGOs and fishing communities to adopt areas in the Mediterranean Sea and ensure that these areas are litter free. Similar to the concept of adopt a beach.
- Activity 2.9: In the absence of national waste recycling legislation, local authorities should take responsibility and set targets for amount of waste required to be recycled.

3.3 Objective three: Influence environmental attitudes and behaviour of residents and tourists of coastal areas in the Mediterranean Region with regards to marine litter

Justification and background of proposed activities: The high proportion of marine litter from land-based sources is largely due to (a) Uncontrolled dumping by coastal residents and (b) the influx of tourists during the summer season, taking into account that as many as 155 million tourists visit the Mediterranean region each year. Coastal residents are increasing progressively throughout the Mediterranean, since cities but also second and third residence

settlements (summer homes) increase. Due to poor local infrastructures and negligence, coastal residents are key polluters of the coast. Tourists are also constantly increasing in numbers. A recent European Investment Bank report had predicted that annual tourist arrivals in southern and eastern Mediterranean countries would rise by as much as 19.4% (Morocco), 16.3% (Syria), 15% (Turkey), 14.9% Lebanon and 14.4% (Algeria) between 2006-2010. Furthermore, the report highlights that tourism for the majority of these countries is driven by international markets; the same applies for southern European countries whose tourist population is from northern European countries. Tourism is an important income earner for the Mediterranean countries, for example Cyprus earns as much as 29% directly and Malta 35% indirectly from tourism.

The Assessment report indicates that the sudden increase in population of coastal urban centres results in more than 75% of annual waste being generated in these summer months. Moreover studies have shown that tourists generate, on a per capita basis, more waste than local inhabitants especially in the absence of adequate solid waste management systems. In addition, in some cases there is a lack of capacity by the waste management authority to cope with the increase in population from tourism. The tourism sector being an important income earner for the Mediterranean Region must feature prominently in this strategic framework.

The 3R paradigm of waste management: reduce, reuse and recycle should be the focus of this objective. Reducing the amount of waste being generated by both tourists and local inhabitants is the most important of the 3Rs; if waste can be prevented from reaching the coastline and Mediterranean Sea in the first place then managing it becomes simpler.

It is important to connect individual behaviour to a clean coast and instil waste-wise values to all users of the marine environment. The main group to target are the coastal residents; it is this group's actions which will influence whether or not neighbours and visitors will respect the clean and litter-free environment. The more the local residents keep their coasts clean, the more likely it is that the tourists and visitors will follow suit. Therefore, residents of the coastal and inland areas will need to reduce the amount of waste they generate and ensure that it is disposed of appropriately so as not to end up in drains and waterways. Furthermore, influencing attitudes of residents in order to create a socially responsible environment, i.e. the public enforces the law - it is socially unacceptable to litter. These values and attitudes to the environment can be attained through education and a public awareness campaign

The second group which should be targeted are tourists, who may think that as the litter is not in their country, their littering actions won't have a direct affect on them back home. It is important therefore to influence their behaviour and perception of litter. Tourists should understand first that just as they share the benefits of a coast they need to share the responsibility of keeping it clean for others. Furthermore due to the particular nature of marine litter, waste can be conveyed by wind and water, and therefore it is a common problem, beyond a particular site, practically with no boundaries.

Littering at sea follows the same principle, leisure boat users must be informed of the waste disposal procedures on board and the effects of littering on the environment. Under MARPOL Annex V, all boats larger than 12meters are required to have garbage management plans. Charter yacht companies and sports centres should make it mandatory that no waste is thrown overboard by informing clients and providing adequate waste receptacles.

Finally, educating children and adults through proper formal, non-formal and informal education for sustainable development programmes on the importance of a clean environment is the most long term, cost effective method for ensuring sustainable development in the future.

The private sector in the tourist industry has an important role to play in influencing attitudes and behaviours of both tourists and those working in the tourism industry. Hotels, airlines, sea transport networks and travel agencies, are directly affected if beaches and the sea are polluted with litter - tourists will simply not visit these areas and demand for services will decrease. Therefore, involving these groups as drivers of change will create a win-win situation within the context of this strategic framework. Examples of environmentally and socially responsible private sector initiatives include CSR schemes as well as awards such as the TUI Green Medal scheme.

Influencing behaviour can also be attained through the introduction of incentives to individuals, private and public institutions. Incentives to reduce marine litter and keep beaches clean can include environmental audit schemes such as the European Union's Eco-management audit system (EMAS) and ISO 14001 series for hotels as has been successfully implemented in various countries (i.e. in Spain) and the positive "labelling" scheme of beaches (Blue Flag programme) that includes management of litter. Furthermore, financial incentives such as recycling schemes, local taxes on consumption of plastic bags, reduced waste collection fees for sorted waste from ships or litter caught in nets and trawls by fishermen can also be adopted.

Line Ministries responsible for Tourism, Education, Local Authorities, Maritime and the Environment, should understand that environmental degradation of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastline is a cross-cutting issue and requires the cooperation of all authorities and each one of the ministries. In order to involve the various line ministries and all other stakeholders in this strategic framework, it is suggested that in the framework of the strategic framework an assessment of the economic, social and environmental impact that marine litter has on the Mediterranean Region be undertaken on a country by country basis in order, on the one hand to assign a financial value to clean beaches and sea and, on the other, assess the "cost of inaction" where littering is allowed inhibited. A regional prototype study could be carried out with examples from various parts of the region. This will ensure political buy-in and pave the way for law enforcement through the application of environmental economic instruments, while it will raise the awareness of the public. The role of schools, civil society organisations and local authorities in raising awareness is of cardinal importance. Many of the campaigns could be organised and run by regional, national and local NGOs, schools and local authorities.

The proposed tools of communication for influencing attitudes amongst tourists, coastal residents, the private sector and decision makers should cover a whole spectrum of methods, channels and means. Efforts should be made for using 'litter free' methods such as – internet (using existing sites), television and the radio. Another form of advertisement is air advertisement which catches the attention of the beach user. The litter-free campaign should pride itself for using innovative communication channels instead of classic litter oriented communication tools such as flyers and posters, which, of course, are not excluded if the circumstances require such an approach.

Proposed activities at regional level

Medium term activities

Activity 3.1: Carry out a prototype pilot assessment of the economic, social and environmental impacts that marine litter has in the Mediterranean Region in order (a) to assign a financial value to clean beaches and (b) assess the cost of inaction if littering continues inhibited. This assessment and its methodology may act as a blue-print for relevant national assessments.

Activity 3.2: Promote a communication strategy in order to present the findings of the economic, social and environmental assessments and marine litter surveys undertaken as part of this strategic framework (see 3.1 etc.) and provide periodic updates on marine litter hotspots and the general environmental situation of Mediterranean Sea.

Long term activities

Activity 3.3: Encourage and coordinate in cooperation with regional NGO networks a major public awareness Mediterranean “litter free” campaign and educational programmes on marine litter reduction and beach clean-ups.

Activity 3.4: Implementation of regional and national programmes on promoting sustainable consumption and production in cooperation with the Marrakech Process and thereafter.

Proposed activities at national level

Medium term activities

Activity 3.5: Undertake an assessment to ascertain the economic aspects of, social and environmental impact of pollution from marine litter at national and local level (based on 3.1).

Long term activities

Activity 3.6: Involve all line ministries and local/port authorities in the dissemination of the findings of the assessment (3.5).

Activity 3.7: Develop and implement in cooperation with all willing stakeholders national and local ‘Litter-free’ Mediterranean Sea campaigns. Use information from above activities to support public awareness campaigns with emphasis on coastal residents and tourists. Involve the media, particularly TV channels and radio stations, in active promotion of the “Litter free Mediterranean Sea” campaigns.

Activity 3.8: Promote simple formal and non-formal ESD in schools on the multiple impacts of marine litter and what can be done to prevent it. This activity should take into consideration already existing training material. The activity should include a component on training of teachers.

Activity 3.9: Encourage local authorities to work with schools, NGOs and other CS groups to conduct voluntary beach clean ups.

Activity 3.10: Work with line ministries to implement incentive schemes for coastal areas using appropriate standards such as the ISO 14001 standard and the EMAS.

Activity 3.11: Develop partnership frameworks with sea transport network providers to ensure waste-wise behaviour onboard and adequate disposal of waste on and off-board.

Activity 3.12: Work with the tourism sector in coastal areas to introduce sustainable tourism. Develop concrete proposals of how the tourism industry becomes more eco friendly and protect the environment from littering.

Activity 3.13: Assess the various financial opportunities to assist all competent local authorities and other stakeholders at national or local level to implement the aforementioned activities and replicate existing Programmes either through a cost recovery system (charging beach users and law enforcement) or grant financing for start-up activities.

3.4 Objective four: Establish a monitoring programme for marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea based on the ecosystem approach

Justification and background of proposed activities: From the assessment report and an independent literature review it is clear that monitoring marine litter in the Mediterranean has been haphazard. The data collected is not systematic, does not answer key questions and the methodologies employed are different. This questions the validity of the data for drawing conclusions on the state of marine litter in the Mediterranean region. A well thought, methodologically sound monitoring programme is essential in order that the strategic framework produces tangible and measurable results.

Monitoring of marine litter should not only indicate the categories (types), distribution and trends of marine litter but should indicate its sources and activities leading to its production and, most importantly, should indicate if the adopted litter management/mitigation strategies are effective or need further adaptation.

Furthermore, monitoring should facilitate the assessment of the ecological, financial and social impact of litter (threats to marine biota and damages to health, tourism, recreation, etc.).

A full marine litter monitoring programme is a complex, expensive and not easy task, which includes collection, interpretation and dissemination of various sets of data on marine litter. Also a litter monitoring programme should be part of a broader integrated marine monitoring programme, in line with the national priorities of the countries, as well as with its regional/international commitments. In the framework of the gradual application of the Ecosystem Approach (ECAP) for the management of human activities in the Mediterranean, Ecological Objectives (EO), Operational Objectives (OO), with associated Indicators and targets for marine litter are under development by UNEP/MAP. In Table 1 are presented the proposed EO, OO and indicators, which will be submitted for adoption by the Contracting Parties.

Table 1
Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives, and targets proposed
in the framework of the gradual application of the ECAP

Ecological Objective	Operational Objectives	Indicators
Marine and coastal litter do not adversely affect coastal and marine environment	10.1 The impacts related to properties and quantities of marine litter in the marine and coastal environment are minimized	10.1.1 Trends in the amount of litter washed ashore and/or deposited on coastlines, including analysis of its composition, spatial distribution and, where possible, source
		10.1.2 Trends in amounts of litter in the water column, including microplastics, and on the seafloor
	10.2 Impacts of litter on marine life are controlled to the maximum extent practicable	10.2.1 Trends in the amount of litter ingested by or entangling marine organisms, especially mammals, marine birds and turtles

Therefore, a monitoring programme for litter will be developed during the biennium 2012-2013, in the framework of the new integrated monitoring programme for the application of the ECAP.

In the development of the new integrated monitoring programme of ECAP, the recently developed “UNEP/IOC Operational Guidelines on Survey and Monitoring of Marine Litter” provides a useful standardised methodology, which should be taken into consideration in the development a methodology suitable for the Mediterranean region. These guidelines have been developed for monitoring beach, benthic and floating litter and provide detail sampling techniques and survey protocols. In the Mediterranean Region many opportunities exist to use and accordingly improve on-going marine litter monitoring programmes: i) the surveys conducted to monitor marine litter on land and at sea, although ad-hoc and not systematic, provide an opportunity for up scaling, ii) various types of beach clean-up campaigns serve a dual purpose of environmental protection and awareness raising, these programmes attract many volunteers and can be a useful source of data if the data collection methodology is improved and standardised. There are also sub-national and local authorities who are actively involved in managing marine litter and cleaning beaches and in parallel also monitor the trends of marine litter.

The proposed monitoring programme will require coordination at the regional and national level (Figure 4) and should take into account all relevant regional initiatives. At the regional level MED POL will coordinate this activity and promote the appropriate methodologies. It will be responsible for the evaluation and dissemination of marine litter related information which has been provided by designated national agencies. At the national level, it is proposed that the main institutions or groups involved in marine litter data collection: NGOs, Local/Port Authorities and universities, set up a light coordination structure and select one of them to act as the designated focal point/national agency for collecting the data and keeping record of the carried out marine litter monitoring activities.

Monitoring at the regional level may require, apart from trawl surveys, remote observation surveys employing integrated Geographic Information System (GIS), where floating litter is not collected. These systems are the way forward as they facilitate the development of an interactive database and visually display results through maps. The information contained in this database will have been provided by the designated national bodies, details of which are elaborated in the activity section, and evaluated by MED POL. Furthermore it is anticipated that this system will have multiple users such as environmental groups, policy makers, planners, etc. and will support many activities included in this strategic framework and in the wider scope of MED POL and its activities, supporting as well objectives one and four of this strategic framework.

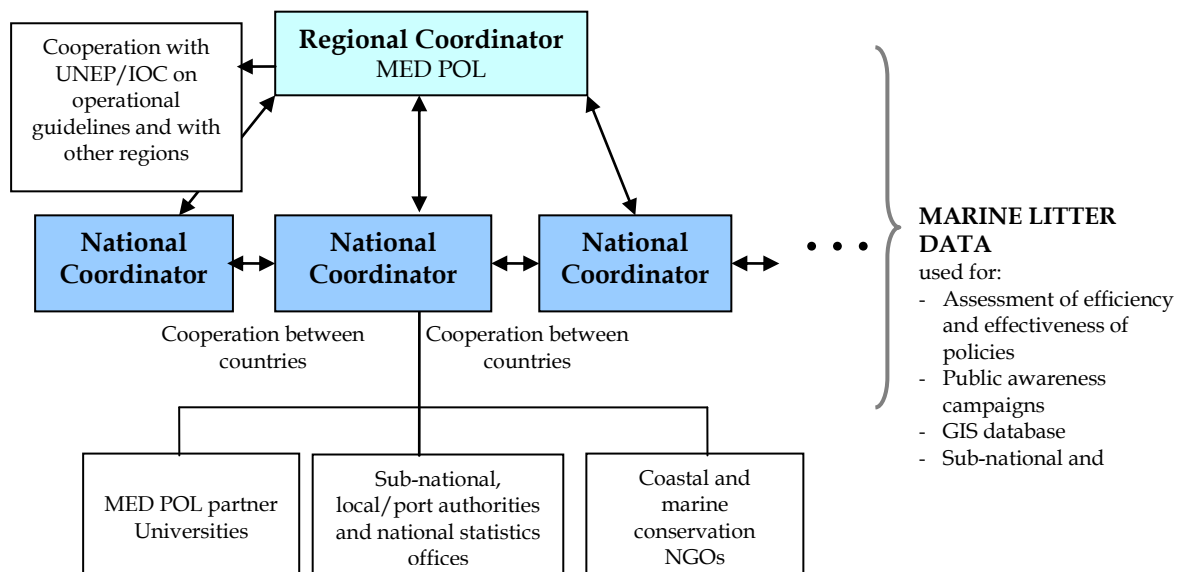


Figure 4: Proposed monitoring framework

At the national level, the designated national body will coordinate the data collection on land and at sea. The national body will be responsible for collating and documenting the information from the various marine litter surveys and reporting to MED POL.

Regarding monitoring litter at sea, it is an area which needs further additional support as until now very few surveys have been conducted and consequently there is little data on the quantity and impact of benthic and floating marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea. The UNEP/IOC guidelines, together with available monitoring methodologies for litter at EU level or at national level, will be used as a basis for the development a Mediterranean monitoring Programme for marine litter.

The follow up of the implementation and effectiveness of environmental and waste policies and national legislation will be an integral part of the monitoring component and therefore it is proposed that the MED POL questionnaire continues to be sent to the countries regularly. The MED POL/UNEP questionnaire has been designed to collect information on legal, policy and waste management issues and therefore offers a systematic route for countries to report on qualitative information. The questionnaire will need to be reviewed, and if necessary revised, to reflect the current political and legislative situation in the region. In addition, the indicators in this questionnaire should be aligned to the indicators under development for the gradual application of the Ecosystem Approach. *Training of trainers sessions* and a *training*

manual will need to accompany this questionnaire. The *training of trainers* will ensure national level capacity to administer the questionnaire and the *training manual* will be a reference guide and aid for MED POL, trainers and country focal points to administer the questionnaire effectively. This activity will also ensure that 'institutional memory' is retained for reporting on marine litter related activities in the long term.

Proposed activities at regional level

Medium term activities

- Activity 4.1: Develop guidelines on monitoring marine litter taking into consideration the UNEP/IOC guidelines. Stakeholders in this process include universities, research institutions, other development agencies, representatives of local and port authorities, national statistics offices, NGOs and other civil society organisations.
- Activity 4.2: Formalise the already developed country questionnaire on "Litter management in coastal zones of the Mediterranean Basin" and offer training in administering the questionnaire. It should be sent for completion to the countries every four (4) years.
- Activity 4.3: Develop and agree on a set of indicators from quantitative (baseline survey) and qualitative (questionnaire) data, in the framework of the gradual application of the ECAP.
- Activity 4.4: Agree on a reduction of marine litter by a year to be determined, based on the national baselines developed by each country, taking into consideration the fluctuation of litter between two time horizons. This baseline will be used to measure progress in the reduction of marine litter, it is therefore important that the methodology for conducting the baseline is statistically and scientifically robust and there is consensus amongst all the partners taking into account the methodologies developed under the ECAP, UNEP/IOC guidelines and international practice.
- Activity 4.5: Integrate the marine litter monitoring system into the MED POL information system. The system will include the baseline information, indicators and will be used to track progress in reducing marine litter. In-putting of data will be a continuous process.

Long term activities

- Activity 4.6: Consider best practices in the region and implement pilot projects on the collection of floating and sea-bed litter by following the UNEP/IOC guidelines.
- Activity 4.7: Fundraising for the establishment of a full-scale marine litter monitoring programme from country contributions, bilateral agencies and international financial organisations.

Proposed activities at national level

Medium term activities

- Activity 4.8: Countries to develop a sampling framework and conduct a baseline study of marine litter based on the ECAP indicators.

Activity 4.9: Countries to conduct routine monitoring programmes in the framework of the ECAP integrated monitoring programme of MAP and report results to the national coordinator and MED POL.

Long term activities

Activity 4.10: Parties to establish and implement national marine litter monitoring programmes on the basis of the ECAP.

Activity 4.11: Capacity building on implementing the UNEP/IOC guidelines on monitoring marine litter.

3.5 Objective five: Assessment of lost and abandoned fishing gear and countermeasures against biological damage

Justification and background of proposed activities: Every abandoned, deliberately discarded or lost at sea fishing gear is part of the marine litter, considering the definition of marine litter given at the international level: “any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment”. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Seas Programme recognises the immediate and direct interconnection between marine litter and lost/abandoned fishing gear and related debris.

The fishing gear could be lost at sea for several reasons (bad weather conditions, accidental cutting of buoys by vessels, etc.) or abandoned because leaving it in the sea is a convenient means of illegal disposal. Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations considered the ghost fishing a big concern generating additional mortality in overexploited marine ecosystems. Ghost nets are often considered perpetual “killing machines” that never stop fishing. Some studies were performed to quantify the decay of efficiency of ghost net, these parameters depends on many factor as the type and dept of seabed where the net remains, the velocity of biofouling development, visibility or transparency of water etc.

Overall catch rates of lost/abandoned fishing gear vary so greatly that a global estimate would be meaningless. It was considered lost tangle nets to catch around 5 percent of the total commercial catch. Several studies on static fishing gear have shown it to be about 10% of the target population. Fish and crustaceans such as lobsters and crabs are frequently caught in lost or discarded fishing gear. The major damage seems to be caused by cages traps, placed on the seabottom, in which there is a self baiting phenomenon. Lost traps also continue to attract fish and crustaceans, which enter them in search of food or shelter.

Also other fishing gear as drifting net and trammel nets may act actively killing a great number of marina fauna. Drift netting is a fishing technique where nets, called drift nets, are allowed to drift driven by current at the sea surface. Drifting nets travel the seas with the currents and tides continually fishing as they progress through the waters. As they are unattended and roaming, they fish indiscriminately, not only catching threatened species but undersized and protected fish/marine mammals as well.

Trammel nets are fishing net with three layers of netting that is used to entangle fish or crustacea. A slack central layer with a small mesh is sandwiched between two taut outer layers with a much larger mesh. The net is kept vertical by the floats on the headrope and weights on the bottomrope. Trammel nets are used especially near the coasts in rocky habitats characterised by high biodiversity and continue to fishing species of high economic value.

Lost/abandoned fishing gear continue to trap passing fish 'unintentionally' (by-catch) also of particularly endangered and protected species. Floating parts and suspending parts of abandoned fishing gear entangle wildlife such as marine mammals, sea turtles, sea birds and fish, often attracted by fishes that have been caught or entangled in nets and fishing lines.

Due to the resistance to degradation of synthetic materials (nylon, polyethylene and polypropylene), once discarded or lost, fishing gear remain in the marine environment, with negative economic and environmental impacts. Lost/abandoned fishing gear is lately becoming increasingly a world wide evident nuisance. It is assumed that hundreds of thousands tonnes of nondegradable fishing nets are abandoned or lost in the world oceans every year. Worldwide, this phenomenon is having an impact on the sustainability of already stressed fisheries. Ghost fishing kills thousands of fish that might otherwise have found their way to the market. An estimated US\$ 250 million in marketable lobster is lost each year from ghost fishing.

Furthermore, derelict fishing gear in the form of nets and ropes, invisibly floating just below the water's surface, can cause significant risks to vessel operations. Nets, ropes and other derelict gear, it has been documented, have entangled vessel propellers and rudders resulting in costly repairs, significant loss of operational time, and endangering boater and crew safety.

Moreover, lost/abandoned fishing gear, like other marine debris, has the capacity to travel for very long distances and through different habitats, transporting with them invasive species from one sea area to another.

Proposed activities at regional level

Medium term activities

- Activity 5.1: Strengthening co-operation between Regional Fishery Bodies and Mediterranean strategic framework.
- Activity 5.2: Develop training programmes to support Fishery Bodies on the aspects of the management of lost/abandoned fishing gear.
- Activity 5.3: Develop an awareness campaign, together Fishery Bodies, to the fisheries to sensitize them on environmental and economic consequences following the abandoning of fishing gear at sea.
- Activity 5.4: Propose guidelines (eventually in cooperation with other competent international bodies) including incentive schemes for introduction of environmentally friendly fishing gear.
- Activity 5.5: Integrate a lost/abandoned fishing gear monitoring system into the MED POL information system. The system will include the baseline information, indicators and will be used to track progress in reducing lost/abandoned fishing gear.
- Activity 5.6: Stimulate and encourage Parties to cooperate in conduction of a baseline study on lost/abandoned fishing gear particularly aimed to understand the extension of the problem in the Mediterranean sea and the best available solutions.

Activity 5.7: Strengthening the cooperation among Fishery Bodies, the scientific community and the fishing industry in reviewing of fishing gear materials and developing of new technologies.

Long term activities

Activity 5.8: Continue the work on assessing and monitoring the operation of port waste reception facilities as stipulated under MARPOL and provide assistance to ports, harbours and small marinas to develop and implement effective waste disposal procedures, with particular reference to lost/abandoned fishing gear.

Proposed activities at national level

Medium term activities

Activity 5.9: Quantification of the problem at national level through a estimation of the amount of gear being purchased by fishers within a country, the number of fishers, the number of vessels, and estimate the loss versus the collection of used and expired fishing gear.

Activity 5.10: Conduct routine monitoring programmes and mapping activities of lost/abandoned fishing gear and report results to the national coordinator and MED POL.

Activity 5.11: Provide assistance to fisheries to recover their lost fishing gear from the water

Activity 5.12: Develop reception facilities available for the disposal of disused fishing gear and other wastes from vessels.

Long term activities

Activity 5.13: Work with conservation NGOs and fishing communities to adopt areas in the Mediterranean Sea and ensure that these areas are lost/abandoned fishing gear free. Similar to the concept of adopt a beach.

Activity 5.14: Establish and implement national lost/abandoned fishing gear monitoring programmes on the basis of regional agreements.

3.6 Objective six: Establish synergies with on-going and planned initiatives in the Mediterranean Region as they relate to marine litter

Justification and background of proposed activities: This objective should be understood as a continuous and systematic effort in parallel to all and each one of the previous four objectives. The synergies to be obtained will strengthen the activities described at regional and national level under each one of the previously described objectives. It is included as an additional objective because there are many actors in the region, ranging from other United Nations Organisations, European Commission (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), NGOs and research institutes which are working to address various aspects of the issue of marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea at various levels. There are also large scale waste management related programmes financed by International Financial Institutions (IFIs), the EU and bilateral aid from which financial assistance to implement activities related to capacity building in this strategic framework can be catalysed. This strategic framework proposes that partnerships with these organisations be either strengthened, and if no partnerships exist that they are established, in order to meet the common objectives.

This section has identified four categories of partners and proposes various activities which can be undertaken in the medium term, at the regional and national level in coordination with them. Some have already been identified under objectives one to four.

a) Proposed synergies with other United Nations Organisations and conventions

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 (MARPOL 73/78) Annex V – The MARPOL Convention, was laid down as international law by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1973 and was amended by a Protocol in 1978. Known as MARPOL 73/78 it regulates types and quantities of waste that ships may discharge into the sea, taking into account the ecological sensitivity of different sea areas. Under MARPOL the Mediterranean Sea is classified as a Special Area. Annex V is the main legislation covering the prevention of pollution from garbage by ships; it deals with the different types of waste disposed and the manner in which they are disposed of. The legislation prohibits the disposal of all plastics and prohibits the disposal of garbage in Special Areas. The implementation and enforcement is the responsibility of the contracting parties to Annex V. The provision of waste reception facilities is the responsibility of port or local authorities, and sometimes this is contracted out to the private sector. The latest information provided to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) regarding reception facilities for garbage in the Mediterranean region stated that these are available and cover all the relevant ports. As a result the IMO agreed that MARPOL Annex V legislation will take effect as of 1st May 2009.

Conventions and Regional Seas Programmes : Marine litter is also a matter of concern for all other Regional Seas Programmes and in particular for OSPAR and HELCOM that have already implemented a number of related activities. Most of the Regional Seas Programmes include marine litter management in their strategic approach. Collaboration in the areas of common interest (methodology, monitoring, analysis of results, capacity building, policy, etc.) would contribute to the implementation of the activities in the Mediterranean.

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Code of conduct for responsible fisheries: Fishing gear as litter in the sea occurs either due to natural factors in the course of normal operations (bad weather, entanglement etc..) or deliberately (abandoning illegal fishing nets or broken gear). In either instance managing abandoned or lost fishing gear is an important avenue in reducing marine litter. In the Mediterranean Region there are many types of fisheries which require a different management approach, for example large scale commercial fishing can be largely controlled by Port Authorities however small scale artisanal fishing have a social and cultural dimension which requires a more integrated approach. In-line with FAOs 'Code of conduct for responsible fisheries', the present strategic framework proposes a selection of cost-effective activities to manage lost and abandoned fishing gear and an enforcement system for reducing abandoned fishing gear. In addition, collaboration would also be encouraged with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) of FAO.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - Following the precautionary approach, this strategic framework is forward looking and in order to mitigate future pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from natural hazards, the issue of climate change is addressed. Increased incidents of flooding and heavy rainfall is anticipated for the Mediterranean Region in the winter months as well as a rise in sea level of 1 metre. Coastal cities such as Thessaloniki (Greece) and Venice (Italy) and regions such as Kastela Bay (Croatia) and the Nile Delta (Egypt) are reported to become the most affected. Anticipating the future effects of climate change in the Mediterranean Region is paramount to an effective strategy for de-polluting Mediterranean Sea. Increases in incidences of flooding without proper measures to control the influent flood water into the Mediterranean Sea will result in debris accumulated in-land: in drains, roads, waste disposal sites and river catchment areas being swept into the Mediterranean Sea. The clean-ups costs of removing the debris will be

high and can be avoided if proper measures are put in place to stop waste entering the Mediterranean Sea.

The recent attention which climate change has had and also the MAP activities on this topic, provides an opportunity for the Mediterranean to be in the lead of efforts to reduce marine litter from floods and other phenomena linked to climate change in the Mediterranean Region. Furthermore the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol has made provisions for natural hazards from climate change and is therefore already part of a framework in which this strategic framework can support.

UNEP/United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) – Following the concept proposed under Objective I, that the management of marine litter can be separated into the generation of marine litter and prevention of litter reaching the Mediterranean Sea, this activity proposes focusing on the generation of waste. Following on from the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the need to address unsustainable consumption and production, a 10 year framework has been prepared by UN DESA's Division for Sustainable Development and UNEP. This framework known as the "Marrakech Process" was launched in 2003 and aims to: i) assist countries in their efforts to green their economies, ii) help corporations develop greener business models and iii) encourage consumers to adopt more sustainable lifestyles.

Medium term activities

- Activity 6.1: Development of pedagogical tools and guidelines for the shipping sector on marine litter, management of shipping waste and use of port reception facilities. This activity can replicate the best practices of NGOs on training and motivating crew and ship owners to take a more active role in the environment.
- Activity 6.2: Work with countries to implement MARPOL Annex V through development of own legislation and policies.
- Activity 6.3: In collaboration with other competent international organizations and private sector develop a compendium of environmentally safe fishing gear in the Mediterranean Region.
- Activity 6.4: Port authorities to set up a reporting system for abandoned and lost fishing gear.
- Activity 6.5: Advocate for the recent "Adaptation Fund" of UNFCCC to be available to Mediterranean Countries for use in ensuring proper measures against pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from land-based litter.

Long term activities

- Activity 6.6: Engage with UNDESA and UNEP to support efforts to reduce per capita generation rates in the Mediterranean Region.

b) Proposed synergies with International Financial Institutions and the European Union

In implementing this strategic framework MED POL should ensure that marine litter is recognized as an integral part of solid waste management investments. In support of on-going efforts by the EU, World Bank and bilateral agencies, the strategic framework should allow for software activities to support large scale infrastructure projects.

Mediterranean Hot Spot Investment Programme (MeHSIP) The MeHSIP programme is an activity of the Horizon 2020 project. A preliminary report has been prepared identifying pollution hotspots eligible for EIB funding and based on MEDPOL pollution hot spots work and studies. During the data collection phase for this report, information from UNEP/MAP and MED POL were evaluated, in particular the pollution hot spots along with the National Action Plans submitted by all parties to the Barcelona Convention. The report identifies fundable projects under wastewater, municipal waste and industrial waste, the projects identified require loan financing for construction or rehabilitation of wastewater and solid waste disposal facilities. The projects are mainly rehabilitation and construction of landfills but there is a potential to include management of coastal and marine litter activities. It is clear that in the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries the problem of coastal unmanaged landfills and open dumps is contributing substantially to marine litter. Furthermore, some landfills not located on the coast but in the catchment area inland are also point sources of marine litter pollution. The construction of sanitary landfills and other waste disposal and collection technologies is outside the scope of the present marine litter strategic framework, nevertheless their implementation is crucial for de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea. Furthermore, any effective investment in hardware (solid waste management infrastructure) must be accompanied by software activities in order to catalyze the environmental and health benefits of the investment. It is proposed that under the investments of Horizon 2020, a series of activities identified in the strategic framework should be developed at regional and, mainly, at national level, including:-

- Public awareness to stop littering;
- Environmental education in schools;
- Capacity building in Local and Port Authorities to integrate marine litter clean up activities into operational plans;
- Developing of regional legal frameworks to address marine litter; and
- Advocacy for clean technology options to minimise litter.

MedStat -The European Union (EU) has initiated the MedStat programme which is a statistical co-operation to support the EU's Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (MEDA) programme. An opportunity exists here to fund the monitoring activities in this strategic framework through offering additional information on marine litter and therefore supporting MedStat's Environment subtheme.

EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive -The directive sets up for the first time an overall, integrated policy for the protection of the marine environment which is faced with a number of threats including loss or degradation of biodiversity and changes in its structure, loss of habitats, contamination by hazardous substances and nutrients and the impact of climate change. It requires Member States have to take the necessary measures to achieve or maintain good environmental status in the marine environment by the year 2020. The directive divides the EU waters into maritime regions and Member States by 2015 should develop programmes and measures designed to achieve or maintain good environmental status, which should enter into operation by 2016 at the latest. Marine Litter is specifically mentioned as one of the elements which must be addressed.

Medium term activities

Activity 6.7: Provide software assistance in education, institutional and legal capacity building and public awareness campaigns to support the MeHSIP infrastructure projects funded by the European Investment Bank.

Long term activities

Activity 6.8: Jointly develop capacity building projects for local and port authorities to manage marine litter.

Activity 6.9: Following the entrance into force of the LBS Protocol, MED POL to work with the EU to develop legally binding targets for the reduction of marine litter and align targets to Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

c) Synergies with national level programmes and NGO activities

There are major regional NGO networks and numerous NGOs and national or local institutions with considerable experience, expertise and programmes on the management of marine litter and environmental protection which are being successfully implemented. Not all of these programmes can be mentioned in this document, however this strategic framework encourages the replication of best practices inter and intra nation in the Mediterranean Region. Below are two good practices that can have an impact on reducing marine litter if replicated on a larger scale.

Blue flag Programme and Clean Coast Index: The Blue Flag Programme, although original formed in response the EU Bathing Water Directive, has members outside the EU. The Programme awards blue flags to beaches that meet the four criteria of; environmental education and information; water quality; environmental management; and safety and service for both coastal areas and marinas. Under the environmental management criteria for beaches it requires that the beach be clean and a beach clean-up committee established. For marinas, the requirements are under this criteria are that adequate and well managed litterbins must be in place, recycling facilities must be offered and that no pollution from boat washing/repair areas may enter the sewage system or natural surroundings. The Blue flag Programme is already in operation in Cyprus, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

The Clean Coast Programme is an initiative of the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection to ensure and achieve clean beaches, especially unauthorized beaches. The Programme operates under four main areas: the continuous cleaning of beaches by municipalities; education of the public; enforcement; and advertising and public relations. The beaches are classified according to an index, ranging from 0-20, which measures cleanliness by the number of litter items found in a particular area, the fewer the items per area the lower the index.

Both these programmes should be considered as good practices for the management of marine litter. The Clean Coast Programme offers a measuring system for beach litter (which can also be included in activities under Objective four and can easily be inserted into a GIS system) and in implementing the Blue Flag Programme the environmental management of coastal areas is attained. Efforts should be made to replicate both Programmes; the Clean Coast Programme can either be a stand-alone activity or integrated into the Blue Flag Programme. A win-win situation can be achieved if support in terms of technological know-how on marine litter issues and publicity of the Blue Flag Programme can be offered by MED POL in return for the FEE to offer assistance to new members joining the programme and making in concerted effort to replicate the Programme in more countries. For the effective and sustainable implementation of these Programmes financial assistance and capacity building will be required for NGOs, Port/Marina and Local Authorities.

Medium term activities

Activity 6.10: MED POL to provide technical knowledge to local monitoring programmes on the management and monitoring of marine litter (based on UNEP/IOC guidelines).

Long term activities

Activity 6.11: Parties to work with programmes such as Blue Flag and Clean Coast to replicate them in other coastal areas.

d) Universities and Research Institutes

Universities and research institution are important partners in supporting research and development (R&D) in the field of marine litter. They also provide a platform for exchange of information at both the national and regional level. These bodies can also provide scientific knowledge and policy direction to the wider scope of the strategic framework. Furthermore under the EU programme “Oceans for tomorrow” there will be a call for research on marine litter. This 2011 call will address the pathways of marine litter, especially micro-plastics, its degradation process, its toxicity and impacts.

Long term activities

Activity 6.12: Engage with research institutes to promote research and development in the field of marine litter and provide scientific knowledge and policy direction activities described in the strategic framework.

4. LOG FRAME AND WORK PLAN

Overall goal		Specific objectives	Expected results	Sources & means of verification	Activities		Assumptions
					Regional level	National level	
To minimize and further eliminate, to the fullest possible extent, marine litter in the Mediterranean Region through regional and national activities.	1	Enhance the proper implementation of existing regional legislation dealing with municipal solid waste, as well as sea based solid waste, by building or further developing institutional and legal capacity in local and port authorities and other institutional stakeholders to manage marine litter within an integrated coastal zone management framework.	Integration of marine litter strategies, policies and technical knowledge, in Local and Port authorities' operations.	Specific marine litter policies at local level. Availability of marine litter related technologies. Funding of new marine litter related activities. Local/Port authority reports.	<p><u>Medium term</u> Document and make use of experience, develop policy and operational guidelines, review, update and develop training programmes.</p> <p><u>Long term</u> Develop and implement twinning programmes, assess and monitor the operation of port waste reception facilities, facilitate eligible countries to develop proposals and apply to donors.</p>	<p><u>Medium term</u> Beach clean-ups, establishment of networks, mapping of solid waste infrastructures, assessment of the impact of waste disposal sites, support institutional and technical capacity building of Local and National administrations for large scale project development and implementation.</p> <p><u>Long term</u> Inclusion of marine litter management in existing ICZM plans, assist competent authorities to develop SWM plans, project development assistance</p>	Local/port authorities willing to adopt Integrated Coastal Zone Management protocol. Commitment by all parties to the implementation of MARPOL Annex V. Commitment by Local/port authorities to improve marine litter. Workable partnerships between NGOs, Local Authorities and Schools for beach cleanups.
	2	Reduce in view to eliminate marine litter generated "in situ" (on beaches) with emphasis on plastic and smoking related marine litter.	Reduction in the input of marine litter while maintaining the coasts clean.	Beach clean ups. NGO assessment reports. Waste management reports from Local and Port authorities	<p><u>Medium term</u> Collect good practices and provide guidelines on clean ups, introduce incentive schemes, conduct</p>	<p><u>Medium term</u> Support the ICC campaigns, identify hot spots and conduct emergency clean-ups, development of a legal framework to introduce</p>	Commitment and participation by Local/Port authorities, NGOs, informal sector and private sector (hotel, shops and

				a study on the impact of climate change, propose guidelines.	enforcement procedures for waste recycling activities. <u>Long term</u> Local Authorities to work with the private sector, NGOs, etc., set targets for amount of waste required to be recycled.	supermarkets). Capacity for NGOs and artisanal fishing groups to work together.
3	Influence environmental attitudes and behaviour of residents and tourists of coastal areas in the Mediterranean Region with regards to marine litter.	Reduction in the amount of waste produced by local residents and tourists.	Amounts of waste collected from receptacles. Number of marine litter Impact Assessments. Awareness and Education materials. Hotels, enterprises, etc. participating in litter reduction activities.	<u>Medium term</u> Carry out a prototype pilot assessment of the economic, social and environmental impacts of Marine litter, promote communication strategy. <u>Long term</u> Encourage and coordinate in cooperation with regional NGO networks awareness campaigns, promote sustainable consumption and production.	<u>Medium term</u> Undertake an assessment to ascertain the economic aspects of, social and environmental impact of pollution from marine litter. <u>Long term</u> Develop and implement national and local campaigns, promote simple formal and non-formal ESD, develop partnership frameworks, introduce sustainable tourism, assess financial opportunities, replication for start up activities	Adherence to results of monitoring exercise. Political will from line ministries. Communication and transport networks willing to participate. Involvement of local authorities in enforcement of anti-litter strategies.

	<p>4 Establish a monitoring programme for marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea.</p>	<p>Marine litter monitoring programme in the framework of the ECAP integrated monitoring programme under the coordination of UNEP/MAP – MEDPOL established.</p>	<p>Country reports, coastal and sea-based litter clean up campaigns, research and development conducted by Universities.</p>	<p><u>Medium term</u> Adapt and adopt UNEP/IOC guidelines on monitoring marine litter, taking into consideration the ECAP, administer questionnaire every 4 years, develop common indicators, agree on a reduction of marine litter by a year to be determined, integrate the monitoring system in the MEDPOL information system.</p> <p><u>Long term</u> Identify best practices and implement pilot projects, fundraising for the establishment of a marine litter monitoring programme.</p>	<p><u>Medium term</u> Conduct a baseline study, conduct routine monitoring programmes, report results in the framework of the implementation of ECAP.</p> <p><u>Long term</u> Establish and implement national monitoring programmes. Capacity building on implementing the adopted guidelines.</p>	<p>Communication between National and Regional Coordinators. Basic capacity in national coordinators to collect and interpret data provided by local organizations in a timely manner. Collaboration at the regional and national level.</p>
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	5	Assessment of lost and abandoned fishing gear and countermeasures against biological damage	Reduction in the amount of fishing gear lost in the sea and protection of marine species	Reporting systems on for abandoned and lost fishing gear, tools and guidelines for shipping sector	Awareness campaigns and capacity building programmes, cooperation with other competent bodies	Support MARPOL implementation, develop pedagogical tools and guidelines for the shipping sector, address the issue of abandoned and lost fishing gear	Collaboration enhanced among national stakeholders and International Organizations
	6	Establish synergies with on-going and planned initiatives in the Mediterranean Region as they relate to marine litter.	Financial assistance catalysed from other on-going and planned projects.	UNEP led software activities in large scale infrastructure projects, Implementation of Blue Flag programmes, etc. partnerships in place.		<p><u>Medium term</u> Provide software assistance and public awareness in support of the EIB's MeHSIP projects, support local monitoring programmes.</p> <p><u>Long term</u> Develop joint capacity building projects, develop legally binding targets and align them to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, work with programmes such as Blue Flag and CCI, engage with research institutes to promote R&D.</p>	Collaborative attitude between partners. Consensus by EU and international agencies to integrate marine litter in solid waste management investments. Willingness of Clean Coast Index, FEE and Blue Flag Programme to expand activities.

5. IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

It is suggested that the overall strategic framework will be part of the MED POL activities and that MED POL will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring progress.

To assist MED POL in the implementation of the strategic framework an internal communication strategy should be developed. This will ensure that the partners are familiar with their reporting duties and that progress on meeting targets is closely monitored by MED POL.

The work plan in section four has identified potential partners to work with MED POL in implementing the monitoring component of the strategic framework. Partners at the national level are mainly line Ministries, sub national agencies, local/port Authorities, tourist related private sector, waste related private sector, NGOs and other civil society organisations.

In terms of financing the activities in this strategic framework there are various options. One of the objectives of this strategic framework is to develop synergies with other programmes and support on going efforts by international development and bilateral agencies. It is foreseen that additional financial resources will be catalysed through this approach. Furthermore the information from the socioeconomic assessment should also provide impetus for the private sector (hotels, transport networks), local/port authorities and governments to play a larger role and invest more in managing marine litter. Finally, volunteers and advocates of a clean marine environment play a crucial role in this strategic framework. The goodwill and human resources offered by this group is part of this strategic framework, and their in-kind contribution will go a long way in covering some activities.

Government, ministries and local/port authorities should as far as possible aim to finance environmental protection through internal budgets, the development of economic instruments and implementation of polluter pays principle within this strategic framework will serve to finance some of these activities. For countries with lower economic development it is proposed that these countries engage with specific departments within EU (FEMIP, ENPI and Europe Aid), African Development Bank, the World Bank, other United Nations Programmes and bilateral partners, for soft loans and grants. In order to leverage funds from these institutions this strategic framework has included the preparation of assessments and development of policies and strategies, which will assist these countries and institutions in the negotiation process.

Decision IG.20/11

Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Desirous to address the risk arising from the introduction of invasive alien species through ships' ballast water, which has been recognized as one of the four greatest threats to the world's oceans and which can cause extremely severe and irreversible environmental, economic and public health impacts,

Recalling the objectives of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 and particularly its Article 13 whereby, to achieve these objectives, "*the Parties bordering enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, shall endeavor, taking into account characteristic regional features, to enhance regional co-operation, including through the conclusion of regional agreements*",

Further recalling Decision IG.19/11 adopted at the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Marrakesh, November 2009) to develop a regional strategy on ships' ballast water management in the Mediterranean within the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), and which encouraged the Mediterranean GloBallast Regional Task Force to endeavor to finalize such regional strategy as soon as possible, for possible adoption by the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention;

Highlighting the relevance of the strategy to the process of gradual application by MAP of the ecosystem approach for the management of human activities in the Mediterranean region, that includes ecological objectives and operational objectives with associated indicators for the introduction of non indigenous species in the ecosystem,

Noting that the Mediterranean region is one of the six high priority regions included in the GEF/UNDP/IMO Project entitled "*Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries to Reduce the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water*" ("*GloBallast Partnerships Project*),

Further noting that the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) was designated as the Regional Coordination Organization (RCO) for the implementation of the GloBallast Partnerships Project in the Mediterranean in collaboration with the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA),

Acknowledging the advanced status of implementation of the GloBallast Partnerships Project in the Mediterranean, and particularly the work undertaken by the Mediterranean GloBallast Regional Task Force, with the support of REMPEC, towards the development of a regional strategy on ships' ballast water management in the Mediterranean,

Considering that the 10th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC endorsed and recommended the adoption of the *Mediterranean Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management*, including its Action Plan and Timetable, as well as the "General Guidance on the Voluntary Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea" by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention,

Recognizing the dialogue established with other Regional Seas Agreements, in order to ensure efficient handling of the issue of ships' ballast water management and taking into consideration that the General Guidance Document was adopted by the Contracting Parties to the OSPAR Convention during their last Ministerial Meeting (September 2010), and by the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention during the 32nd Meeting of the HELCOM Commission (March 2011);

Adopts the *Mediterranean Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management*, including its Action Plan and Timetable, as set out in Annex I to this Decision, and the "General Guidance on the Voluntary Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea", as outlined in Annex II to this Decision, and agrees to the joint submission, with the other concerned Regional Seas Agreements, of the General Guidance Document to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO);

Invites the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures for its implementation;

Requests REMPEC and SPA/RAC to assist the Parties in its implementation.

ANNEX I

MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGY ON SHIPS' BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

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1. The present Strategy takes into account all relevant international, regional and sub-regional instruments and mechanisms, as well as all relevant Mediterranean action plans, policies and decisions, including Decision IG 17/6 of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention related to the implementation of the ecosystem approach adopted under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols (adopted at their 15th Ordinary Meeting (Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008, UNEP (DEC)/MED IG.17)).

2. The Mediterranean Sea herewith refers to the Mediterranean Sea area as defined in Article 1 of the Barcelona Convention, i.e. the *"maritime waters of the Mediterranean Sea proper with its incorporated gulfs and seas, bounded to the west by the meridian passing through the Cape Spartel lighthouse, at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar, and to the east by the southern limits of the Straits of the Dardanelles between Mehmetcik and Kumkale lighthouses"*.

Definition

3. For the purpose of this present Strategy, the term "invasive alien species" means "Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens", as defined in Article 1.8 of the 2004 International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention).

General objective

4. The general objective of the present Strategy is to establish the framework for a regional harmonised approach in the Mediterranean on ships' ballast water control and management which is consistent with the requirements and standards of the BWM Convention, as outlined in its Article 13.3.

Introduction

5. Invasive alien species have serious economic, environmental and human health impacts and are now recognized as one of the greatest threats to biodiversity globally. In marine and coastal environments, invasive alien species have been identified as one of the four greatest threats to the world's oceans. Ships' ballast water is of particular concern as a vector of introduction of invasive alien species in the Mediterranean Sea because of the large quantities of ballast water coming from different marine environments around the world being discharged at Mediterranean ports. Ballast sediments are also of concern for management as they provide a substrate for a variety of marine species, notably dinoflagellates.

6. The 2004 BWM Convention provides a critically needed set of management tools to address the issue and calls for regional cooperation and harmonization of policies to attempt solving this transboundary marine environmental issue. Although the BWM Convention has not yet entered into force, the national process of ratifications is underway in many countries. Meanwhile, voluntary measures complying with the requirements of the Convention are needed in order to minimize the introduction of invasive alien species in the Mediterranean Sea.

7. The present Strategy is composed of eight Strategic Priorities and of an Action Plan and Workplan/Timetable for its implementation.

Strategic Priority 1. Support international instruments developed to minimize the introduction of invasive alien species in the Mediterranean

8. Growing recognition of the impacts of invasive alien species has led to a widespread response to the issue, in the form of legal instruments as well as programmes aimed at developing practical, technical solutions. The Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992, (CBD) provides the basis for measures to protect biodiversity against invasive alien species (Article 8 h) and comprehensive Guiding Principles in this field have been adopted under this Convention in 2002¹.

¹ The Conference of the parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted Guiding Principles for the Implementation of Article 8 (h). (COP 6 Decision VI/23, The Hague, 16-19 April 2002).

9. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), its member States and the maritime industry have been working on the issue of ships' ballast water introduction for more than twenty years, initially developing voluntary guidelines and then developing a legally binding international regime to meet the new challenges posed by the problem. In February 2004, these global efforts culminated with the adoption of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention). The Convention sets out strict treatment standards for ballast water discharges, which, when in force, will apply to different ships at different times depending on their construction date and their tanks' ballast water capacity. Additionally, the Convention provides guidance for the type approval of ballast water treatment systems and identifies detailed procedures to ensure that the environmental toxicity of ballast water is evaluated and minimized, resulting in safe discharges of treated ballast water. This is especially important when systems use chemical treatment methods.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention support the work for the minimization of the introduction of invasive alien species being carried out by the relevant organisations and forums, particularly the work of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and are committed to take all appropriate actions toward the ratification of the BWM Convention for its entry into force as soon as possible.**

Strategic Priority 2. Maintain capacity-building activities and initiatives in the Mediterranean region

10. The implementation of the IMO /GEF /UNDP GloBallast Partnerships project (*Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries to Reduce the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water*) was initiated in 2008. The GloBallast Partnerships builds on the pilot phase and will focus on the implementation of the BWM Convention by assisting countries to enact legal, policy and institutional reforms to minimize the impacts of invasive alien species transferred by ships. Under this project, a number of important activities and initiatives are being undertaken in the Mediterranean region, which significantly help develop and strengthen the expertise within the region and the capacity of the Mediterranean coastal States in the field of ballast water management. However, the lifetime of the GloBallast Partnerships Project is limited and the project is expected to terminate in 2014.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention stress the need to continue efforts made in the region to enhance capacity building, knowledge transfer and training of personnel after the GloBallast Partnerships Project terminates, and to involve relevant international and regional co-operation mechanisms, non-governmental organisations and agencies for the continuation of the process initiated.**

Strategic Priority 3 Develop advanced knowledge on environmental condition of the Mediterranean and ships' mediated introduction of invasive alien species

11. The development and updating of knowledge in the field of ships' mediated introduction of invasive alien species in the Mediterranean is fundamental in order to have a sound scientific, technical and legal basis as a solid basis for management measures. Significant progress has been made to better understand the relation between maritime transport and invasive alien species introduction in the marine environment of the Mediterranean. Biodiversity impacts of species introduction and maritime traffic trends in the Mediterranean in the region have been identified and are outlined below.

12. **Research has shown that the Mediterranean marine ecosystems and resources have been and continue to be severely compromised by invasive alien species**, and remain at high risk of further invasion as maritime traffic escalates. Zenetos and et.al (2008) have reported 903 alien species in the Mediterranean basin² based on literature up to April 2008. The rate of biological invasions in the Mediterranean is estimated at one new species entry every nine days.

² A.Zenetos, E. Meriç, M. Verlaque, P. Galli, C.-F. Boudouresque, A. Giangrande, M. E. Çınar and M. Bilecenoğlu (2008), *Mediterranean Marine Science* 9/1, 119-165.

13. Of these species invasions, 21 percent are believed to have arrived with vessels, however many more have relied on the local shipping traffic for secondary spread within the Mediterranean region. Ballast water has been implicated in many serious invasions of the region including the Comb Jelly (*Mnemiopsis leidyi*), which has led to fisheries collapse in the Black and Caspian Seas. The Mediterranean GloBallast Task Force produced a review of scientific and technical studies related to ships' ballast water and invasive alien species produced by research institutes and universities of the Mediterranean region. The review highlighted that while the introduction of invasive alien species is well documented in certain countries, there are important information gaps in certain areas of the Mediterranean.

14. **The Mediterranean is a major shipping transit route.** In 2006, around 10,000 mainly large vessels transited the area en-route between non Mediterranean ports. Merchant vessels operating within and through the Mediterranean are getting larger and carrying more trade in larger parcels. Vessels transiting the Mediterranean average 50,000 DWT and are, on average, over three times larger than those operating within the Mediterranean³.

15. Overall vessel activity within the Mediterranean has been rising steadily over the past 10 years and is projected to increase by a further 18 per cent over the next 10 years. Transits through the Mediterranean are expected to rise by 23 per cent. Increases in vessel activity will be coupled with the deployment of ever larger vessels. Chemical tanker and container vessels will show the highest rates of growth in respect of port callings within the Mediterranean over the next ten years whilst increases in transits will be most pronounced in the product and crude tanker sector.

16. **Intra-Mediterranean traffic.** Seaborne trade between Mediterranean littoral States, which is relatively underdeveloped, represents 18 per cent of the total Mediterranean littoral States' trade. The top 20 Mediterranean port to port trade routes measured in terms of number of voyages are dominated by high frequency small size Intra Mediterranean passenger traffic. However, the top 20 transit routes through and voyages within the Mediterranean, measured by vessel capacity and therefore cargo volumes, are dominated by larger tanker, container and dry bulk vessels.

17. **The Mediterranean is both a major loading and unloading centre for crude oil.** Approximately 18 per cent of global seaborne crude oil shipments take place within or through the Mediterranean. North African ports in Libya, Algeria, Tunisia and Persian Gulf oil shipped via Egypt account for over 90 per cent of all crude oil loaded in the Mediterranean. Italy accounts for nearly half of all crude oil unloaded in the Mediterranean. Exports of crude oil from Black Sea ports averaging at over 100 million tonnes a year are expected to continue to rise, resulting in continued seaborne transits via the Istanbul Straits and increased use of eastern Mediterranean ports linked to new pipelines intended to bypass the Istanbul Straits. The resumption of Iraqi crude supplies via Ceyhan in Turkey and via Syrian ports will reverse the trend seen over recent years of declining crude exports from these ports.

18. The efforts initiated to compile relevant data and enhance the knowledge on the above issues are to be acknowledged, however, these efforts need to be strengthened with comprehensive species inventories, data on species present in ports and data related to maritime traffic in the region, as well as relevant oceanographic data. The compilation of comprehensive species inventories for individual ports plays a significant role in ballast water management. For a port to effectively manage the ballast water associated with its shipping movements, data must be available and complete from the local port as well as from the source ports for the ballast water being received. It is important that the methods and approaches used to compile a baseline list of species within a port are standardised among countries. Port Biological Baseline Surveys (PBBS) are in this regard, an important tool for knowledge management.

- **The Contracting Parties promote, individually or through regional co-operation, research and development programmes in the field of invasive alien species and ships' ballast water management, as means to enhance knowledge and help setting scientific grounds on which best measures on controlling the transfer of invasive alien species can be based. The Contracting Parties also agree that results of such scientific work should be made available to all interested public.**

³ This paragraph as well as the following paragraphs describing the maritime traffic in the region are extracted from the Study of Maritime Traffic Flows in the Mediterranean Sea, Final Report, REMPEC (2008).

Strategic Priority 4. Use risk assessment as a reliable tool to assist in ballast water management decision-making and in compliance, monitoring and enforcement procedures

19. **Risk assessment and ballast water management.** Risk assessment can be helpful in ensuring that the provisions of the BWM Convention are applied in a consistent manner, based on scientifically robust groundwork. In particular, the IMO has developed Guidelines for the implementation of the BWM Convention under which risk assessment is needed. The Guidelines on Designation of Areas for Ballast Water Exchange (G14) are of particular relevance for the Mediterranean region, as these address the sea areas where a vessel cannot exchange its ballast water and where the port State may designate areas, in consultation with adjacent or other States, where a ship may conduct ballast water exchange. The IMO also recommends carrying out risk assessment when a Party, within waters under its jurisdiction, is granting exemptions to ships (G7 Guidelines for Risk Assessment under Regulation A4 of the BWM Convention).

20. Risk assessment is also essential to have a sound knowledge of the overall risks for introduction of invasive alien species associated with the maritime traffic in the Mediterranean region. When resources are limited, management actions such as compliance, monitoring and enforcement (CME) may be prioritized according to the higher risk areas or vessels.

21. **Biological invasion of ports.** Major shipping ports are often the first places where invasive alien species are introduced and become established. Port Biological Baseline Surveys (PBBS) are used to develop a baseline list of species – both native and non-native – that are present in a shipping port. Subsequent long-term monitoring regimes should be put in place to continue building an information base in this field and detect any new invasions. This data can be used to communicate risks to other shipping ports or countries, as appropriate, and provide an essential reference point for management of non-native species. As they target marine pests, PBBS can also help raise awareness of marine pest issues within the region. Most importantly, they allow any existing introductions to be recorded, tracked, and managed.

22. **Ports at risk of biologic invasion.** Some Mediterranean ports are more at risk of biological invasion as they are ports receiving greater volumes of ballast water originating from ports located outside the Mediterranean sea. These ports are the following: Arzew, Sidi Kerir Terminal, Algeciras, Tripoli, Eleusis, Ceyhan, Port de Bouc, Baniyas, Brindisi, and Bizerta. It has been estimated that 69% of the ballast water received by Mediterranean ports concerns three countries: Algeria, Egypt and Libya, as these countries host important oil terminals, where oil tankers arrive on ballast to load cargo. It has to be noted that the coast line of these three countries forms almost all the south coastline of the Mediterranean. In addition, it should be noted that once an invasive alien species is introduced in one port located in the Mediterranean Sea, there is a risk of secondary introduction of other ports located within the region⁴.

- **The Contracting Parties consider risk assessments at national, sub-regional or regional level, as an appropriate tool to guide on ballast water management measures and are committed to establish surveys and monitoring programmes including reporting and alert mechanisms.**

Strategic Priority 5. Decide upon voluntary regional arrangements in the Mediterranean and ensure sub-regional and national strategies are in line with these

23. Given the transboundary nature of invasive alien species issue, it must be recognized that individual countries cannot effectively address this concern on their own. A harmonized regional ballast water management regime has to be agreed upon by the Mediterranean coastal States, which takes into account the maritime traffic lanes in the region and the origin and distribution of ballast water in the ports of the region, as well as the particular geographical constraints of the area and associated scientific and oceanographic data.

⁴ This section is based on the result of a study on ballast water origins and volumes in the Mediterranean, which was carried out by Mr. Bouteville for REMPEC in 2008, using the Study of Maritime Traffic Flows in the Mediterranean Sea, Final Report, REMPEC (2008).

24. As the BWM Convention is not yet in force, voluntary measures are called for in order to address the ships' ballast water mediated introduction of invasive alien species in the Mediterranean Sea. In addition, harmonised procedures incorporated in a compliance, monitoring and enforcement (CME) system should be implemented by all countries of the region. Sub-regional approaches within the Mediterranean Sea area (e.g. the BWM Sub Commission in the Adriatic Sea) are also encouraged and existing sub-regional agreements in the Mediterranean region should consider integrating BWM issues in their work, in coherence with the regional approach adopted. National strategies established by Mediterranean coastal States should take into account and be consistent with the policy and arrangements agreed upon at sub-regional and regional levels.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention work collaboratively to adopt regional voluntary arrangements concerning ballast water management in the Mediterranean region, consistent with the requirements and standards set in the BWM Convention.**

Strategic Priority 6. Consider other regional seas strategies and initiatives

25. Harmonization of approaches to ballast water management across regional seas is essential to help achieve the goals of the BWM Convention. Communication and alignment with neighbouring regions and their BWM structures (e.g. PERSGA Strategic Action Plan for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, the Black Sea Strategy) is needed to ensure consistency between the regimes, and also to promote sharing of information between these interlinked marine regions. A dialogue should also be established with other relevant regional seas Secretariats such as the OSPAR Commission for the North-East Atlantic, which agreed in June 2007 on "General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standards in the North-East Atlantic", the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) for the Baltic Sea, which developed a roadmap towards a harmonised implementation of the IMO BWM Convention, and the ROPME Sea Area which recently adopted regional measures on ballast water management exchange.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention are committed to enhance and maintain cooperation with the neighbouring regions of the Mediterranean Sea and with other relevant regional agreements in order to ensure that the measures adopted are consistent with other ballast water management regional arrangements.**

Strategic Priority 7. Keep the Strategy and Action plan under review and assess their implementation progress

26. The Strategy and Action Plan should be subject to periodic review to take into account emerging issues, outcomes of research and development (R&D) activities and experience gained from its operation and implementation.

27. Periodic gatherings of representatives of the regional co-ordinating mechanism and Secretariats should be arranged to assess progress with implementation of the various regional strategies and arrangements and facilitate reaching a harmonised approach at the global level.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention call for regular meetings with the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the ongoing relevance of the Strategy, and overall effectiveness of activities carried out under the Action Plan, and that the work accomplished in the various regional seas regarding the management of ballast water is on the agenda of meetings and forums gathering the various regional Secretariats and agreements.**

Strategic Priority 8. Work on the identification of adequate resources to implement activities under the Strategy and Action Plan

28. The identification and securing of adequate resources for implementing the Strategy and Action Plan should be investigated from various sources, including IMO, REMPEC, and other MAP Regional Activity Centres, regional and international shipping and port industries, bilateral and multilateral donors and technical cooperation programmes.

- **The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention long-term objective is to ensure the sustainability and continuity of activities from self-financing sources within the region.**

**Action Plan for the Implementation of the Regional Strategy
on Ships' Ballast Water Management**

The present Action Plan identifies eight main measures to be taken at regional level, sub-regional or national level in accordance with the Strategic Priorities, and include a workplan/ timetable for their implementation (**Annex I**).

Action 1. Ratify the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention)

The urgent ratification of the BWM Convention is called for in order that, when it enters into force, the treatment standards for ballast water discharges become applicable to ships. To help the process out at national level, national policy initiatives preparing the ground and leading to the ratification should be undertaken.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to form a national policy working group to lead the process towards the ratification of the BWM Convention;
- b) to draft the instrument of ratification for adoption through the proper channels with their respective Government system and;
- c) to develop national legislation including fines for violators, which will give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulations and technical arrangements for its enforcement.

Action 2. Adopt harmonised arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region

The harmonized arrangements are based on the relevant components and requirements of the BWM Convention. Until such a time as the Convention has entered into force, the arrangements should remain an interim voluntary instrument. This does not prejudice the right of any Contracting Party to determine special requirements in certain areas under their jurisdiction, in conformity with international law.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to adopt as soon as possible harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region (**Annex II**); and
- b) to notify all interested parties of the adoption of harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean sea through notices to shipping and instructions to surveyors.

Action 3 Establish a solid Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) system in the Mediterranean region

In association with the development and implementation of the harmonized regional ballast water management regime, a generic compliance, monitoring and enforcement system (CME) needs to be developed to ensure compliance with the measures proposed within the regime. The CME system should incorporate the following:

1. requirement for ships to collect and record information about their BWM practices (i.e. uptake, management en route and discharge);

2. means for ships to transmit this information to the Port States' BWM regulatory authority, and to subsequently receive directions from them;
3. provision for examination/auditing of the ships' official log books or other official records to ascertain compliance with the BWM requirements of the Port State;
4. ability by the appropriate authority to obtain ballast water and sediment samples and carry out any necessary testing;
5. legal provision for enforcement measures to be applied for non-compliance with the required BWM requirements, and provisions for applying sanctions to violations; and
6. effective communication arrangements on a regional level to ensure proper tracking of violations and exchange of experience during the application of the CME system on a national level.

The proposed CME system for the region is attached as **Annex III**.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to adapt their existing Port State Control & CME systems to integrate the harmonized BWM CME procedures; and
- b) to establish and maintain up to-date a regional communication system possibly within a clearing house mechanism (CHM), to allow exchange of experience and tracking of violations utilizing existing control agreements such as the Paris MoU and the Mediterranean MoU on Port State Control.

Action 4. Establish a survey, biological monitoring and risk assessment system for Mediterranean ports

The development of a uniform regional biological monitoring system for Mediterranean ports is crucial to understanding the nature of what is being managed, and supporting the methods through which the management is implemented. The process of developing this system should be composed of the following elements:

- Collection of data (biological, physical, chemical) on port environments;
- Reviewing best practices, existing literature and approaches, in order to agree on common approaches/protocols;
- Identifying biological data requirements for proposed risk assessment and management measure (non-indigenous species, invasive alien species (IAS));
- Identifying long-term monitoring procedures (parameters, frequency);
- Reviewing existing monitoring programmes, if any, to see if these meet common approaches/protocols;
- Preparing common implementation guidelines on Port Biological Baseline Surveys and Monitoring.

In some areas of the Mediterranean region, countries may identify sub-regional mechanisms for collaboration on surveys, monitoring and risk assessment. For example, in the Joint Commission for the protection of the Adriatic Sea waters and coastal areas, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia and Montenegro have formed the Ballast Water Management Sub-Commission (BWMSC) which focus on the Adriatic Sea area, and through which information on port surveys and IAS management is being shared.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to develop a regionally standardised biological sampling and monitoring protocol for use of Contracting Parties in building the necessary biological and environmental databases to support the IAS management objectives;

- b) to collaborate, preferably following sub-regional approaches where relevant, on biological survey and monitoring activities, including to promote and ensure sharing of technical capacity, resources and results;
- c) to seek institutional support at the national level to conduct port biological surveys and plans for monitoring, as part of their national strategy for ballast water and IAS management;
- d) to adapt and use the regional CHM for sharing of data related to port surveys and ongoing biological monitoring; and
- e) that a regional-level risk assessment should be produced based on the information made available through biological surveys, as well as the shipping movement and ballast water discharge databases.

Action 5. Enhance expertise; facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity building in the Mediterranean region

Given the absence of national legislation and technical initiatives related to ballast water management in several Mediterranean States, an effective Capacity Building programme should be established to assist in carrying out activities which will assist in implementing the Strategy and Action Plan. Capacity building activities should cover the following:

- identification of National Lead Agencies and relevant stakeholders for ballast water issues and formation of cross-sector / inter-ministerial working groups and committees;
- communication and awareness raising activities;
- port biota baseline surveys, monitoring and ballast water risk assessment;
- research and development projects;
- drafting of national ballast water legislation and regulations;
- compliance monitoring and enforcement;
- developing national ballast water management strategies and action plans; and
- developing self-financing mechanisms.

Training activities should be organised both at regional and sub-regional level taking into consideration similarities such as the geographical areas concerned (i.e. Eastern and Western Mediterranean countries), the language, the status of ratification etc.). In addition, these training activities should be carried out using the "Train the Trainer approach", where appropriate, and used by countries to replicate these training activities at national level.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to investigate the possibility of including training programmes and other capacity-building activities in the regular programme of work of the relevant Regional Activity Centres of MAP;
- b) to seek and secure support, individually or through REMPEC, from the IMO Technical Cooperation Division (TCD), or other international organizations for national, sub-regional or regional training courses and other capacity-building actions in support of activities of the Action Plan;
- c) to disseminate protocols and tools for standardization of technical approaches that could be used to conduct regional and national activities;
- d) that countries with specific expertise on ballast water management related activities help organise national, sub-regional or regional training sessions; and
- e) to replicate such training on a national level through the establishment of a national training programme on ballast water management activities.

Action 6. Enhance public awareness on ships' ballast water and invasive alien species issues

With a view to alert general and targeted public to the risks associated with introducing non-indigenous marine species in the marine environment, and in this way add to the efforts towards preventing and controlling the introduction of IAS into the Mediterranean Sea, coastal States and the maritime industry should involve themselves in endeavors to raise knowledge and awareness on the subject. General or specific awareness materials, according to the type of public targeted, are to be used when they exist, or be developed, preferably in the local language of their respective countries. Awareness materials already prepared by IMO-Globallast are available for download from its website⁵ including brochures, posters and other educational documents and tools. Where possible, collaborative partnerships will be forged between countries, and with NGO's and other public interest groups to aid in organising targeted public awareness campaigns.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to use IMO Globallast Public awareness materials and translate these to local languages for dissemination at national level;
- b) to carry out national seminars and workshops to raise awareness among the various stakeholders involved; and
- c) to develop local case studies that may be used effectively for awareness and leveraging support within the Mediterranean region and its sub-regions.

Action 7. Set-up a web-based Mediterranean mechanism for exchanging information

To facilitate information exchange related to ballast water management issues among the Contracting Parties, an information exchange network is considered necessary in the Mediterranean region. This network will facilitate communications with and between countries, as well as function as a clearing house mechanism (CHM) for data and ballast water management related information within the region.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to establish a web based Regional Information System based on the structure outlined in **Annex IV**;
- b) to explore possible options and functionalities of the system and decide upon the body responsible for coordinating the development of the web-based Regional Information System;
- c) to set-up a Steering Committee for this project; and
- d) to explore possible options and decide upon the body responsible for hosting and maintaining the web-based Regional Information System.

Action 8. Incorporate the Action Plan evaluation within the Barcelona Convention reporting system and procedure

The Action Plan is subject to periodic review to accommodate any developments on ballast water management at the regional or global level and adjusted / updated accordingly. The implementation of the Action Plan should be carried out under the coordination of REMPEC as a continuation of the present efforts of the Centre devoted to enhance expertise in the region on ballast water management issues. In addition, actions taken on a national level should be evaluated periodically under the Barcelona Convention to determine their effectiveness.

⁵ <http://globallast.imo.org/index.asp?page=AwarenessMaterials.htm&menu=true>

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to mandate REMPEC to coordinate and assist with the implementation of the Action Plan in the region, in collaboration with the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) where relevant;
- b) that REMPEC will inform its meetings of Focal Points, which take place every two years, on the status of implementation of the Action Plan, for subsequent transmission to the Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention; and
- c) to provide REMPEC with the relevant information on national-based activities with the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the ongoing relevance and overall effectiveness of activities carried out under the Action Plan.

Annex 1

Mediterranean Strategy and Action Plan on Ships' Ballast Water Management

Work Plan and Implementation Timetable

Action Points	Activities	Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1. Ratify the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention).	a) Form a national policy working group to lead the process towards the ratification of the BWM Convention.	✓	✓			
	b) Draft the instrument of ratification for adoption through the proper channels with the Government system.	✓	✓			
	c) Develop national legislation including fines for violators, which will give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulations and technical arrangements for its enforcement.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Adopt harmonised arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region.	a) Adopt harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region.	✓				
	b) Notify all interested parties of the adoption of harmonized arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region through notices to shipping and instructions to surveyors.	✓				

Action Points	Activities	Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
3. Establish a solid compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) system in the Mediterranean region.	a) Adapt existing Port State Control & CME systems to integrate the harmonized BWM CME procedures.	✓	✓	✓		
	b) Establish and maintain a regional communication system possibly within a clearing house mechanism (CHM), to allow exchange of experience and tracking of violations utilizing existing control bodies such as the Paris MoU on Port State control and the Mediterranean MoU on Port State Control.		✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Establish a survey, biological monitoring and risk assessment system for Mediterranean ports.	a) Develop a regionally standardised biological sampling and monitoring protocol for use of Contracting Parties in building the necessary biological and environmental databases to support the IAS management objectives.		✓	✓		
	b) Collaborate, preferably following sub-regional approaches where relevant, on biological survey and monitoring activities, including to promote and ensure sharing of technical capacity, resources and results.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	c) Seek institutional support at the national level for port biological surveys and monitoring, as part of the national strategy for ballast water and IAS management.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	d) Adapt and use the regional CHM for sharing of data related to port surveys and ongoing biological monitoring.		✓	✓	✓	✓
	e) Produce a regional-level risk assessment based on the information made available through biological surveys, as well as the shipping movement and ballast water discharge databases.		✓	✓		

Action Points	Activities	Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
5. Enhance expertise; facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity building in the Mediterranean region.	a) Investigate the possibility of including training programmes and other capacity-building activities in the regular programme of work of the relevant Regional Activity Centres of MAP.	✓	✓			
	b) Seek and secure support, individually or through REMPEC, from the IMO Technical Cooperation Division, in support of activities of the Strategy and Action Plan.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	c) Disseminate protocols and tools for standardization of technical approaches to regional and national activities.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	d) Countries with specific expertise on ballast water management related activities help organise national, sub-regional or regional training sessions.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	e) Replicate such training on a national level through the establishment of a national training programme on ballast water management activities.		✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Enhance public awareness on ships' ballast water and invasive alien species issues.	a) Use IMO Globallast Public awareness materials and translate these to local languages for dissemination at national level.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	b) Carry out national seminars and workshops to raise awareness about the issue among various stakeholders.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	c) Develop local case studies that may be used effectively for awareness and leveraging support within the Mediterranean region and its sub-regions.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Action Points	Activities	Year				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<p>7. Set-up a web-based Mediterranean mechanism for exchanging information.</p>	<p>a) Explore possible options and functionalities of the system and decide upon the body responsible for coordinating the development of the web-based Regional Information System.</p> <p>b) Set-up a Steering Committee for this project.</p> <p>c) Explore possible options and decide upon the body responsible for hosting and maintaining the web-based Regional Information System.</p> <p>d) Have the Regional Information System operational.</p>	✓	✓			
<p>8. Incorporate the Action Plan evaluation within the Barcelona Convention reporting system and procedure.</p>	<p>a) Mandate REMPEC to coordinate and assist with the implementation of the Action Plan in the region, in collaboration with the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) where relevant.</p> <p>b) REMPEC to inform the Meeting of Focal Points, which takes place every two years, on the status of implementation of the Action Plan, for subsequent transmission to the Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>c) Forward to REMPEC the necessary information with the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the ongoing relevance and overall effectiveness of on national-based activities carried out under the Action Plan.</p>	✓				
		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Annex 2

Harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water management in the Mediterranean region

Introduction

The harmonised voluntary interim regime is being submitted under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (Ballast Water Management Convention) whereby Parties with common interest to protect the environment, human health, property and resources, particularly those bordering enclosed or semi-enclosed seas, shall endeavour to enhance regional cooperation, including through the conclusion of regional agreements consistent with the Convention. The proposed arrangements take into account other adopted regional policies on ship's ballast water exchange.

The regime forms also part of a regional strategy on ships' ballast water management, developed within the Mediterranean Action Plan⁶, with the technical support of the GloBallast Partnerships Project⁷. It is based on the requirements of the Ballast Water Management Convention and is being proposed as an interim regime. The regime is voluntary; therefore, ships entering the Mediterranean Sea area are encouraged to apply these guidelines on a voluntary basis as from [XXXXXXXX].

This regime will no longer apply when a ship meets the ballast water performance standard contained in regulation D-2 of the Convention, or when the Convention comes into force and a ship has to apply the D-2 standard in accordance with the application dates set out in regulation B-3 of the Convention.

Definitions

Convention means the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments; and is hereunder referred to as "Ballast Water Management Convention";

Mediterranean Sea area means the Mediterranean Sea proper including the Gulfs and seas therein with the boundary between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea constituted by the 41° N parallel and bounded to the west by the Straits of Gibraltar at the meridian of 005°36' W;

Black Sea area means the Black Sea proper with the boundary between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea constituted by the parallel 41°;

Red Sea area means the red sea proper including the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba bounded at the south by the rhumb line between Ras si Ane (12°28'.5 N, 043°19'.6 E) and Husn Murad (12°40'.4 N, 043°30'.2 E).

1. Ships entering the waters of Mediterranean Sea area from the Atlantic Ocean (Straits of Gibraltar), or from the Indian Ocean through the Red Sea (Suez Canal) or leaving the waters of the Mediterranean Sea area to the Atlantic Ocean (Strait of Gibraltar) or to the Indian Ocean through the Red Sea (Suez Canal), should:

- (a) undertake ballast water exchange before entering the Mediterranean Sea area, or after leaving the Mediterranean Sea area, as applicable, according to the standard set out in the D-1 Standard of the Ballast Water Management Convention, and at least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land and in waters at least 200 meters in depth⁸;

⁶ The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) are the following: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, The European Community, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

⁷ GEF / UNDP / IMO project "Building partnerships to assist developing countries to reduce the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms in ship's ballast water (Globallast Partnerships)".

⁸ These geographical parameters are those set by Regulation B-4.1.1 of the Ballast Water Management Convention.

- (b) in situations where this is not possible, either due to deviating the ship from its intended voyage or delaying the ship, or for safety reasons, such exchange should be undertaken before entering the Mediterranean Sea area, or after leaving the Mediterranean Sea area, as applicable, according to the standard set out in the D-1 Standard of the Ballast Water Management Convention, as far from the nearest land as possible, and in all cases in waters at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land and in waters of at least 200 meters depth⁹.

2. Ships should, when engaged in traffic between:

- i. ports located within the Mediterranean Sea area; or
 - ii. a port located in the Black Sea area and a port located in the Red Sea area; or
 - iii. a port located in the Black Sea and a port located in the Mediterranean Sea area; or
 - iv. a port located in the Red sea area and a port located in the Mediterranean Sea area.
- (a) undertake ballast water exchange as far from the nearest land as possible, and in all cases in waters at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land and in waters of at least 200 meters depth. The areas, one of which being unfit for ballast water exchange due its size, where such requirements are met in the Mediterranean Sea area, appear in the map provided in **Appendix**;
- (b) in situation where this is not possible either due to deviating the ship from its intended voyage or delaying the ship, or for safety reasons, exchange of ballast water should be undertaken in areas designated by the port State for that purpose¹⁰;

and, if a port State decides to designate a ballast water exchange areas,

- (c) such areas shall be assessed in accordance with the *Guidelines on designation of ballast water areas for ballast water exchange* developed by the International Maritime Organization¹¹, and in consultation with adjacent States and all interested States.

3. Sediments collected during the cleaning or repairing operations of ballast tanks should be delivered in sediment reception facilities in ports and terminals, according to Article 5 of the Ballast Water Management Convention, or be discharged beyond 200 nautical miles from the nearest land of the coastline when the ship is sailing in the Mediterranean Sea area.

4. Exemptions can be granted to a ship on a voyage between specified ports or locations within the Mediterranean Sea area, or to a ship operating exclusively between specified ports or locations within the Mediterranean Sea area. These exemptions are to be granted according to Regulation A-4 1 of the Ballast Water Management Convention and based on the *Guidelines for risk assessment under regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention* developed by the International Maritime Organization¹².

5. As per Regulation B-4 of the Ballast Water Management Convention, if the safety or stability of the ship is threatened by a ballast water exchange operation, this operation should not be undertaken. The reasons should be entered in the ballast water record book and a Report should be submitted to the maritime authorities of the Port of destination.

6. Each vessel calling at a port within the Mediterranean Sea area is required to have on board a Ballast Water Management Plan complying with requirements of the *Guidelines for Ballast Water Management and Development of Ballast water Management Plans* developed by the International Maritime Organization¹³ and to keep a record of all ballast water operations carried out.

⁹ These geographical parameters are those set by Regulation B-4.1.2 of the Ballast Water Management Convention.

¹⁰ Regulation B-4.2 of the Ballast Water Management Convention.

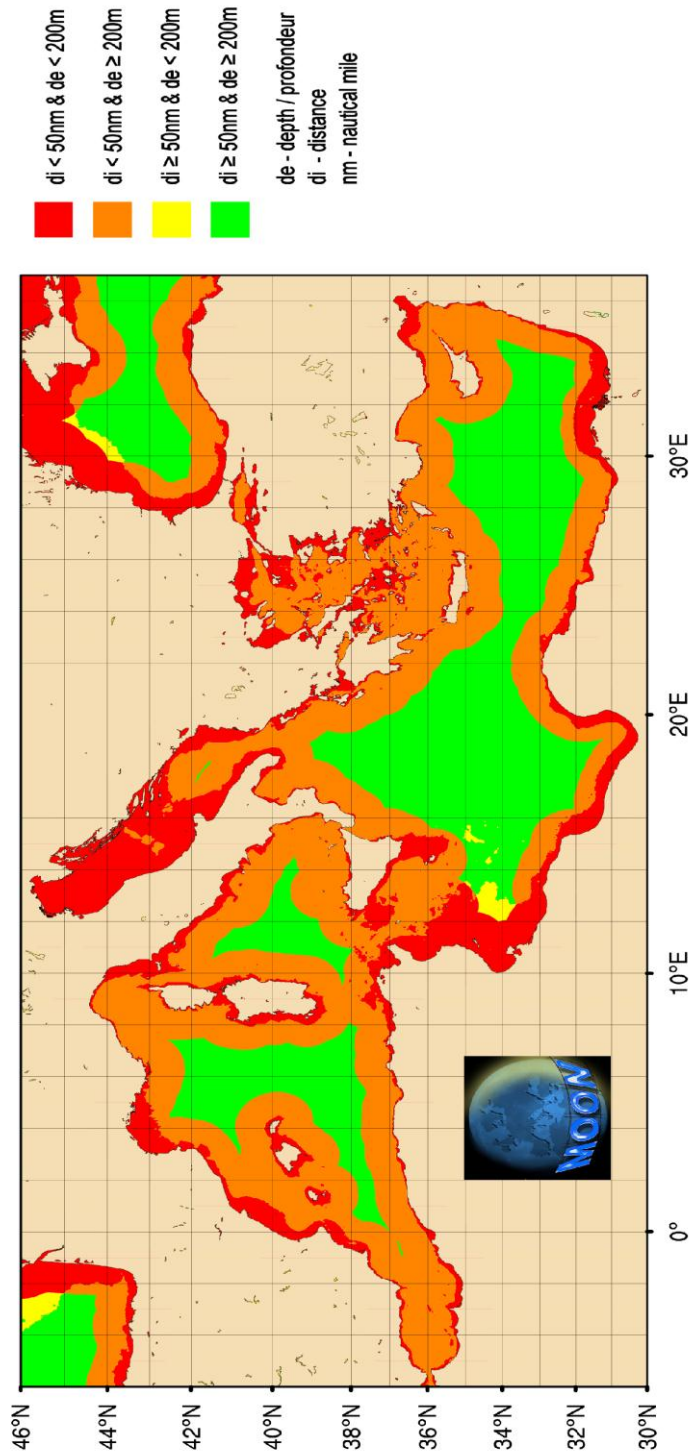
¹¹ Guidelines on Designation of Ballast Water Areas for Ballast Water Exchange (G14), adopted on 13 October 2006. Resolution MEPC.151(55).

¹² Guidelines for Risk Assessment under Regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention (G7), adopted on 13 July 2007. Resolution MEPC.162(56).

¹³ Guidelines for Ballast Water Management and Development of Ballast Water Management Plans (G4), adopted on 22 July 2005. Resolution MEPC.127(53).

Appendix

**Areas in the Mediterranean Sea meeting the requirements set out
in Regulation B-4.1.2 of the Ballast Water Management Convention
(at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land in waters of at least 200 meters depth)**



Annex 3

Harmonized Procedures for a Regional Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement System

Introduction

1. The invasion of alien species into new marine environments through ships' ballast water and sediments consist one of the greatest threats for the coastal and sea ecosystems. It is estimated that 3-5 billion tonnes of ballast water are carried annually by ships worldwide. While ballast water is of high importance to the operation of a ship, it is, at the same time, a great environmental threat due to the fact that over 7000 kinds of different microbes, plants and animals are being transferred worldwide every year. The introduction of the above-mentioned organisms into a new marine ecosystem may disturb its balance and affect the economic activities mainly, in the sectors of fishery and tourism, and it may cause illnesses or even death to human populations.

2. It is a matter of high priority that a State develops firstly compliance monitoring and enforcement measures (CME) in line with port State control guidelines developed by IMO¹⁴, and secondly includes research and constant monitoring measures, with view to developing sufficient knowledge concerning the introduction of new organisms in terms of types, ports of origin and possible effect on the local marine environment, which will aid the risk assessment process and refine any CME requirements. This information is especially important when interim measures are being considered in order to mitigate the risk of new invasions.

3. Effective communication arrangements should be established on the regional level to ensure proper tracking of violation and the exchange of experience during the application of the CME.

A. Aims of a Ballast Water Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) System.

4. A CME is the essential component of the overall Ballast Water Management regime or National Strategic Framework designed to assess whether or not a ship has met the IMO Convention's and ports state's BWM requirements, and where necessary, enforce these requirements. There are various mechanisms which a competent authority can use to satisfy itself that the rules and requirements are being met. These may involve sampling or testing, auditing of records, observation or any other action or a combination of these actions and may vary from one country or region to another. The CME will also change in time when the BWM Convention is ratified.

5. A Ballast Water CME System aims at two things:

1. assess the ship's compliance with the requirements of Ballast Water Management Convention; and
2. gather data from the ship (such as the port of origin of ballast water, ballast water treatment regime, volume of untreated water to be discharged, where and when the discharge is likely to take place, amongst others) so that the port State, in the interim period prior to the BWM Convention coming into force can:
 - identify the risk of harmful aquatic organisms being introduced into an area through the ballast water tanks of a ship ;
 - undertake risk assessments for the interim management of the risks posed by ballast water as a vector for the movement of non-indigenous species; and,
 - Identify phytoplankton toxic organisms or other organisms that could be dangerous to public health (e.g. fish-shell toxins) and potentially be imported into the region through ballast water, and analysis of their potential effects (ecological and socio-economic).

6. The collection of this data after the BWC comes into force will also contribute to the formation and development of exemptions and additional measures.

¹⁴ These guidelines are expected to be finalized by IMO during 2012.

7. In addition, in order to undertake risk assessments and decide upon management measures, a CME should be backed up with research on:

- the distribution of harmful aquatic organisms (native, non native cryptogenic) in a port or a sea area.
- gathering data on species in the port of origin of ballast water being discharged in their ports.

B. Components of a Ballast Water Compliance-Monitoring and Enforcement System.

i. Actions by Competent National Authorities

8. The competent Port State Authorities may sample or require samples of ballast water and sediments as part of port State Control enforcement of the BWM Convention, once the Convention has entered into force. It should be noted that guidance on port State control for the BWM Convention is being developed at the present time at the IMO. Port State control is likely to take the form of an initial check of the documentation, the certification of the equipment and the state of the equipment. This will only be backed up with indicative analysis or full sampling if the port State control Officer suspects that there is a problem and cannot find clear grounds in the initial inspection that the ship does not comply with the BWM Convention. Additionally, the port State may wish to target the ship due to previous issues or reports from third countries. Work is being completed at IMO on when and how indicative analysis/full scale testing should be undertaken.

9. Additionally competent National Authorities may require or ask vessels to provide information on exchange or samples in order to collect data for research undertaken to mitigate risk. This can be done on a ballast water reporting form which can be used to check if the ship has applied any interim management requirements set by the port State. However, unless the collection of this information is enshrined in local or national regulations, this submission of information or access to the ship to take samples cannot be made mandatory. It should be noted that there is no requirement to report within the IMO Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention.

ii. Sample Analysis of Ballast water to check that the D-1 Standard has been met

10. Relative simple and quick salinity tests or other indicators of exchange (e.g. Coloured Dissolved Organic Matter), may be able to verify if exchange has been performed (D1-standards) and the ballast water was sourced from the location reported by the ship, or not.

11. However, this is only an indicator and should not be relied upon as the sole basis for enforcement action, as ballast water exchange in specific sea areas has limitations with respect to the safety and stability of the ship and the time needed to exchange water to meet the requirements of the BWM Convention's D-1 Standard (ships may not be able to complete exchange during very short voyages). In such cases the ship should not be penalised for not exchanging their ballast water to the BWM Convention's standards.

iii. Sample Analysis of Ballast water to check that the D-2 Standard has been met

12. In case that the Port State authority wants to check if the vessel is in compliance with the D-2 standard of the BWM Convention, then detailed sampling and testing for compliance with the D-2 Standard should be performed. Guidelines on sampling were developed under the aegis of IMO, namely the "Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling (G2)", and further guidance is being developed by the same organisation at the present time on indicative analysis (methods of analysing ballast water quickly), which would speed up the sampling and analysis process.

13. If port State Control identifies that sampling and analysis of ballast water and sediments samples is needed, specialist experts such as marine scientists and technicians, who have the appropriate training needed to work onboard ships, should undertake this. Therefore, arrangements with an accredited technical institute/ university or with an accredited laboratory to carry out the analysis may be required. Moreover, the most critical aspect of such analysis is the number of organisms in the discharge and the organisms' viability, however, it is important to highlight that this

sampling and analysis of organisms in the ballast water could be difficult to accomplish without delaying a ship especially in remote ports.

14. During the sampling, analysis of the following suggested parameters should be taken into account:

1. Bacteria and other pathogens in the D-2 Standard;
2. Number of organisms $>50 \mu\text{m}$, specifically checking of viability of species; and,
3. Number of organisms <50 and $>10 \mu\text{m}$, specifically checking of viability of species.

15. The sampling and analysis of ships' ballast water should follow standardized official methods, some of which are still in development. This is important to assure the quality of the results globally and will provide support to any enforcement action.

iv. Sediments and ships ballast water tanks being cleaned or repaired

16. According to Article 5 of the Convention, Parties should designate those ports and terminals where cleaning or repair of Ballast tanks occurs, so that adequate facilities will be provided with the entry into force internationally of the BWM Convention for the reception of sediments from ships calling at those ports of terminals, taking into account the respective guidelines being developed by the IMO. Countries in the region are invited to provide information on the availability of port reception facilities for sediment, so cleaning or repair of ballast tanks can occur in Mediterranean Ports.

v. Other Research

17. In order to help risk assessments for the development of interim measures, additional measures or exemptions, information should be collected on the biology and physicochemical properties of water and sediments in ports (port of departure and port of arrival). In case that this isn't feasible in an area, any available published information should be reviewed. Furthermore, this monitoring should be linked with an alert system so that ships taking up ballast water in an area of concern can be subjected to appropriate emergency ballast water management methods, depending on the nature of the risk that has been identified.

18. Any observation of new invasive alien species should be shared with other port States within the region and added to relevant global databases on the invasion of alien species. This will also help the international shipping industry and Port Authorities to be informed on any increase of invasive alien species in certain areas and to enable the authorities in the area to notify ships with additional information on pertinent ballast water management.

C. Enforcement measures and possible types of violations.

19. Enforcement measures should be applied in case it is established that a ship is non-compliant, i.e. the ship is in violation of the BWM requirements of the BWM Convention and/or any other requirements of the port State, such as ballast water emergency measures, ballast water exchange zones or additional measures (given that such requirements have been communicated to the ship before arrival by the Port State).

20. In the event that samples are found not to meet the BWM Convention's D1 or D2 standards during port State control, either through "clear grounds" identified in port State control, or through indicative analysis or full scale/indicative sampling, the ship may be required to stop the discharge of Ballast Water in a port. If this is the case then the ship would have to fix the problem before continuing to discharge ballast water. Additionally, Port State authorities should avoid undue delays to ships when taking any samples. Actions taken towards ships violating the BWM Convention should be in the form of penalties and sanctions which must be backed up by national law and should be proportional to the level of violation.

21. Non-compliance situations (Violations) can be divided into two types:

1. Non compliance resulting in potential risks which could be:

- a situation outside the control of the ship, for example where severe weather conditions have prevented a ship from managing its ballast water as required by the Port State, or
- deliberate non-compliance with the Port State's BWM requirements.

2. Non-compliance NOT resulting in potential risks such as:

- Incomplete record keeping by a ship with a strong record of compliance.

22. Each situation of non-compliance should be treated on its merits with all factors being taken into account before any enforcement action is taken. Penalties and sanctions could be applied with different levels ranging from none in cases of situations outside the control of the ship, to very high in cases of deliberate non compliance such as deliberate discharge of untreated / un-exchanged ballast water with full knowledge of the Port state BWM requirements.

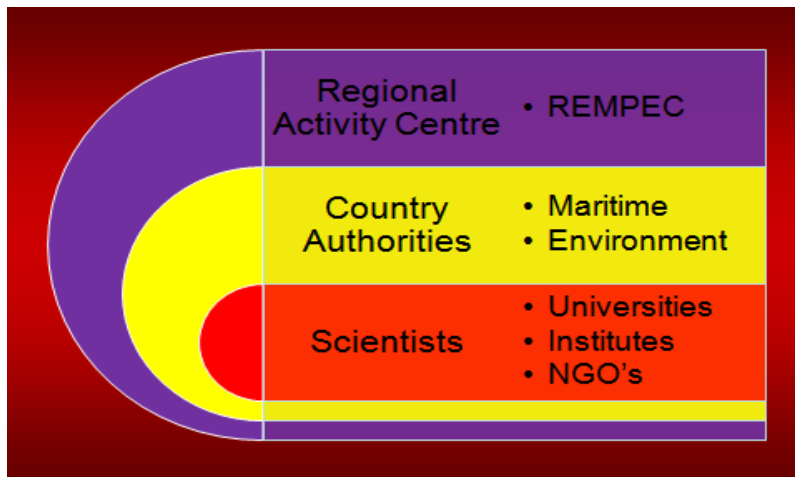
23. It is recommended that the penalties and sanctions regime set up for the BWM Convention is aligned with any existing penalties and sanctions applied to shipping for other MARPOL related violations.

Annex 4

Web-based Mediterranean information exchange system

INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM

An appropriate mechanism for exchanging information is a web based system that covers all kind of information which will be collected by the contribution of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (hereafter referred as the "Parties"). The data input to the system will be elaborated by three streams:

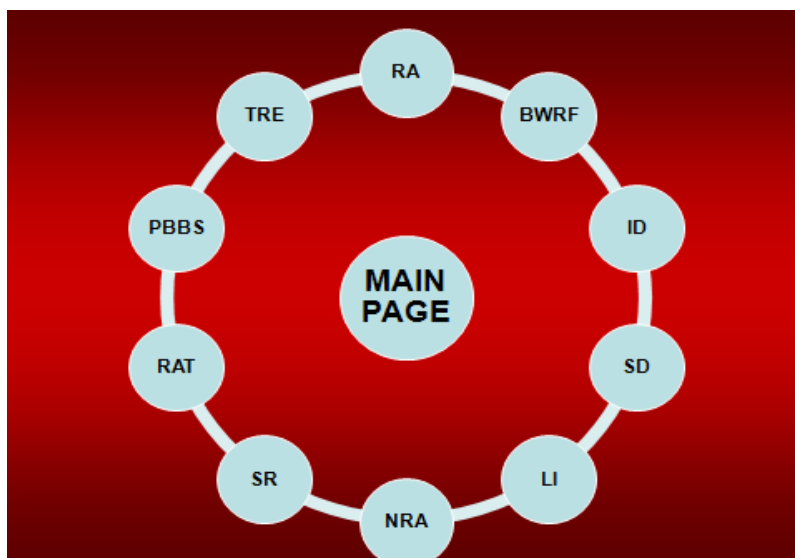


The scientific institutes of the Parties will produce relevant information. This information will be coordinated and evaluated by the governmental authorities of the Parties. The Regional Activity Centre is a gatherer body which also makes a gap analysis and makes coordination in order to produce incomplete information.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system will be used via internet. Each Party could enter the system by using one username and password.

It will contain a home page from which one can access to the information module pages. Ten information modules were defined.



These ten modules are as follows:

1. Risk assessment
 - a. Risk assessment of Ports of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention
 - b. Risk assessment methodologies, guidelines
 - c. Results of risk assessment studies done by other countries from other Regions and Regional or intergovernmental Regional Organizations
 - d. Target invasive alien species
2. Ballast Water Reporting Form
 - a. Ballast water reporting form system
 - b. Statistical results of ballast water discharges
3. Invasive alien species Database
 - a. Searching by name and habitat
4. Scientists database
5. Legal Instruments
 - a. Ballast Water Management Convention
 - b. Guidelines
 - c. National legal instruments
6. National Competent Authorities
 - a. Globallast Partnership Focal Points
 - b. Maritime Authorities
 - c. Scientific Institutes
7. Ship routes
8. Raising awareness tools
9. Port biological baseline surveys
 - a. Port biological baseline survey guideline
 - b. PBBS Workshop presentations
 - c. PBBS Studies
10. Treatment
 - a. Treatment system inventory
 - b. IMO approval procedure
 - c. Systems approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention

HOME PAGE WHERE THE LINKS OF THE GENERAL INFORMATION MODULES ARE LOCATED

BALLAST WATER INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM

Risk assessment **Treatment**

BWRP **Announcements** **Biological Baseline Surveys**

- Ratification of BWC
- Training Courses
- IMO documents
- Workshops
- etc

Invasive alien species database **Raising awareness tools**

Scientists database **Ship routes**

Legal Instruments **National Competent Authorities**

This page provides icons in order to reach the information modules. The GISIS system of the IMO was designated as an example for this system. One can reach each module by clicking on the relative icon. Moreover, some announcements and news about the activities on ballast water management could be placed on the centre of the page.

Module 1- RISK ASSESSMENT

The Mediterranean region needs a detailed ballast water risk assessment study in order to develop the ballast water management system. Also, all the scientific works, studies and guide documents should be collected together in order to assist the relevant national competent authorities. The data are collected under three titles:

Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment study in the ports of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention
- Risk assessment methodologies, guidelines,
- The results of risk assessment studies done by countries from other Regions and Regional or intergovernmental Regional Organizations
- Target Invasive Alien Species

Risk Assessment Study in the Ports of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention:

“Risk assessment Study of the Ports of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention” includes a database for the risk assessment results. The ports can be chosen with the action bar. After choosing the port the hereunder results will be showing.

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment of the ports of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention

Turkey-Ceyhan ↓

Port	Country	Year	Assessment
...



Risk Assessment methodologies, guidelines:

Under this title, relevant information documents, guidelines and workshop presentations can be found in pdf format.

The screenshot shows a web page with a blue header containing the text "Risk Assessment". Below the header is a red background area. A white box with a black border contains the text "Risk assessment techniques, guidelines, studies". Below this box is a light blue box containing a list of four documents, each preceded by a square icon:

- Xxxxxx risk assessment method.pdf
- XXXXXXXXguideline.pdf
- XXXXXXXXstudy in Turkey.pdf
- XXXXXXXXgloballast partnership.pdf

The results of risk assessment studies done by countries from other Regions and Regional or intergovernmental Regional Organizations:

Also, the risk assessment studies done by countries from other Regions and Regional or intergovernmental Regional Organizations could be found in a different page.

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- Turkish Risk Assessment .pdf
- Croatian Risk Assesment.pdf
- Avustralian risk assessment.pdf


The target invasive alien species can be found with respect to the biological region.

Risk Assessment

Target invasive alien species

MED VI

Caulerpa taxifolia



Module 2- BALLAST WATER REPORTING FORM

One of the most important inputs into the ballast water management system is the information which could be obtained from the ballast reporting forms. The origin and volume of ballast water discharged to the Ports of Parties can be easily provided from the reporting forms. The data provided from the forms is a very important input for ballast water risk assessment studies. A web based system should be designed in order to collect the ballast water reporting forms. The ships or the agents of the ships or the harbour masters of the ports of Parties could record the data to the system.

Ballast Water Reporting Form

Ballast Water Reporting Form System

Statistical Results of Ballast Water Discharges

Ballast Water Reporting Form System

The ballast water reporting forms can be reached with the action bar by choosing the ports.

Ballast Water Reporting Form

Ballast Water Reporting Form System

Turkey-Ceyhan
↓

IMO NO	Ship Name	Arrival Port	Arrival Date	BWRF
9394222	Murat-1	Ceyhan	11.04.2009	BWRF
9586521	Sea liner	Ceyhan	12.04.2009	BWRF
9816283	Daisy	Ceyhan	11.04.2009	BWRF
9926895	Constansa	Ceyhan	10.04.2009	BWRF
9116165	Eagle	Ceyhan	11.04.2009	BWRF

After choosing the port from the action bar, all the ships calling that port will be shown. It can be reached to the original ballast water reporting form by clicking the yellow BWRF icon. Entries related to flag on BWRF shall use only official names of States as recognized by the United Nations chosen only from action bars. The user chooses the arrival and departure port only from action bars. Parties will confirm the names of their ports.

Ballast Water Reporting Form

BWRF

Vessel Name:	Type:	IMO Number:	Specify Units: m ³ , MT, LT, ST
Owner:	GT:	Call Sign:	Total Ballast Water on Board:
Flag:	Arrival Date:	Agent:	
Last Port and Country:		Arrival Port:	Total Ballast Water Capacity:
Next Port and Country:			

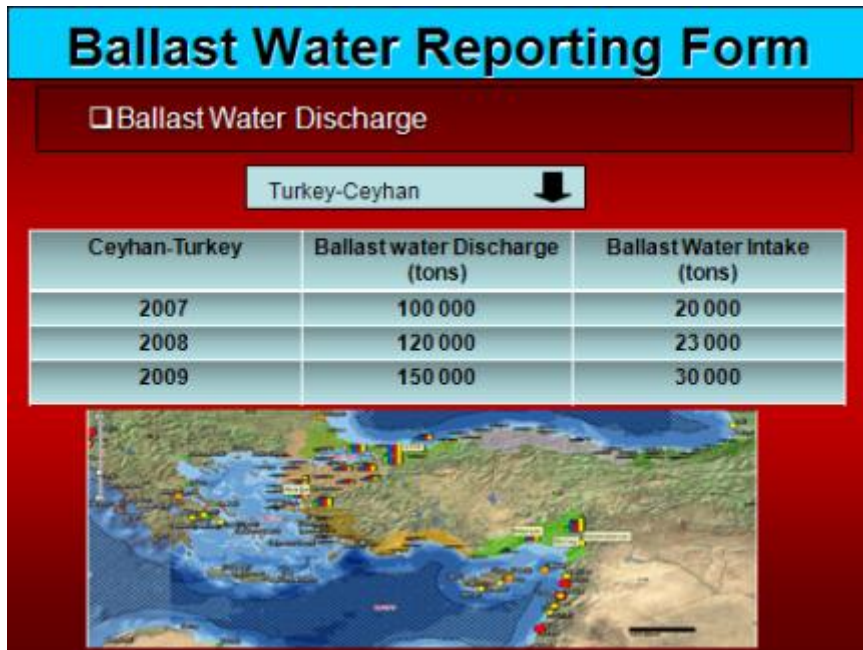
4. BALLAST WATER HISTORY: RECORD ALL TANKS THAT WILL BE DEBALLASTED IN PORT STATE OF ARRIVAL; IF NONE GO TO NO. 5

Tanks: If dids (list multiple sources/ tanks separately)	BW SOURCE				BW EXCHANGE: circle one: Empty/Retill or Flow Through				BW DISCHARGE			
	DATE ddmmyy	PORT or LAT. LONG.	VOLU ME (units)	TEM P (units)	DATE ddmmyy	ENDPO INT LAT. LONG.	VOLU ME (units)	% Exch.	SEA Hgt. (m)	DATE ddmmyy	PORT or LAT. LONG.	VOLUM E (units)

Ballast Water Tank Codes: Forepeak=FP, Afterpeak=AP, Double Bottom=DB, Wing=WT, Topside=TS, Cargo Hold=CH, O=Other

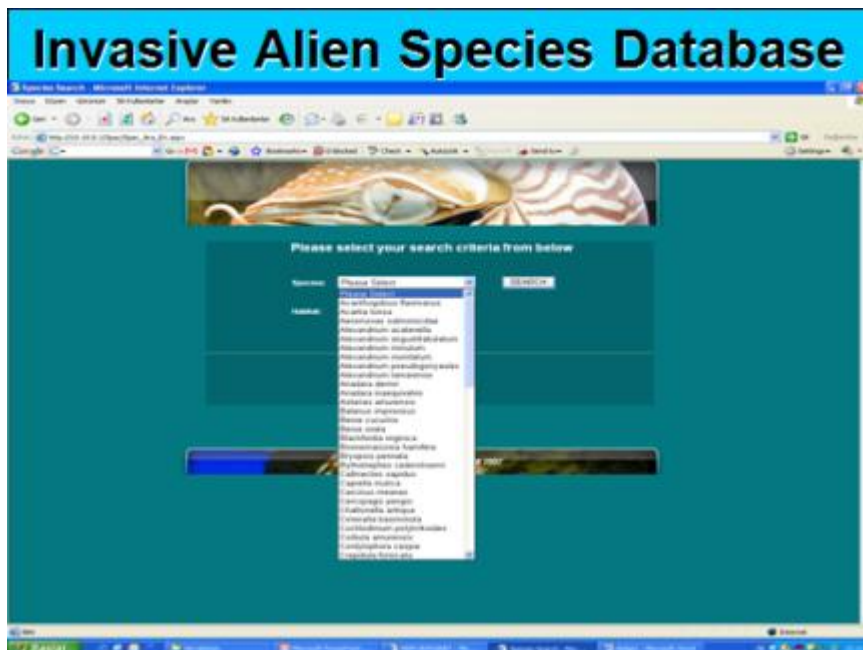
The Statistical Results for Ballast Water Discharges

There is an instrument which can collect the data from online BWRF's and draw graphics with respect to the ports chosen from the action bar.



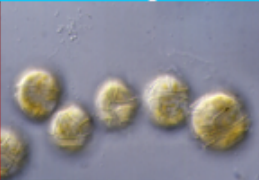
Module 3- INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES DATABASE

This module consists of a data base of the invasive alien species spread globally. It contains every kind of information about the invasive alien species.



Again an action bar is used to choose the species from name. It will also have a searching device from habitat. After choosing the species, the page of the species will be opened that contains picture and information about the species.

Invasive Alien Species Database



Species Name:	Alexandrium minutum
FILUM:	Pyrrophyta
ORG.GROUP :	Dinophyceae
HABITAT:	Sea
FEED:	Ototrophic, micsotrofic
ORIGIN:	Northern Atlantic Ocean
INVASIVE FROM:	Sweden coasts, Iran Bay, Mediterranean
IMPACTS:	
ID:	645
REFERENCE :	http://www.nodabis.org

Module 4- SCIENTISTS DATA BASE

In this module all of the scientists who are working on invasive alien species are going to be put in together. Parties are only allowed to include details of scientists/universities resident/situated in their territory.

Scientist Database

Name	Research Area	University	Country	Contact

Module 5- LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

All the IMO publications and the national legal instruments of the Parties will be located here in pdf format.

Legal Instruments

- Ballast Water Management Convention- 2004.pdf
- Guidelines.rar
- National legal Instruments.pdf

Module 6- NATIONAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

In this module all the contact details of the national authorities of the Parties will be collected.

National Competent Authorities

- Globallast Partnership Focal Points.pdf
- Maritime Authorities.pdf
- Scientific Institutes.pdf

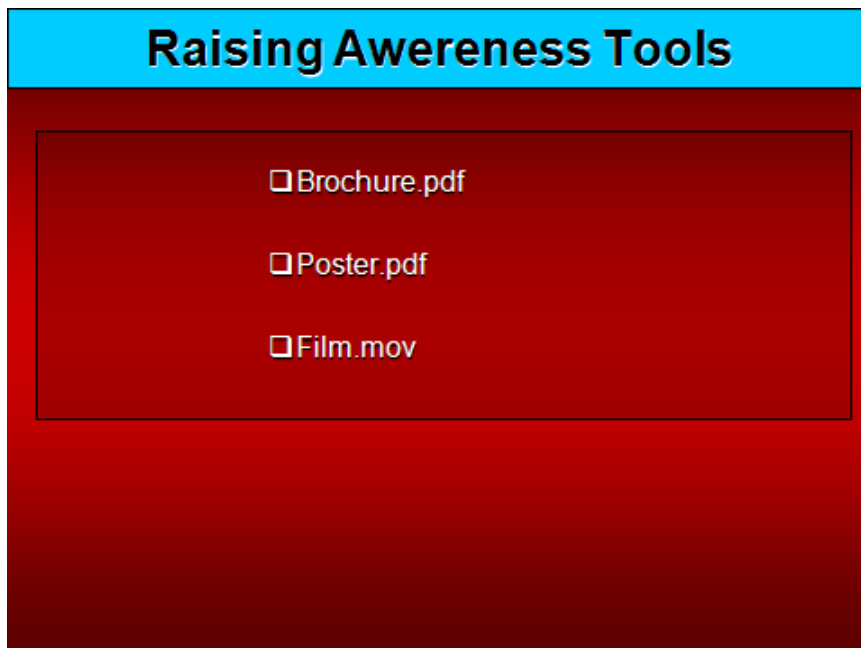
Module 7- SHIP ROUTES

An analysis instrument will be produced in order to determine the exchange limitations of the routes. The user only chooses the arrival and departure port from action bars. Parties will confirm the names of their ports. The instrument calculates the estimated arrival time and the possibility of the exchange.



Module 8- RAISING AWARENESS TOOLS

All the media instruments produced by the Parties could be placed on this module.



Module 9- PORT BIOLOGICAL BASELINE SURVEYS

In this module, all the documents concerning the port baseline surveys of Parties could be collected.

Port Biological Baseline Surveys

- Port Biological Baseline Survey Guideline.pdf
- PBBS Workshop Presentations.rar
- PBBS Studies.rar

Module 10- TREATMENT

In this module all the documents concerning the ballast water treatment activities could be collected.

Treatment

- Treatment Systems Inventory.pdf
- IMO approval procedure.pdf
- Systems approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.pdf

ANNEX II

**“GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE VOLUNTARY INTERIM APPLICATION
OF THE D1 BALLAST WATER EXCHANGE STANDARD BY VESSELS OPERATING BETWEEN
THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC AND/OR THE BALTIC SEA”**

“General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by vessels operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea”

1. In anticipation of the coming into force of the International Maritime Organization's International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (the BWM Convention), vessels operating between the marine areas as defined further in point 3, would be expected to apply on a voluntary basis, as from [XXXXXXXX], the following guidelines to reduce the risk of non-indigenous species invasion through ballast water. The guidelines are addressed to the vessels covered by Article 3 of the BWM, taking into account the exceptions in Regulation A-3 of that Convention. This Guidance does not replace the requirements of the BWM Convention, but provide the part of interim Ballast Water Regional Management Strategies for the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic being developed under Article 13 (3) of the BWM Convention by the contracting parties to either the OSPAR Convention, the Helsinki Convention or the Barcelona Convention*. This Guidance will no longer apply when a ship is in a position to apply the D-2 Standard of this Convention, or the Ballast Water Management Convention comes into force and a ship has to apply the D-2 Standard.
2. If the safety of the vessel is in any way jeopardised by a ballast water exchange, it should not take place. Additionally these guidelines do not apply to the uptake or discharge of ballast water and sediments for ensuring the safety of the vessel in emergency situations or saving life at sea in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the Baltic Sea and the North East Atlantic.
3. Definitions:
 - **North-East Atlantic:**
 - those parts of the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and their dependent seas which lie north of 36° north latitude and between 42° west longitude and 51° east longitude (but excluding the Baltic Sea and the Belts lying to the south and east of lines drawn from Hasenore Head to Griben Point, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Head to Kullen, and the Mediterranean Sea and its dependent seas as far as the point of intersection of the parallel of 36° north latitude and the meridian of 5° 36' west longitude);
 - that part of the Atlantic Ocean north of 59° north latitude and between 44° west longitude and 42° west longitude.
 - **The Baltic Sea:**
 - the Baltic Sea and the entrance to the Baltic Sea bounded by the parallel of the Skaw in the Skagerrak at 57 44.43'N; and,
 - **The Mediterranean Sea:**
 - the maritime waters of the Mediterranean Sea proper, including its gulfs and seas, bounded to the west by the meridian passing through Cape Spartel lighthouse, at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar, and to the east by the southern limits of the Straits of the Dardanelles between the Mehmetcik and Kumkale lighthouses.

4. Each vessel operating in these waters should:
 - have a Ballast Water Management Plan which complies with the Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans (G4) (IMO resolution MEPC.127(53)); and,
 - record all ballast water operations in a ballast water record book.
5. Vessels leaving the Mediterranean Sea and proceeding to destinations in the North-East Atlantic or the Baltic Sea should exchange all their ballast tanks to the standards set out by the D-1 Standard of the Ballast Water Management Convention, at least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land in water at least 200 metres deep, as soon as they enter the North-East Atlantic. It should be noted that the best place to do this is in waters that meet these criteria to the west of Portugal, Spain and France, as most of the waters of the English Channel and its approaches, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea are less than 200m deep. A map identifying these areas can be found in Figure 1¹.
6. Vessels entering the Mediterranean Sea from the North-East Atlantic or the Baltic Sea and proceeding to destinations in the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea or elsewhere should exchange all their ballast tanks to the standards set out by the D-1 Standard of the Ballast Water Management Convention, at least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land in water at least 200 metres deep, before they leave the North-East Atlantic. A map identifying these areas can be found in Figure 1.
7. If, for operational reasons, exchange is not possible at least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land in water at least 200 metres depth, then such exchange should be undertaken as far from the nearest land as possible outside the Mediterranean Sea, and in all cases in waters at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land in waters of at least 200 metres depth. It should be noted that nowhere in the Baltic Sea fulfils these criteria (Figure 2).
8. The release of sediments during the cleaning of ballast tanks should not take place within the Baltic Sea, or within 200 nautical miles of the coastline of the North-East Atlantic, or within the Mediterranean Sea.

* Albania, Algeria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, The European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, The Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

¹ For vessels leaving the Mediterranean or the North East Atlantic proceeding to destinations near Tarrifa Cape a different regime for ballast water exchange could be considered.

Figure 1: Map of North West Europe showing the 200 nautical miles and 50 nautical miles contours and the 200m depth contour.

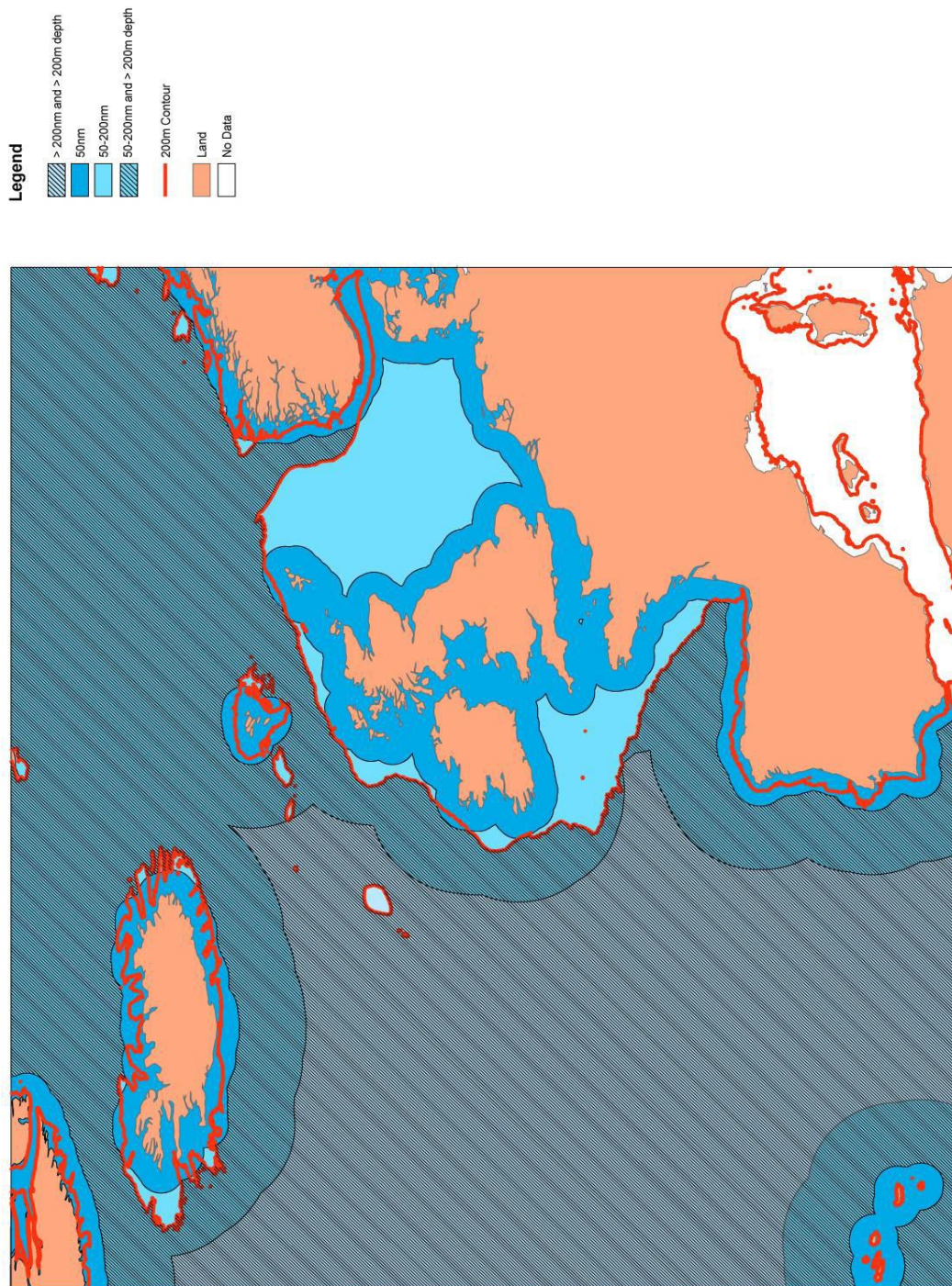


Figure 2: Map of the Baltic Sea showing areas of more than 50 nautical miles from the nearest land and areas of 200 meters depth.

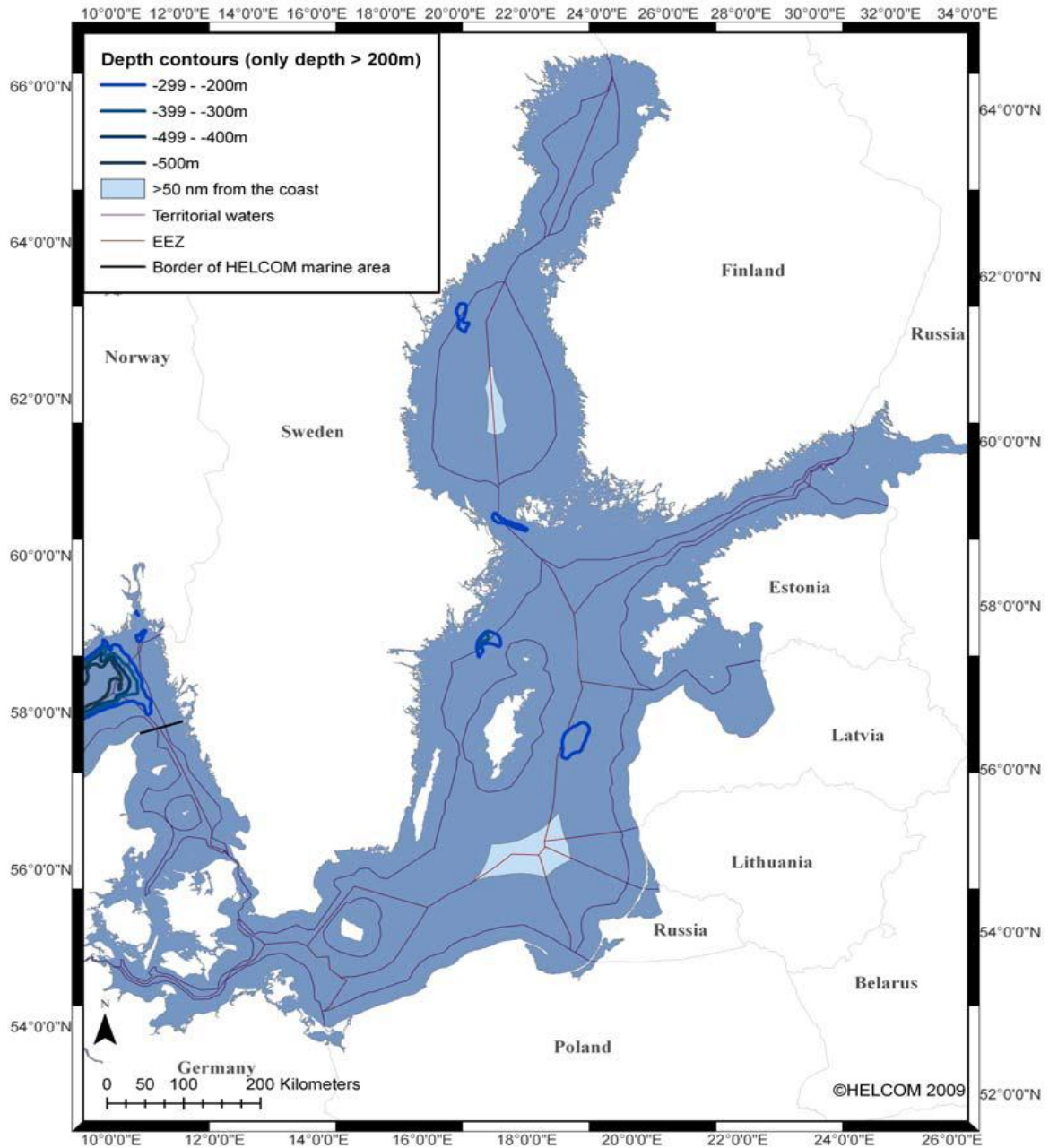
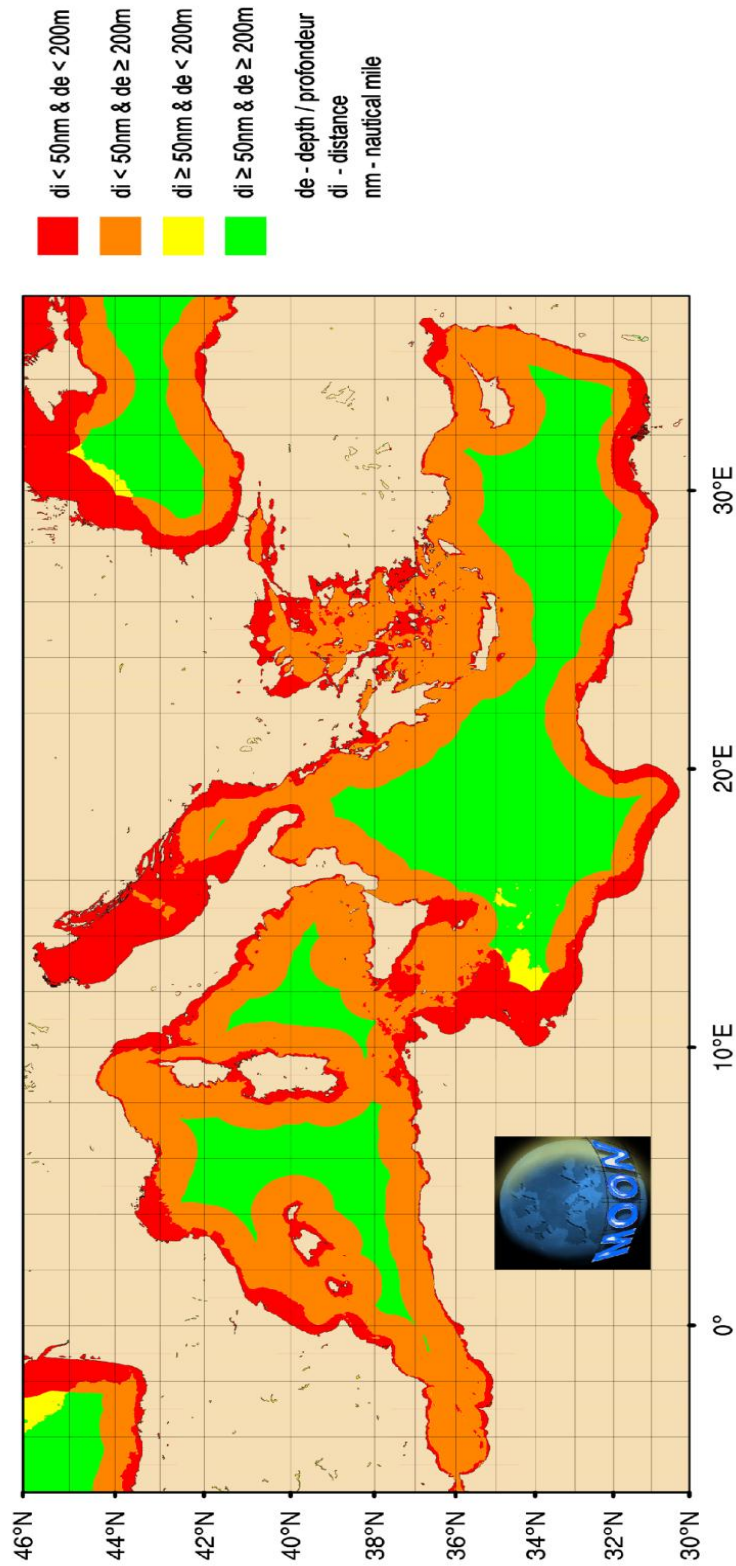


Figure 3: Map showing the areas in the Mediterranean Sea of at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land in waters of at least 200 meters depth.



Decision IG.20/12

Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

Having regard to Resolution I of the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries on the Protocol concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil, hereinafter referred to as Offshore Protocol, that adopted the Offshore Protocol in Madrid, Spain in 1994,

Acknowledging the major importance of the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol on 23 March 2011 following ratification by 6 Contracting Parties (Albania, Cyprus, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia),

Recognizing the importance of having the Offshore Protocol ratified by all Contracting Parties with a view to preventing, abating, combating and controlling pollution in the protocol area resulting from activities, inter alia by ensuring that the best available techniques environmentally effective and economically appropriate, are used for this purpose.

Desirous of ensuring that the Protocol shall begin to produce beneficial effects at the earliest possible moment and facilitating its implementation at regional and national levels through coordinated actions with the support of the Coordinating Unit and REMPEC,

Conscious that significant accidents caused by Offshore activities could have long term adverse consequences for the fragile ecosystems and biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea due to its enclosed nature and special hydrodynamics as well as negative consequences on the economies of the Mediterranean Countries especially for tourism and fisheries,

Urges all the Contracting Parties who have not yet done so to ratify the Offshore Protocol as early as possible (and preferably before the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties) with the view to having the Protocol entering into force for all the Parties;

Requests the Coordinating Unit to

Establish an ad hoc working group coordinated by REMPEC composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties and observers from representatives of the concerned industries, relevant international organizations and MAP partners with a view to:

1. lead the work for preparing an in depth assessment and stock taking analysis of the existing practical measures in place in the Mediterranean countries with regard to Offshore activities as a baseline to measure progress towards Protocol implementation in the future;
2. prepare the Action Plan, the objective of which shall be to:
 - Identify the scope of the work of MAP for a 10 year period, objectives, key activities and major outputs, priorities, timeframe, mid-evaluation and related indicators and resources needed for the effective implementation of the Protocol;

- address governance related issues with regard to the role of MAP components for facilitating the implementation of the Offshore Protocol Action Plan;
- address necessary partnerships with other organizations, industry and other actors to be established including the MAP Partners to support the successful implementation of the Offshore Protocol;

Requests REMPEC, in accordance with the provisions of the Offshore protocol and Prevention and Emergency protocol (2002) as well as REMPEC mandate, to take into consideration, to the extent possible, offshore oil exploration and production activities when assisting in the revision of national or sub-regional oil pollution contingency plans;

Invites all the Contracting Parties to update annually the data provided through the questionnaire prepared by REMPEC in order to obtain a reference basis., and enable the Secretariat to develop an effective capacity building and assistance programme based on the needs of the Contracting Parties.

Decision IG.20/13

Governance

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 17 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean hereinafter referred to as the Barcelona Convention;

Recalling also Decisions IG 17/5 regarding the Governance paper adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 15th Meeting held in Almeria (Spain) in 2008 launching a MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance reform as well as follow up decisions IG 19/5 on the Mandates of the MAP Components and IG 19/8 including the first Five-Year Strategic and Integrated Programme of Work which was adopted by the 16th Meeting of Contracting Parties held in Marrakesh (Morocco) in 2009;

Reaffirming the commitment of the Contracting Parties to continue strengthening the MAP-Barcelona Convention's governance system based on increased ownership by the Contracting Parties; cooperation and integration among MAP components towards agreed overarching priorities; result oriented programming and planning; higher visibility of the MAP-Barcelona Convention; and, increased synergy, cooperation and partnership with relevant regional and global institutions and initiatives as called for in the Marrakesh Declaration adopted by the Ministers and Heads of Delegation at the 16th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in 2009;

Welcoming steps taken to establish cooperation with regional and global initiatives, Multilateral Environmental Agreements and international organizations including but not limited to CBD, GFCM, UfM, EEA and IUCN and encouraging the Secretariat to also strengthen its cooperation with civil society partners in line with Decision 19/6 adopted by the 16th Meeting of Contracting Parties in Marrakesh (2009) with a view to ensuring synergy, enhancing efficiency, multiplying impact and avoiding duplication;

Recognizing the role of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) in providing a useful multi-partner platform to contribute to regional sustainable development and provide a valuable advise to Contracting Parties in this regard, however emphasizing the need for better focusing the MCSD contribution to the MAP system taking into consideration the results of the discussions to be held in Rio+20;

Appreciating the progress achieved with regard to the actions needed to bring MAP system into line with the Governance Paper, including Measures already taken to improve fund management, address deficit and to enhance delivery of the Programme of Work (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.363/Inf.22) and further ideas and discussions on ways to improve the governance of the MAP-Barcelona Convention held at the 72nd and 73rd Bureau of Contracting Parties (Athens, Rome), while stressing the necessity to urgently complete and implement all the actions included into the Governance Paper; also endorsing its satisfaction with regards to the progress achieved and suggestions made in the areas of communication and planning;

Welcoming the progress made in the preparation of the new Host Country Agreements for the MAP Regional Activity centres in accordance with the Governance Paper and endorsing the recommendations made by the 70th Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in Rabat (Morocco) in this regard;

Acknowledging the significant role UNEP plays in carrying out the functions of Secretariat to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and welcoming UNEP's proposal to cooperate with the Contracting Parties in clarifying and updating the administrative arrangements governing its action as administrator of the Barcelona Convention, and hence emphasizing the urgent need to finalize a specific Agreement on the matter;

Emphasizing the need to continue improving MAP governance by further enhancing the coherence, efficiency, accountability and transparency of its operations;

Acknowledging the need to enhance accountability, collaboration and coordination across the MAP system, and the role of the Executive Coordination Panel to that end;

Decides:

To request the Bureau with the support of the Coordinating Unit to start a process of reviewing the terms of reference of the Bureau for the consideration of the 18th Contracting Parties;

To request the Coordinating Unit to start a process of reviewing the terms of reference of the Executive Coordination Panel for the consideration of the 18th Contracting Parties;

To request the Secretariat, in prior consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, to prepare formal collaboration with the GFCM, CBD, IUCN and UfM and, as stipulated in article 11 of its ToR and to initiate cooperation and partnership with other relevant regional and global Organizations, as appropriate, and to present the results for adoption by the Parties;

To request the Secretariat to complete the review of the current list of MAP partners on the basis of the criteria established in Decision 19/6 on "MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership" and submit the list for consideration and approval by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties during next biennium and submit it for endorsement by the meeting of the Contracting Parties;

To invite the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) to work, taking into consideration the availability of funds in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and with the assistance of the Secretariat, on reforming the MCSD in particular through (i) revising its composition to ensure greater representativeness and foster a sense of ownership by the entire Mediterranean; and, sharpening its role and further enhancing its contribution to sustainable development in the Mediterranean and the national level as well as the mechanisms of Barcelona Convention and present the results for adoption by the Parties. To this end, the conclusions and recommendations of its 14th meeting (Budva, Montenegro, 2011), as well as the upcoming Results of the Rio+20 Summit (2012) should be considered, as appropriate;

To urge countries hosting MAP Regional Activity Centres to finalize the new Host Country Agreements as soon as possible, in accordance to the draft prepared and submitted to them by the Secretariat and attached as Annex I to this decision, taking into account domestic laws, regulations and practices, while respecting the common interest of all parties in better coherence and coordination and in the financial implications for the MTF:

To urge the Coordinating Unit to develop a common policy for all MAP components, to be submitted to the COP, on the costs of administration and staff. This policy should be based on the results of the Functional Review as approved and ensure that the MTF resources will be appropriately* allocated among all MAP components to ensure the full and timely implementation of the programme of work.

To request the Coordinating Unit to ensure that all consultancy contracts financed from the MTF will be let in accordance with the procedures established in the United Nations Rules and Regulations. While fully respecting the management role of the Coordinating Unit, in the participatory spirit of MAP, national focal points will be informed in a timely manner of the proposed use of consultants by all the MAP components

To request that the Directors of the MAP components establish regular contacts with their relevant focal points to ensure a fully coordinated and synergistic implementation of MAP activities and in particular to previously agree on the workload to be carried out by the Countries.

To take note of the Functional Review carried out for the Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL and **to request** the Secretariat to extend the process, in appropriate manner accompanied by a management by performance assessment, to cover the whole MAP system, taking into account the specificity, mandate and context of each MAP component. The Functional Review should be carried out in accordance with the ToR set out in Annex II of this decision, during 2012. All necessary consultations will take place during 2013 to prepare a proposal on implementing the outcome of the functional review and its implications for the budget for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties in 18th meeting;

To request UNEP to work during the next biennium with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties on finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Secretariat Services to and support of the Convention, including the policy on bad debts and to submit the Memorandum of Understanding to the 19th Meeting of Contracting Parties;

To adopt a first Resource Mobilization Strategy in Annex III to this Decision, and to request the Secretariat and invite the Contracting Parties to use it to guide their efforts to ensure adequate financial resources for the activities in the Programme of Work, and further to request the Secretariat to make proposals as appropriate for the enhancement of the Strategy for consideration and adoption at the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

To adopt the UNEP-MAP Communication Strategy 2012-2017 in Annex IV to this Decision and request the Secretariat to work on its implementation within available resources, in cooperation with INFO/RAC and other relevant MAP components, and in partnership with relevant stakeholders, MAP partners and Contracting Parties themselves. In this context, Contracting Parties will collaborate in achieving the objectives outlined in the strategy and support the Secretariat in mobilizing other actors and inspiring partners and stakeholders.

*Availability of funds

Appropriateness of the activity

Integration of the activity into the work programme

ANNEX I

Host Country Agreement

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF**
AND
THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)
CONCERNING
AS A REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (RAC) OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)

DRAFT

The Parties to the present Agreement,

Desiring to define the status of in its capacity as a Regional Activity Centre of MAP insofar as the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention have agreed to vest it with a mandate [through the Protocol on...../decision.....] for carrying out activities aimed at implementing the Protocol on at the regional level; and other regional responsibilities in accordance with the decisions of the Meetings of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Considering that UNEP has been entrusted by the Contracting Parties to carry out functions of Secretariat and support them in implementing the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, which it carries out directly through the Coordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) or, under Coordinating Unit's supervision, through MAP's Regional Activity Centers;

Taking into account that the RAC..... being the national entity established by the Government to carry the RAC's functions and being legally independent from the UN, is a RAC of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), and has thereby been entrusted with a supporting and technical role in accordance with the functions assigned to it in Article of the Protocol/in paragraph..... and Decision

Recalling decision IG 17/5 of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Almeria, Spain, January 2008) entitled "Governance Paper", requesting the harmonization of the institutional status of the Regional Activity Centers and the coherent implementation of their activities led by the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan so that a fully functional and consolidated system of good governance for MAP will be achieved;

Recalling decision IG 19/5 on the mandates of the MAP components, as adopted by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Marrakech, Morocco, November 2009) providing for a clear definition of the regional mandates and main tasks of each of the MAP Regional Activity Centers under a set of common strategic and operational principles;

Recalling, also that the Government of is a Party to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1: USE OF TERMS

For the purposes of the present Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “*Barcelona Convention*” means the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, done at Barcelona on 16 February 1976, as amended on 10 June 1995;
- (b) “*UNEP*” means the body designated as responsible for carrying out secretariat functions pursuant to Article 17 of the Barcelona Convention and referred to as the Secretariat;
- (c) “*Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan*” (hereinafter referred to as MAP Coordinating Unit) means the Unit within the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) designated by the Executive Director of UNEP as responsible for the administration of MAP;
- (d) “*General Convention*” means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946;
- (e) “*RAC*” means the national entity established by the Government of..... , as MAP Regional Activity Centre{title} by decision{number} of the meeting of the Contracting Parties in {year}.
- (f) MAP components are the Regional Activity Centers of MAP and the MEDPOL Programme which mandates are described in Decision IG 17/5.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to regulate the status of the Regional Activity Centre....., to operate as an integral part of MAP, with regional tasks and responsibilities, whose work is entirely focused on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocol on.....
2. This agreement also aims at outlining the modality of working relationships with the MAP Coordinating Unit and the other MAP components.

ARTICLE 3: LEGAL CAPACITY

The RAC..... shall have legal personality, independent from that of UNEP and the UN, and as accorded by the legislation of the Government of..... It shall in particular have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose movable and immovable property and to be a party to legal proceedings, including the receipt and management of funds.

ARTICLE 4: PREMISES

1. The Government of shall ensure the availability of adequate premises needed for the work of the RAC, including furnishing of the premises, telecommunication facilities and maintenance of these premises and facilities, and shall provide an in-cash counterpart contribution for the general operation of the RAC and for the implementation of the regional activities assigned to the RAC.
2. The RAC shall be located in{place}.

ARTICLE 5: MANDATE AND TASKS

1. In carrying out its regional role, the RAC, following internal arrangements with the government of..... , who proposed it, shall perform the tasks assigned to it by the Protocol onof the Barcelona Convention, decisions of the Meetings of the Contracting Parties, and those deriving from the implementation of the functions entrusted to it by the Coordinator of MAP.
2. Specific activities under such tasks, as well as the relevant implementation modalities and legal and financial obligations of the RAC, shall be specified in memoranda of understanding and specific project documents to be signed between the RAC and UNEP.
3. The RAC shall protect, in accordance with the decisions of the Contracting Parties, the confidentiality of information transmitted to the RAC, in the framework of its mandate, regional role and tasks.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1. The contribution provided by the Government of for the RAC under Article 4(1) shall be paid directly by the Government to the RAC. The amount of such resources (cash and kind) shall be pledged at the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention.
2. The financial resources provided to the RAC through the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) shall be kept by UNEP in a duly designated bank account in the currency in which they are to be remitted. These resources will be available to the RAC for the implementation of its programme of work as adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties, in conformity with the memoranda of understanding and specific project documents signed for that purpose between the RAC and UNEP.
3. The RAC shall submit an annual audit report to the MAP Coordinating Unit and the Bureau of the Contracting Parties. The RAC will ensure that such audit is performed by an independent and reputable audit firm.
4. The MAP Coordinating Unit reserves the right to have the records of the RAC related to the MTF and UNEP managed funds reviewed and audited, in accordance with the internal and external auditing procedures provided for in the UN Financial Regulations and Rules. The Government and the RAC agrees to provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspection, post-payment audits or investigations.

These rights and obligations of the Parties stipulated herein under Article 6 paragraph 4 shall not lapse upon termination of this agreement.

5. Within the scope of its applicable regulations, rules and standard business practices, the Government of and UNEP, individually or jointly, shall seek additional funding or other support for the RAC from sources other than the Mediterranean Trust Fund, in the framework of a MAP Joint Resource Mobilisation Plan and for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the RAC in the implementation of its programme of work as adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

1. Meetings and Conferences organized by the RAC in carrying out its mandate and regional tasks shall be open to all participants designated by the focal points of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and MAP Partners in accordance with the decisions of the Meetings of the Contracting Parties.
2. The Government of shall extend to such participants the privileges and immunities provided under Article IV of the General Convention. Such immunities will be provided to participants to meetings convened under UNEP auspices, to funds provided by UNEP and to the UNEP staff assigned to work with the RAC for the meeting.

ARTICLE 8: EMBLEMS, LOGOS, LANGUAGE, VISIBILITY

1. The RAC's right to use of the name, emblem or logos of UNEP, or any abbreviation thereof, in publications and documents produced by the RAC, is subject to prior written authorization by UNEP in each case and shall be included in subsequent pertinent agreements between the RAC and UNEP, in accordance with the UN regulations, rules and standard business practices.
2. In no event will authorization of the UNEP name or emblem, or any abbreviation thereof, be granted for commercial purposes.
3. As MAP working languages are English and French, all efforts shall be made to use both languages in meetings and RAC's publications.
4. The RAC shall contribute to enhancing the impact and overall visibility of MAP across the region on the basis of a corporate and integrated approach as decided by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 9: RELATIONSHIPS

1. The RAC shall provide information on the implementation of its mandate and activities to the focal points of the Contracting Parties to the Convention. For the preparation and implementation of the programmes of work and its specific technical outputs the RAC is guided by the RAC focal points views, to whose meetings it provides technical support and secretariat services, as appropriate.

2. The Government of shall designate a competent government authority to communicate and exchange information with the RAC and to support and facilitate, as appropriate, the implementation of the RAC's mandate and regional tasks within the country.
3. The activities of the RAC shall be carried out under the general programmatic guidance and oversight of the MAP Coordinating Unit which certifies implementation of the entrusted activities. To this end, the MAP Coordinating Unit shall *inter alia*:
 - a) monitor the implementation of the RAC's programme of work as adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties and report regularly to the Contracting Parties thereon;
 - b) provide formal and informal guidance to the RAC on issues requiring its involvement in the RAC's work, particularly on cross-cutting issues, issues of legal nature, visibility of the MAP system, coordination of the RAC's activities with that of other MAP components and overall representation and coordination with various international organizations and programmers of MAP relevance;
 - c) undertake any additional action to facilitate the more effective and efficient programmatic coordination and oversight that may be assigned to it by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties
4. The RAC shall closely cooperate with other MAP components with a view to ensuring coherence, integration, efficiency and effectiveness in implementing MAP's programme of work as adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 10: GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Insofar as the Contracting Parties have given to the RAC the mandate to implement activities under the MAP and in particular the Protocol on....., and that the government ofproposed to host the RAC and abide by the decisions of the Contracting Parties as regards the functioning of the RAC and the provision of the necessary means and facilities for its operation, further to the agreement of the Contracting Parties, the Governance Structure of the RAC shall be as follows:

(A) The Steering Committee

1. The RAC shall be guided by a Steering Committee composed of:
 - a) One Representative of the Host Country;
 - b) One Representative of the MAP Coordinating Unit;
 - c) One Representative of the UNEP programmatic area or UN entity that is relevant to the area of expertise and mandate of the RAC, as appropriate
2. The Steering Committee shall be endowed with all powers necessary for the guidance of the RAC. To this end, it shall *inter alia*:

- a) Advice on evolving international knowledge and experiences related to the purpose and mandate of the RAC and on useful synergies to be established with relevant organisations with a view to maximizing the achievements of the RAC and compliance of its mandate;
 - b) Review generally the implementation of projects according to memoranda of understanding and project documents signed between the RAC and UNEP, as well as overall operational issues;
3. The Steering Committee shall develop and adopt its rules of procedure.

(B) The Advisory Board

1. The RAC may establish an Advisory Board which shall offer advice to the Steering Committee and to the Director on the role and the performance of the tasks of the RAC as provided in Article 5, ensuring that a wider perspective is taken into account and an interdisciplinary and integrated approach is promoted.
2. The specific terms of the function of the Advisory Board and its composition are approved by the Steering Committee.

(C) Director

1. The RAC shall have a full-time Director, who shall administer the RAC, and such personnel, appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Article, as is necessary for the exercise of its functions.
2. The Director of the RAC shall be appointed following consultations with the MAP Coordinating Unit.
3. The Director shall represent the RAC and, subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, shall have responsibility for the operation and administration of the RAC in conformity with the guidelines adopted by the Steering Committee.
4. The Director shall convene the Steering Committee as need be, prepare the provisional agenda for its sessions and submit to it any proposals which he/she considers desirable for the running of the RAC.
5. The Director shall draw up and submit every six months a report to the MAP Coordinating Unit, an annual report to the Steering Committee, and a bi-annual report to the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention on the activities of the RAC, through the MAP Coordinating Unit.
6. The Director shall, from time to time, communicate to the government ofand the MAP Coordinating Unit a list of all internationally recruited personnel and experts of the RAC, and additions or amendments to the list as necessary.

(D) PERSONNEL

1. Locally recruited personnel, whose posts are financed by the Government, will be appointed by the Director in accordance with the national law.

2. Locally recruited non-UN personnel, whose posts, in accordance with the decisions of the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its protocols, are financed from the MTF and other UNEP managed funds, shall be appointed by the Director in accordance with the personnel policies applicable to the RAC, and after consultation with the MAP Coordinating Unit.
3. Internationally recruited non-UN personnel, whose posts, in accordance with the decisions of the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its protocols, are financed from the MTF and other UNEP managed funds, shall be appointed by the Director, in accordance with the personnel policies applicable to the RAC, and after consultation with the MAP Coordinating Unit.
4. The selection and appointment of UN personnel assigned to the RAC shall follow the applicable UN rules and procedures.
5. Consultants for the RAC, whose engagement is financed from the MTF and other UNEP managed funds shall be selected by the RAC following UNEP criteria and policies as well as those adopted by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties.
6. The Government of shall take the necessary steps to simplify the procedures for issuing entry visas, residence permits, and work permits to internationally recruited personnel and members of their families forming part of their households. In the case of UN personnel assigned to the RAC, the provisions of the General Convention shall apply.
7. The Government of shall take the necessary steps to simplify the procedures for granting entry visas to representatives or experts of the Contracting Parties on official MAP business.

ARTICLE 11: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF UNEP PROPERTY, FUNDS AND ASSETS

1. Property, funds and assets held by or for the use of the RAC, which were acquired with financing from the MTF and other UNEP managed funds, and which are property of UNEP, wherever located and by whosoever held, shall enjoy immunity from any form of legal process.
2. UNEP's property, funds and assets, as defined in paragraph 1, shall be exempt from all direct taxes, value added tax, customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports, and social security contributions, as appropriate.
3. The salaries and emoluments of staff appointed by UNEP shall be exempt from taxation.
4. UNEP's archives held by the RAC in the exercise of its mandate and regional tasks shall be inviolable. The term archives includes, *inter alia*, all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, photographs, films, recording, discs, tapes and other information storage devices.

ARTICLE 12: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF UN PERSONNEL AND EXPERTS

UN personnel assigned to work in the RAC and experts on missions traveling to in their official capacity in connection with the activities of the RAC, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in Articles V and VI of the General Convention.

ARTICLE 13: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The Parties to the present agreement shall endeavour to solve any dispute relating to its interpretation and application by negotiation or other amicable mode of settlement. Should attempts at amicable negotiation fail, any such dispute shall, upon request by either Party, be referred to arbitration in accordance with the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) arbitration rules then prevailing.

ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

At the request of either Party, consultations shall take place with respect to amendment of this agreement. Any such amendment shall be given effect by written agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE 15: FINAL CLAUSES

1. The present agreement shall enter into force either one year after the signature by both Parties; or on the first date by which the Government has confirmed to UNEP that the Government's conditions precedent have been satisfied, whichever occurs earlier. During the transitional period, from the signature date to entry into force, the Government shall communicate to UNEP every four months, information on measures taken to implement its conditions precedent.
2. For the purpose of Article 15 paragraph 1 above, the Government's conditions precedent include the following:
 - i) Establishment of the RAC by the Government in accordance with Article 3 above;
 - ii) Provision of adequate premises needed for the RAC and/or any other conditions precedent, as deemed appropriate.
3. From the date of its entry into force, this agreement shall replace the Agreement between the Government of and the United Nations Environment Programme concerning *{Name of the relevant agreement}* of {date}
4. The present agreement may be terminated by either Party by providing six months written notice to the other Party.

5. In the event of the RAC being moved from the territory of, this agreement shall, after the period reasonably required for such transfer and for the relocation of UNEP's property from, cease to be in force.
6. The present agreement shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with paragraphs 4 or 5 above. Its content shall be reviewed every [] years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below

.....

.....

For the United Nations Environment Programme

For the Government of....

DONE in duplicate at ----- this ----- day of -----
200-- in English and {Country} languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

ANNEX II

Functional review of the UNEP/MAP Components

Terms of Reference (ToR)

Functional review of the UNEP/MAP Components Terms of Reference (ToR)

Background

UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention aims to better equip itself to efficiently and effectively address the challenges of the future. This has been a repeated request by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention and was part of the OIOS recommendations to UNEP/MAP.

In this context, The UNEP/MAP undertook a functional review with a view to assess functions required for the implementation of the Programme of Work by the two MAP – Barcelona Convention units administered by UNEP (Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL). The functional review determined key functions to be performed by these two units; the skills sets of staff required to perform these functions, streamlined financial and administrative processes as well as strengthened decision-making and accountability. The review was forward looking, preparing UNEP/MAP to better address the evolving mandates and demands received from the Contracting Parties.

At the Extended Bureau meeting held in Athens, Greece, 3-5 October 2011, the members requested the Secretariat to extend the Functional Review to the whole MAP system including any posts in the Coordinating Unit and MED POL that have not yet been assessed whilst acknowledging that the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) are different and should therefore be considered in an appropriate manner. Moreover, following on from conclusions from Bureau meetings it has been agreed during the UNEP/MAP's focal point meeting that management-by-performance assessment shall be conducted which will enhance functional analysis by insuring evaluation based on performances and outputs of each component.

In order to complete the functional review, the UNEP/MAP requires the services of an expert mission to work in close association with the entities or other UN co-operating agencies responsible for the administration of the RACs.

Purpose

The mission will:

1. take stock of the Five Year Programme of Work and the Protocols and identify priority activities for each Component based on the decisions of the Contracting Parties; in particular decision on Governance (Almeria, 2008), and decision on Mandates of Components (IG.19/5, Marrakesh 2009);
2. Consider the previous evaluations conducted in the MAP system;
3. Consider the linkages with other institutions around the MAP system
4. Identify functions required for the implementation of these priorities;
5. Determine the skills sets and experience of staff required to perform these functions,

6. Assess achievements against planned results or best practice for activities over the last five biennium
7. Assess the review of the financial and administrative processes undertaken to date and suggest additional changes, as need be, with a view to streamline and strengthen decision making and accountability; and,
8. Assist the Component in the preparation of an organizational structure and job descriptions based on the functional groupings and priorities;
9. Assess the financial sustainability of the costs and the appropriate allocation among all MAP components of the available resources to ensure the full and timely implementation of the programme of work.

Scope of the work

The functional review should be carried out in a participative manner and therefore all MAP components should be consulted.

- The functional review will assess each Component as a whole vis-a-vis its vision and Five Year Strategy. Thus, it will be functional based. It may identify gaps and misalignments in unit responsibilities, job descriptions, reporting lines and overall performances.
- The functional review will be an operational tool to ensure adapting MAP to Contracting Parties substantive and managerial demands to enhance performances, while ensuring the coherence with the available financial resources, including on ways to substantially rebalance the ratio between staffing and activities. In doing so, the functional review shall also take due consideration of all available resources for the components and not limit itself to MTF resources.
- It should build on experiences of other Regional Seas Components practices as well as other similar organizations, as appropriate.
- It should also build upon the credibility and positive image of Components thus contributing to the overall public standing of the MAP.
- It should evaluate the employee satisfaction, as well as the customer/client satisfaction as criterion of performance measurement.
- The guiding principles to be applied in the exercise are that: staffing is adequate as far as possible for the purpose of implementing the strategic priorities identified in the five-year Programme of Work as well as to fulfill the components' mandate; posts levels follow the efficiency and remuneration standards of the Organization for similar operations; resource projections availability are strictly

respected; and, the exercise is done professionally, impartially and practically. The review should propose a timely implementation of its recommendations.

Outputs

- A report containing:
 - recommendations on key functions to be performed by each Component to implement UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention priorities as established by the Contracting Parties;
 - recommendations on the appropriate allocation among all MAP components of the available resources
 - recommendations on the skills sets and experiences of staff to perform those functions;
 - an assessment of the state of play of financial and administrative processes and recommendations of processes to be improved;
 - a proposed staffing table, organigramme coherent with the resources available and future projections;
 - a plan to timely adjust into that staffing table that respects budget limitations, clearly identifying actions; and,
 - suggestions for an Office structure and revised job descriptions.
 - A 3 to 5 page summary of the recommendations made highlighting the rationale behind proposed changes.
 - Recommendations on the development of the different performance management types, differentiating between well-structured tasks and activities and the others, less structured, related to the research projects

Time-line and composition

Provision should be made to ensure that the review is carried out during 2012 and all necessary consultations will take place during 2013 to prepare a proposal on implementing the outcome of the functional review and its implications for the budget for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties in 18th meeting

The mission will do some preparatory work in advance of their arrival and spend up to a week on-site in each Component. Assistance in preparation of job descriptions could be completed after the visit to the Component, as need be.

The team will be composed of two profiles: a substantive expert on environment issues; and a change management expert. Finalization of revised and proposed job descriptions may be done off-site once the mission is completed but in coordination with every component.

Method of Work

The mission will work in close consultation with all functional units, Office staff and management and with the Bureau.

The mission will start with a staff meeting during which the objectives of the mission will be again presented and the mission will share with all the staff the proposed methodology to complete their work. An end of mission debriefing with preliminary findings will be presented to all staff before their departure from the on-site visit.

The final report and overall proposal of the mission will be submitted to the Coordinating Unit in due time and share it with the components.

Sources of information

- UNEP/MAP COP November 2009, Appendix 1, Five Year Programme of Work (2010-2014) and Decision IG. 19/5 on the Mandates of MAP components;
- Marrakech Declaration, 2009,
- Governance Paper, Decision from the COP in Almeria, January 2008;
- UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Programme of Work and Budget (2012-2013)
- Audit Report of the Financial Performance of the UNEP/MAP(May 2009);
- Component Organigramme and Job Descriptions
- Thematic decisions of the Contracting Parties taken in 2008 and 2009
- MAP external evaluation 2005, as well as previous evaluations conducted at component 's level
- Resource mobilization and fund raising consultancy report

ANNEX III

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY FOR UNEP/MAP

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY

This strategy proposes avenues for obtaining additional funds in support of UNEP/MAP objectives, as well as improvements in coherence, coordination and programme management that would support resource mobilization efforts. Appendix one presents a detailed list of activities in the 2012-2013 Programme of Work for which funding has not been secured. The document includes comments provided by Contracting Parties.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), and its legal framework, the Barcelona Convention, were adopted in 1975 and 1976 respectively, under the umbrella of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The main objectives of the Barcelona Convention are to assess and control marine pollution; ensure sustainable management of natural marine and coastal resources; integrate environmental protection into social and economic development; protect the marine environment and coastal zones; protect natural and cultural heritage; strengthen solidarity among Mediterranean coastal States; and contribute to an improvement of the quality of life in the Mediterranean region. Seven Protocols addressing specific aspects of Mediterranean environmental conservation further develop and complete the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention legal framework.

UNEP/MAP is recognized as a unique regional environmental legal framework and policy development process. As the guardian of the Barcelona Convention it coordinates the implementation of the Convention and related protocols. Its historical role in the Mediterranean is well recognized and respected both by the Parties and other key players in the region. It is the key environmental governance structure in the Mediterranean, with a longstanding pollution monitoring programme, a network of focal points in partner countries and a diversified network of regional activity centers that offer their expertise to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols in the Mediterranean countries.

The 21 countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and the European Union (EU) are the Contracting Parties (CPs) to the Barcelona Convention. They decide on MAP strategies, programmes and budget at biannual Ministerial meetings. A Coordinating Unit, based in Athens, performs legal and representational functions, facilitates dialogue and coordinates MAP's Programme of Work. Six technical Regional Activity Centers and a programme, so-called MAP components, assist Mediterranean countries in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and the Protocols: MEDPOL, Greece, is responsible for marine pollution assessment and control; REMPEC, Malta, for Marine Pollution Emergency Response; SPA/RAC, Tunisia, for Biodiversity and Protected Areas; PAP/RAC, Croatia, for the promotion of Integrated Coastal Zone Management; BP/RAC, France, for prospective analyses of environment and sustainable development; CP/RAC, Spain, for Sustainable Consumption and Production; and INFO/RAC, Italy, for Environmental Information Systems.

UNEP/MAP is primarily financed by the Contracting Parties through assessed contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). Other sources of funding include voluntary contributions from the European Commission and its Contracting Parties, UN organizations, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other ad hoc donors. UNEP/MAP thus enjoys a relatively solid funding base and does not depend on external donors for its core activities. However, to realize its full potential and implement an ambitious agenda, raising funds is an integral part of UNEP/MAP work.

The MAP system can therefore build on solid experience in raising funds, but needs to replace a largely ad hoc approach, whereby each MAP component struggles to find resources in order to meet its objectives, with a more coordinated and systematic approach. Such an approach will build on, and be greatly facilitated by, the continued implementation of the decision adopted by the Contracting Parties in 2008 to improve coordination, coherence and programme management. Working towards a stronger brand and a more unified UNEP/MAP system, as recommended in the 2010-2015 Information and Communication Strategy, will be equally important in supporting resource mobilization efforts. It is therefore timely to develop a resource mobilization strategy with the following main objectives:

- ***Secure adequate funding and support for the objectives of UNEP/MAP, in order to implement the Mediterranean Action Plan as developed in the five year plan;***
- ***Obtain timely, predictable and flexible voluntary funding, allowing for appropriate long-term planning of activities.***

The above would be achieved through a combination of financial resources aiming at supporting the UNEP/MAP as a whole, targeting a broad range of activities, including core functions; as well as specific priority activities included in the relevant plans and obtained within the framework of a coordinated, strategic and systematic approach.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND DONOR RELATIONS

Resource mobilization cannot be carried out in isolation, but must be placed in the broader context of overall UNEP/MAP goals, strategy, objectives and activities. The success of resource mobilization efforts will depend on the quality and performance of the organization as a whole: on the perception of its governing bodies, leadership and staff, on its added value, and on the relevance and cost-effectiveness of its activities. Resource mobilization therefore requires the combined effort of every level of the Organization to make its case for support: in justifying plans and budgets and demonstrating its added value, results and impact, as well as accountability for funds provided.

Developments in the donor community

Donor behavior has undergone significant changes over the past 10 to 15 years. Some are the result of the principles of the Paris Declaration and Accra Action Agenda. While these principles were specifically developed to make aid to recipient countries more effective, they have also influenced donor policies more generally, including in the provision of aid to the UN and other international organizations. Donors are increasingly providing aid to support the overall strategies of the recipient, relying on the recipients' own systems for reporting and accountability, and harmonizing their approaches to the recipient. Donors expect policies to be directed toward achieving clear goals, for progress toward these goals to be monitored, and for donors and recipients to be jointly responsible for achieving these goals. As a result, aid is often provided under broad strategic partnerships and cooperation arrangements between donor and recipient based on mutually agreed objectives. In short, donors no longer simply hand over money - they expect to be active partners.

While these are common trends, funding can be unpredictable as donors are driven by foreign and domestic policies, as well as by the media, NGOs and individuals in their funding choices. Donors' policies, definitions, priorities and reporting requirements also still vary greatly and lack coordination and standards. Organizations on the receiving end therefore have to relate to a patchwork of policies and practices that, taken together, do not necessarily add up to a coherent system for financing.

The UNEP/MAP seems to be confronted with this patchwork type of earmarked funding rather than benefiting from the tendencies resulting from the Paris/Accra agendas. The MAP system is faced with a heavy workload that comes from having to deal with a multitude of conditions, timelines and formats for submissions and reports. Lack of predictability that hamper planning and implementation, high staff costs, the obligation to advance money and find match funding add to the challenges.

A more assertive and concerted approach to resource mobilization should aim to decrease the dependency on a patchwork of small earmarked funds from many sources, and tap into resources that could potentially support a broad range of activities across the system, and include funding staff costs to lighten the burden on MTF.

Funding to the United Nations and other international organizations

Governments, especially those of wealthy industrialized countries, are the main sources of funding for most UN, international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). United Nations organizations typically receive between 80 and 95 percent of funds from their 10 biggest donors in this category. While progress has been made in expanding the donor base to include the private sector, emerging economies and the Arab world, income from those sources remains fairly modest. UNICEF is the exception, with more than one billion US dollars, or a third of its income, from the private sector, mainly made up of small contributions given on a regular basis by a large number of individuals around the world.

Foundations are private entities, established by individuals, companies or groups to distribute funds to organizations, and in some cases, to needy individuals. They are independent, with their own income, operating in accordance with criteria set by their funding sources and initial founders. They are similar to government aid agencies in that they are set up to donate money. Similar methodologies and approaches can therefore be applied in cooperation with both.

Working with private sector sources other than foundations requires different approaches, skills and networks. Turning wealthy individuals, corporations or the public at large into donors involves the ability to find, understand and persuade them to support one's organization. The various components of the UNEP/MAP system have experience in raising funds from bilateral and multilateral donors (mainly the Contracting Parties, the GEF and the EC) and to a limited degree from private ones.

Virtually all organizations that rely on voluntary funds have created devoted capacity for resource mobilization. The number of staff depends on the size and type of funding sources, and range from units with a handful staff to several hundred (UNICEF is an example of the latter). In general terms, raising funds from governments and foundations takes less investment than from the private sector.

COHERENCE, COORDINATION AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Donors need to be confident that activities for which financial support is provided have been subjected to thorough review and prioritization and that their contributions are managed efficiently. Solid programme management is therefore an important basis for successful resource mobilization. The presentation of convincing outlines of activities and budgets, thorough reports on implementation and use of funds are equally important for obtaining funds and an important resource mobilization tool.

The Governance paper (UNEP (DEPI)/MED IG. 17/4) provides a series of recommendations, many of them well underway, on how to improve coherence, coordination and programme management, all of key importance for successful resource mobilization. Of particular importance is the introduction of a cycle of planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluations and a Five-Year Programme of Work with six main themes: governance; integrated coastal zone management; biodiversity; pollution control and prevention; sustainable consumption and production; and climate change. The Five-Year Plan and the more specific biannual plan and budget provide a framework for approaches, submissions and negotiations with donors and any external funds should go towards the objectives of the Plans. Both documents would benefit from a more user-friendly format, which would target external, interested partners as well as serving as an internal document. It would also benefit from the addition of a short, succinct narrative outline of the future direction and strategic goals of UNEP/MAP. It should answer simple, yet critical and fundamental questions such as what the organization is doing, and how, where it should be going in the future, and what it will take for the organization to achieve its stated goals. The strategy should set out main goals, core business lines, priorities, expected results and the methods employed to ensure good performance.

The Plans should aim to a) serve as the basis for resource mobilization b) encourage predictable and flexible funding; c) promote an equitable spread of contributions; d) encourage better coherence and coordination; and, e) project a professional image of the organization.

The introduction over the past few years of a strong planning framework will serve UNEP/MAP, with its diverse and loose structure, and be conducive to resource mobilization efforts.

CURRENT AND POTENTIAL DONORS

UNEP/MAP is funded by its Contracting Parties through ordinary contributions, made available on a biannual basis to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). While providing a solid funding base, the amount, currently some € 5.5 million annually has not increased for the past three biennia as a result of a freeze on contributions introduced in 2004. In fact, inflation during the period since has resulted in an erosion of funds, while increasing demands have been placed on the MAP system. The Contracting Parties acknowledged in its meeting in Marrakesh in 2009 that lifting the freeze was necessary to enable the successful delivery of many of its mandated tasks. However, for the time being the recent financial crises poses a challenge to the implementation of this recommendation.

Additional voluntary funds to implement the key objectives of an ambitious agenda are therefore a necessity and a feature of UNEP/MAP work almost since its creation. One third of total funds available to UNEP/MAP come from voluntary contributions. While some of the CPs, in particular Italy, France, Spain, Greece and countries hosting the Regional Activity Centers (RACs) provided most of the voluntary funds in the past, other actors, in particular the European Union (EU) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), have created new and increasingly better resourced funding modalities in order to meet growing environmental concerns. EU and GEF funds have benefitted UNEP/MAP greatly, enabling the implementation of key objectives of the Five-Year Plan in a more sustainable manner, with support increasingly provided within the framework of strategic partnerships, based on joint objectives. The aim of this strategy is to broaden the donor base beyond the above-mentioned donors. Current and potential funding sources available to UNEP/MAP include:

Bilateral donors mainly but not exclusively among the Contracting Parties. They carry the main responsibility for the UNEP/MAP system as its founders and owners, propose and decide on programmes, and can ensure that demands placed on the system are commensurate with resources at its disposal. They can lead by example; their commitment to the system serves to convince and inspire other donors to support. While the current financial situation limits the availability of funds, no effort to increase voluntary funds from this group should be spared. Bilateral donors other than the Contracting Parties, while concerned about environmental issues affecting the Mediterranean region, have rarely contributed to MAP activities.

The European Union (EU) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). EU and GEF are likely to remain UNEP/MAP's major donors for the near future. Their funds are available through direct funding and through a variety of initiatives created to address specific, or a range of environmental concerns, often by groups of donors and organizations. *MedPartnership*, which is led by UNEP/MAP and the World Bank, receives most of its funds from GEF and supports activities to protect the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean. *Horizon 2020*, established by the EU and a coalition of partners, aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean through activities such as capacity building, pollution prevention and control and monitoring (including information-sharing systems).

Multilateral donors in particular UNDP, with offices in most of countries relevant to UNEP/MAP, could potentially become a strong partner. The World Bank has been a partner in several initiatives, such as the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (known as the MedPartnership, see above) and now also provides direct support to UNEP/MAP through the GEF funded "Knowledge and Governance" component of their Sustainable Development Programme. The European Investment Bank (EIB) and other financiers have created a group for funding Mediterranean investment projects. Possibilities for cooperation with the African Development Bank could be also explored.

A number of private foundations focus on environmental issues and should be further explored by UNEP/MAP. Examples include the Oak Foundation (climate change mitigation and conservation of marine resources), MAVA (conservation and biodiversity) and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Further cooperation with TOTAL Foundation, which has already contributed some funds, could be explored.

Private sector funds have been provided to UNEP/MAP components at a modest level so far and could potentially be tapped into once the capacity to identify potential donors in this group and

manage such relations are in place. Approaches to the private sector must take into account various challenges and risks that such cooperation may involve.

The European Union (EU)

UNEP/MAP has a strong and privileged partnership with the EU as an active Contracting Party to the Barcelona Convention and a major donor and policy driver in the Mediterranean region. EU policy development in the environmental sector contributes to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention through the legislation and activities of the Member States, as well as through a range of programmes and technical assistance (TA) that the EU has set in place for non-EU members in the Mediterranean. EU funds can be obtained through:

- *Direct grants*, intended for long-term, stable partnerships with international organizations based on mutually agreed objectives. The UNEP/MAP has benefited from small direct grants from the EU in the past.
- *Calls for proposals*, which are competitive bids managed either directly from Brussels or by EU country delegations. This funding source could be more beneficial to UNEP/MAP if a more systematic and coordinated approach was applied. When applying for funds under this modality, attention should be given to safeguarding UNEP/MAP priorities and work load involved.

The main funding instrument of relevance to UNEP/MAP is the thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, including Energy (ENRTP). The European Commission provides funds to UNEP under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2004. In its 2010 annual High-Level Meeting, the EC and UNEP agreed to develop a multi-annual joint programme of work under the ENRTP. UNEP/MAP has so far drawn most of their EU direct funds from the ENRTP, which are available to all countries except EU members and industrialized countries. The introduction of a joint programme of work aims to increase predictability and coherence in EU funding for UNEP. A recent agreement on two large projects under this programme will be developed in early 2012. Its implementation will support of the implementation of UNEP/MAP's Ecosystems Approach and Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Other potential thematic funding instruments include Regional and Research Funds. The Research Funds (FP7), which UNEP/MAP has started to participate in recently include the *Pegaso* and *Perseus* programmes.

Geography-based funding instruments of importance to UNEP/MAP activities include the *European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)*, which covers the Southern Mediterranean partner countries, and the *European Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)*, which covers the candidate and accession countries in the Western Balkans and Turkey. These funding instruments have been valuable for the implementation of UNEP/MAP strategies, such as the Regional Strategy for the Prevention of and Response to Pollution from Ships supported by the SAFEMED I and II Projects and implemented by REMPEC. However, there is concern that changing EU priorities towards direct implementation of technical cooperation programmes by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), may imperil the mandate and funding opportunities of REMPEC.

Access to most of these instruments is based on a call for proposals. In the past, UNEP/MAP has participated in applications for these funds through consortia led by other organizations. Some Contracting Parties have raised concerns that such arrangement may jeopardize the priorities of Contracting Parties and the impartiality of UNEP/MAP, by favoring initiatives of some of its Contracting Parties over others, or by the participation of individual RACs in such initiatives without sufficient coordination with the Secretariat. To address these concerns, a recent application attempted to ensure the engagement of the entire UNEP/MAP system and invited all eligible countries to participate. There is also a concern that too many initiatives led by their own Steering Committees shifts decision-making in establishment of UNEP/MAP priorities away from the Contracting Parties, to these project-leading bodies.

It is also important to explore the opportunities that have opened up thanks to the establishment of the recent Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), which has a mandate to find financing for projects, with a focus on the de-pollution of the Mediterranean.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

GEF, an independent financing organization set up in 1991 with 182 member governments to address global environmental issues, has become the largest single global fund for environmental financing. It works with governments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector on a wide range of environmental issues. As many other donors, GEF has moved towards broader programme funding in line with the Paris/Accra agendas, which encourages efforts by countries and organizations to harmonize, align and manage aid for results using a set of measurable indicators and related targets. GEF areas of work have evolved over the years and considerable attention has been given to the Mediterranean predominantly through its International Waters Focal Area.

The *Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership)* is a collective effort led by UNEP/MAP and the World Bank for the long-term reduction of environmental stress in hot-spots identified in the SAPs. Co-funded by GEF, it carries out activities in 13 countries operating through 12 executing agencies and with the financial support of 48 co-funders. This Partnership consists of two complementary components: the Regional Component led by UNEP/MAP and the Investment Fund led by the World Bank. Sustainability is addressed by integrating the project in the legal, institutional and programmatic framework of UNEP/MAP. The Replication and Communication component of the project aims to promote best practices throughout the region and to provide support to countries for their replication. This will provide concrete support to the implementation of the 5-year Programme and Resource Mobilization Strategy in the future. This symbiosis, between GEF International waters, which handles trans-boundary water issues, and UNEP/MAP, which facilitates environmental governance and secures sustainable implementation of agreed measures, is almost unparalleled.

A new GEF project on climate variability will start this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OBJECTIVES.

The following recommendations, addressed to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties, are in line with the Governance paper. While most recommendations are included in the Programme of Work, some will only be implemented once the resources are made available.

General

- Prepare the next 5-year Programme for the Mediterranean in a format that can be shared with donors. Include a vision statement and clear targets.
- Establish and maintain close and professional working relations with main donors based on dialogue, credibility and transparency. Nurture relations with donors through informal contacts, information sharing, and dialogue on substance and policies.
- Present UNEP/MAP as a coordinated and integrated system with common goals and programmes in discussions with donors and in multi-partner initiatives.
- Be selective in approaching donors: give priority to those able to provide broad programme funds with conditions that UNEP/MAP can reasonably meet. Broad funding helps the organization stay its course towards the attainment of overall goals, whereas a patchwork of small heavily earmarked contributions may complicate or even undermine the organization's own priorities. Too specific and earmarked contributions will use up limited capacity of the office.
- Make full use of the support and engagement of the Contracting Parties and Focal Points as advocates for funding and support to UNEP/MAP within their own and other governments, as well as with other relevant partners.

- Emphasize the need for the Contracting Parties, as the “owners” of the UNEP/MAP system, to provide voluntary funds in addition to MTF funds.
- Further deepen cooperation with the European Union, UNEP/MAPs most important donor, while exploring further possible funding sources of relevance within the EU (see recommendations related to specific donors).
- Explore the possibility for secondments of staff from the Contracting Parties and of a programme of Junior Professional Officers that exist in UNEP and other UN organizations.
- Consider the introduction of an appeal for funds that builds on the biannual plan, which should aim to provide donors with a comprehensive overview of the goals, objectives, activities and requirements of UNEP/MAP.

Coherence, coordination and programme management

- Give high priority to the continued implementation and resourcing of recommendations for better coherence, coordination and programme management as set forward in the governance paper. These are key to successful resource mobilization.
- Make the management of donor funds and approaches an integral part of the programme management cycle.
- Integrate resource mobilization into the agenda of the Executive Coordinating Panel to ensure coordination and ownership.
- Ensure that all approaches for funding are guided by the Five-Year and Biannual Plans.
- Formulate plans and budgets in user-friendly formats that are conducive to resource mobilization and the preparation of submissions to donors.
- Complement the Plans with narrative strategic outlines that set out main goals, core business lines, priorities, expected results and the strategies to be employed to ensure good performance.
- Establish a planned and systematic approach to evaluations. In addition to obvious internal benefits, evaluations serve to convince donors that UNEP/MAP is committed to self-learning and improvement.
- Establish systems for reporting on the implementation of activities, which respond to the needs and expectations of the donors in terms of structure, content, transparency and timing. Reports on the implementation of activities and use of funds are as important as succinct plans, and help donors convince their constituencies that money provided to UNEP/MAP is well spent. A uniform system for reporting, which is acceptable to as many donors as possible, will serve to avoid a multitude of reporting formats.

Internal capacity and systems for resource mobilization

- Invest in dedicated capacity for resource mobilization, starting by staffing the newly proposed post for programme management and resource mobilization. While the current financial situation may not be conducive to the creation of additional functions, no serious, well-coordinated resource mobilization can be carried out without it. Such a function could usefully be attached to the Coordinating Unit. Main tasks would include developing and implementing resource mobilization strategies; establishing and maintaining regular and systematic contacts with donors; advising the Coordinator and RAC Directors on funding and donor relations; working with RACs in preparing comprehensive appeals, submissions on planned activities, requirements and reports on the implementation and use of funds; keeping major donors abreast of developments and activities in a systematic manner; negotiating comprehensive partnership arrangements and funding agreements; and establishing and maintaining systems for timely follow-up of contributions. Consider assigning staff at the regional centers to enhance coordination and cooperation between the Coordinating Unit and the RACs. The role of the ECP is key in guiding this process.
- Prepare and issue guidelines for UNEP/MAP staff on resource mobilization that build on this strategy. These should serve to clarify division of responsibilities, frameworks for funding requests, and clearance processes for funding requests and reporting. They should also ensure information-sharing on issues such as funding approaches to donors, feed-back from

donors, funding indications and firm pledges, earmarking and conditions, and the preparation of material for donors and relevant financial information.

- Prepare specific guidelines on how to manage relations with private sector. While presenting obvious benefits, cooperation with private sector entities engaged in activities with a negative impact on the environment may involve risks in terms of damage to the reputation and the credibility of the Organization. There are plenty of examples of guidelines and principles on private sector engagement to tap into within the UN. These include the UN Business Guidelines and the Global Compact Principles as well as more specific ones within the various UN agencies and programmes and in major NGOs working on environmental issues.
- Set up and maintain a sustainable system for the administration of voluntary contributions that is consistent with and an integral part of the planning cycle, and that would give up to date information on the funding situation vis-à-vis planned budgets. For this purpose, create a MAP-wide tracking system that would be helpful in registering pledges, payments, allocations and reporting requirements and serve to improve coordination and identify gaps and possible overlaps

Recommendations related to specific donors

- Deepen cooperation with all relevant services of the European Commission.
- Enhance synergies with other EU organizations and initiatives (i.e. Horizon 2020 and the European Environment Agency (EEA)) to increase the efficiency of donor expenditure and avoid duplication and overlap.
- Participate actively in the second round of the ENRTP to ensure access to direct grants. Finalize proposals on Sustainable Consumption and Production and on the Ecosystems Approach. Explore and follow up on further thematic funding sources in collaboration with focal points, for access to funds based on call for proposals.
- Develop a system for close coordination at the country level between focal points of UNEP/MAP, MEDPOL and RACs, and EU delegations and/or EU focal points, in order to help Parties exploit funding opportunities with the EU.
- Build on results delivered under current GEF partnerships, when developing future initiatives such as the replication and communication strategies and the sustainable financing tools developed for the implementation of the National Action Plans (NAPs) adopted under the Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) Protocol framework.
- Start developing a portfolio of proposals for future GEF funding as soon as possible, since the application and negotiating process is long.
- Engage in discussions with the EU, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the World Bank on regional initiatives which may help advance the ecosystems approach to management. Consider starting with a programme to expand environmental investments in the Adriatic Sea, complementing the Mediterranean to Spot Investment Programme (MeHSIP) in the Southern Mediterranean building on the interest among the Parties to advance in this direction. Similar regional initiatives may be worth pursuing.
- Strengthen and operationalize partnerships with the Union for the Mediterranean secretariat, the Marseilles Center and other regional partners by bringing an integrated UNEP/MAP programme of activities to the table.
- Explore funding opportunities with private foundations that focus on environmental issues, such as the Oak Foundation, which focuses on climate change mitigation and conservation of marine resources, MAVA, which focuses on conservation and biodiversity, and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, among others.

Appendix 1 presents a detailed list of activities in the 2012-2013 Programme of Work for which funding has not yet been secured.

Appendix I - Analysis of external funding by donor

					2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013			
No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)	Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
1.1.1	Political bodies of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols fully operational and effective	1.1.1.1	17th Contracting parties meeting successfully held; Adequate meeting facilities and Secretariat services provided; Working documents made available to parties in 4 working languages within deadlines; Adequate representation ensured; Reports translated and published in 4 languages	C U	0	350		350			Host Country
1.1.2	MAP and Components focal points system fully aligned	1.1.2.1	MAP focal point meeting successfully held; Progress achieved during the previous biennium reported; Draft thematic decisions agreed; Programme of work and budget reviewed;	CU	0	50		50			
		1.1.2.3	REMPEC focal point meeting successfully held	REMPEC	0	10		10			Host Country
		1.1.2.4	Joint BP/RAC , PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC Focal Point meeting successfully held	BP	30	0				France	
		1.1.2.6	CP/RAC Focal Point Meeting successfully held	CP	50	0				Spain	
		1.1.2.7	Cross-system functional review carried out	CU	0	30		30			

No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
1.1.3	MAP advisory bodies for sustainable development fully operational and effective	1.1.3	15th MCS D and its annual steering committee meetings successfully held; Meeting reports submitted to the 18th CPs meeting; Reports prepared and translated; MSSD update and implementation advanced, implementation of Switch Mediterranean results shared with MCS D members, including the work for integrating SCP, green economy and climate change adaptation	CU	0	60	60			EU (SWITCH MED)	
1.1.4	Greening of MAP events	1.1.4	All events organized by MAP and its components are organized according to sustainable criteria	CP	25	0			Spain		
1.1.5	Integrated and streamline approaches in implementing horizontal and emerging issues	1.1.5.1	Ownership of the parties to implement Ecosystem approach (EA) roadmap ensured	CU	0	260	260			EU (ECAP)	
		1.1.5.2	Governance of high seas issues followed up on regular basis; Policy papers prepared and legal and technical advise provided to Contracting parties; Workshop on reporting for regular process; MAP work on high seas governance projected at regional and global level	CU	0	70		70			

No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	2012-2013		2012-2013	2012-2013		Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		1.1.5.3	Renewable energies and mitigation techniques such as carbon sequestration addressed by MAP decision making bodies and linkages made with related global processes; Policy papers prepared and legal and technical advise provided to Contracting parties; technical assessment finalized	CU	0	25		25				
		1.1.5.3	Renewable energies and mitigation techniques such as carbon sequestration addressed by MAP decision making bodies and linkages made with related global processes; Policy papers prepared and legal and technical advise provided to Contracting parties; technical assessment finalized	MEDPOL	10	70		70	Spain			Spain, Contracting Parties
		1.1.5.4	Marine spatial planning understood and implemented as appropriate in line with ICZM; Approaches developed and synergies ensured with other relevant organizations	PAP	15	0			EU-IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME: Shape			
1.1.6	Improved capacity for integrated strategic planning using result based management	1.1.6	Improved capacity for integrated strategic planning using result based management	CU	0	316.778		316.778				

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
1.1.7	Results oriented partnerships established with international and civil society organizations MAP partners	1.1.7.1	Interagency cooperation established; Existing collaboration agreements with key regional actors updated and shared with the Bureau; Joint activities with partners implemented where appropriate	CU	0	5		5			
		1.1.7.3	Partnership with WB MCMI for improved governance of the Mediterranean	BP	112.32	702	702		Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project	Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project	
			Sub-total (1.1)		242.320	1948.778	1022.000	926.778			
1.2.1	Regional policies, guidelines and plans necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention , protocols and strategies adopted, updated and implemented	1.2.1.1	Updating/Developing the indicators of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development following the MSSD implementation assessment and presented at 15th MCSD meeting	BP	0	150	150			Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project	
		1.2.1.2	Integration of SCP and Green economy in MSSD, including SCP indicators, and regional cooperation through stakeholder dialogue and mobilizing other actors in the framework of the MCSD building also on experiences of the implementation of SCP in other regions (SWITCH-Asia) and preparing the implementation Plan for SWITCH Mediterranean activities.	CU	0	600	600			EU (SWITCH MED)	
		1.2.1.3	Preparing MAP Integrated Monitoring programme based on ecosystem	MEDPOL	0	200	200			EU (ECAP)	

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
			approach								
		1.2.1.4	Determining GES and targets in the framework of Ecosystem Approach for 11 ecological objectives, piloting as appropriate and supporting this process through socio-economic and cost of environmental degradation analysis	BP	0	150	150			EU (ECAP)	
		1.2.1.4	Determining GES and targets in the framework of Ecosystem Approach for 11 ecological objectives, piloting as appropriate and supporting this process through socio-economic and cost of environmental degradation analysis	BP	100	500	500		EU FP7 (PERSEUS)	EU FP7 (PERSEUS)	
		1.2.1.4	Determining GES and targets in the framework of Ecosystem Approach for 11 ecological objectives, piloting as appropriate and supporting this process through socio-economic and cost of environmental degradation analysis	CU and MAP components	0	520	520			EU (ECAP)	
		1.2.1.5	Preparing MAP policy on the assessment of marine and coastal environment in line with the ecosystems approach and regular process	CU	0	100	100			EU (ECAP)	

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)				
		1.2.1.6	Assessing the national legal and administrative systems, including authorization, inspection, preparedness and response capabilities available in the Mediterranean with regard to offshore activities including the preparation of an action plan to implement the Offshore protocol	CU	0	170	170			EU (ECAP)		
		1.2.1.7	Updating the Strategic Programme to protect marine and coastal biodiversity (SAP BIO) with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and ecosystems approach	SPA	0	30	30			EU (ECAP)		
		1.2.1.8	Assessment of the implementation of the SAPMED through the NAPs and taking into account the gradual application of the ecosystems approach	MEDPOL	0	10		10				
		1.2.1.9	Preparation of a detailed marine litter regional Plan including costs, targets and deadlines and programmes of measures in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol	MEDPOL	0	200		200				EU (ECAP)
		1.2.1.9A	Implementation of selected activities of the Strategic Framework for the management of marine litter	MEDPOL	0	160		160				EU
1.2.2	Assistance to countries to implement regional policies and guidelines	1.2.2.10	Control of maritime traffic by developing the VTS capacity improved	REMPEC	189	0			EU (SAFEMED)			
		1.2.2.11	Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention improved	REMPEC	54	0			EU (SAFEMED)			

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		1.2.2.2	Support in the application of National SCP Action Plans	CP	41	0			Spain		
		1.2.2.3	Assist countries to implement the adopted Regional Plans in the framework of Art 15 of LBS Protocol; updating, as needed, of adopted Regional Plans and develop NIPs in the framework of the Stockholm Convention	CP	25	0			Spain		
		1.2.2.4	Provision of technical assistance to countries for the implementation of Hazardous Waste and Dumping Protocols	MEDPOL	0	60		60			Funds through CP/RAC
		1.2.2.7	Countries ready to undergo an audit of their level of implementation of the mandatory IMO instruments	REMPEC	55	0			EU (SAFEMED)		
		1.2.2.8	Flag States better prepared to discharge their obligations under IMO Conventions	REMPEC	55	0			EU (SAFEMED)		
		1.2.2.9	Countries better prepared to discharge their duties as Port States; port state control regime in the Mediterranean strengthened	REMPEC	31	0			EU (SAFEMED)		
1.2.3	Effective reporting and implementation	1.2.3.1	Further research on the implementation by CPs of the Guidelines on liability and compensation issues	CU	0	40		40			

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		1.2.3.2	Assisting countries to submit reports as per art. 26 of the Barcelona Convention, legal and technical advise provided, reporting format upgraded, reporting database established and links with InforMEA secured	INFO	15	0			Italy		
		1.2.3.3	3 SPAMIs evaluated (Banc des Kabyles Marine Reserve / Habibas Islands / MPA of Portofino)	SPA	0	30		30			SPAMIs countries: Italy, Algeria
1.2.4	Compliance mechanisms and procedures fully operational	1.2.4.1	Compliance committee (CC) successfully held ; non compliance situations identified and addressed, Legal and technical assistance to countries provided to overcome difficulties, legal advise provided to the Coordinating Unit; Assessment report on the implementation of the Convention and its protocols presented to the meeting of the CPs	CU	0	120		120			
			Sub-total (1.2)		565.000	3040.000	2420.000	620.000			
1.3.1	Further development of INFO MAP including the integration of information systems of MAP components	1.3.1.1	INFO MAP regional node finalized; template to collect users need; technical guidelines and user need analysis document prepared; common and shared Infomap standards for interoperability, infomap regional services, data centre, agora, infomap portal shared services, Web2.0 tools completed	INFO	493	0			Italy		

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					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)				
		1.3.1.2	Assistance provided to countries in establishing integrated and shared environmental national nodes of Infomap as appropriate, SEIS national roadmap prepared in 3 pilots	INFO	0	375		375					
		1.3.1.3	Country visits, user requirement analysis report, country specific roadmap	INFO	0	255		255					
		1.3.1.4	InfoMAP spatial data infrastructure, definition of use cases for SDI based on ecosystem approach, implement use cases with Components and countries, carry out interoperability test, technical guidelines prepared, assistance provided, review of existing tools and means for the monitoring and vigilance of the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts	INFO	180	75	50	25			EU (ECAP)		
		1.3.1.8	MED POL Data bases management, development of GIS, maintenance of Info System	MEDPOL	0	100	100				Funds through INFO/RAC		
		1.3.1.9	User requirement analysis for ICZM platform integration with InfoMAP	INFO	95	20		20		Italy			
1.3.2	Upgrade and maintain MAP and its components websites and on line libraries	1.3.2.2	Integrated on line UNEP/MAP library established including library maintenance (purchasing of books/periodicals)	CU	0	15		15					
		1.3.2.3	Effective and up-to-date website of MEDPOL	MEDPOL	0	75	75				Funds through INFO/RAC		

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					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)				
1.3.3	Knowledge sharing and exchange	1.3.3.1	State of Environment report in 2013	CU	0	50		50					
		1.3.3.1	State of Environment report in 2013	SPA	0	30		30					
		1.3.3.10	Collection and dissemination of R&D project results related to Marine and coastal environment; Newsletter produced on periodical basis	INFO	55	0				Italy			
		1.3.3.2	Developing an interactive ICZM Governance Platform	PAP	92	0				EU-FP7: Pegaso			
		1.3.3.3	Stocktaking synthesis report, An Introduction to legal and technical aspects to the ICZM Protocol	PAP	20	0				EU-FP7: Pegaso			
		1.3.3.4	Capacity building on ICZM Protocol, including a Virtual MedOpen training course conducted	PAP	12	0				EU-IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME: Shape			
		1.3.3.5	Updated maritime traffic flow information and benchmarking the traffic flows trends with previous trends	REMPEC	15	0				EU (SAFEMED)			
		1.3.3.6	Workshop sharing lessons from Deepwater Horizon Incident	REMPEC	0	70			70				
		1.3.3.8	Creation of global communities interested in SCP, co-feeding, through on line interaction (more than 150 members participating) and effective dissemination and knowledge exchange on SCP among Mediterranean stakeholders and MAP components	CP	11	10			10	Spain			

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		1.3.3.8	Creation of global communities interested in SCP, co-feeding, through on line interaction (more than 150 members participating) and effective dissemination and knowledge exchange on SCP among Mediterranean stakeholders and MAP components	CP	11	10		10	Spain		
1.3.4	One voice campaign for UNEP MAP	1.3.4.1	MAP and MCSD's contribution to sustainable development (focus on Green Economy, SCP and governance) presented at RIO+20	CU	0	15	15			EU (SWITCH MED)	
		1.3.4.3	Information material on Pollution reduction	MEDPOL	0	60		60			
		1.3.4.6	Organization of Mediterranean Environmental events; dissemination of key success stories; presence at key events including a side event at RIO+20, including in communication materials related to MEDPartnership project, awareness raising regarding marine and coastal biodiversity, climate change, and promoting coast day and ICZM Protocol	PAP	81	104	104			EU-IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME: Shape	EU, ENPI (LITUSnostrum)
			Sub-total (1.3)		1,065.000	1,264.000	344.000	920.000			
2.1.1	Implementing ICZM Protocol Action Plan Assist countries in preparing ICZM Strategies and Plans	2.1.1	National ICZM Plans and Strategies in Albania, Montenegro and Algeria; Interactive Methodological Framework for ICZM, Outline for ICZM Strategies adapted to Adriatic countries	PAP	30	350	350		EU-IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME: Shape	EU, ENPI (LITUSnostrum)	

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
2.1.2	Updating and preparing ICZM methodologies	2.1.2.1	ICZM Guidelines updated; Outline for ICZM Strategies and Plans; MSP, coastal risks, climate change, landscape management, tourism, land policies, carrying capacity. Analysis of land-use change with satellite images	PAP	0	302	302			EU, ENPI (LITUSnostrum)	
		2.1.2.2	Developing a participatory territorial prospective method	BP	40	0			Pegaso project		
		2.1.2.3	ICZM indicators in line with the Ecosystems Approach developed and tested	BP	0	20	20			Pegaso project	
		2.1.2.3	ICZM indicators in line with the Ecosystems Approach developed and tested	BP	63	0			Pegaso project		
		2.1.2.6	The ranking of the ports to be equipped in priority with port reception facilities is established	REMPEC	0	15	15				EU (SAFEMED)
2.1.3	Implementing ICZM protocol through specific local and policy initiatives	2.1.3.1	Projects prepared and implemented (CAMPs Spain, Italy, France, Montenegro; Pilot projects on Setback and MSP; Carrying Capacity, etc.), promoting the integration of biodiversity issues and SCP in the ICZM processes and CAMP projects	CP	18	20		20	Spain		

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		2.1.3.1	Projects prepared and implemented (CAMPs Spain, Italy, France, Montenegro; Pilot projects on Setback and MSP; Carrying Capacity, etc.), promoting the integration of biodiversity issues and SCP in the ICZM processes and CAMP projects	PAP	10	1400	400	1000	EU-IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME: Shape	EU, ENPI (LITUSnostrum)	FFEM (GEF France)
		2.1.3.2	Assessment report on CAMP and CAMP manual updated: regional workshop organized	PAP	0	30		30			
			Sub-total (2.1)		161.000	2,137.000	1,087.000	1,050.000			
3.1.1	Ecosystem based management Assessing the economic impact	3.1.1.1	Economic effects of marine protected areas on the territorial development estimated.	BP	160	0			FFEM		
		3.1.1.2	Joint socio-economic evaluation with GFCM of the fishing activities carried out in pelagic ecosystems and deep benthic habitats (Open seas, including deep seas); The economic value of the pelagic and deep sea habitat evaluated	SPA	0	50	50			EU (ECAP)	
		3.1.1.3	Economic impact of sustainable fishing in the Mediterranean evaluated	BP	0	120		120			
			Sub-total (3.1)		160.000	170.000	50.000	120.000			

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					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
3.2.1	Assistance to countries to carry out field survey, monitoring and mapping of biodiversity	3.2.1.1	Mapping of seagrass meadows and other assemblages and habitats of particular importance for the marine environment in Mediterranean areas, Elaboration of an Atlas of seagrass meadows distribution in the Mediterranean	SPA	0	100		100				TOTAL Foundation
3.2.2	Assistance to countries to implement the regional action plans on endangered species	3.2.2.5	Elaboration of Taxonomic Reference Lists	SPA	0	40		40				Private Foundations
3.2.3	Assistance to countries to implement Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention	3.2.3.1	More awareness and better knowledge of the provisions of the BWM Convention	REMPEC	54	0			EU (SAFEMED)			
		3.2.3.2	Development of national ballast water management strategies	REMPEC	20	10	10		EU (SAFEMED)	IMO ITCP		
		3.2.3.3	Knowledge of surveillance personnel enhanced and harmonized	REMPEC	36	15	15		EU (SAFEMED)	IMO ITCP		
		3.2.3.4	Coastal States are able to quickly identify possible threat of invasive alien species from incoming ships	REMPEC	0	50	50			IMO ITCP		
Sub-total (3.2)					110.000	215.000	75.000	140.000				
3.3.1	Assist countries to establish SPAMIs	3.3.1.1	Consultation processes are initiated and financially and technically supported	SPA	0	110	110			EU (ECAP)		

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					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		3.3.1.2	Participate in oceanographic campaigns in open sea areas, including the deep seas, the elaboration of the management plans based on ecosystem approach	SPA	0	150	150				EU (ECAP)	
		3.3.1.3	Support the work of the work group that will be responsible to draw up the joint presentation reports for inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List; Existing data collected and presentation reports filled	SPA	0	30	30				EU (ECAP)	
		3.3.1.4	Elaboration of the management plans based on ecosystem approach for two SPAMIs and its ecological and operational objectives	SPA	0	200	200				EU (ECAP)	
3.3.2	Strengthening the marine protected areas network	3.3.2.1	Establishment of coordination mechanisms for regional MPA management ; Awareness raising, communication and information activities implemented	SPA	0	30			30			
			Sub-total (3.3)		0.000	520.000	490.000	30.000				
4.1.1	Undertaking pollution related assessments and support to countries in implementing monitoring programme	4.1.1.2	Assistance to countries for the implementation of national monitoring programmes, for 4 countries	MEDPOL	0	200	200				EU (ECAP)	
		4.1.1.3	Data quality assurance for bathing water analyses	MEDPOL	0	10	10				WHO	
		4.1.1.4	Assessment of national needs for capacity building for the implementation of integrated monitoring programmes of ECAP	MEDPOL	0	100	100				EU (ECAP)	

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
4.1.2	Technical assistance to countries in the field of liability and compensation for marine pollution from ships	4.1.2.1	Enhanced knowledge on oil spill claims management	REMPEC	0	70	50	20		IMO ITCP	MOIG
		4.1.2.2	Awareness and knowledge on liability for HNS pollution incidents improved	REMPEC	54	0			EU (SAFEMED)		
4.1.3	Support to countries in the field of preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents	4.1.3.1	Level of knowledge and preparedness at national level in the field of contingency planning increased	REMPEC	0	217.526	217.526			IMO ITCP, EU (POSOW)	
		4.1.3.5	Contracting Parties have a common approach to risk assessment	REMPEC	0	158.986	152.986	6		EU (MEDESS4MS)	IMO ITCP, IPIECA, MOIG, OGP
		4.1.3.6	Enhanced knowledge on waste management and development of National Oily Waste Management Plan	REMPEC	0	12		12			IMO ITCP, IPIECA, MOIG, OGP
			Sub-total (4.1)		54.000	768.512	730.512	38.000			
4.2.1	Pollution reduction demonstration projects, including the sound management of POPs	4.2.1.3	Identification and dissemination of BATs and BEPs in activity sectors of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia within the scope of the Regional Plans (BAT4MED project)	CP	130	0			EU-FP7 BAT4MED project		
		4.2.1.4	Technical assistance to countries not targeted in BAT4MED in the application of BATs and BEPs and alternatives for the prevention and minimization of mercury, new POPs and BOD from the food sector	CP	100	150		150	Spain		EU-FP7 BAT4MED project

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					EXT1	EXT2		EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		4.2.1.5	Assistance to countries to reduce unintentional POPs, greenhouse gases and heavy metals by developing/upgrading and implementing BAT/BEP in key economic sectors in Mediterranean countries	CP	40	110		110	Spain		GEF	
		4.2.1.6	Awareness and capacity building activities and materials to assist Mediterranean countries in sound management of PCBs stocks in national electric companies	CP	20	0			Spain			
4.2.2	Establishing PRTR	4.2.2	PRTR prepared in two additional countries	MEDPOL	0	105	105			Funds through INFO/RAC + EU (SEIS)		
4.2.3	Management and maintenance of Waste water treatment plants, including the addressing of environmental and health aspects with regard to bathing waters and tourism establishments	4.2.3.1	Experts in two countries trained, preparation of sustainability report	MEDPOL	0	20	20			WHO		
		4.2.3.2	Preparation of technical guidelines on beach profiles	MEDPOL	0	10	10			WHO		
		4.2.3.3	Pilot projects to implement Guidelines for environmental health risks in tourist establishments	MEDPOL	0	10	10			WHO		
4.2.5	Promote compliance monitoring and	4.2.5.1	Terminal operators engaged in a safety programme	REMPEC	0	15		15			OCIFMF/MOIG	

					2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013			
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	enforcement with the provisions of the main international maritime conventions	4.2.5.2	Exchange of experience and information between law enforcement officials conducive to better enforcement of MARPOL Annex I	REMPEC	0	20		20			WB Sustainable Med project
		4.2.5.3	Knowledge of surveillance personnel enhanced and harmonized with respect to the MARPOL Convention	REMPEC	0	30		30			EU, IMO ITCP
		4.2.5.4	Delegation of authority by flag States well monitored	REMPEC	84	0			EU (SAFEMED)		
		4.2.5.5	Knowledge on implementation of AFS Convention enhanced and harmonized	REMPEC	0	24	24			IMO ITCP	
			Sub-total (4.2)		374.000	494.000	169.000	325.000			
5.1.1	Analysis of renewable marine energies	5.1.1	Feasible renewable marine energy identified and estimated	BP	0	320		320			EIB
5.1.2	Green Economy and SCP	5.1.2.1	New entrepreneurs have received training on green entrepreneurship; green entrepreneurs have received technical support to develop, to scale-up their business projects and create new green local employment opportunities; entrepreneurs have applied for programmes of financial and/or technical support	CP	282	0			Spain		

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		5.1.2.2	Regional Platform for Green Competitiveness with database sorted by intelligent search fields per sector and SCP tool; database widely used: Increased awareness and knowledge exchange among Mediterranean stakeholders on benefits brought by the shift to SCP	CP	124	0			Spain		
		5.1.2.3	Operating a network of Local Antennas for Green Competitiveness and Green Economy; Systematic follow-up of SCP initiatives and case studies developed: SCP case studies disseminated	CP	240	0			Spain		
		5.1.2.4	Award for innovation for green economy granted to an entrepreneurship project initiative and disseminated among Mediterranean countries	CP	84	0			Spain		
		5.1.2.5	CP audits to boost the adoption of green competitiveness (GRECO) as tool for Mediterranean companies to succeed in the global market; GRECO projects identified, audits implemented SMEs applying for CP financial schemes	CP	282	0			Spain		
5.1.3	Capacity building (CB) activities and pilot projects on SCP	5.1.3.1	Methodology, guidelines and toolkit for integration of SCP in the Mediterranean and related Capacity building activities (Switch MED)	CP	400	400	400		EU (SWITCH MED)	EU (SWITCH MED)	

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					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		5.1.3.2	Increased knowledge of representatives from public sector, business and civil society on CP, SCP, Green Public Procurement, Green Banking, Green jobs, Carbon and Water footprint	CP	140	0			EU (H2020)		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	124	0			Spain		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	124	0			Spain		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	120	0			Spain		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	120	0			Spain		

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		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	120	0			Spain		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	120	0			Spain		
		5.1.3.3	Improved environmental, economic, health and social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas	CP	124	0			Spain		
5.1.4	Empowering civil society, consumer associations and NGO on SCP and POPs prevention	5.1.4.1	Civil society increased awareness; Green shots award well attended; Increased contents of consumpediamed; Visits and comments in consumpediamed	CP	140	0			Spain		
		5.1.4.2	Training civil society young leaders on SCP tools for Mediterranean Undertake Free of chemicals" Regional Campus and replication in a country	CP	26	0			Spain		

No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	2012-2013		2012-2013	2012-2013	Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
		5.1.4.3	Reinforcing the role of NGOs in raising awareness on population on POPs; 2 local NGOs including the POPs in their work programmes and disseminating the awareness material to 200 hundred people	CP	25	0			Spain		
5.1.5	Capacity building to implement National Action Plans on Sustainable Public Procurement at local, regional or national level in Mediterranean countries	5.1.5.1	Assist countries to develop and implement National Action Plans on SPP; National Action Plan implementation on the short-medium and long run	CP	83	0			Spain		
5.1.6	Capacity building to implement Sustainable Procurement and Green Campus in Universities	5.1.6.1	Mediterranean Universities develop Plans to implement Sustainable Procurement, National experts share and decide on the plans and its implementation on the short-medium and long term	CP	83	0			Spain		
		5.1.6.2	Introduce SCP concepts in the academic programs (on SCP, Environmental Policies and POPs); Internships programmes activated with universities and business schools, Training course for Master and doctoral students by experts from the academia/international organizations	CP	83	0			Spain		

					2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013			
No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)	Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
		5.1.6.3	Enhanced involvement of Mediterranean regional organizations and networks in SCP and SCM; Enhanced partnerships and MoUs signed Projects jointly implemented	CP	41	0			Spain		
			Sub-total (5.1)		2,885.000	720.000	400.000	320.000			
6.1.1	Analysis of climate change impact	6.1.1.1	On surface water, Availability of water resources in the Mediterranean river basins in 20125 and 2050 estimated	BP	28	0			France		
		6.1.1.3	Raise awareness on the potential effects of Climate Change on the fate of POPs in the environment through workshops for policy makers, NGOs and other stakeholders	CP	17	0			Spain		
		6.1.1.4	Development and elaboration of a an assistance programme to countries to address the CC issue and its impacts on natural marine habitats and endangered species	SPA	0	60	60				GEF climate variability project
6.1.3	Elaboration of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas	6.1.3	A first set of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas elaborated in consultation with relevant experts	SPA	0	60		60			
6.1.4	Monitoring climate change	6.1.4.2	Better knowledge of the actual emissions from ships in the Mediterranean sea	REMPEC	0	20		20			
			Sub-total (6.1)		45.000	140.000	60.000	80.000			

No	Main Activities	Result No	Description	Lead component	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	Donor EXT1	Donor EXT2a	Potential Donor EXT2b
					EXT1	EXT2	EXT2 under negotiations (a)	EXT2 to be mobilized (b)			
6.2.1	Adoption and Follow-up activities to the Regional Adaptation to climate change framework	6.2.1	Key actions implemented to include: introduction of adaptation measures into land-use and water resource planning in the coastal zone; vulnerability maps, awareness raising programmes targeted to decision makers, local communities and the population at large, and ensuring that early warning systems are in place to predict extreme events	CU	0	635	635			GEF climate variability project	
			Sub-total (6.2)		0.000	635.000	635.000	0.000			
6.3.1	Assistance to countries for the proper management of desalination activities and on water re-use	6.3.1.1	New desalination plants properly managed	MEDPOL	0	60		60			EDS
			Sub-total (6.3)		0.000	60.000	0.000	60.000			
			GRAND TOTAL		5661.320	12112.290	7482.512	4629.778			

ANNEX IV

UNEP/MAP Communication Strategy

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1. Background

1.1 Overview

The Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) has come a long way since its inception in 1975. MAP's general objective is to contribute to the improvement of the marine and coastal environment and the promotion of sustainable development in the Mediterranean region. Its main political achievement is the adoption of the Barcelona Convention and seven legal protocols conceived to protect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment, and establishing an institutional framework of cooperation covering all 21 countries bordering The Mediterranean Sea. In this context, MAP components assist Mediterranean countries to fulfil their commitments under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, and implement the decisions of the meetings of the Contracting Parties including the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) and MCSD recommendations. Now counting 22 Contracting Parties, MAP sets out a coherent legal and institutional cooperation framework to facilitate, support and coordinate regional action to improve the quality of life of the Mediterranean population through responding to pressures on the environment and reducing negative impact as well as restoring and maintaining ecosystem status, structures and functions.

An effective and targeted communications strategy supports the environmental objectives put forward in the Barcelona Convention and amplifies the reach of MAP messages.

The Convention's **main advocacy objectives** are to:

- Assess and control marine pollution;
- Ensure sustainable management of natural marine and coastal resources;
- Integrate the environment in social and economic development;
- Protect the marine environment and coastal zones through prevention and reduction of pollution, and as far as possible, elimination of pollution, whether land or sea-based;
- Protect the natural and cultural heritage;
- Strengthen solidarity among Mediterranean coastal States;
- Contribute to improvement of the quality of life.

In order to fully take advantage of latest developments, and to tackle new challenges and opportunities as well as scientific progress, MAP in 2009 shifted to a flexible planning mode. The Contracting Parties adopted the first five year strategic and integrated work program, covering the period 2010-2015. The work program is guided by the overarching objective to implement the ecosystems approach in The Mediterranean through six thematic priority areas:

- Combating pollution;
- Biodiversity conservation and protection;
- Integrated coastal zone management;
- Sustainable consumption and production;
- Adaptation to climate change;
- Improved governance.

Policy and communication activities need to follow the same vision. Therefore, this Communications Strategy, conceived for the period 2012-2017, seeks to support the political objectives of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and aligns with the above-mentioned priorities. This strategy builds on the initial communications approach and will aim

to advance MAP's overall goal of addressing threats to the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean Sea.

The strategy has been developed in line with the Governance decision included in the report of the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols from 18 January 2008¹, the mandates of the MAP components and objectives to enhance the impact and visibility of MAP actions as defined during the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols in Marrakesh (Morocco), 3-5 November 2009², the assessment of MAP information activities at the Bureau meeting in Rabat in May 2010, and MAP's Information Strategy presented at the fifth meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel in Tunisia in February 2009. It is to be presented and approved by the Contracting Parties at [OCCASION] in [LOCATION] on [DATE].

1.2 Overall Communications Approach

The UNEP-MAP communications approach is undergoing a timely strategy revitalisation. The new Communications Strategy 2012-2017 will align with the political priorities of UNEP-MAP and the thematic areas outlined in the five year strategic and integrated work program 2010-2015. It is also informed by insights gained from independent research carried out by a communications agency in 2010, which serves as the basis for this strategy. The researchers undertook expert interviews with internal and external stakeholders, a materials audit, online research and an analysis of selected media coverage, which resulted in a perceptions-oriented communications landscape assessment and recommendations.

As mandated by the Governance Paper³, the Secretariat presented the preliminary recommendations of the external assessment to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols Rabat (Morocco), 5-6 May 2010⁴ where the three pillar approach, on which this strategy is based, was endorsed:

- Pass a MAP common message across with a view to clearly brand all components as part of the same organization;
- Identify and mobilize strong partners from the civil society and from private sector;
- Use a campaign approach with view to inspire other actors, at regional and national levels and the public at large, around key issues.

This strategy builds on the groundwork achieved over the recent years and consolidates key achievements, including the regional annual Coast Day celebrations in Slovenia and Turkey as well as of the establishment of the annual Ecomeda Forums and the regional presentations of the State of Environment and Development Report of 2009 with the participation of the Environment Ministers and of their partners. Concurrent to this, the strategy outlines new structures, approaches and tools necessary to increase MAP's visibility and maximize the impact of common policies, strategies, action plans and analysis

¹ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.17/10

² UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8

³ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.17/10

⁴ UNEP/BUR/70/5

designed to advance the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the Mediterranean region and internationally.

Although the UNEP-MAP goals remain ambitious, they are set against the backdrop of financial realism. The formulation of this strategy has been guided by an understanding that UNEP-MAP financial and human resources are finite. Practical and budgetary feasibility has therefore been taken into account when developing this 5-year strategy and focus has been placed on the approaches which can be implemented with MAP's current resources.

This strategy seeks to:

- address benefits of and barriers to communication, both external and internal;
- outline communications goals and specific objectives 2012-2017;
- suggest an approach to codifying key messages;
- define target groups;
- propose an overall strategic communications framework;
- measure success against objectives.

It is also a flexible and evolving framework that aims to be reactive to the challenges present in the Mediterranean region while providing all MAP components with appropriate guidance so that tools and communication activities to advance our collective goals can be easily identified.

This strategy recognizes the potential that UNEP-MAP can have that transcends data gathering and information dissemination and suggests proactive communication activities that unleash this potential further.

A separate and more detailed Action Plan, defining principal actions, timelines and owners, is attached to this document,

2. Communications Strategy

2.1 Strategic issues assessment

As any other large organization, UNEP-MAP similarly faces risks and opportunities that ultimately shape the UNEP-MAP communications strategy in the Mediterranean. To set a benchmark for future planning in 2010 UNEP-MAP contracted a consultancy to assess existing communications and information programs as well as to solicit in-depth and confidential opinions from internal and external stakeholders alike, concerning UNEP-MAP's visibility and effectiveness. The developed SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis (see Annex I) synthesized the major findings and forms the basis for MAP's communication niches, targets, needs and opportunities presented in this strategy. UNEP-MAP subsequently held a workshop in the margins of the meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel in Barcelona (Spain), 8-9 July 2010 to discuss and present the findings to the participants. The ECP Meeting endorsed the presented recommendations and the three pillar approach and nominated focal points for communications within MAP components.

2.1.1 Benefits

External

Effective external communication increases visibility and public support for MAP's objectives for the protection of marine and costal environment of the Mediterranean. It will further

enhance MAP's credibility as a regional body supporting and coordinating the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and Protocols. This strategy is envisaged to act as a further springboard for communicating globally about MAP'S key issues and in key upcoming environmental fora.

Internal

Effective internal communication leverages existing synergies, optimizes impact and enhances awareness and involvement of staff. The goal of streamlined internal communications processes is a more integrated approach towards creating a bigger push for the same environmental issues from the MAP Coordinating Unit, components, and partners, thereby strengthening the organization's collective capacity to communicate and engage externally.

2.1.2 Barriers

External

- Changes in the political and economic situation in the Mediterranean countries bear the risk of shifting focus, resources and commitment from communicating about the extensive need for further converging environmental policies in the Mediterranean riparian countries.
- Today's heavily saturated media landscape poses a challenge to effectively breaking through to extended target audiences with UN-driven stories on environmentally sustainable practices.
- Media and other multipliers⁵ have a documented appetite for human interest stories based on country-, citizen-, and people-centric data. The current organizational structure is not favourable to tracking results easily and demonstrating the impact of UNEP-MAP actions in this way.

Internal

- There is a lack of capacity to centralize information; this is a consequence, inter alia, of inadequate coordination, limited awareness and structural deficiencies. In order for staff and partners to act as effective ambassadors, a culture shift is needed towards "360 degree communication".
- UNEP-MAP operates within a limited financial framework and our staff is not geared towards supporting a major communications undertaking. However, there is confidence that current assets can be optimized to advance common communications objectives or for reaching wider external audiences, including the general public, through mainstream media or digital tools.
- The division of communications responsibilities as well as sub-optimal strategic alignment between the Coordinating Unit and MAP components constitutes a barrier to impactful external communication since tasks and structural relations were not always clearly defined.

2.2 Goal

External

The overarching goal is to maximize the visibility of MAP's activities and achievements in promoting sustainable development in the Mediterranean region through media and other multipliers. More specifically, the aim is to enhance and stimulate an active awareness of the

⁵ Multipliers: relays of information to disseminate key messages.

fact that within the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, MAP is coordinating action and facilitating cooperation amongst its stakeholders in order to deliver tangible results in the protection of the environment of the entire region.

Media, mainstream and social, is considered as an important channel for stimulating a constructive conversation around MAP issues and our role therein and thereby actively advancing our implicit and explicit advocacy.

The importance of information collection, production and dissemination has been recognized and proposals have been made to improve ways to inform and engage target audiences.

Internal

The overall goal is to foster an organizational culture in which communication is considered equally critical to the success of the UNEP-MAP mission. Furthermore the aim is to align internal stakeholders around common objectives and assign a more active role in the roll-out of jointly-agreed activities to all parties.

2.3 Specific Objectives

The following aims have been set to be achieved through an integrated communication approach:

- **Raise awareness** about the critical role that the UNEP-MAP system plays in the protection of the Mediterranean environment and the promotion of sustainable development in the region.
- **Strengthen MAP's status** as an authoritative voice on the environment in the Mediterranean.
- **Engage key stakeholders** to support UNEP-MAP issues and activities in public fora and act as advocates, directly and indirectly.
- **Highlight** the need for good governance and integrated marine and land ecosystem management in the Mediterranean.
- **Inform and mobilise** the Mediterranean population with our narrative through key information and media channels.
- **Improve** internal communications practices within MAP and its components.
- **Increase** quality and quantity of media coverage.
- **Improve** quality and dissemination of information materials. \

2.4 Target Audiences

UNEP-MAP takes a focused approach to communications to ensure maximum output at strategy mid-term review in 2014/15. The available tools and resources set an operating framework within which target audiences have been prioritized, therefore external communication activities are primarily aimed at stakeholders and multipliers involved in issues related to the sustainable development of the Mediterranean. *Note:* UNEP-MAP recognizes the benefits of large public-facing awareness campaigns, but has opted to remain focused and leverage MAP components and partners for maximum reach.

- The **stakeholder** community includes governments, in particular Contracting Parties, RACs, Focal Points, and partners.
- The second target group, **multipliers**, include media, NGOs, multilateral organizations, national and local administrations, businesses and academics/researchers. Those groups serve as effective communication channels to further amplify UNEP-MAP messages to the general public, in particular coastal residents, and also act as relays for more targeted initiatives.

2.5 Key Messages

For this communications strategy to be truly successful, MAP's overall goal, specific objectives and key messages need to fully align across its components.

Effective message frameworks are dynamic and adaptable over time as conditions change, and as behaviours evolve, and where successes and barriers are encountered. Common messaging will be informed by and tailored to the specific needs of the various target audiences and guided by the global environmental agenda and specific political developments in the region.

A solid message platform will provide a framework for understanding MAP and its role in a way that differs from others. Applying and reapplying common messaging consistently, broadly and coherently will lead to a clear, recognizable identity and an ability to speak with one voice and many accents. Ultimately, there is a clear link between effective communications and impactful advocacy.

Primary research has shown that broader audiences are not conversant in the specialized terminology used by MAP and have their own interests and perspectives. Therefore, the common messaging will use simple and clear language that will be understood by educated generalists from within and outside the field of environment.

- A key component of this strategy will be the ultimate alignment on messaging which will result in the creation of messaging framework including:
 - MAP's goal and vision of success;
 - Areas MAP works in;
 - How MAP's work brings solutions to Mediterranean issues;
 - What MAP concentrates on.

2.6 Strategies

MAP's Information and Communication Strategy 2012-2017 is based on a "campaign model" – Unify, Mobilize and Inspire (see Annex II). This campaign model creates a solid but sufficiently agile communications framework that can guide our activities in the next five years. It sets out a forward-looking campaign that is to unfold sequentially based on a series of tactical approaches in line with key political priorities, milestone projects and platforms.

2.6.1 Structure: More effective internal coordination

Effective communication cannot be achieved by the Coordinating Unit alone. Therefore, a clear communications structure across MAP and its components needs to be created, including the assignment of different and strategic roles to the various categories of Focal Points of the Contracting Parties and to the RACs.

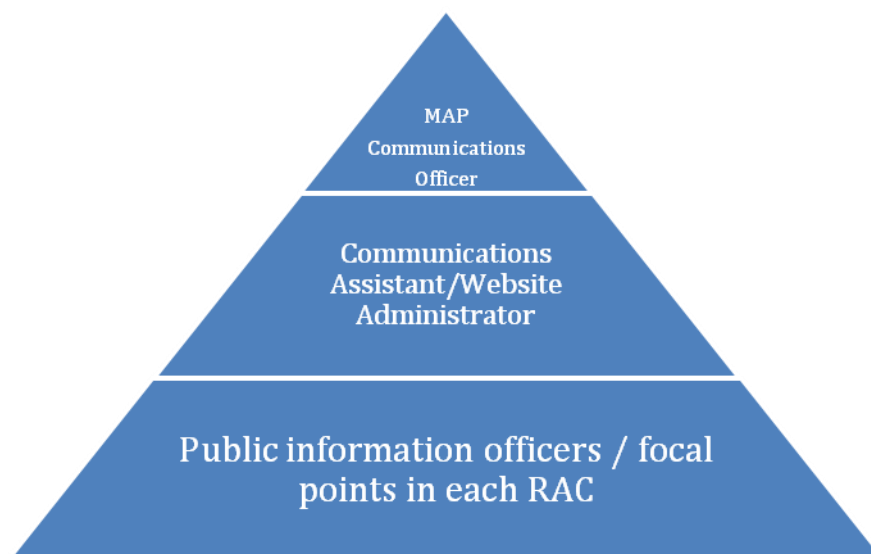
To this end, the Coordinating Unit will develop guidelines through a Communications Responsibility Matrix to help organise and direct the harmonised implementation of communication activities by all internal parties.

In addition to this coordination function, the Coordinating Unit has to ensure a supporting role by providing adequate resources and tools whilst encouraging active participation of RACs as defined in the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention as well as subsequent decisions of Contracting Parties.

A **Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication (INFO-RAC)** was established in 2005 to enhance the visibility of MAP. Its mandate specifically refers to information and communication, and it operates to contribute to “collecting and sharing information, raising public awareness and participation, and enhancing decision-making processes at the regional national and local levels.”⁶ In this context, the mission of INFO-RAC is to provide adequate information and communication services and infrastructure technologies to Contracting Parties to implement Article 12 on public participation and Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention on reporting, as well as several articles related to reporting requirements under the different Protocols, thus strengthening MAP information management and communication capabilities.

The new communications structure will be an important tool to leverage INFO/RAC’s expertise and experience in implementing strong communications tactics and sharing it across the MAP network. In addition to its environmental information responsibilities, we see INFO/RAC’s role as one of an ‘enabling partner’ directly embedded in the MAP communications structure. INFO-RAC is envisaged to handle specific communication tasks while establishing a clear reporting structure led by the MAP-based Communications Officer to ensure common strategy and execution across the MAP system and to ensure that all communications efforts are in line with MAP’s strategic communications priorities.

New communications structure includes the following roles:



Key strategies:

- Align and streamline internal processes and maximize scarce resources to achieve greater impact;
- Maximize internal ownership through participatory processes;
- Emphasize INFO/RAC’s role as enabling partners and leverage INFO/RAC’s expertise and experience in implementing strong, locally-relevant communications tactics and sharing it across MAP’s network;

⁶ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 19/8

- Train internal stakeholders through advocacy and regional communications workshops;
- Empower the MAP Communications Officer in Athens to coordinate and drive the strategy.

2.6.2 Channels: Better access to better information

MAP is a public body and as such has a duty to inform, which it does through two key operational entry points: the website and MAP components. It is a key function of the MAP librarian to provide users with access to MAP publications and documents as well as other library holdings through the MAP website and the staff intranet. At present, MAP is hampered by inadequacies in functionality and reach. This strategy seeks to optimise the impact of information tools at our disposal by producing more diversified and higher quality content, timely information and a feedback loop.

Key strategies:

Implement a wider, multimedia-based approach by developing additional communications tools/outputs/channels in order to:

- Engage target audiences in viewing MAP-related content through improved website, social media channels and other visual materials to take advantage of opportunities in digital space and reduce paper costs;
- Bring the MAP success story to life in real, human terms through country-, citizen-, and people-centric data and visual materials;
- Consolidate messages to appear as the clear voice for the Mediterranean marine environment on the international policy level;
- Implement a media strategy with news and human interest stories to educate various audiences;
- Leverage synergies with our partners including UNEP HQ and the UNEP/MAP/GEF project “Medpartnership” whose resources and assets are complementary.

2.6.3 Targeted Campaigns: Stimulating active awareness

This strategy utilises a combination of complementary communications tools to ensure optimal message uptake and broadest possible reach in target regions. It also factors in the need to remain agile and locally relevant: different countries have different communication cultures, and with a toolbox of materials and initiatives, the communication mix can be varied and adapted as required whilst maintaining the overall message.

Key strategies:

- Focus on three key milestones projects and/or platforms each year to demonstrate impact and relevance and to drive steady media coverage that also taps into longer-lead feature opportunities;
 - Drive interest in and support for Med Coast Day;
 - Establish the State of the Environment report/bi-annual thematic reports as key plank for our external communication;
- Capitalize on synergies with stakeholders and local partners around key milestone projects/platforms in order to drive the news agenda;
- Leverage international milestones and observances to ensure broader relevance of our work (see Action Plan for more detail);
- Optimise impact of our information materials through better design, thematic focus and new distribution channels.

2.6.4 Proactive Partnerships: Raising the profile of our actions

This strategy outlines a set of approaches that seek to enhance MAP's overall visibility and impact. MAP partners and stakeholders play an immensely valuable role in this process as they lend their voice to our information and communication campaigns. Taking into consideration the limit of MAP resources and capabilities, improving stakeholder coordination, aligning messages, strategies and resources will increase efficiency as well as demonstrate impact and on-the-ground relevance.

Key strategies:

- Engage select advocacy NGOs to amplify media outreach efforts as well as to engage the general public with whom they have more direct ties;
- Enlist and empower third party advocates to amplify MAP messages through media and in information materials;
- Showcase work/collaboration with the private sector through business-media;
- Add voices of partner international organizations such as GEF in media to raise MAP's visibility with key audiences;
- Align in-country/regional communications efforts with key challenges and priorities to demonstrate relevance of MAP issues.

3. Measurement

It is important to consider measurement at the beginning and be clear from the start about what is to be achieved, how the objectives will be met and what measurements will be used along the way to monitor progress and success.

Measuring is directly linked with strategy and impact. It not only concerns quantitative results but also qualitative analysis of the significance and meaning behind the findings. In an environment where communication has the power to shape conversation and drive policy outcomes, it is critical to measure the effectiveness of all strategies and tactics.

As it is impossible to measure everything, and not everything that is important can be measured a manageable number of key indicators have been identified as areas of focus. The metrics that can be used are numerous and varied including: tracking the number of information requests put to INFO/RAC's, number of press briefings, perception tracking surveys, analyzing website traffic, setting up ratings buttons for online content etc.

A three-pronged approach to measurement will be applied, combining relevant metrics, strategic interpretation and forward-looking insights, including the following:

- Quantitative measures, such as media metrics, website hits and information requests;
- Advocacy measures, which track and evaluate engagement and delivery of messages by others;
- Reputation measures, which tap into media influencers to assess progress and inform changes to tactics and approaches.

Using the primary research conducted by an independent consultant in 2010 as a communications baseline/benchmark, a mid-term review in 2014/15 will be aimed for to use as opportunity to take stock of progress and, if necessary, calibrate the approach.

Success will result in key audiences having a positive regard for UNEP-MAP and its mission, accompanied by an awareness of key messages, and/or perceptions consistent with the message framework agreed in 2012.

4. Resources

This strategy can be partially implemented with the use of existing financial and human resources. Currently, the Coordinating Unit can rely on a budget of approximately EUR 180,000 for the two-year period of 2012-2013 dedicated to operationalising external communications activities in addition to some additional resources in the Regional Activity Centres. A Communications Officer who will be supported by an Information Assistant/Website Administrator will help us fully capitalise on our new approach.

5. Annex I – SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Unique and successful representation of the region on equal footing
- Legal framework empowers Ministers for Environment
- Successful projects and outcomes in place
- Source of new data and research, and environmental knowledge and expertise
- Effective communication at technical level
- Holistic approach: scientific, technical, legal
- Strong network of partners
- Present online, understood and used by stakeholders familiar with MAP

OPPORTUNITIES

- Draw on region's diversity and knowledge
- Unique environmental bridge between North/South Mediterranean
- Partners willing to advocate MAP's goals
- Many stakeholders stand to benefit from engaging with MAP
- Global visibility on climate change
- Information increasingly accessed online – more interactive and wide-reaching
- Catalyst for environmental information outside of MAP

WEAKNESSES

- Mediterranean's different political priorities
- Governments do not always support Environment Ministries
- Confusion about MAP and its activities
- MAP's communications centre on focal points
- Complex internal structure
- Lack of centralized coordination between MAP and RACs
- Gaps in governance
- Information activities focus on technical level
- Lack of high-level political support

THREATS

- Decentralized structure makes it difficult to speak with one voice
- Limited financial resources and capacity unlikely to dramatically change
- Loss of some credibility because of insufficient concrete outcomes
- Varied online access across Mediterranean limits advocacy
- Lack of global visibility on some of MAP's issues

6. Annex II – Campaign approach

UNIFY

The One Voice campaign

- Create a clear communications structure in MAP
- Agree on common messaging based on solid research and therefore create a bigger push for the same environmental issues from MAP, including the MAP components and all of the partners
- Maximize internal buy-in with internal launch and consistent internal materials

MOBILISE

Proactive partnerships

- Implement 2012-2017 communications strategy, anchored around three key milestones projects or platforms each year
- Tailor materials to reach broader audiences
- Train MAP and partners through advocacy and regional communications workshops and support for select NGO partners to engage public
- Create same look, feel, messages on all websites – profile success stories

INSPIRE

Advocate Ignition

- Identify and engage select advocacy NGOs to amplify outreach efforts and inform key opinion formers
- Launch business roundtable to discuss MAP certification or criteria for partnership
- Leverage international organizations to raise visibility and influence with media and political audiences
- Engage the general public by tailoring materials, leveraging NGO partners and through media
- Implement a media strategy with news and human interest stories and background briefings to educate journalists

Decision IG.20/14

MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium

The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 18(2)(vii) of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as amended in 1995, hereinafter referred to as the Barcelona Convention,

Recalling also Article 24(2) of the Barcelona Convention and the Financial Rules of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Emphasizing the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for MAP and the Mediterranean Trust Fund;

Having considered the full relevance and the strategic dimension of the Strategic Programme of Work adopted in Marrakesh by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in November 2009 and the proposed 2012-2013 biennium Programme of Work and Budget of MAP;

Welcoming the consultation process carried out by the Coordinating Unit in preparing the Programme of Work which was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Governance paper adopted by the Contracting Parties in Almeria (2008) and encouraging the Coordinating Unit to further enhance the planning process in advance of future Strategic and biannual Programmes of Work;

Noting the Progress Report on the activities carried out during the 2010-2011 biennium and the related expenditure report;

Endorsing the guidance provided to the Coordinating Unit by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention during its 70th, 71st, 72nd and 73rd Meetings (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.3636/Inf.12);

Being aware of the difficult financial situation, in the spirit of solidarity and to ensure the continuation of the regular functioning of MAP and agreeing to act to recover from the deficit

Recognizing the continued and timely contribution of Greece as Host Country to the Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention in accordance with the obligations established in the host country agreement;

Appreciating the measures taken by the Coordinating Unit to correct the over-budgeting and to recover from the deficit while minimizing negative effects on the implementation of the Programme of Work, as well as other measures already taken and suggested to enhance MAP Governance through the implementation of the Governance decision adopted by the Contracting Parties in Almeria (2008), such as collection of arrears, new budget format, reduction of administrative expenditures and resource mobilization strategy;

Taking note of the amount of the deficit in the Mediterranean Trust Fund(MTF) which at 31 December 2009 stood at USD 4.5 million and the appropriate measures taken by UNEP to improve the trust fund financial position including the provision of USD 1 million from the Executive Director's reserve, a request to the European Union to approve reallocation of expenditures of USD 946,265 (net of PSC) incurred against the MTF trust fund to the Trust Fund for the Support of the MAP (QML), as well as collection of arrears of EUR 410,580 in 2011.

Considering the financial constraints faced by many Contracting Parties;

Decides to:

Approve the 2012-2013 biennium Programme of Work for the purposes set out in Annexes I, II and III to the present decision,

Ask the Coordinating Unit and the MAP components to implement as a matter of priority, and in consultation with the Bureau, activities related to ECAP, ICZM, and those related to the implementation of the legal obligations by the parties in the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in line with the main orientations of the programme of work and the Paris Declaration,

Approve the budget appropriations in the amount of EURO 11,081,142 for the MTF and welcome with appreciation the EU voluntary contribution of EURO 1,197,138 and the host country contribution of USD 800,000, inclusive of the amount set aside to cover the deficit in the CAL account,

Take note of the other external funding for the programme of work which amounts to EURO to 21,339,400

Welcome with appreciation the in cash and in kind counterpart contributions by the Contracting Parties and other Organizations in support of the implementation of the 2012-2013 biennium programme of work.

Approve the assessed ordinary contributions set out in table 2 in annex II which were established at this level in 2003.

Request the Coordinating Unit to start building an operational reserve at the level of 15 per cent of the annual expenditures;

Urge the Coordinating Unit to initiate recovery from the current deficit over a four-year period as presented in Annex III while engaging UNEP on further dialogue in order to find a mutually satisfactory solution for deficit recovery and to keep the Contracting Parties informed on progress made in this regard through the Bureau, the MAP Focal Points and the Contracting Parties meeting;

Welcome the positive response by the European Union to the request mentioned above, which allows a reduction in the MTF deficit of EURO 0.7 million.

Approve the staffing of the Coordinating Unit and the MAP Components for 2012–2013 as indicated in Annex II to the present decision;

Approve and endorse the technical results of the functional review, and ask the Coordinating Unit to implement its results and in the process smoothen its implications (human, budget, programme of work) while making every effort to identify further savings, *inter alia*, through the reduction of employment of external consultants and the prioritization of activities. These savings should be directed as a priority to limit the implications of the functional review implementation.

Request the Coordinating Unit together with UNEP to submit to the next meeting of the Bureau a report on the possible total cost of outsourcing and indemnities related to the posts that are to be abolished.

Request the Executive Director of UNEP to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through to 31 December 2013;

Take note of the financial findings of the Audit OIOS Report, and **authorize** UNEP to adjust the appropriation of MTF from EURO 13,645,985 to EURO 11,791,904 and for the Host Country Contribution CAL from EURO 880,000 to EURO 597,148 for 2010-2011 Programme of Work and Budget to the income, as an exceptional measure with a view to regularize the situation;

Urge the recovery of the sum equal to the whole deficit under the CAL Fund as at 31 December 2009 (USD 603,000) over a period of maximum four biennia by programming a reduced level of expenditures under the CAL Fund as compared to the level of income expected in the CAL Fund, and request the Executive Director of UNEP to consider writing off the difference (USD 800,598¹) between the sums recorded as “Unpaid Pledges for 2011 and Prior years” in the Table “Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2011” and the deficit in the CAL Fund as at 31st December 2009, while respecting at the same time the obligations under the host country agreement;

Authorize the Coordinating Unit to make commitments up to 30 percent of the approved MTF operational budget on a temporary and exceptional basis until the operational reserve is built and to subsequently increase the commitments for the implementation of activities under the Programme of Work in line with the projected cash flow;

Request the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components not to start any activity from any source of funding, until the amount available to be committed is capable of securing the agreed result;

Authorize the Coordinating Unit to make transfer of savings of one *Main Activity* of the approved budget to other *Main Activity*. In addition the Coordination Unit is authorized to reallocate resources up to 5% from one main activity to another in order to allow the completion of activities in the Programme of Work within the same MAP Component.

Urge the Contracting Parties to pay their contributions to the operational budget of a given calendar year as soon as possible on the reception of the relative invoices, in order to ensure timely implementation of the approved Programme of Work and to pay their contributions promptly and in full, thus ensuring pledges collection early in the year to allow for a more effective implementation of the Programme of Work;

Request the Coordinating Unit to discuss and finalize with the Governments concerned the full and early payment of all outstanding arrears;

Request the Coordinating Unit to keep up-to-date information on the status of Contracting Parties' contributions to the MTF and interim expenditure reports on the MAP web site;

Invite the Contracting Parties to increase their voluntary support to the MTF in cash and/or in kind in order to further contribute to the implementation of the 2012-2013 Programme of Work;

Urge Contracting Parties, UNEP and other partners to support the Coordinating Unit in mobilizing necessary resources to meet the external funding requirements for priorities still unfunded under the 2012-2013 Programme of Work and Budget;

Request the Coordinating Unit to submit to the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties a report on the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget during 2012-2013;

Request the Coordinating Unit to prepare in consultation with MAP Components (i) a report on the implementation of the Five-Year Programme of Work (2010-2014); and, to develop in

¹ November 2011 rate applied

full consultation with the Bureau, the Contracting Parties and MAP Components (ii) a new Strategic Programme for the period 2014-2019 for consideration and approval by the 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, including a Programme of Work and Budget for 2014-2015, explaining the key principles and assumptions on which they are based;

Request the Coordinating Unit that a detailed account report of expenditures, with actual figures, be submitted to the Contracting Parties at the end of each biennium as soon as respective audited statement of accounts are finalized by the United Nations; and, to prepare interim reports with the balance between income and expenditure for Bureau monitoring twice a year;

Request the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components to further enhance efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in the use of financial and human resources in accordance with the priorities set by the Meetings of the Contracting Parties and to report on the outcome of efforts made in that regard;

Request the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components to enhance the measures to further optimize the use of resources as compared to the previous biennium with regards to consultancy services, staffing, travelling expenditures, conferences, meetings and general administrative expenditures and report to the Bureau of their effectiveness

Requests the Bureau at each meeting and on the basis of the information provided by the Coordinating Unit, to consider the financial situation of MAP and on the basis of the proposals from the Coordinating Unit to provide guidance in the reallocation of available funding, where appropriate.

Decides for the biennium 2012_2013 and in view of the exceptional financial situation and the particular contribution of the European Union to external funding, that a representative of the European Commission will be invited to Bureau Meetings which are asked to consider reallocation proposals

Requests the Coordinating Unit in consultation with UNEP and UNON to develop for consideration by COP 18, financial rules for the Barcelona Convention as foreseen in Article 24.2 and proposals of reforming the budget presentation, explanation and decision making process, taking into account best practice in budget preparation and adoption by other UNEP administered MEAs

ANNEX I

Introduction to Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium

Introduction

The 2012-2013 Programme of Work is the second biannual Programme of Work prepared in the context of the Five-Year Strategic priorities adopted by the Contracting Parties meeting in Marrakesh on 3-5 November 2009. It has been developed based on the processes established in the Governance paper (Decision IG.17/5) and the indications received by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its meetings in Zagreb (November 2010), Athens (October 2011) and Rome (November 2011) particularly as it refers to the main directions of the Programme of Work and indicative planning figures. Process and format wise it includes three major innovations: iterative consultations were carried out with MAP focal points and Component Focal Points and views received incorporated; all activities and resources implemented by MAP Components have been included; and, a new budget format which adds transparency, results-orientation and comprehensiveness has been added.

The focus of the 2012-2013 Programme of Work is to advance in delivering remaining priority activities in the Five-Year Programme of Work, as its strategic vision has been assessed as relevant and sufficiently flexible to accommodate evolving priorities (Bureau, Zagreb 2010). Therefore, it builds on progress achieved to date, while at the same time giving particular attention to several emerging issues of MAP relevance, including the political and economic challenges being experienced across the region.

The main directions in the Programme of Work focus on addressing:

1. The implications of the progress achieved and the forthcoming steps in the Implementation of the Ecosystems Approach (ECAP) road-map adopted by the Conference of the Parties in 2008 and considered an over-arching principle in the Five-year Programme of Work (2010-2015). This includes developing targets and defining Good Environmental Status for the proposed Ecological Objectives; developing an integrated monitoring system for the selected indicators; ensuring an integrated assessment policy; developing common data-sharing policies and building a supporting information system based on Shared Environmental Information Systems (SEIS) principles; adopting priority sectoral measures such as assessing progress with regard to SAPMED and SAPBIO, implementing the ballast water strategy and developing a Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter; deepening the understanding of key services delivered by our marine and coastal ecosystems; assessing in-depth the socio-economic drivers affecting the status of our ecosystem; and, ensuring a coordinated and articulated implementation of ECAP activities throughout all MAP components.
2. The strategic and operational requirements necessary to set up effective Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Off-Shore systems now that the unique ICZM and Off-Shore Protocols have entered into force on 24 March 2011. For this purposes, the Programme of Work reflects the requirements to launch basin wide the implementation of the ICZM Protocol through the Action Plan in Annex to decision (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG 363/5). Its overall aim to strengthen implementation of ICZM policies and projects for a better balance between development and protection of coastal areas through priority interventions which include: support to ratification and transposition; strengthening horizontal and vertical governance arrangements for the implementation of the Protocol; adopting national and regional ICZM strategies and

coastal programmes; developing key methodologies, particularly as they refer to integrating ICZM into spatial and marine planning; and, linking with relevant networks and engaging in awareness-raising activities. With regard to the Off-Shore Protocol, it is foreseen to develop an Action Plan for the next 10 years to address Protocol implementation challenges in a context of growing Off-Shore exploitation activities in the Mediterranean and new pressures due to increasing and multiple uses of the Mediterranean Sea space.

3. With all seven Protocols in force, attention shifts from standard setting to challenges affecting implementation. Renewed attention will therefore be devoted to further progress on MAP's core business such as pollution prevention and control strategies and plans, in particular by focusing on supporting implementation of the six existing plans under art. 15 of the LBS Protocol for pollution reduction, strengthening the regional preparedness and response in case of accidental oil spills and shifting from awareness-raising to a more action focused approach with regards to Sustainable Production and Consumption. With regards to Biodiversity, the Secretariat will continue supporting countries in the implementation of the various action plans adopted, strengthen its assistance to the mapping of key habitats and particularly Posidonia meadows as well as strengthening the Mediterranean network of marine and coastal protected areas.
4. A focus on implementation also call for greater emphasis to issues such as enhancing the capacity of mechanism that support compliance. Strengthening cooperation and partnership with global and regional actors for the purposes of catalyzing finance and technical assistance to MAP priorities become also more relevant. An expansion of current efforts to collaborate with actors relevant for multiplying in a results-oriented manner the impact of the UNEP/MAP- Barcelona Convention actions will be sought, including by developing and participating in sub-regional programmes, as appropriate.
5. The need to continue improving MAP's governance by further enhancing the coherence, efficiency, accountability and transparency of its operations as required by a context of severe financial and economic constrains. To this end, during the next biennium implementation of the Governance reforms launched by the Contracting Parties in 2008 will deepen while seeking greater engagement of Contracting Parties in all MAP activities and strengthening the services provided to them by MAP's institutional network. For this purposes, the functional review to align the functions of MAP started this biennium will be expanded to the whole of the MAP system in 2012, accompanied by a performance management assessment; proposals will be made to strengthen MCSD in light of Rio+20 results; the agreements with the countries hosting the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) will be signed; a new results-based methodology building on lessons learned from the current planning process will be employed in preparing the next Strategic and biennial Programmes of Work; the services provided by UNEP as Secretariat of the Convention will be clarified; and, special attention will be given to mobilising resources and recovering from the deficit.

The Programme of Work is also guided by the following orientations which aim to enhance MAP's articulation with relevant global frameworks:

- the need to continue strengthening synergies and cooperation with other global processes for increased protection of the marine and coastal environment as well as

pollution prevention and control, such as the UN Regular Process for Global Reporting, and the demands for completing the first integrated assessment by 2014; the IPCC assessment regarding climate change adaptation challenges for marine and coastal areas which will feed the finalisation of the Regional Framework for Climate Change Adaptation; and, UNEP Regional Seas initiatives for ex. the Inter-Governmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA-3) and the Global Framework for the Prevention and Management of Marine Debris. Synergy and cooperation with global processes will also be sought with regard to MAP activities related to ABNJ.

- The demands associated with the achievement in the Mediterranean of the strategic objectives (2011-2020) adopted by the Conference of the parties (COP 10) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Nagoya (Japan) regarding marine and coastal biodiversity; and,
- Evolving global and regional reflections such as those in preparation to the Rio+20 Summit (2012) with the aim to accelerate the path to the sustainable development in the Mediterranean.

From an operational perspective it should be noted that:

1. Further to the significant savings achieved by the MAP system during the 2010 - 2011 biennium in implementing the programme of work amounting to Euro 300,000 and presented in doc UNEP/BUR/72/3 "Measures to Improve Fund Management and Enhance Delivery of the Programme of Work" during the 72nd Bureau of the Contracting Parties, the MAP system will implement cost-savings measures up to Euro 200,000 during the 2012-2013. These additional savings are included in Annex III (MTF fund balance projection 2010-2017). The measures to further reduce costs will particularly address consultancy costs, travel, staffing costs and general administrative expenditures; and
2. All the 2012/2013 activities included in the various Action Plans to be adopted by the Parties during COP 17 are reflected in this Programme of Work.

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MTF fund balance projection 2010-2017

Financial Resources:

MTF: Mediterranean Trust Fund

EC: EC Voluntary Contribution

MedP: Medpartnership for Large Marine Ecosystems

OTH: Other projects with UNEP funding

EXT1: Parallel funding which is secured

EXT2: External funding to be mobilized

Linked to ECAP process

Linked to ICZM

Linked to ECAP and ICZM

Linked to Ballast Water

ANNEX II

Theme I: Governance

Output 1.1
Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability

5 year Strategic Programme of work Indicators and targets:
 - Satisfaction rate of decision making bodies and partners (quality, timeliness and relevance of MAP's secretariat and components work) surveyed
 - Planning systems and internal performance evaluation system established
 - Resources mobilized to implement the five year plan
 - Number of decisions and policies prepared in consultation with partners
 - % increase of civil society organizations and private sector partnering with MAP

Targets 2012-2013:
 Satisfaction rate of meetings is above 70%
 3 large scale project proposal finalized and operational to support key priorities
 All Contracting parties are kept abreast of MAP horizontal and emerging issues in coherence with UN global and regional processes (such as ecosystem based management: governance of the high seas and marine spatial planning)
 At least 3 new MAP partners admitted in the revised list of MAP partners
 At least 2 cooperation agreements are signed with 3 international/regional organisations
 country agreements signed
 All MAP events organized according to sustainable criteria based on the Sustainable Events Toolkit

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No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
1.1.1	Political bodies of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols fully operational and effective	1.1.1.1 17th Contracting parties meeting successfully held; Adequate meeting facilities and Secretariat services provided; Working documents made available to parties in 4 working languages within deadlines; Adequate representation ensured; Reports translated and published in 4 languages	Funds for conference services and staff, translation of working documents, participation of delegates, moderators, consultants as well as for side events and preparation of ad hoc special publications,	Coordinating Unit with input from MAP components and programmes		350											350
		1.1.1.2 3 Meetings of the Bureau successfully held; Progress achieved monitored, Guidance provided to the Secretariat, Working documents and reports distributed as per Rules of Procedure.	Funds conference services and staff, translation of documents, logistics, participation of Bureau members in 3 meetings				100	65					35				
1.1.2	MAP and Components focal points system fully aligned	1.1.2.1 MAP focal point meeting successfully held; Progress achieved during the previous biennium reported; Draft thematic decisions agreed; Programme of work and budget reviewed;		Coordinating Unit with all MAP component and programmes inputs	RIO +20, UNCSD, UNCLOS, as appropriate; UNEP GC, UNEP global and regional Conventions of MAP relevance (CBD, Ramsar, Basel, Stockholm, etc); IMO Conventions	170						120					50
		1.1.2.2 MED POL Focal Point meeting successfully held together with the regional meeting on monitoring;	Funds for conference services and staff, logistics, participation of MAP and Component focal points, consultants, Preparation/translation of meetings documents	60							60						
		1.1.2.3 REMPEC focal point meeting successfully held		60							50					10	
		1.1.2.4 Joint BP/RAC, PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC Focal Point meeting successfully held		55							25				30		
		1.1.2.5 SPA RAC Focal Points meeting successfully held		5							5						
		1.1.2.6 CP/RAC Focal Point Meeting successfully held		25							25						
		1.1.2.7 Cross-system functional review carried out	Consultancy	C. Unit		65					65						
						50					0				50		
			30					30									

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
1.1.3	MAP advisory bodies for sustainable development fully operational and effective	15th MCSD and its annual steering committee meetings successfully held; Meeting reports submitted to the 18th CPs meeting; Reports prepared and translated; MSSD update and implementation advanced, implementation of Switch mediterranean results shared with MCSD members, including the work for integrating SCP, green economy and climate change adaptation.	Funds for conference services and staff, preparation and translation of documents, participation of members of the MCSD and its steering committee, consultants/moderators and participation from additional key sectors and major actors	Coordinating Unit with MAP component inputs as appropriate		120	5					55				60	
1.1.4	Greening of MAP events	All events organized by MAP and its components are organized according to sustainable criteria	Online toolkit, checklist, technical advise on greening the events,	CP/RAC and all MAP components, MIO-ECSDE	UNEP, DTIE SCP, H2020 Capacity building project, MIO-ECSDE	25				12					13		
1.1.5	Integrated and streamline approaches in implementing horizontal and emerging issues	1.1.5.1 Ownership of the parties to implement Ecosystem approach (EA) roadmap ensured	1 Meeting of GDE to submit to the MAP focal points meeting the result achieved in the implementation of EA roadmap. Funds for conference services and staff, participation of the representatives of the Contracting Parties; preparation and translation of meeting documents; Coordination of integrated implementation of ECAP through MAP system	Coordinating Unit with support from CP/RAC and the MAP components, DTIE and EU/EC AIDCO	UNEP Regional Seas, CBD, EU MSFD Directive	260										260	
		1.1.5.2 Governance of high seas issues followed up on regular basis; Policy papers prepared and legal and technical advise provided to Contracting parties; Workshop on reporting for regular process; MAP work on high seas governance projected at regional and global level	Consultancy, travel, internal consultations	Coordinating Unit, SPA/RAC	UNCLOS as appropriate, UN GA open ended group	80	5					5					70
		1.1.5.3 Renewable energies and mitigation techniques such as carbon sequestration addressed by MAP decision making bodies and linkages made with related global processes; Policy papers prepared and legal and technical advise provided to Contracting parties; technical assessment finalised	Internal consultation meetings (i.e. virtual); Consultancy as appropriate, participation at relevant global meetings, where appropriate	Coordinating Unit	IMO London Convention/Protocol, OSPAR	25											25
				MED POL, Gov. of Spain		80				10							70
	1.1.5.4 Marine spatial planning understood and implemented as appropriate in line with ICZM; Approaches developed and synergies ensured with other relevant organisations	Attendance of relevant meetings, Consultancy, Internal consultation meetings	PAP/RAC and Coordinating Unit	UNESCO IOC, EU Mediterranean integrated Maritime Policy; OSPAR, EU MSFD	25	5					5			15			

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
1.1.6	Improved capacity for integrated strategic planning using result based management	1.1.6.1 PW 2014-2020 prepared, 2014-2015 programme of work aligned with the updated 5 yr programme of work; Result based management enhanced, Indicators to measure cost effectiveness of implementation of PW per output established	Consultancy, ECP meetings, travel,	Coordinating Unit, MAP Components, ECP (4 meetings per year including virtual meetings where appropriate)	MAP 5 year PW UNEP Mid term Strategy, 2012-2013 UNEP UfM, EU, EU/UNEP Partnership, EC/UNEP MAP joint PW; Marrakesh Declaration 2009	417	70				138	30			178	
		1.1.6.2 Implementation of the PW evaluated: results submitted to Bureau and MAP focal points meetings; new programming planning process proposed	External evaluation undertaken, ECP meeting to coordinate the effort													
		1.1.6.3 Joint resource mobilisation plan implemented; Project proposals formulated to support priorities of the 2 and 5 year PW	Consultancy, ECP meetings to coordinate the effort, travel to meetings with donor agencies													
		1.1.6.4 RAC country agreements signed and implemented; RAC Steering Committee held on annual basis	Travel and communication with host countries for the purpose of bilateral meetings and RAC Steering Committee meetings	Coordinating Unit, MAP Components, RAC country government												
1.1.7	Results oriented partnerships established with international and civil society organisations MAP partners	1.1.7.1 Interagency cooperation established; Existing collaboration agreements with key regional actors updated and shared with the Bureau; Joint activities with partners implemented where appropriate	Consultation meetings Secretariat/MAP partners; travel, consultancy to prepare policy papers on issues of common interest, ECP meetings to ensure internal coordination	Coordinating Unit, MAP components and MAP Partners contribution	Marrakesh Declaration, 2009; UNEP GC on Global Environmental Governance, UNCLOS, as appropriate	5					5					
		1.1.7.2 Strategic support to NGOs to implement decision IG 17/5 on MAP/Civil society cooperation; List of MAP partners reviewed and updated ; Policy/decisions consulted with MAP partners prior to their adoption; Joint activities implemented; NGO participation in MAP decision making process enhanced	Travel of NGO representatives to MAP meetings; MoU with Partners for implementing joint activities, SSFA for projects in line with MAP priorities	Coordinating Unit, MAP components and MAP Partners contribution	Decision IG 17/6 of the 16th CPs meeting on MAP/Civil society cooperation; UN policy, UNEP policy on civil society	60	4					57				
		1.1.7.3 Partnership with WB MCFI for improved governance of the Mediterranean	Workshops, seminars, meetings, conferences	Blue Plan in cooperation with C. Unit and MAP components	World Bank, UfM, GEF	814			56	351					56	351
1.1.8	Effective coordination of the MedPartnership Project;	Annual project steering committee successfully held, Mid-term evaluation conducted; Project Implementation Review (PIR) for 2012 and 2013 completed and submitted to GEF; Coordination group meetings successfully held; GEF climate variability project successfully coordinated	Funds for salaries/travel of conference staff, translation, logistics participation of sponsored delegates; Preparation /translation of reports of the meetings, consultancy to peer review process	Coordinating Unit with inputs from co-executing partners	UNEP Regional Seas for LME; UNEP/GEF International waters; Sustainable Mediterranean Project of WB	193	20	87				28	58			
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						3074	174	87	0	78	524	565	58	0	164	1424

ANNEX II

Theme I: Governance

Output 1.2

Implementation gap filled: Contracting Parties supported in meeting the objectives of BC, protocols and adopted strategies

5 Year Strategic Programme of work indicators and targets:

- No of regional policies guidelines and plans adopted, implemented and funded
- A regional strategy on marine litter adopted by 2011
- Regional strategy on ships ballast water management adopted by 2011
- Number of environmental inspectors per number of facilities
- Database and guidelines on illegal hazardous waste movements prepared by 2012
- MSSD indicators populated and reported against
- Performance and accessibility of the on-line reporting system (reports on-line and accessible on time)

Targets 2012-2013

- Minimum of 3 or 4 regional policies/plans/guidelines assessed, updated, or finalised (MSSD, ICZM, SAPBIO, SAPMED)
- Integrated assessment policy in accordance ecosystem approach finalized
- Integrated Monitoring Programme developed
- MSSD updated according to SCP and green economy criteria
- At least 12 countries assisted to implement regional policies/plans and guidelines at the national level; including the alignment of their NSSD with MSSD;
- 2 countries supported in the implementation of the SCP National Action Plans;
- 3 SPAMIs management performance assessed and evaluated;
- 22 Contracting Parties submit reports on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols;
- Compliance challenges in at least two issues identified/facilitated
- 4 countries assisted in the implementation of the marine litter strategy
- 3 Countries assisted for the improvement of the inspection systems
- 2 pilot projects on marine litter management implemented

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		MSSD implementation 1.2.1.1 <i>Updating/Developing the indicators of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development following the MSSD implementation assessment and presented at 15th MCSD meeting</i>	Revised list of policy indicators, produced through a participatory process: The process will involve in house expertise, consultancy and one regional workshop.	Blue Plan in Consultation with the Coordinating Unit and all MAP components	Rio+20; MSSD implementation Assessment , UfM, EU SD strategy, UfM Water Strategy, EU Water Mediterranean Initiative	177	12				150	15				
		1.2.1.2 <i>Integration of SCP and Green economy in MSSD, including SCP indicators, and regional cooperation through stakeholder dialogue and mobilising other actors in the framewrok of the MCSD building also on experiences of the implementation of SCP in other regions (SWITCH-Asia) and preparing the implementation Plan for SWITCH Mediterranean activities.</i>	Organisation of 2 regional conferences, 1 workshop on international initiatives and programmes on green economy, SCP and CC adaptation. Funds for conference services and staff, logistics, consultancy, travel for participants. Preparation /translation of the report of the meetings and other documents.	Coordinating Unit, CP RAC, UNEP/DTIE, Blue Plan RAC and other relevant MAP components Coordinating	Rio+20; MSSD implementation Assessment , UfM, EU SD and SCP strategies, UNEP/DTIE, UNDP, World Bank, UN-WTO etc.	600				400						200
		Ecosystem based management 1.2.1.3 <i>Preparing MAP Integrated Monitoring programme based on ecosystem approach</i>	2 Regional workshops Consultants, internal consultation meetings with regional experts and RACs	MED POL, in consultation the Coordinating Unit, RAC/SPA and the other RACs	UNEP/Map EA Roadmap, EU MSFD, GFCM	200				120						80
			Meetings with national and regional experts; internal coordination meeting of the Secretariat, consultants	MEDPOL, in consultation with Coordinating Unit, RAC/SPA and the other RACs		20	10					10				

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources														
							2012 (Euro, 000)				2013 (Euro, 000)										
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2					
1.2.1	Regional policies, guidelines and plans necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention, protocols and strategies adopted, updated and implemented	1.2.1.4 Determining GES and targets in the framework of Ecosystem Approach for 11 ecological objectives, piloting as appropriate and supporting this process through socio-economic and cost of environmental degradation analysis	Meetings with national and regional experts; internal coordination meeting of the Secretariat, consultants	C. Unit and MAP Components		520								320					200		
			Establishing a process to carry out socio-economic analysis	BP/RAC in consultation with the Coordinating Unit and other MAP components	UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach, EU MSFD, GFCM,		191	20								75	22			75	
			Research support to the ECAP*	BP/RAC	UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach, EU FP7 PERSEUS		600									50			50	250	
			1.2.1.5 Preparing MAP policy on the assessment of marine and coastal environment in line with the ecosystems approach and regular process	Consultancy, regional workshop; mapping of existing data	Coordinating Unit and MAP components	UNEP/MAP EA roadmap, EEA, H2020 SEIS, CBD indicators		100												50	
			<u>Off-shore Protocol</u> 1.2.1.6 Assessing the national legal and administrative systems, including authorisation, inspection, preparedness and response capabilities available in the Mediterranean with regard to offshore activities including the preparation of an action plan to implement the Offshore protocol	2 Meetings of the Working group to the Offshore Protocol; Consultancy, Funds for conference services and staff, translation of documents, participation WG members, Meeting documents translated	Coordinating Unit and REMPEC with the other concerned MAP components	UNEP/MAP EA roadmap, EU Communication on Offshore activities, OSPAR, REMPEC, Relevant Industries		170												100	70
			<u>SAP/BIO</u> 1.2.1.7 Updating the Strategic Programme to protect marine and coastal biodiversity (SAP BIO) with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and ecosystems approach	National Consultation and 2 regional workshops, Funds for conference services and staff, Consultancies; participation of delegates; Preparation /translation of workshop documents	RAC/SPA in consultation with the Coordinating Unit, MAP components and other regional partners	CBD, UNEP Regional Seas, UNEP/MAP EA roadmap, MSSD, EU MSFD Directive		120	45									45			30
			1.2.1.8 Assessment of the implementation of the SAPMED through the NAPs and taking into account the gradual application of the ecosystems approach	Consultants, experts	MEDPOL in consultation with the Coordinating Unit, MAP components and other regional partners	LBS Protocol, NAPs, Regional Plans, EU marine strategy		30	10											10	10
			<u>Regional Plan on marine litter management</u> 1.2.1.9 Preparation of a detailed marine litter regional Plan including costs, targets and deadlines and programmes of measures in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol	Consultants, experts, consultations with CPs by electronic means	MEDPOL in cooperation with the other RACs	Global litter activities, FFE/Blue Flag Programme		224	24											100	100

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)				2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		<p>1.2.1.9a Implementation of selected activities of the Strategic Framework for the management of marine litter:</p> <p>a) assist subnational and local authorities to develop proposals for financing activities (EU neighbourhood policy, EIB, African Development Bank, GEF, etc.) (activity 1.13)</p> <p>b) encourage the adoption of litter free areas by NGOs and fishing communities (activity 2.8)</p> <p>c) encourage local authorities to work with schools, NGOs on beach clean-up (activity 3.9)</p> <p>d) agree on a baseline and a target reduction of marine litter (activity 4.4)</p> <p>e) integrate the marine litter system into the MEDPOL Info system (activity 4.5)</p> <p>f) establish national marine litter monitoring on the basis of ECAP (activity 4.10)</p> <p>g) monitor and map lost/abandoned fishing gears and report to MEDPOL (activity 5.10)</p> <p>h) assist fisheries to recover lost fishing gears (activity 5.11)</p> <p>i) encourage the adoption of lost/abandoned fishing gears free areas by NGOs and fishing communities (activity 5.13)</p>	Consultants, experts, consultations with CPs	MEDPOL in consultation with other RACs	Global litter activities, FFE/Blue Flag Programme	160					80					80
		<p>Implementing Action Plan on ICZM Protocol</p> <p>1.2.1.10 Outlining a common Regional Framework for ICZM</p>	Consultants, Expert meetings, one regional consultation workshop; participation of the representatives of the Contracting Parties, traslation of workshop documents	PAP/RAC with contribution from the Coordinating Unit and other Components	Action Plan to implement ICZM protocol, EU ICZM recommendations, EU Shape Project	5	5									
		1.2.2.1 Assist countries to prepare NSSD in line with MSSD	Support to 2 countries: Consultancy, workshops	Coordinating Unit	MSSD, ICZM protocol	47	22				25					
		1.2.2.2 Support in the application of National SCP Action Plans	Support to 2 countries: Consultancy, workshops	Coordinating Unit, CP RAC, UNEP/DTIE	MSSD, EU policies	41			20						21	
		1.2.2.3 Assist countries to implement the adopted Regional Plans in the framework of Art 15 of LBS Protocol, updating, as needed	Technical and legal assistance provided to 3 countries in relation to the adopted measures; Consultancy	MED POL in cooperation with CP/RAC	LBS Protocol, NAPs, Regional Plans, EU IPPC Directive	30	20				10					

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)				2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
1.2.2	Assistance to countries to implement regional policies and guidelines	Art. 10 of LBS Protocol, updating, as needed, of adopted Regional Plans and develop NIPs in the framework of the Stockholm Convention	Experts, capacity building meetings for the revision / updating of the NIPs under Stockholm Convention	CP/RAC in cooperation with MEDPOL	Regional Plans on New POPs, Stockholm Convention, MEDpartnership project	25				12				13		
		1.2.2.4 Provision of technical assistance to countries for the implementation of Hazardous Waste and Dumping Protocols	Expert advice provided to 6 countries, Consultants, experts,	MED POL	Stockholm Convention, Basel Convention, London Convention and Protocol	70	5				30	5				30
		1.2.2.5 Assistance to countries for the improvement of inspection systems	Support to 3 countries on national inspection systems through training	MED POL	WHO, LBS Protocol, NAPs, Regional Plans, EU IPCC	22	7					15				
		1.2.2.6 Training and fellowships	Scientists participation at related scientific conferences facilitated, Travel grants for 5 scientist	MED POL	LBS Protocol, NAPs, Regional Plans, EU IPCC	6	3					3				
		1.2.2.7 Countries ready to undergo an audit of their level of implementation of the mandatory IMO instruments	National workshops on the Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme (VIMSAS)	REMPEC	SAFEMED, IMO	55					55					
		1.2.2.8 Flag States better prepared to discharge their obligations under IMO Conventions	Flag State implementation (FSI) training course	REMPEC	SAFEMED, IMO	55					55					
		1.2.2.9 Countries better prepared to discharge their duties as Port States; port state control regime in the Mediterranean strengthened	Exchanges of PSC officers, secondment	REMPEC	SAFEMED, Paris and Med MoU on PSC	31					31					
		1.2.2.10 Control of maritime traffic by developing the VTS capacity improved	Training course for VTS operators	REMPEC	SAFEMED, IALA	189					189					
		1.2.2.11 Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention improved	Workshop on the Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT)	REMPEC	SAFEMED, IMO	54					54					
1.2.3	Effective reporting and implementation	1.2.3.1 Further research on the implementation by CPs of the Guidelines on liability and compensation issues in line with Decision IG 17/4 and respective provisions of the Convention and Offshore Protocol. Proposals regarding the advisability of additional action to the 18thCPs.	Consultants, participation at Meetings of the WG on L&C; capacity building workshop; conference facilities cost, conference staff cost, meeting documents preparation and translation	Coordinating Unit with support from MEDPOL, REMPEC and SPA RAC	UNEP Guidelines on L&C, EU Directive on Liability for environmental damage, 2007, CBD Liability and Redress Protocol, Basel Convention	40									40	
		1.2.3.2 Assisting countries to submit reports as per art. 26 of the Barcelona Convention, legal and technical advice provided, reporting format upgraded, reporting database established and links with InforMEA secured	Consultants, SSFA with Parties, upload of all 2008-2009 and previous reports on the online system (INFO/RAC will upgrade and maintain the online reporting system)	INFO/RAC Coordinating Unit with contribution from MEDPOL, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC	Reporting under CBD, Basel, Aarhus, as appropriate, Stockholm, IMO conventions, UNEP/MEA reporting project	96	81			10					5	
						20	10				10					

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							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
		1.2.3.3 3 SPAMIs evaluated (<i>Banc des Kabyles Marine Reserve / Habibas Islands / MPA of Portofino</i>)	Consultants, workshops	SPA/RAC in consultation with Coordinating Unit, National Authorities	SPAMIs project, UNEP/MAP Ecosystem approach	40						10					30
1.2.4	Compliance mechanisms and procedures fully operational	1.2.4.1 Compliance committee (CC) <i>successfully held ; non compliance situations identified and addressed, Legal and technical assistance to countries provided to overcome difficulties, legal advise provided to the Coordinating Unit; Assessment report on the implementation of the Convention and its protocols presented to the meeting of the CPs</i>	Participation of members and alternate members to CC meetings, Contracting party representatives, salary and travel for conference staff, consultancy, legal advice to Secretariat, translation of documents	Compliance Committee Coordinating Unit with support of concerned MAP components and regional consultants where appropriate	CC established under CBD, Basel, Aarhus, as appropriate, Stockholm, IMO conventions and GFCM	240	45					75					120
	TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES					4177	318	0	0	476	1685	254	0	0	89	1355	

* PERSEUS is a 4-year action-oriented research project financed by FP7. The total EU contribution is approximately 13 M €. This project is consistent with ECAP especially its WP6 "Adaptative Policies and Scenarios" lead by Plan Bleu. Nevertheless it is difficult to determine precisely the part of the budget that will directly contribute to ECAP. The amount mentioned in this table are rough estimation.

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Theme I: Governance																
Output 1.3 Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated																
Indicators and targets:			Targets 2012-2013:													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and communications strategy developed and adopted and implemented - State of the environment report published biannually and State of the environment and development report published every 4 years - Marine and coastal data made accessible to contracting parties - No of policies, reports and publications submitted to stakeholders and public at large and at least 1 symposium per year - Functioning InfoMap system 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> InfoMAP Regional node operational and used by MAP Components and CPs in 2012, linking together MAP components nodes; MED POL node operational and used by countries as of 2012; Marine and coastal data accessible through a developed CHM and Med GIS biodiversity information system (SPA/RAC node); ICZM Governance platform operational in 2012 (PAP/RAC node); Revised MAP website operational in 2012; SoED report issued; 3 in-depth sectorial assessment published (pollution, biodiversity, ICZM); At least 2 major MAP communications to the press on key issues held, 2 medwave issues published through internet ; At least 3 MAP success stories communicated to the public; Coast Day celebrated in 2 countries, 													
No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
1.3.1	Further development of INFO MAP including the integration of information systems of MAP components	InfoMAP regional and National nodes	In house expertise, travel, workshops, equipment, consultants	INFO RAC in cooperation with C. Unit and MAP components	H2020; SEIS, EEA, MEDSTAT, National information systems, MEA reporting system portal	493				250					243	
		1.3.1.1 INFO MAP regional node finalised; template to collect users need; technical guidelines and user need analysis document prepared; common and shared Infomap standards for interoperability, infomap regional services, data centre, agora, infomap portal shared services, Web2.0 tools completed														
		1.3.1.2 Assistance provided to countries in establishing integrated and shared environmental national nodes of Infomap as appropriate, SEIS national roadmap prepared in 3 pilots									115					260
		1.3.1.3 Country visits, user requirement analysis report, country specific roadmap								155						100
		1.3.1.4 InfoMAP spatial data infrastructure, definition of use cases for SDI based on ecosystem approach, implement use cases with Components and countries, carry out interoperability test, technical guidelines prepared, assistance provided, review of existing tools and means for the monitoring and vigilance of the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts			H2020; SEIS, EEA, MEDSTAT,	255				130	75			50		
		MAP components informations system upgraded 1.3.1.5 Maintenance and further development of the Regional and thematic clearing-house mechanism on biodiversity (CHM) and MedGIS biodiversity information system	MoU/Consultant	RAC/SPA in consultation with INFO RAC	H2020 SEIS, EEA, MEDSTAT	20	10					10				

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		1.3.1.6 MISESD mapping interface upgraded; thematic maps creation tools added;	In house expertise	Blue Plan in consultation with INFO/RAC	LEA, MEDSTAT, National information systems; MAP reporting system, Ecosystem Approach, MSSD	40	19					22				
		1.3.1.7 Updated data permanently accessible through MISESD				5	5									
		1.3.1.8 MED POL Data bases management, development of GIS, maintenance of Info System	Expert assistance to the Secretariat	MED POL in consultation with INFO/RAC		110	5			50	5					50
		1.3.1.9 User requirement analysis for ICZM platform integration with InfoMAP.	In House expertise	INFO RAC in cooperation with PAP/RAC		115			60						35	20
1.3.2	Upgrade and maintain MAP and its components websites and on line libraries	MAP and MAP component Websites	Expert assistance to the Secretariat	Coordinating Unit INFO/RAC Other components	MAP Communication Strategy MAP Components websites	30	10					20				
		1.3.2.1 MAP website including MCSD/MSSD and Medpartnership revised and upgraded in terms of structure and content - Draft action plan for website enhancement and harmonisation of MAP and RAC's web-sites		Coordinating Unit in consultation with the respective MAP components and other Project partners	Medpartnership Communication Strategy	17		8				8				
		1.3.2.2 Integrated on line UNEP/MAP library established including library maintenance (purchasing of books/periodicals)	Expert assistance to the Secretariat	Coordinating Unit	MAP Information Communication Strategy	15				10						5
		1.3.2.3 Effective and up-to-date website of MEDPOL	Expert assistance to the Secretariat	MED POL/ INFO/RAC	85	5			40	5						35
		1.3.2.4 REMPEC information system and decision support tool updated and upgraded.	Expert assistance to the Secretariat	REMPEC/INFO RAC	12	12										
				1.3.3.1 State of Environment report in 2013	In house expertise and consultancy; Cost of design, translation and publication, workshops	BP/RAC with the contribution of the Coordinating Unit and other components	MSSD, MAP Information Communication Strategy	54	20					34		
Consultancy	SPA/RAC							38	5				3			30
SoED report Communication	Coordinating Unit and BP/RAC							85	25				10			
1.3.3.2 Developing an interactive ICZM Governance Platform	Consultants, meetings, expert workshops			PAP/RAC, PEGASO partners	Pegaso Project	102		5			42	5			50	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources											
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)						
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2		
1.3.4	One voice campaign for UNEP MAP	1.3.4.3 Information material on Pollution reduction	and publication	MED POL	Medpartnership Project, H2020 initiative and its CP project	75	5				30	10				30		
		1.3.4.4 Updated Guidelines for the preparation of National ICZM Strategies, Guidelines for preparation of ICZM Plans, Synthesis report on Landscape Management Methodologies, Urban Water Guidelines, Beach management guidelines		PAP/RAC	Pegaso, MedPartnership, Shape Projects	0												
		1.3.4.5 Media, NGO and Business strategy developed as part of implementation of the Communication Strategy. Hold regional communications advocacy workshop with stakeholders and multipliers to coordinate common actions. Media training for MAP spokespeople	Special leaflets	Coordinating Unit Other components	MAP Communication Strategy	20	10					10						
		1.3.4.6 Organization of Mediterranean Environmental events; dissemination of key success stories; presence at key events including a side event at RIO+20, including in communication materials related to MEDPartnership project, awareness raising regarding marine and coastal biodiversity, climate change, and promoting coast day and ICZM Protocol	Posters, press conferences, leaflets, television spots	Coordinating Unit/INFO/RAC MAP components	MAP Communication Strategy; International Environment day and RIO+20	20	20											
			Cost of documentation, conferences, exhibitions and manifestations at country level	SPA/RAC; Regional organization; National authorities and bodies;	MAP Communication Strategy; UNFCCC, CBD, Almeria Declaration	5	5											
			Design and publication cost	PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC	MAP Communication Strategy	185					81	50						54
			Assist countries to organise events (Mediterranean Coast Day 25 September), participation expenses from other Parties, Special leaflets	PAP/RAC and Coordinating Unit; host countries, NGOs														
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						3146	216	218	0	650	610	164	218	0	415	654		

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources													
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)								
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2				
		<i>2.1.2.5 Development and promotion of Landscape management methodologies; Regional workshop/training to present thematic studies and introduce methodologies</i>	Consultants, expert meetings	PAP/RAC	PEGASO project,ESLAND Project	0														
		<i>2.1.2.6 The ranking of the ports to be equipped in priority with port reception facilities is established</i>	Consultant/internship	REMPEC	EU Funded MEDA Project on Port Reception Facilities in the Mediterranean (2002-2004), SAFEMED I Study on possible financing of port reception facilities, IMO	15														15
2.1.3	Implementing ICZM protocol through specific local and policy initiatives	<i>2.1.3.1 Projects prepared and implemented (CAMPs Spain, Italy, France, Montenegro; Pilot projects on Setback and MSP; Carrying Capacity, etc.), promoting the integration of biodiversity issues and SCP in the ICZM processes and CAMP projects</i>	National Project Coordinators, International consultants, inception workshops, expert workshops, harmonisation meetings, final presentation conferences	PAP/RAC, other Components and national stakeholders	EU, EU ICZM Recommendations, CBD, Ecosystem Approach roadmap	1,650	120				700	120					10		700	
			MoU/Consultants	RAC/SPA, in coordination with PAP/RAC		9	9													
			workshops, trainings, assessment studies	CP/RAC in coordination with PAP/RAC		38					9	10							9	
		<i>2.1.3.2. Assessment report on CAMP and CAMP manual updated: regional workshop organised</i>	Consultants	PAP/RAC		30														
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						2,827	155	114	0	59	1,021	146	114	0	102				1,116	

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Theme III: Biodiversity																	
Output 3.1																	
Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued																	
Indicators and targets:						Targets 2012-2013 :											
- A global valuation available by 2011 - At least 6 case studies achieved and published						3 economic studies completed and published (economic impact of protected areas, and sustainable fisheries); 20 experts trained on issues related to ecosystem services;											
						No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources				
2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)												
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
3.1.1	Ecosystem based management Assessing the economic impact	3.1.1.1 <i>Economic effects of marine protected areas on the territorial development estimated.</i>	In house expertise	BP/RAC, SPA/RAC	Ecosystem approach Roadmap, SAP BIO, CBD, WB Sustainable Med Project	160				80					80		
		3.1.1.2 <i>Joint socio-economic evaluation with GFCM of the fishing activities carried out in pelagic ecosystems and deep benthic habitats (Open seas, including deep seas); The economic value of the pelagic and deep sea habitat evaluated</i>	Consultancy, Meeting of the Steering committee of the Study	SPA/RAC in cooperation with GFCM BP/RAC IUCN, CIESM	Ecosystem approach Roadmap, SAP BIO, CBD, GFCM	50					25						25
		3.1.1.3 <i>Economic impact of sustainable fishing in the Mediterranean evaluated</i>	In house expertise, Consultancy, Meeting of the Steering committee of the Study	BP/RAC in cooperation with SPA/RAC, GFCM, CMI	Ecosystem approach Roadmap, EU MSFD, GFCM policies	164	21				55	23					65
3.1.2	Assist countries implementing case studies on pilot sites regarding services provided by marine and coastal ecosystems	20 National experts trained	Logistic preparation; participation of national experts	SPA/RAC in cooperation with Blue Plan and ACCOBAMS	EU MSFD, EU GFCM, ACCOBAMS	20						20					
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						394	21	0	0	80	80	43	0	0	80	90	

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Output 3.2 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic vision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species																
Indicators and targets: - Adequate indicators set up - Number of changes in the status of species in the list of threatened species - Number of joint programmes for the conservation of endangered species - Number of Contracting Parties with national protection plans for endangered species - Number of planned actions achieved within the regional action plans - Number of guidelines elaborated							Targets 2012-2013 : 1 Atlas of seagrass meadows distribution in the Mediterranean , 1 reference list of pelagic habitat types established , 2 actiona plans on endangered species updated; the Action Plan on Med dark marine habitats prepared, 1 taxonomic Reference Lists prepared. 2 countires assisted to monitor Posidonia meadows 3 countries assisted on monitoring and enforcement with regard to ballast water convention and strategy									
															Resources	
No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		3.2.1.1 Mapping of seagrass meadows and other assemblages and habitats of particular importance for the marine environment in Mediterranean areas, Elaboration of an Atlas of seagrass meadows distribution in the Mediterranean	Field survey, SSFA with countries, consultants, publications	SPA/RAC	SAP BIO, INFO MAP, SPARAC INFO system, Ecosystem approach	120	10				50	10			50	
		3.2.1.2 Strengthening the Mediterranean monitoring system for key biodiversity components		SPA/RAC	Ecosystem approach roadmap, CBD, EU Biodiversity related Directives	10	5					5				

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
3.2.2	Assistance to countries to implement the regional action plans on endangered species	3.2.2.4 Harmonise the priorities of the Mediterranean Initiative on Taxonomy (MIT) with the Global Initiative on Taxonomy (GIT)	Consultant	SPA/RAC in close cooperation with CBD Secretariat	Global Initiatives on Taxonomy, CBD	3	3									
		3.2.2.5 Elaboration of Taxonomic Reference Lists	Consultants and national experts	SPA/RAC in close cooperation with national institutions		40				20					20	
		3.2.2.6 Elaboration of the Action Plan on Med dark marine habitats (marine caves, canyons, etc.)	Consultants and national experts	SPA/RAC in close cooperation with national institutions	SAP/BIO, Ecosystem approach roadmap	30	5					25				
3.2.3	Assistance to countries to implement Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention	3.2.3.1 More awareness and better knowledge of the provisions of the BWM Convention	Familiarization and awareness training course	REMPEC/IMO	SAFEMED, Globallast Project	54				54						
		3.2.3.2 Development of national ballast water management strategies	Consultants	REMPEC/IMO/S PA-RAC	SAFEMED, Globallast Project	30				20						10
		3.2.3.3 Knowledge of surveillance personnel enhanced and harmonized	3 national training course on Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME)	REMPEC/IMO	SAFEMED, Globallast Project, IMO ITCP	51				36						15
		3.2.3.4 Coastal States are able to quickly identify possible threat of invasive alien species from incoming ships	Development of a ballast water risk assesment methodology	REMPEC, SPA/RAC	Globallast Project, IMO ITCP	50										50
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						530	91	0	0	110	70	114	0	0	0	145

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Output 3.3

Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed

No		Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/ engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
								2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
								MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
3.3.1	Assist countries to establish SPAMIs	3.3.1.1 Consultation processes are initiated and financially and technically supported	Cost of participation, conference facilities and services	SPA/RAC Coordinating Unit REMPEEC	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, CIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	110					55						55
		3.3.1.2 Participate in oceanographic campaigns in open sea areas, including the deep seas, the elaboration of the management plans based on ecosystem approach; Knowledge improvement; New data collected	Consultants	SPA/RAC, Coordinating Unit	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, CIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	150					75						

Indicators and targets:

- Number of MPAs created
- Area covered by MPAs (km2)
- MPA/SPAMI management plans evaluated

Targets 2012-2013 :

- At least 2 Pilot projects for establishing joint SPAMIs and management plans drafted
- New MPAs with their Management Plans Created
- Guidelines and teaching tools on MPAs elaborated and made available
- Mediterranean Conference on Marine Protected Areas organised
- 3 SPAMIs management plans updated to include ecosystem based management approach
- 200 managers of marine protected areas trained

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/ engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources											
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)						
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2		
		3.3.1.3 Support the work of the work group that will be responsible to draw up the joint presentation reports for inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List; Existing data collected and presentation reports filled	Consultants	SPA/RAC Coordinating Unit REMPEC	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, GIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	30					15							15
		3.3.1.4 Elaboration of the management plans based on ecosystem approach for two SPAMIs in high seas and its ecological and operational objectives, including the establishment and of the management bodies and monitoring plan; Management plans and bodies operational	Support to the concern parties group of experts, support to management committee meetings, [salary to site managers]	SPA/RAC, Coordinating Unit	UNEP/MAP Ecosystem approach road map, EU Natura 2000, EU MSFD	200					100							100
		3.3.2.1 Establishment of coordination mechanisms for regional MPA management ; Awareness raising, communication and information activities implemented	Meetings and workshops; Awareness raising campaigns, communication actions	SPA/RAC, WWF-MedPO		82		27			20		25					10

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/ engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
		3.3.2.6 <i>Assessment of the representativity and the effectiveness of the marine and coastal protected areas;</i>	Consultants, Assist voluntary countries to evaluate, at national level, the status, effectiveness and representativity of their MAP networks, Publication of a synthesis report	SPA/RAC,	for the Coastal and Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Sea ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPo, MedPAN	10	10										
	TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES					1,650	46	703	0	0	265	4	377	0	0	255	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		4.1.3.5 <i>Contracting Parties have a common approach to risk assessment</i>	Development of Guidelines on Regional Risk Assessment Methodology in the framework of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) and implementation of the MEDESS4MS (Mediterranean Decision Support Tool for Maritime Safety)	REMPEC	IMO, IPIECA, MOIG, OGP, 21 partners including MOON	165	6				68					90
		4.1.3.6 <i>Enhanced knowledge on waste management and development of National Oily Waste Management Plan</i>	National workshop(s) on the Waste Management (Pilot training course & Introduction on the Waste Management Decision Support Tool)	REMPEC	IMO ITCP, IPIECA, MOIG, OGP	12										12
		4.1.3.7 <i>Sub-regional response cooperation arrangements are updated and operational</i>	Support the organisation of sub-regional joint activities and meetings	REMPEC / concerned countries	IMO, IPIECA, MOIG, OGP	12	6					6				
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						1257	244	0	0	54	370	190	0	0	0	398

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
4.2.1	Pollution reduction demonstration projects, including the sound management of POPs	4.2.1.4 Technical assistance to countries not targetted in BAT4MED in the application of BATs and BEPs and alternatives for the prevention and minimilization of mercury, new POPs and BOD from the food sector	Organization of technical working groups, national and/or regional workshops (number depending on available external funding)	CP/RAC in cooperation with MED POL	BAT4MED project, UNIDO TEST/MED (GEF Medpartnership), Regional Action Plans for Food, Mercury and POPs, MED-IPPC-NET project	250				50	50				50	100	
		4.2.1.5 Assistance to countries to reduce unintentional POPs, greenhouse gases and heavy metals by developing/upgrading and implementing BAT/BEP in key economic sectors in Mediterranean countries	BAT/BEP guidelines and Technical reports including measures for the emission reduction of GHGs and unintentionally produced POPs Workshops for the raising awareness on the cobenefits of measures implemented to fight against Climate Change and POPs	CPRAC, Coordinating Unit, MEDPOL, GEF, CSIC	UNIDO Medtes, BAT4MED UNEP Chemicals, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention	150				20	55					20	55
		4.2.1.6 Awareness and capacity building activities and materials to assist Mediterranean countries in sound management of PCBs stocks in national electric companies	Experts assistance, national meetings and capacity building	CP/RAC, MED POL	Medpartnership Project, H2020, WB	20				10							10
4.2.2.	Establishing PRTR	PRTR prepared in two additional countries	Training, provision of small equipment, set up of data bases	MED POL, INFO/RAC	EU PRTR, SEIS	105					60					45	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
4.2.3	Management and maintenance of Waste water treatment plants, including the addressing of environmental and health aspects with regard to bathing waters and tourism establishments	4.2.3.1 Experts in two countries trained, preparation of sustainability report	Training in two countries preparation of sustainability report	MED POL	WHO	60	20				10	20				10	
		4.2.3.2 Preparation of technical guidelines on beach profiles	Meeting organisation and consultant	MED POL	WHO, FFE/Blue Flag Programme	65						55					10
		4.2.3.3 Pilot projects to implement Guidelines for environmental health risks in tourist establishments	Consultant and meetings	MED POL	WHO	15	5				10						
4.2.4	Capacity building and assistance to countries for the identification and use of opportunities for pollution reduction related loans and grants	4.2.4.1 Identification and use of opportunities for pollution reduction related loans and grants	Environmental economist recruited	MED POL/GEF	Med Partnership Sustainable Med (WB)	165	27	56				27	55				
		4.2.4.2 Preparation of scenarios for EQS in relation with ELVs; Training of national experts on modelling	Consultant	MED POL	Medpartnership Project, UNEP MAP EA roadmap	52	10	32				10					
		4.2.4.3 NAPs implementation kept as priority by major donors and financial institutions	Participation at meetings, continuous contacts	MED POL	H2020, WB, GEF, FFEM, EIB, EC	0											
		4.2.5.1 Terminal operators engaged in a safety programme.	Use of terminals safety assessment and training tools in Mediterranean oil terminals,	REMPEC	OCIMF/MOIG	15					15						

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources												
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)							
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2			
4.2.5	Promote compliance monitoring and enforcement with the provisions of the main international maritime conventions	4.2.5.2 Exchange of experience and information between law enforcement officials conducive to better enforcement of MARPOL Annex I	Promote and support a network of law enforcement officials regarding MARPOL Annex I;	REMPEC n consultation with the Coordinating Unit	World Bank Sustainable Med Project	20											20		
		4.2.5.3 Knowledge of surveillance personnel enhanced and harmonized with respect to the MARPOL Convention	workshop on aerial surveillance operations	REMPEC	SAFEMED, IMO ITCP	30												30	
		4.2.5.4 Delegation of authority by flag States well monitored	Training Course for Auditors (International Safety Management (ISM) Code and Recognized Organizations (ROs))	REMPEC	SAFEMED	84				84									
		4.2.5.5 Knowledge on implementation of AFS Convention enhanced and harmonized	National workshops on the AFS Convention and the introduction of environmentally-sound measures to collect, handle, treat and dispose of waste generated in applying and removing AFS	REMPEC	IMO ITCP	24													24
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						2343	232	548	0	204	200	267	429	0	170		294		

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
5.1.2	Green Economy and SCP	5.1.2.2 <i>Regional Platform for Green Competitiveness with database sorted by intelligent search fields per sector and SCP tool; database widely used: Increased awareness and knowledge exchange among Mediterranean stakeholders on benefits brought by the shift to SCP</i>	Coordination activities (working meetings and videoconferences) between the main SCP agents for the establishment of the platform (CP/RAC, UNIDO, UNEP, NCPC), IT expert, community manager, technical experts, GRECO antenas	CP/RAC, UNIDO, UNEP, NCPC, GIZ	UNEP-UNIDO RECP Programme, Premanet, Arab CP Platform, Regional Plans for Food, Mercury nad new POPs	124				62					62		
		5.1.2.3 <i>Operating a network of Local Antennas for Green Competitiveness and Green Economy; Systematic follow-up of SCP initiatives and case studies developed: SCP case studies disseminated</i>	SCP experts, collection, analysis of information on SCP local initiatives, identification of potential projects and possible partners	CP/RAC, CPCentres	UNEP-UNIDO RECP Programme	240				120						120	
		5.1.2.4 <i>Award for innovation for green economy granted to an entrepreneurship project initiative and disseminated among Mediterranean countries</i>	Establishment of the award scheme, dissemination among universities, centres for innovation, website, collection of proposals from civil society	CP/RAC, UNIDO, UNEP, NCPC, GIZ, MIO ESCDE, Wuppertal Institute, RECETOX, London School of Economics	UNEP Green Economy Initiative, Marrakesch Process	84				42						42	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		5.1.2.5 CP audits to boast the adoption of green competitiveness (GRECO) as tool for Mediterranean companies to succeed in the global market; GRECO projects identified, audits implemented SMEs applying for CP financial schemes	GRECO Antenas, technical audits, identification of GRECO Projects	CP/RAC, BusinessMed, ASCAME, Associations of SME's and National Cleaner Production Centres	UNEP Green Economy Initiative, Marrakesch Process	282				141					141	
5.1.3	Capacity building (CB) activities and pilot projects on SCP	5.1.3.1 Methodology, guidelines and toolkit for integration of SCP in the Mediterranean and related Capacity building activities (Switch MED)	National training courses Experts, Theoric material of the course. Field trips	CP/RAC, Coordinating Unit UNEP/DTIE, UNIDO	EU SCP, Rio+20, MSSD, MCSD	800				400						400
		5.1.3.2 Increased knowledge of representatives from public sector, business and civil society on CP, SCP, Green Public Procurement, Green Banking, Green jobs, Carbon and Water footprint,	Coordination of 15 CB activities, design and coordination of the programmes, identification of experts	CP/RAC, MIO-ECSDE, MED POL	H2020, BP Project, UNEP Green Economy Initiative	140				140						
	Sectors: b) in food sector:	5.1.3.3 Improved environmental, economic, health and	Study visits, technical workshop, partnership local		MSSD, V Thematic Pillar MAP WP, Green Economy Initiative, H2020 CB, MIO-ESCDE	124				62					62	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
	c) in waste (marine litter),	<i>social conditions for local community, opportunities for replication identified; reduction of environmental impacts and toxical chemicals associated to the target areas</i>	authorities, sme, civil society, planning and project implementation, final workshop for dissemination of results and experience	CP/RAC, local authorities, SMEs, entrepreneurs, civil society, MIO-ESCDE	MSSD, EA roadmap, Marine litter Strategy, WHO, Green Economy	124				62				62		
d) in housing;											60					
e) in mobility;											60					
f) in tourism;											60					
g) in university;											60					
j) in communication services (global communities);											62			62		
5.1.4	Empowering civil society, consumer associations and NGO on SCP and POPs prevention	5.1.4.1 Civil society increased awareness; Green shots award well attended; Increased contents of consumpediamed; Visits and comments in consumpediamed	consumpediamed, green shots award, 2.0 social media	CP/RAC; NGOs, Consumers Associations, YouthXchange communities, Universities	H2020, YouthXchange, Atlantis, SWITCH Project	140				70				70		
		5.1.4.2 Training civil society young leaders on SCP tools for Mediterranean Undertake Free of chemicals" Regional Campus and replication in a country	Experts, Theoric material of the course. Field trips	CP/RAC, MCC (Mediterranean Cooperation Centre), UNEP-DTIE	H2020, Stockholm Convention, YouthXchange, Atlantis, SWITCH Project	26				13				13		
		5.1.4.3 Reinforcing the role of NGOs in raising awareness on population on POPs; 2 local NGOs including the POPs in their work programmes and disseminating the awareness material to 200 hundred people	Training activities, experts on POPs, awareness material, translation of material to local languages	CP/RAC, NGOs	Stockholm Convention, GEF MedPartnership	25				12					13	

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		<i>5.1.6.3 Enhanced involvement of Mediterranean regional organisations and networks in SCP and SCM; Enhanced partnerships and MoUs signed Projects jointly implemented</i>	MoU signed between CP/RAC and other regional organisations	CP/RAC and SCP and SCM Agents	H2020, UNEP Green Economy Initiative	41				20					21	
	TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES					3,605	0	0	0	1,713	160	0	0	0	1,172	560

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Output 6.1

Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential impacts and ecological vulnerabilities

No		Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources													
								2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)								
								MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2				
6.1.1		Analysis of climate change impact	6.1.1.1 On surface water, Availability of water resources in the Mediterranean river basins in 2025 and 2050 estimated	In house expertise	BP/RAC/Laboratoire Hydro sciences,	Adaptation regional strategy	51	11			20			13				8			
			6.1.1.2 On coastal zone. Development of indicators for assessing the impact of climate change, elaboration of adaptation scenarios for the most sensitive areas	In house expertise	BP/RAC; PAP/RAC	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	0	0							0						
			6.1.1.3 Raise awareness on the potential effects of Climate Change on the fate of POPs in the environment through workshops for policy makers, NGOs and other stakeholders	Workshop for the raising awareness on the cobenefits of measures implemented to fight against Climate Change and POPs	CPRAC, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention	Stockholm Convention, IPCC, UNEP Chemicals	17					10								7	

Indicators and targets:

- Climate Change impact indicators available specific to the Mediterranean region
- At least 2 studies available on impact of climate change and sea level rise
- Number of sectoral or cross-cutting vulnerability studies

Targets 2012-2013:

- 2 pilot projects to test methodology for assessing CVC impacts and responses; Methodology and tools for mainstreaming CVC into national ICZM; 1 pilot to test methodology and tools
- indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas elaborated, assistance programme to 3 countries to address the CC issue and its impacts on natural marine habitats and endangered species developed; 1 Workshop for the raising awareness on the cobenefits of measures implemented to fight against Climate Change and POPs
- Online Multi-country Information Sharing Platform on CV&C monitoring data established and operational
- Regional analyses of climate change and vulnerability and on the identification of vulnerable areas/hotspots drafted and published.
- TDA for the Mediterranean Basin revised with consideration of climate change and variability.
- Methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability considerations into national ICZM planning and practices developed and tested.

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources												
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)							
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2			
		6.1.1.4 <i>Development and elaboration of an assistance programme to countries to address the CC issue and its impacts on natural marine habitats and endangered species</i>	Consultants and work with relevant national authorities	SPA/RAC: coordination of work in cooperation with the other RACs; Work of Parties' concerned Ministries and Agencies	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	80	20				60								
		6.1.1.5 <i>Regional analyses of sea-level rise and storm surges, of changes in water characteristics and marine acidification, with special focus on river deltas and on the identification of vulnerable areas/hotspots (2.1.1 of ClimVar proposal);</i>	National/Regional experts	Blue Plan, Coordinating Unit	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	70			35					35					
		6.1.1.6 <i>Assessment of environmental and socio-economic impacts and adaptation options in two critically vulnerable sites, and evaluation of response options (2.1.2 of ClimVar proposal)</i>	National/Regional experts	PAP/RAC, Blue Plan, Coordinating Unit	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	402			206					196					

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
		6.1.1.7 Regional assessment of socio-economic impacts of CV&C and coping strategies in coastal zones for various scenarios (2.1.3 of climavar proposal);	National/Regional experts	Blue Plan, Coordinating Unit	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	150			75					75		
		6.1.1.8 TDA for the Mediterranean Basin revised with consideration of climate change and variability (2.1.4 of Climvar proposal)	National/Regional experts	Blue Plan, PAP/RAC, Coordinating Unit	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	60			30					30		
6.1.2	Development of methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability and change	6.1.2.1 Methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability and change developed; Awareness raising for Policy makers on implementation of climate variability and ICZM Protocol	Consultants, expert meetings	PAP/RAC, BP/RAC and project partners		135	10		60					65		
		6.1.2.2 Integration of climate change issues and disaster prevention into ICZM Plans and Strategies	Consultants	PAP/RAC		70			30			5		35		

No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources													
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)								
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2				
		6.1.2.3 Existing inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms committed to mainstream climate variability and change issues into ICZM planning processes (3.2.1 of ClimVar proposal)		Coordinating Unit, PAP/RAC	MSSD, Almeria Declaration, ICZM Protocol, GEF Climate Variability Project, MedPartnership Project	0														
6.1.3	Elaboration of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas	A first set of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas elaborated in consultation with relevant experts.	consultants and workshops	SPA/RAC and BP other and partners.		60				60										
6.1.4	Monitoring climate change	6.1.4.1 Regional consensus on on climate variability and change indicators and data sharing On-line information sharing platform for climate variability and change, clearing house mechanism for knowledge on best practices to address climate variability and change	Consultants, workshop	Blue Plan, PAP/RAC, Coordinating Unit		390			195				195							
		6.1.4.2 Better knowledge of the actual emissions from ships in the Mediterranean sea	Consultancy	REMPEC	CONCAWE IMO package of measures to address GHG emissions from ships	20														20
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						1,505	41	0	631	30	120	18	0	631	15	20				

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Output 6.2																
Reduced socio-economic vulnerability																
Indicators and targets:							Targets 2012-2013; Climate change Adaptation Framework finalised in 2013									
- Availability of the report on climate change costs for the Mediterranean region ('Stern report for the Mediterranean')																
- No of sectoral guidelines prepared																
- Framework document for integrated the Marine and coastal dimensions of national strategies on Mitigation and Adaptation																
No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
6.2.1	Adoption and Follow-up activities to the Regional Adaptation to climate change framework (to be complimented by the actions under the Climate Variability project proposal under finalisation for GEF funding)	<i>Key actions implemented to include: introduction of adaptation measures into land-use and water resource planning in the coastal zone; vulnerability maps, awareness raising programmes targeted to decision makers, local communities and the population at large, and ensuring that early warning systems are in place to predict extreme events</i>	Consultancy, Concrete interactions	Coordinating Unit, Map components	MSSD, ICZM, UfM Med water initiative, Climate Variability and Change project.	698					310	63			325	
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						698	0	0	0	0	310	63	0	0	0	325

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Output 6.3															
Assess and provide information to reduce adverse environmental impacts of mitigation and adaptation strategies & technologies (eg. Wind farms, ocean energy, carbon capture and storage)															
Indicators and targets: - Integration of environmentally sound desalination and waste water re-use assessed - Guidelines provided on how to assess environmental impact for at least 3 technologies - Report on risks of CO2 sequestration activities							Targets 2012-2013: Assistance provided to 4 countries for waste water re-use, 2 projects on the linkages between Climate change effects and the presence of persistent organic pollutants								
No	Main Activities	Expected results	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources								
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)			
							MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF/EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1
6.3.1	Assistance to countries for the proper management of desalination activities and on water re-use	6.3.1.1 New desalination plants properly managed	expert assistance	MED POL	UNFCCC	60					40				20
		6.3.1.2 Water re-use more diffused in the region	preparation of guidelines and training	MED POL	WHO, H2020	30	15					15			
TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES						90	15	0	0	0	40	15	0	0	20

Annex II

1. Overview of Income and Commitments

All amounts in €

A. Income*	<i>Approved 2010</i>	<i>Approved 2011</i>	<i>Total 2010-2011</i>	<i>Proposed 2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2013</i>	<i>Total 2012-2013</i>
Expected Ordinary Income						
MTF Ordinary Contributions	5,540,571	5,540,571	11,081,142	5,540,571	5,540,571	11,081,142
EU Voluntary Contributions	598,569	598,569	1,197,138	598,569	598,569	1,197,138
Greek Host Government Contribution	440,000	440,000	880,000	280,800	280,800	561,600
TOTAL of Expected Ordinary Income	6,579,140	6,579,140	13,158,280	6,419,940	6,419,940	12,839,880
Other UNEP/MAP Income						
GEF				2,619,330	1,970,429	4,589,758
EU contribution to SPA/RAC under MedPartnership				336,990	184,693	521,683
Other donors (AECID, FFEM)				446,448	245,973	692,422
TOTAL of Other UNEP/MAP Income	0	0	0	3,402,768	2,401,095	5,803,863
TOTAL of Expected Income	6,579,140	6,579,140	13,158,280	9,822,708	8,821,035	18,643,743
B. Commitments	<i>Approved 2010</i>	<i>Approved 2011</i>	<i>Total 2010-2011</i>	<i>Proposed 2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2013</i>	<i>Total 2012-2013</i>
Activities	2,403,986	2,366,907	4,770,893	1,552,138	1,841,596	3,393,734
Post	3,544,771	3,606,671	7,151,442	3,034,960	3,136,409	6,171,369
Other Administrative Costs	1,118,988	1,086,560	2,205,548	679,771	707,057	1,386,828
Programme Support Costs	812,916	812,324	1,625,240	606,346	660,711	1,267,057
TOTAL Regular Commitments	7,880,661	7,872,462	15,753,123	5,873,215	6,345,773	12,218,988
Activities				3,005,228	2,064,823	5,070,050
Post				256,932	265,356	522,288
Other Administrative Costs				59,670	17,550	77,220
Programme Support Costs**				80,938	53,367	134,305
TOTAL of Other UNEP/MAP Commitments				3,402,768	2,401,095	5,803,863
TOTAL of Commitments				9,275,983	8,746,869	18,022,851
Difference between Income and Commitments (MTF)				494,075	21,517	515,592
Difference between Income and Commitments (CAL)				52,650	52,650	105,300

*Items such as Unpaid Pledges for prior years, Bank Interest, Provision from the MTF which were traditionally included in the Income have been removed

**Programme Support Costs varies depending on sources of funding, for instance 13% for MTF Ordinary Contributions, 4.5% for EU Voluntary Contribution, no PSC on Greek Host Government Contribution.

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2. Expected Ordinary Income

Contracting Parties	%	Ordinary Contributions for 2010 (in €)	Ordinary Contributions for 2011 (in €)	Ordinary Contributions for 2012 (in €)	Ordinary Contributions for 2013 (in €)
Albania	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877	3,877
Algeria	1.05	58,163	58,163	58,163	58,163
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.30	16,619	16,619	16,619	16,619
Croatia	0.97	53,730	53,730	53,730	53,730
Cyprus	0.14	7,755	7,755	7,755	7,755
EU	2.49	138,483	138,483	138,483	138,483
Egypt	0.49	27,143	27,143	27,143	27,143
France	37.85	2,103,262	2,103,262	2,103,262	2,103,262
Greece	2.80	155,653	155,653	155,653	155,653
Israel	1.47	81,427	81,427	81,427	81,427
Italy	31.27	1,737,670	1,737,670	1,737,670	1,737,670
Lebanon	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877	3,877
Libya	1.96	109,124	109,124	109,124	109,124
Malta	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877	3,877
Monaco	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877	3,877
Morocco	0.28	15,511	15,511	15,511	15,511
Montenegro	0.32	1,294	1,294	1,294	1,294
Slovenia	0.67	37,113	37,113	37,113	37,113
Spain	14.94	830,337	830,337	830,337	830,337
Syria	0.28	15,511	15,511	15,511	15,511
Tunisia	0.21	11,632	11,632	11,632	11,632
Turkey	2.24	124,634	124,634	124,634	124,634
Sub-total (MTF)	100.00	5,540,571	5,540,571	5,540,571	5,540,571
EU Voluntary		598,569	598,569	598,569	598,569
Host Country (Greece) (1)		440,000	440,000	280,800	280,800
TOTAL ORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS		6,579,140	6,579,140	6,419,940	6,419,940
TOTAL BIENNIUM		13,158,279		12,839,880	

(1): The equivalent of USD 400,000 in EUR using the budget rate of 0.702.

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3. Breakdown of Other UNEP/MAP Expected Income

All amounts in €	Approved 2010	Approved 2011	Total 2010-2011	Proposed 2012	Proposed 2013	Total 2012-2013
GEF	0	0	0	2,619,330	1,970,429	4,589,758
UNEP/MAP Implementing Partners	0	0	0	1,914,259	1,733,228	3,647,487
Other Implementing Partners	0	0	0	705,071	237,200	942,271
EU contribution to SPA/RAC under MedPartnership	0	0	0	336,990	184,693	521,683
UNEP/MAP Implementing Partners	0	0	0	336,990	184,693	521,683
Other Implementing Partners	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER DONORS (AECID, FFEM)	0	0	0	446,448	245,973	692,422
TOTAL OTHER UNEP/MAP EXPECTED INCOME	0	0	0	3,402,768	2,401,095	5,803,863

All amounts in €	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
Summary of EU contribution to UNEP/MAP			
EU voluntary contribution	598,569	598,569	1,197,139
EU contribution to SPA/RAC under MedPartnership	336,990	184,693	521,683
Other secured EU contributions (EXT1)	1,470,000	310,000	1,780,000
Sub-total (committed)	2,405,559	1,093,263	3,498,822
EU contributions under negotiations and to be mobilized (EXT2)	2,998,493	3,116,019	6,114,512
TOTAL	5,404,052	4,209,282	9,613,334

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4. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU Vol./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU Vol./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU Vol./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	707,961	305,097	1,204,160	2,217,218	982,443	276,397	668,160	1,927,000	1,690,404	581,494	1,872,320	4,144,218
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	154,657	114,000	59,000	327,657	146,455	114,000	102,000	362,455	301,112	228,000	161,000	690,112
3. Biodiversity	157,795	702,500	190,000	1,050,295	160,667	377,300	80,000	617,967	318,462	1,079,800	270,000	1,668,262
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	476,225	547,560	258,000	1,281,785	457,000	428,925	170,000	1,055,925	933,225	976,485	428,000	2,337,710
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	1,713,000	1,713,000	0	0	1,172,000	1,172,000	0	0	2,885,000	2,885,000
6. Climate Change	55,500	631,000	30,000	716,500	95,031	631,000	15,000	741,031	150,531	1,262,000	45,000	1,457,531
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	1,552,138	2,300,157	3,454,160	7,306,455	1,841,596	1,827,622	2,207,160	5,876,378	3,393,734	4,127,779	5,661,320	13,182,833
Post	3,034,960	256,932	0	3,291,892	3,136,409	265,356	0	3,401,765	6,171,369	522,288	0	6,693,657
Other Administrative Costs	679,771	59,670	0	739,441	707,057	17,550	0	724,607	1,386,828	77,220	0	1,464,048
PSC*	606,346	0	0	606,346	660,711	0	0	660,711	1,267,057	0	0	1,267,057
GRAND TOTAL	5,873,215	2,616,759	3,454,160	11,944,134	6,345,773	2,110,528	2,207,160	10,663,461	12,218,988	4,727,287	5,661,320	22,607,595

*13% for MTF and 4.5 % for EC contribution

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5. Commitments by Output and Source of Funding and Amounts to be mobilized

in Euro (000)	Proposed 2012					Proposed 2013					Proposed 2012-2013				
	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized
Output 1.1 Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability	174	87	78	339	524	565	58	164	787	1,424	739	145	242	1,126	1,949
Output 1.2 Implementation gap filled: Contracting Parties supported in meeting the objectives of BC, protocols and adopted strategies	318	0	476	794	1,685	254	0	89	343	1,355	572	0	565	1,137	3,040
Output 1.3 Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated	216	218	650	1,085	610	164	218	415	797	654	380	437	1,065	1,882	1,264
Total Theme 1: Governance	708	305	1,204	2,217	2,819	982	276	668	1,927	3,433	1,690	581	1,872	4,144	6,253
Output 2.1 Coastal zone management achieves effective balance between development and protection (sustainable development of coastal zone)	155	114	59	328	1,021	146	114	102	362	1,116	301	228	161	690	2,137
Total Theme 2: Integrated Coastal Zone Management	155	114	59	328	1,021	146	114	102	362	1,116	301	228	161	690	2,137
Output 3.1 Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued	21	0	80	101	80	43	0	80	123	90	64	0	160	224	170
Output 3.2 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic vision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species	91	0	110	201	70	114	0	0	114	145	205	0	110	315	215
Output 3.3 Network of Marine and coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed	46	703	0	749	265	4	377	0	381	255	50	1,080	0	1,130	520
Total Theme 3: Biodiversity	158	703	190	1,050	415	161	377	80	618	490	318	1,080	270	1,668	905
Output 4.1 Early warning of pollution (spills, dangerous/hazardous substances)	244	0	54	298	370	190	0	0	190	398	434	0	54	488	769
Output 4.2 Lower levels of pollution in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environments	232	548	204	984	200	267	429	170	866	294	499	976	374	1,849	494
Total Theme 4: Pollution Control and Prevention	476	548	258	1,282	570	457	429	170	1,056	692	933	976	428	2,338	1,263
Output 5.1 Drivers affecting ecosystems addressed: economic activities, patterns of consumption, infrastructure and spatial development more sustainable, transport	0	0	1,713	1,713	160	0	0	1,172	1,172	560	0	0	2,885	2,885	720
Total Theme 5: Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	1,713	1,713	160	0	0	1,172	1,172	560	0	0	2,885	2,885	720
Output 6.1 Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential ecological impacts and vulnerabilities	41	631	30	702	120	18	631	15	664	20	58	1,262	45	1,365	140
Output 6.2 Reduced socio-economic vulnerability	0	0	0	0	310	63	0	0	63	325	63	0	0	63	635
Output 6.3 Assess and provide information to reduce adverse environmental impacts of mitigation and adaptation strategies & technologies	15	0	0	15	40	15	0	0	15	20	30	0	0	30	60
Total Theme 6: Climate Change	56	631	30	717	470	95	631	15	741	365	151	1,262	45	1,458	835
GRAND TOTAL	1,552	2,300	3,454	7,306	5,456	1,842	1,828	2,207	5,876	6,656	3,394	4,128	5,661	13,183	12,112

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6. Commitments by Output

in Euro (000)	Proposed 2012									Proposed 2013								
	C.UNIT	MEDPOL	PAP	SPA	BP	REMPEC	INFORAC	CP	TOTAL	C.UNIT	MEDPOL	PAP	SPA	BP	REMPEC	INFORAC	CP	TOTAL
Output 1.1 Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability	255	10	5	0	56	0	0	12	339	388	60	25	65	111	50	25	63	787
Output 1.2 Implementation gap filled: Contracting Parties supported in meeting the objectives of BC, protocols and adopted strategies	77	79	5	45	82	384	91	32	794	110	53	0	55	86	0	5	34	343
Output 1.3 Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated	313	15	154	20	43	47	470	22	1,085	288	20	67	13	56	0	353	0	797
Total Theme 1: Governance	646	104	164	65	181	431	561	66	2,217	786	133	92	133	253	50	383	97	1,927
Output 2.1 Coastal zone management achieves effective balance between development and protection (sustainable development of coastal zone)	0	0	250	9	60	0	0	9	328	0	0	290	0	63	0	0	9	362
Total Theme 2: Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	250	9	60	0	0	9	328	0	0	290	0	63	0	0	9	362
Output 3.1 Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	20	103	0	0	0	123
Output 3.2 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic veision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species	0	0	0	91	0	110	0	0	201	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	114
Output 3.3 Network of Marine and coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed	0	0	0	749	0	0	0	0	749	0	0	0	381	0	0	0	0	381
Total Theme 3: Biodiversity	0	0	0	839	101	110	0	0	1,050	0	0	0	515	103	0	0	0	618
Output 4.1 Early warning of pollution (spills, dangerous/hazardous substances)	0	205	0	0	0	93	0	0	298	0	160	0	0	0	30	0	0	190
Output 4.2 Lower levels of pollution in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environments	0	780	0	0	0	84	0	120	984	0	696	0	0	0	0	0	170	866
Total Theme 4: Pollution Control and Prevention	0	985	0	0	0	177	0	120	1,282	0	856	0	0	0	30	0	170	1,056
Output 5.1 Drivers affecting ecosystems addressed: economic activities, patterns of consumption, infrastructure and spatial development more sustainable, transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,713	1,713	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,172	1,172
Total Theme 5: Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,713	1,713	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,172	1,172
Output 6.1 Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential ecological impacts and vulnerabilities	60	0	306	20	306	0	0	10	702	60	0	301	0	296	0	0	7	664
Output 6.2 Reduced socio-economic vulnerability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Output 6.3 Assess and provide information to reduce adverse enviromental impacts of mitigation and adaptaion strategies & technologies	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Total Theme 6: Climate Change	60	15	306	20	306	0	0	10	717	123	15	301	0	296	0	0	7	741
GRAND TOTAL	706	1,104	720	933	647	718	561	1,918	7,306	909	1,004	683	648	714	80	383	1,455	5,876

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7. Amounts to be Mobilized (EXT2) by Output

in Euro (000)	Proposed 2012									Proposed 2013								
	C.UNIT	MEDPOL	PAP	SPA	BP	REMEPC	INFORAC	CP	TOTAL	C.UNIT	MEDPOL	PAP	SPA	BP	REMEPC	INFORAC	CP	TOTAL
Output 1.1 Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability	173	0	0	0	351	0	0	0	524	993	70	0	0	351	10	0	0	1,424
Output 1.2 Implementation gap filled: Contracting Parties supported in meeting the objectives of BC, protocols and adopted strategies	870	340	0	0	475	0	0	0	1,685	680	290	0	60	325	0	0	0	1,355
Output 1.3 Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated	25	120	50	0	0	70	345	0	610	55	115	54	30	0	0	380	20	654
Total Theme 1: Governance	1,068	460	50	0	826	70	345	0	2,819	1,728	475	54	90	676	10	380	20	3,433
Output 2.1 Coastal zone management achieves effective balance between development and protection (sustainable development of coastal zone)	0	0	1,001	0	10	0	0	10	1,021	0	0	1,081	0	10	15	0	10	1,116
Total Theme 2: Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	1,001	0	10	0	0	10	1,021	0	0	1,081	0	10	15	0	10	1,116
Output 3.1 Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued	0	0	0	25	55	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	25	65	0	0	0	90
Output 3.2 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic veision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	70	0	75	0	0	145
Output 3.3 Network of Marine and coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed	0	0	0	265	0	0	0	0	265	0	0	0	255	0	0	0	0	255
Total Theme 3: Biodiversity	0	0	0	360	55	0	0	0	415	0	0	0	350	65	75	0	0	490
Output 4.1 Early warning of pollution (spills, dangerous/hazardous substances)	0	120	0	0	0	250	0	0	370	0	190	0	0	0	208	0	0	398
Output 4.2 Lower levels of pollution in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environments	0	80	0	0	0	15	0	105	200	0	65	0	0	0	74	0	155	294
Total Theme 4: Pollution Control and Prevention	0	200	0	0	0	265	0	105	570	0	255	0	0	0	282	0	155	692
Output 5.1 Drivers affecting ecosystems addressed: economic activities, patterns of consumption, infrastructure and spatial development more sustainable, transport	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	400	560
Total Theme 5: Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	400	560
Output 6.1 Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential ecological impacts and vulnerabilities	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20
Output 6.2 Reduced socio-economic vulnerability	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
Output 6.3 Assess and provide information to reduce adverse enviromental impacts of mitigation and adaptaion strategies & technologies	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Total Theme 6: Climate Change	310	40	0	120	0	0	0	0	470	325	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	365
GRAND TOTAL	1,378	700	1,051	480	1,051	335	345	115	5,456	2,053	750	1,135	440	911	402	380	585	6,656

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8. Summary of Activities and Administrative Costs by Component (Regular Commitments - MTF/EU vol./CAL)

(in €)	Approved Budget			Proposed Budget		
	2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
COORDINATING UNIT						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	639,793	705,793	1,345,586	340,685	572,472	913,157
POST	847,786	831,819	1,679,605	779,092	784,708	1,563,800
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	535,559	499,000	1,034,559	309,107	305,838	614,945
TOTAL	2,023,138	2,036,612	4,059,750	1,428,884	1,663,018	3,091,902
MEDPOL AND COOPERATING AGENCIES						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	737,000	770,000	1,507,000	546,000	575,000	1,121,000
POST	756,612	781,166	1,537,778	578,183	680,866	1,259,049
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	80,414	80,000	160,414	30,000	35,000	65,000
TOTAL	1,574,026	1,631,166	3,205,192	1,154,183	1,290,866	2,445,049
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE (REMPEC)						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	156,500	165,000	321,500	71,225	80,000	151,225
POST	635,927	636,704	1,272,631	568,181	561,331	1,129,512
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	158,015	148,000	306,015	75,012	97,500	172,512
TOTAL	950,442	949,704	1,900,146	714,418	738,831	1,453,249
BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	218,149	132,173	350,322	115,875	161,955	277,830
POST	525,019	540,762	1,065,781	399,348	399,348	798,696
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	105,000	115,000	220,000	105,078	105,078	210,156
TOTAL	848,168	787,935	1,636,103	620,301	666,381	1,286,682
PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	240,543	231,240	471,783	167,000	156,000	323,000
POST	415,373	436,235	851,608	411,812	411,812	823,624
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	150,000	150,000	300,000	70,745	76,498	147,243
TOTAL	805,916	817,475	1,623,391	649,557	644,310	1,293,867
SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	346,000	296,700	642,700	230,795	271,167	501,962
POST	364,054	379,985	744,039	298,344	298,344	596,688
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	90,000	94,560	184,560	89,829	87,143	176,972
TOTAL	800,054	771,245	1,571,299	618,968	656,654	1,275,622
INFO/RAC						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	66,000	66,000	132,000	80,558	25,000	105,558
POST	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	66,000	66,000	132,000	80,558	25,000	105,558
CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)						
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	1	1	2	0	2	2
POST	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	2	0	2	2
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS	812,916	812,324	1,625,240	606,346	660,711	1,267,057
GRAND TOTAL	7,880,661	7,872,462	15,753,123	5,873,215	6,345,773	12,218,988

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9a. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - C. Unit

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	340,685	305,097	0	645,782	509,941	276,397	0	786,338	850,626	581,494	0	1,432,120
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	0	60,000	0	60,000	62,531	60,000	0	122,531	62,531	120,000	0	182,531
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	340,685	365,097	0	705,782	572,472	336,397	0	908,869	913,157	701,494	0	1,614,651
Administrative Costs (Post)	779,092	256,932	0	1,036,024	784,708	265,356	0	1,050,064	1,563,800	522,288	0	2,086,088
Other Administrative Costs	309,107	59,670	0	368,777	305,838	17,550	0	323,388	614,945	77,220	0	692,165
PSC	141,512	0	0	141,512	169,802	0	0	169,802	311,314	0	0	311,314
GRAND TOTAL	1,570,396	681,699	0	2,252,095	1,832,820	619,303	0	2,452,123	3,403,216	1,301,002	0	4,704,218

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

	m/m	Proposed Budget (in €) - Regular Commitments						Proposed Budget (in €) - Other Commitments		
		2012		2013		Total 2012-2013		2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	CAL	MTF	CAL	MTF	CAL	GFL	GFL	GFL
Professional Staff		611,442	0	611,442	0	1,222,884	0	256,932	265,356	522,288
Coordinator - D.2	12	187,364	0	187,364	0	374,728	0	0	0	0
Deputy Coordinator - D.1	12	175,921	0	175,921	0	351,842	0	0	0	0
GEF Project Manager - L.5	12	0	0	0	0	0	148,122	154,440	302,562	0
Programme Officer - P.4	12	139,768	0	139,768	0	279,536	0	0	0	0
Admin/Fund Management Officer - P.4 (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GEF Marine Expert - L.3	12	0	0	0	0	0	108,810	110,916	219,726	0
Information Officer - P.3 (4)	12	108,389	0	108,389	0	216,778	0	0	0	0
Programming and Planning Officer - P.3 (2)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal Officer - P.2/3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Professional Staff		611,442	0	611,442	0	1,222,884	0	256,932	265,356	522,288
General Service Staff		167,650	0	173,266	0	340,916	0	0	0	0
Meetings and Procurement Assistant - G.6** (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payments and Travel Assistant - G.5** (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Budget Assistant - G.6** (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Assistant - G.6 (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library/Information Assistant - G.5** (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Assistant - G.6	12	52,650	0	58,266	0	110,916	0	0	0	0
Programme Assistant - G.5 (3)	12	57,000	0	57,000	0	114,000	0	0	0	0
Programme Assistant - G.5 (3)	12	58,000	0	58,000	0	116,000	0	0	0	0
Administrative Clerk - G.4 (1)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total General Service Staff		167,650	0	173,266	0	340,916	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POSTS		779,092	0	784,708	0	1,563,800	0	256,932	265,356	522,288
Other Administrative Costs		80,957	228,150	77,888	228,150	158,645	456,300	59,670	17,550	77,220
Travel on Official Business		71,468	0	70,572	0	142,040	0	17,550	17,550	35,100
Temporary Assistance		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training of staff		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overtime		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rental		0	150,800	0	155,800	0	306,600	0	0	0
Other Office costs (including sundry)		9,489	77,350	7,116	72,350	16,605	149,700	42,120	0	42,120
Total Other Administrative Costs		80,957	228,150	77,888	228,150	158,645	456,300	59,670	17,550	77,220
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		860,049	228,150	862,396	228,150	1,722,445	456,300	316,602	282,906	599,508

	m/m	Approved Budget (in €)					
		2010		2011		Total 2010-2011	
		MTF	CAL	MTF	CAL	MTF	CAL
Professional Staff		660,896	0	636,051	0	1,296,947	0
Coordinator - D.2	12	197,075	0	172,310	0	369,385	0
Deputy Coordinator - D.1	12	148,415	0	134,885	0	283,300	0
Programme Officer - P.4	12	137,559	0	141,920	0	279,479	0
Admin/Fund Management Officer - P.4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information Officer - P.3	12	89,096	0	93,107	0	182,203	0
Legal Officer - P.2/3	12	88,751	0	93,829	0	182,580	0
Total Professional Staff		660,896	0	636,051	0	1,296,947	0
General Service Staff		143,394	43,496	149,768	46,000	293,162	89,496
Meeting Services Assistant - G.7*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior Secretary - G.5*	12	45,221	0	47,761	0	92,982	0
Administrative Clerk - G.6*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Operations Assistant - G.6*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Budget Assistant - G.7*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Assistant - G.6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Assistant - G.6*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Assistant - G.6*	12	54,380	0	55,674	0	110,054	0
Programme Assistant - G.5	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Assistant - G.5	12	43,793	0	46,333	0	90,126	0
Administrative Clerk - G.5*	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Clerk - G.4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Information Assistant - G.5	12	0	43,496	0	46,000	0	89,496
Total General Service Staff		143,394	43,496	149,768	46,000	293,162	89,496
TOTAL POSTS		804,290	43,496	785,819	46,000	1,590,109	89,496
Other Administrative Costs		139,055	396,504	105,000	394,000	244,055	790,504
Travel on Official Business		70,000	0	70,000	0	140,000	0
Temporary Assistance		10,000	0	10,000	0	20,000	0
Training of staff		10,000	0	10,000	0	20,000	0
Overtime		5,000	0	5,000	0	10,000	0
Hospitality		10,000	0	10,000	0	20,000	0
Rental		0	155,000	0	155,000	0	310,000
Other Office costs (including sundry)		34,055	241,504	0	239,000	34,055	480,504
Total Other Administrative Costs		139,055	396,504	105,000	394,000	244,055	790,504
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		943,345	440,000	890,819	440,000	1,834,164	880,000

*: Post is to be abolished

**: New post

(1): Post to be covered from the Programme Support Costs

(2): Post to be created if funds are mobilized

(3): Posts to be transferred to PSC (OTA).

(4): Identity cost which may be paid for the abolished posts following the recommendations of the functional review (at a maximum of 200,000 EUR) will be covered from the vacant post of the Information Officer.

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9b. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - MEDPOL and Cooperating Agencies

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	94,000	0	10,000	104,000	133,000	0	0	133,000	227,000	0	10,000	237,000
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	437,000	547,560	0	984,560	427,000	428,925	0	855,925	864,000	976,485	0	1,840,485
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	15,000	0	0	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000	30,000	0	0	30,000
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	546,000	547,560	10,000	1,103,560	575,000	428,925	0	1,003,925	1,121,000	976,485	10,000	2,107,485
Administrative Costs (Post)	578,183	0	0	578,183	680,866	0	0	680,866	1,259,049	0	0	1,259,049
Other Administrative Costs	30,000	0	0	30,000	35,000	0	0	35,000	65,000	0	0	65,000
PSC	148,854	0	0	148,854	167,813	0	0	167,813	316,666	0	0	316,666
GRAND TOTAL	1,303,037	547,560	10,000	1,860,597	1,458,679	428,925	0	1,887,604	2,761,715	976,485	10,000	3,748,200

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

		Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in €)		
		2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF
Professional Staff	m/m						
MEDPOL Coordinator - D.1*	12	150,142	157,150	307,292	0	0	0
MEDPOL Manager - P.5** (3)	12	0	0	0	42,982	145,665	188,647
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	115,780	119,247	235,027	139,768	139,768	279,536
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	114,521	117,179	231,700	139,768	139,768	279,536
WHO Programme Officer/Senior Scientist - P.5 (1)	12	143,554	145,432	288,986	145,665	145,665	291,330
Total Professional Staff		523,997	539,008	1,063,005	468,183	570,866	1,039,049
General Service Staff							
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.5	12	40,870	43,340	84,210	55,000	55,000	110,000
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4*	12	39,052	41,281	80,333	0	0	0
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4*	12	32,714	34,781	67,495	0	0	0
WHO Secretary - G.5 (1)	12	46,717	47,829	94,546	55,000	55,000	110,000
IAEA Laboratory Assistant - G.6	12	73,262	74,927	148,189	0	0	0
Total General Service Staff		232,615	242,158	474,773	110,000	110,000	220,000
TOTAL POSTS		756,612	781,166	1,537,778	578,183	680,866	1,259,049
Other Administrative Costs							
Official Travel of MEDPOL Personnel		50,414	50,000	100,414	25,000	25,000	50,000
Official Travel of WHO Personnel		15,000	15,000	30,000	5,000	10,000	15,000
Official Travel of IAEA Personnel		15,000	15,000	30,000	0	0	0
Office costs (2)		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Administrative Costs		80,414	80,000	160,414	30,000	35,000	65,000
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		837,026	861,166	1,698,192	608,183	715,866	1,324,049

*: Post is to be abolished.

**: New Post.

(1): Negotiations with WHO in order that these two posts are financed by WHO instead the MTF. Upon successful outcome of the negotiations, the funds released (401,330 EUR) will be used to fund additional activities.

(2): Office costs incurred by MEDPOL and WHO are included in the office costs of the C. Unit.

(3): Recruitment will not take place until budget situation improves.

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9c. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - REMPEC

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	32,000	0	399,000	431,000	50,000	0	0	50,000	82,000	0	399,000	481,000
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Biodiversity	0	0	110,000	110,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	110,000	110,000
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	39,225	0	138,000	177,225	30,000	0	0	30,000	69,225	0	138,000	207,225
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	71,225	0	647,000	718,225	80,000	0	0	80,000	151,225	0	647,000	798,225
Administrative Costs (Post)	568,181	0	0	568,181	561,331	0	0	561,331	1,129,512	0	0	1,129,512
Other Administrative Costs	75,012	0	0	75,012	97,500	0	0	97,500	172,512	0	0	172,512
PSC (1)	91,854	0	0	91,854	95,028	0	0	95,028	186,882	0	0	186,882
GRAND TOTAL	806,272	0	647,000	1,453,272	833,859	0	0	833,859	1,640,131	0	647,000	2,287,131

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

		Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in €)		
		2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF
Professional Staff	m/m						
Director - D.1	12	156,350	155,146	311,496	166,127	171,903	338,030
Senior Programme Officer - P.5	12	126,450	128,633	255,083	129,373	139,046	268,419
Programme Officer (MEP) - P.4	12	94,543	95,263	189,806	1	1	2
Programme Officer (OPRC) - P.4	12	109,059	106,023	215,082	118,246	120,828	239,074
Programme Officer (ENV) - L.3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Officer - L.4 (2)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Officer - L.4 (2)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Programme Officer - P.1 (3)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Professional Staff		486,402	485,065	971,467	413,747	431,778	845,525
General Service Staff							
Administrative/Financial Assistant - G7 (4)	12	17,933	18,505	36,438	19,674	19,674	39,348
Information Assistant - G.7	12	30,131	30,131	60,262	25,973	1	25,974
Assistant to the Director - G.7	12	27,270	27,843	55,113	29,523	30,115	59,638
Clerk/Secretary - G.4	12	23,512	24,000	47,512	25,776	25,776	51,552
Secretary - G.5	12	25,848	25,848	51,696	26,863	26,863	53,726
Technical Assistant/Logistics - G.4	12	24,831	25,312	50,143	26,625	27,124	53,749
Administrative Assistant - G.6 (5)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total General Service Staff		149,525	151,639	301,164	154,434	129,553	283,987
TOTAL POSTS		635,927	636,704	1,272,631	568,181	561,331	1,129,512
Other Administrative Costs							
Travel on Official Business		60,000	50,000	110,000	35,000	35,000	70,000
Office costs		98,015	98,000	196,015	40,012	62,500	102,512
Total Other Administrative Costs		158,015	148,000	306,015	75,012	97,500	172,512
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		793,942	784,704	1,578,646	643,193	658,831	1,302,024

(1): 50% of the PSC is to be sent to IMO.

(2): Post refers to Safemed Project Officer financed by the EC funded MEDA SAFEMED II Project for 2010-2012.

(3): Post financed (thru a Contribution in Kind) by the French Oil industry through the International Scientific Volunteer Mechanism.

(4): IMO contributes Euro 13,000 per annum toward the salary of the Administrative/Financial Assistant.

(5): Post forms part of the permanent staff compliment of REMPEC but will be financed by the EC funded MEDA SAFEMED II Project for 2010-2012.

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9d. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - Blue Plan

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	74,718	0	106,160	180,878	116,500	0	186,160	302,660	191,218	0	292,320	483,538
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	9,657	0	50,000	59,657	10,455	0	53,000	63,455	20,112	0	103,000	123,112
3. Biodiversity	21,000	0	80,000	101,000	22,500	0	80,000	102,500	43,500	0	160,000	203,500
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	10,500	275,000	20,000	305,500	12,500	275,000	8,000	295,500	23,000	550,000	28,000	601,000
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	115,875	275,000	256,160	647,035	161,955	275,000	327,160	764,115	277,830	550,000	583,320	1,411,150
Administrative Costs (Post)	399,348	0	0	399,348	399,348	0	0	399,348	798,696	0	0	798,696
Other Administrative Costs	105,078	0	0	105,078	105,078	0	0	105,078	210,156	0	0	210,156
PSC	74,840	0	0	74,840	78,048	0	0	78,048	152,889	0	0	152,889
GRAND TOTAL	695,141	275,000	256,160	1,226,301	744,429	275,000	327,160	1,346,589	1,439,571	550,000	583,320	2,572,891

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

		Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in €)		
		2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF
Professional Staff	m/m						
Director	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy Director	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Head of Administrative and Financial Unit	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Economy Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Tourism and Territory Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Statistics and indicators Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
GIZC Expert	12	0	0	0	28,334	28,334	56,668
Energy Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Energy Expert Senior	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	0	0	0
Transport Expert	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	0	0	0
Water Junior Expert	12	20,400	21,012	41,412	0	0	0
Water and Rural Development Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Environment Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	0	0	0
Marine biodiversity Expert	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	31,334	31,334	62,668
Information Specialist	12	24,000	24,720	48,720	24,720	24,720	49,440
Archivist	12	30,422	31,334	61,756	0	0	0
Total Professional Staff		379,042	390,406	769,448	272,392	272,392	544,784
General Service Staff							
Bilingual Secretary - Executive Assistant	12	22,271	22,939	45,210	22,939	22,939	45,878
Assistant in data collection/secretary	12	22,271	22,939	45,210	22,939	22,939	45,878
Bilingual Secretary	12	22,271	22,939	45,210	22,939	22,939	45,878
Network and IT manager	12	22,271	22,939	45,210	16,200	16,200	32,400
Administrative and Financial Assistant	12	22,271	22,939	45,210	22,939	22,939	45,878
Internship	12	27,000	27,810	54,810	12,000	12,000	24,000
Temporary Assistance	12	7,622	7,851	15,473	7,000	7,000	14,000
Total General Service Staff		145,977	150,356	296,333	126,956	126,956	253,912
TOTAL POSTS		525,019	540,762	1,065,781	399,348	399,348	798,696
Other Administrative Costs							
Travel on Official Business		45,000	50,000	95,000	44,639	44,639	89,278
Office costs		60,000	65,000	125,000	60,439	60,439	120,878
Total Other Administrative Costs		105,000	115,000	220,000	105,078	105,078	210,156
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		630,019	655,762	1,285,781	504,426	504,426	1,008,852

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9e. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - PAP/RAC

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	21,000	0	143,000	164,000	15,000	0	77,000	92,000	36,000	0	220,000	256,000
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	136,000	114,000	0	250,000	136,000	114,000	40,000	290,000	272,000	228,000	40,000	540,000
3. Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	10,000	296,000	0	306,000	5,000	296,000	0	301,000	15,000	592,000	0	607,000
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	167,000	410,000	143,000	720,000	156,000	410,000	117,000	683,000	323,000	820,000	260,000	1,403,000
Administrative Costs (Post)	411,812	0	0	411,812	411,812	0	0	411,812	823,624	0	0	823,624
Other Administrative Costs	70,745	0	0	70,745	76,498	0	0	76,498	147,243	0	0	147,243
PSC	74,242	0	0	74,242	73,560	0	0	73,560	147,803	0	0	147,803
GRAND TOTAL	723,799	410,000	143,000	1,276,799	717,870	410,000	117,000	1,244,870	1,441,670	820,000	260,000	2,521,670

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

		Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in €)		
		2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF
Professional Staff	m/m						
Director	12	74,542	78,455	152,997	75,372	75,372	150,744
Deputy Director	12	55,598	58,517	114,115	56,220	56,220	112,440
Senior Programme Officer (CAMP)	12	39,233	41,293	80,526	39,670	39,670	79,340
Programme Officer (ICZM Protocol)	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Programme Officer (Env. Economics)	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Programme Officer (ICZM)	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Programme Officer (Projects)	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Administrative/Fund Officer	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Total Professional Staff		359,373	378,240	737,613	363,387	363,387	726,774
General Service Staff							
Financial Assistant	12	38,000	39,995	77,995	38,425	38,425	76,850
Temporary Assistance	12	18,000	18,000	36,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
Total General Service Staff		56,000	57,995	113,995	48,425	48,425	96,850
TOTAL POSTS		415,373	436,235	851,608	411,812	411,812	823,624
Other Administrative Costs							
Travel on Official Business		70,000	70,000	140,000	32,000	36,500	68,500
Office costs		80,000	80,000	160,000	38,745	39,998	78,743
Total Other Administrative Costs		150,000	150,000	300,000	70,745	76,498	147,243
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		565,373	586,235	1,151,608	482,557	488,310	970,867

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9f. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - SPA/RAC

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	65,000	0	0	65,000	133,000	0	0	133,000	198,000	0	0	198,000
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	9,000	0	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	9,000	0	0	9,000
3. Biodiversity	136,795	702,500	0	839,295	138,167	377,300	0	515,467	274,962	1,079,800	0	1,354,762
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	230,795	702,500	0	933,295	271,167	377,300	0	648,467	501,962	1,079,800	0	1,581,762
Administrative Costs (Post)	298,344	159,833	0	458,177	298,344	167,642	0	465,986	596,688	327,475	0	924,163
Other Administrative Costs	89,829	0	0	89,829	87,143	0	0	87,143	176,972	0	0	176,972
PSC	64,571	80,938	0	145,509	73,210	53,367	0	126,577	137,781	134,305	0	272,086
GRAND TOTAL	683,539	943,271	0	1,626,810	729,864	598,309	0	1,328,173	1,413,403	1,541,580	0	2,954,983

Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs

		Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in € - Regular Commitments)			Proposed Budget (in € - Other Commitments)		
		2010	2011	Total 2010-2011	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013	2012	2013	Total 2012-2013
		MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	MTF	QML (AECID)	QML (AECID)	QML (AECID)
Professional Staff	m/m									
Director	12	54,000	56,430	110,430	55,215	55,215	110,430	0	0	0
Scientific Director	12	82,815	86,541	169,356	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expert	12	24,265	25,356	49,621	24,810	24,810	49,620	70,000	73,500	143,500
Expert	12	74,615	77,972	152,587	76,294	76,294	152,588	0	0	0
Expert	12	21,500	22,467	43,967	21,984	21,984	43,968	0	0	0
Expert	12	20,500	21,422	41,922	20,961	20,961	41,922	0	0	0
Coordination and technical backstopping officer	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	38,634	40,634	79,268
SAP BIO Programme Officers	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,504	6,829	13,333
Technical Assistant Officer	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,800	20,790	40,590
Administrative Officer	12	17,000	17,765	34,765	17,383	17,383	34,766	0	0	0
Total Professional Staff		294,695	307,953	602,648	216,647	216,647	433,294	134,938	141,753	276,691
General Service Staff										
Administrative Assistant	12	14,406	15,055	29,461	14,731	14,731	29,462	0	0	0
Bilingual Secretary	12	15,126	15,807	30,933	15,467	15,467	30,934	0	0	0
Bilingual Secretary	12	15,126	15,807	30,933	15,467	15,467	30,934	0	0	0
Driver	12	9,705	10,143	19,848	9,924	9,924	19,848	0	0	0
Finance Officer	12	4,996	5,220	10,216	5,108	5,108	10,216	0	0	0
Overtime		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Assistant	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,895	20,889	40,784
Temporary Assistance		10,000	10,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	42,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Total General Service Staff		69,359	72,032	141,391	81,697	81,697	163,394	24,895	25,889	50,784
TOTAL POSTS		364,054	379,985	744,039	298,344	298,344	596,688	159,833	167,642	327,475
Other Administrative Costs										
Travel on Official Business		49,000	51,264	100,264	51,264	51,264	102,528	0	0	0
Office costs		41,000	43,296	84,296	38,565	35,879	74,444	0	0	0
Total Other Administrative Costs		90,000	94,560	184,560	89,829	87,143	176,972	0	0	0
TOTAL POST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		454,054	474,545	928,599	388,173	385,487	773,660	159,833	167,642	327,475

Annex II

9g. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - INFO/RAC

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	80,558	0	480,000	560,558	25,000	0	358,000	383,000	105,558	0	838,000	943,558
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Climate Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	80,558	0	480,000	560,558	25,000	0	358,000	383,000	105,558	0	838,000	943,558
Administrative Costs (Post)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Administrative Costs*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSC	10,473	0	0	10,473	3,250	0	0	3,250	13,723	0	0	13,723
GRAND TOTAL	91,031	0	480,000	571,031	28,250	0	358,000	386,250	119,281	0	838,000	957,281

*: Personnel and other administrative costs are fully funded by the Italian government.

Annex II

9h. Summary of Commitments by Thematic Area - CP/RAC

(in €)	Proposed 2012				Proposed 2013				Proposed 2012-2013			
	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL	MTF/EU VOL./HOST	OTHER UNEP/MAP INCOME	COMMITTED PARALLEL FUNDING (EXT1)	TOTAL
1. Governance	0	0	66,000	66,000	2	0	97,000	97,002	2	0	163,000	163,002
2. Integrated Coastal Zone Management	0	0	9,000	9,000	0	0	9,000	9,000	0	0	18,000	18,000
3. Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Pollution Control and Prevention	0	0	120,000	120,000	0	0	170,000	170,000	0	0	290,000	290,000
5. Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	1,713,000	1,713,000	0	0	1,172,000	1,172,000	0	0	2,885,000	2,885,000
6. Climate Change	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	7,000	7,000	0	0	17,000	17,000
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	0	0	1,918,000	1,918,000	2	0	1,455,000	1,455,002	2	0	3,373,000	3,373,002
Administrative Costs (Post)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Administrative Costs*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	1,918,000	1,918,000	2	0	1,455,000	1,455,002	2	0	3,373,000	3,373,002

*: Personnel and other administrative costs are fully funded by the Spanish government.

Annex II

10. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance by Output and Source of Funding and Amounts to be mobilized

in Euro (000)	Proposed 2012					Proposed 2013					Proposed 2012-2013				
	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized	MTF/EU Vol.	Other UNEP/MAP Income	Committed Parallel Funding (EXT1)	TOTAL committed	EXT2 to be mobilized
Output 1.1 Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability	75	0	0	75	138	35	0	15	50	178	110	0	15	125	317
Output 1.2 Implementation gap filled: Contracting Parties supported in meeting the objectives of BC, protocols and adopted strategies	193	0	426	619	30	123	0	39	162	90	316	0	465	781	120
Output 1.3 Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated	26	0	0	26	340	0	0	12	12	360	26	0	12	38	700
Total Theme 1: Governance	294	0	426	720	508	158	0	66	224	628	452	0	492	944	1,137
Output 2.1 Coastal zone management achieves effective balance between development and protection (sustainable development of coastal zone)	135	114	9	258	860	126	114	49	289	955	261	228	58	547	1,815
Total Theme 2: Integrated Coastal Zone Management	135	114	9	258	860	126	114	49	289	955	261	228	58	547	1,815
Output 3.1 Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued	0	0	0	0	25	20	0	0	20	25	20	0	0	20	50
Output 3.2 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic vision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species	73	0	110	183	50	79	0	0	79	125	152	0	110	262	175
Output 3.3 Network of Marine and coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed	26	703	0	729	210	4	377	0	381	200	30	1,080	0	1,110	410
Total Theme 3: Biodiversity	99	703	110	911	285	103	377	0	480	350	202	1,080	110	1,392	635
Output 4.1 Early warning of pollution (spills, dangerous/hazardous substances)	198	0	54	252	360	190	0	0	190	398	388	0	54	442	759
Output 4.2 Lower levels of pollution in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environments	227	548	204	979	190	212	429	170	811	284	439	976	374	1,789	474
Total Theme 4: Pollution Control and Prevention	425	548	258	1,231	550	402	429	170	1,001	682	827	976	428	2,232	1,233
Output 5.1 Drivers affecting ecosystems addressed: economic activities, patterns of consumption, infrastructure and spatial development more sustainable, transport	0	0	1,216	1,216	0	0	0	675	675	400	0	0	1,891	1,891	400
Total Theme 5: Sustainable consumption and production	0	0	1,216	1,216	0	0	0	675	675	400	0	0	1,891	1,891	400
Output 6.1 Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential ecological impacts and vulnerabilities	20	0	0	20	60	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	20	80
Output 6.2 Reduced socio-economic vulnerability	0	0	0	0	310	63	0	0	63	325	63	0	0	63	635
Output 6.3 Assess and provide information to reduce adverse environmental impacts of mitigation and adaptation strategies & technologies	15	0	0	15	40	15	0	0	15	20	30	0	0	30	60
Total Theme 6: Climate Change	35	0	0	35	410	78	0	0	78	365	113	0	0	113	775
GRAND TOTAL	988	1,364	2,019	4,371	2,614	867	920	960	2,747	3,380	1,854	2,284	2,979	7,118	5,994

Annex III

MTF fund balance projection 2010-2017

<i>in millions EUR (1)</i>	<i>previous biennia</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
MTF fund balance brought forward		-3.0	-1.3	-0.1	0.4
Income					
Ordinary contributions excluding PSC		9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
PSC (2)		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Total Income		11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
Expenditures					
Projected expenditures		11.8	10.6	10.6	10.6
Savings/delivery rates		-1.0			
Total Expenditures		10.8	10.6	10.6	10.6
Difference between Income and Expenditures (3)		0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Other items					
UNEP Secretariat Contribution		0.7			
Reallocation of charges to QML		0.7			
Interagency transfers (4)			0.4		
Additional savings			0.2		
MTF fund balance carried forward	-3.0	-1.3	-0.1	0.4	0.9
Operating reserve				0.4	0.9

Footnotes

(1): Deficit amount of 4,5m USD as at 31/12/2009 has been translated into EUR using Dec 2009 rate (0,664).

(2): UNEP is granting 100% access to PSC to MAP from 2010 until full deficit recovery.

(3): Maximum amount for deficit recovery for 2012-2013 is set at 515,592 EUR.

(4): Adjustment made in the context of flexibility provided by budget rules with a view to reduce the deficit.

Note: The official currency of the UN is the USD. The MTF fund balance projection in EUR is an estimation based on various assumptions. The final figures may be different subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

ANNEX IV

Statements made at the 17th Ordinary Meeting

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Appendix 1

Opening statement by Mr Mohamed Benyahia (Morocco), President of the Bureau

**Minister,
UNEP Deputy Director,
MAP Coordinator,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Morocco is honoured to open the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention here in Paris. I would like to seize this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the French Government for their warm welcome and the efforts made to organize this meeting.

I would also like to thank the MAP Coordinating Unit for all the work undertaken to prepare for this event.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me, as President of the Bureau, to share with you a progress report on the work undertaken in the last two years, which is part of the five-year programme adopted during the Marrakesh Meeting in 2009.

Despite the difficulties encountered at the beginning of this biennium because of the delayed recruitment of the MAP Coordinator and the deficit of the Mediterranean Trust Fund, significant advances have been made in the implementation process of the Convention.

In legal terms, this period has been marked by the entry into force of the Offshore and ICAM Protocols. This legal progress was reinforced by advances in the work of the Compliance Committee, in particular the analysis of Country Reports on the implementation of the Convention and the publication of procedural documents on cases of non-compliance.

In technical terms, several activities have been undertaken. I will cite but a few examples:

- the finalization of the Action Plan for the application of the ICAM Protocol;
- the finalization of the roadmap for the Ecosystem Approach;
- the preparation of a report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean;

- the preparation of a strategy for the mobilization of resources;
- the drafting of a Communication Strategy for MAP/UNEP;
- the implementation of several projects, including MedPartnership, financed by the EGF, activities conducted under the Horizon 2020 initiative, under Globallast, and under other programmes.

In addition, the MCSD has completed the evaluation process of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) for the period 2005-2010, with the prospect of including issues related to climate change through the implementation of the regional framework for adaptation to climate change adopted in Marrakesh.

The progress made in the last two years reinforces our commitment to integrated and sustainable development of the Mediterranean Sea. It also shows our commitment, as a strategic area, to the global environment agenda, marked recently by the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

In this matter, our region confirmed its commitment to the preservation of marine and coastal area biodiversity through an effective partnership with the other regional organizations in the name of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention during the Nagoya Conference.

Ladies and gentlemen,

These significant advances must not lead us to forget the weaknesses MAP has encountered at administrative and financial management level. The spectre of MAP's financial deficit hung over our discussion throughout the Bureau's meetings and over the work of the National Focal Points Meeting. To make matters worse, these budget difficulties emerged in a context of acute economic and financial crisis for many of our region's countries.

All this led to a substantive debate on the structures and running of the MAP system, on the need to clarify its relations with UNEP and to review its governance model on the basis of the decisions made in Almeria and Marrakesh. This situation also necessitated the finalization of the strategy for the mobilization of resources which is submitted for adoption at the Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our meeting comes at a time when the international community is preparing to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rio Conference. This is an opportunity for us, as Mediterranean people, to highlight the achievements of our regional framework and integrate them into the planned global reforms of environmental governance.

This question of governance is, in our opinion, one of the main challenges of the next period as it is only through its improvement that the Mediterranean Action Plan will be able to play its regional leadership role in environmental protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean.

Lastly, and before I conclude my address, I would like to thank the members of the Bureau most warmly, along with all the Contracting Parties, for their support throughout the Moroccan Presidency period. The constructive spirit they have demonstrated and their flexibility during difficult periods of negotiation allowed us to make the consensual decisions which were necessary and, in our view, constitute our roadmap for the future.

I would also like to wish the French Presidency every success for the next biennium. We are fully confident that France will work to implement decisions in order to reinforce the Mediterranean's leading role in regional cooperation in the field of the environment and sustainable development.

Thank you for your attention.

Appendix 2

Opening statement by Ms Amina Mohamed, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP

Honourable Minister Henry de Reincourt, Minister of Development Cooperation

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 17th Meeting of the Contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean.

Let me begin by thanking the Government of France for hosting this Conference. Minister de Reincourt, your Government has been at the fore front of the protection of the oceans. France has always been a strong supporter of the Barcelona Convention. France is a Party to various Regional Seas Conventions, including OSPAR, The Nairobi Convention, the Cartagena Convention, South Pacific Environment Programme and the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

UNEP will be delighted to work under France's Presidency of the Barcelona Convention to further strengthen the cooperation among Mediterranean states and actors and to further highlight the roles Oceans play for human well-being.

Mr. President,

This year we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme. Since its founding, UNEP has been leading international action on environmental issues -raising awareness, providing policy guidance and serving as a focus, within and outside the United Nations system, for a coordinated and integrated approach to the this central challenge of our time.

Throughout its history, UNEP has actively promoted environmentally sound development, which seeks to maintain economic progress without damaging the environment and the natural resource base upon which future development depends. UNEP has served the world with its unique expertise in monitoring the state of ecosystems and species. It has been and remains the

environmental conscience of the United Nations. UNEP has played an instrumental role in the adoption of international environmental conventions and treaties aimed at the preservation of the ozone layer, conserving biological diversity, coping with climate change, protecting the oceans and seas, controlling the movement of toxic wastes and controlling the trade in endangered wildlife species. And UNEP's assessment and early-warning capabilities can make an indispensable contribution to peace-building, since environmental degradation and natural resource issues can often be precursors to conflict.

Still much remains to be done. As UNEP and its partners continue to accumulate scientific knowledge on the adverse environmental impacts of human activities, additional issues emerge that demand the international community's urgent action.

UNEP's 40th anniversary is a watershed year, not only for UNEP but for the United Nations as a whole. Safeguarding the environment is a cross-cutting United Nations preoccupation. It is a guiding principle of all our work in support of sustainable development. It is an essential component of poverty eradication and one of the foundations of peace and security. At its core is the idea that all of humankind has shared needs and interests that transcend what divides us and compel us to work together, with the long-term future of humanity in full view.

Distinguished Delegates

Since its establishment in 1976, the Barcelona Convention has been one of UNEP's flagship programmes. The Convention remains relevant to the region today as it did three and a half decades ago. Issues of pollution, biodiversity protection and sustainable development still remain, but thanks to the Convention, frameworks and Regional Activity Centres exist to address them. Several Protocols of this Convention provide the frameworks for regional cooperation in responding to emergencies, as well as for exploration and exploitation of natural resources. Similarly the Integrated Coastal Zone Management protocol has the potential to assist in planning for climate change on the coast.

Mr. President/ Chairman

I am sure those of you who have been involved in the Barcelona Convention would agree that it has not been smooth sailing since its inception. Like any institution, it has had both good times

and times that have been challenging. I have no hesitation in saying that the success of the Barcelona Convention can be attributed solely to the support that it has received from the member states through its various crises and phases.

The financial crisis in Europe and the political changes around the region since the last Conference of the Parties have been challenging for the Mediterranean Region as a whole. It is unfortunate that the Barcelona Convention is similarly facing a serious financial challenge at the same time.

I can assure you that UNEP is working closely with the Secretariat to ensure that this situation does not recur. To deal with the situation, the Executive Director of UNEP assembled a team of senior managers including finance officers in Nairobi to work closely with Barcelona Secretariat to initiate a recovery plan.

The recovery plan will continue to be implemented, with the Executive Director's office closely overseeing its progress. Already we have seen budget reductions, rationalization of activities, meetings and travel. We anticipate further changes in expenditures to address the deficit and to ensure the work programme is precisely aligned to the received funding/income of the Convention. We would appreciate further guidance from the Conference of the Parties.

UNEP is committed to working closely with member states and the Barcelona Secretariat and is determined to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Time and time again, member states have rallied round the Barcelona Convention to address various issues of substance – pollution, sustainable development, marine protected areas and wildlife and have done so successfully. UNEP trusts that member states will join us in supporting the recovery plan and returning the Barcelona Convention to a sound financial footing.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

While we are focused on the financial recovery of the Convention, we must not lose sight of the opportunities that are emerging. Just two weeks ago in Manila, the Philippines, we successfully concluded the 3rd Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme for the Protection of the

Marine Environment from Land Based Activities. Member states identified three urgent issues threatening our marine environment and called on the governments, UN Agencies, civil society and stakeholders to work in partnerships to identify viable solutions for wastewater, nutrients and marine litter. These three issues are also relevant here in the Mediterranean and are on the agenda for discussion at this conference.

The Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development will also present new opportunities and direction for the Barcelona Convention. Judging by the zero draft of the Rio+20 Summit as circulated earlier this year, we are excited to note that Oceans are getting a good momentum. In Rio, we hope Member States will pay to Marine and Coastal issues an attention commensurate with the magnitude of the challenges we face in better managing our fisheries, coral reefs, mangroves, coastal ecosystems to name but a few.

In Rio de Janeiro, decisions with regards to International Environmental Governance will be crucial in underpinning the work undertaken by Multilateral Environmental Agreements, including the Barcelona Convention. UNEP will continue to work with all Member States in order to achieve the results that we all expect from this Summit. 2012 is a year of commitments, a year of change in the International Environmental Governance. The Rio de Janeiro Summit is the moment to make such change.

Second of the three pillars of Rio+20, the Green Economy, is very relevant to the Mediterranean region as it can help to further shape and advance the region's own Commission for Sustainable Development Strategy. UNEP is leading the support to member states interested in the Green Economy and recently released in Manila a report on the Green Economy in a Blue World. The report illustrates how oceans, seas and coasts would benefit from a transition towards a green economy in key sectors that depend and influence the state of the marine and coastal environment. The report focused on five marine sectors which are key in the Mediterranean: fisheries, tourism, shipping, renewable energy and pollution.

In this context, it is encouraging to see the emergence of marine-based renewable energy in this region, which is offering new opportunities for job creation while at the same time diversifying your energy sources. Nonetheless, it is important to acknowledge the different national contexts, and that each country may pursue its own unique and appropriate pathway towards a green economy.

Distinguished delegates

The time is now right to be forward looking. This is not a time for complacency. We have a pressing agenda. Fourteen decisions before this meeting certainly make for an ambitious agenda, and show the dynamism of the Barcelona Convention.

We count on your strong support in the spirit of cooperation and common purpose to preserve and protect our beautiful Mediterranean, the “Mare Nostrum”, and the Sea belonging to us. Together, we can provide the ideas, the resources and the energy to implement a broad agenda of change. Without our common efforts, there is little prospect that any of us can master the challenges that we all face.

Thank you for your attention.

Appendix 3

Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Ambassador for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of France

Introduction

Ministers,
Executive Director,
Ambassadors,
Executive Secretary,
Delegates, Representatives of Mediterranean Countries, members of the United Nations Environment Programme,
Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations,

I would like to start by welcoming you to Paris and to the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Ministerial Conference Centre, for this 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols. It is a pleasure and a joy for me to speak before you today and to welcome you for this United Nations Environment Programme event.

As the second world maritime domain and a Party to five Regional Seas Conventions, France attaches great importance to the protection of the marine environment and the protection of its biodiversity – the known and the as-yet unknown – and the form of a development which uses sustainably the resources offered by the seas and oceans. For this reason, France determinedly supports the work conducted for more than 30 years by the Mediterranean Action Plan, just as it resolutely supports the strong integration of ocean governance in the Rio+20 process, which should mark a historical evolution in taking into account the resource that represents 70% of the planet's surface and the other, oft-neglected frontier of our future. MAP and the States it brings together, who have placed the sea, its conservation and sustainable development at the heart of their ambitions, can better than any other region promote this message strongly and at the highest level.

This meeting is an opportunity to reaffirm the confidence that we have in this institution

I. **The Mediterranean Action Plan, a unique instrument**

In 1975, 16 Mediterranean countries and the European Community adopted the Mediterranean Action Plan, the first plan to be adopted in the framework of the United Nations Environment Program Regional Seas Programme. Since then, new members have joined this forum, and in parallel, the threats which hang over the marine environment of this “sea between lands”, according to its etymology, but also “mare nostrum”, have grown unceasingly. The structure created by the Barcelona Convention and the Mediterranean Action Plan has, however, always enabled us to provide operational and planning tools to rise to these new challenges.

Lest we forget, the Mediterranean Action plan is first and foremost a forum for dialogue in the Mediterranean. We are all, representatives of Mediterranean coastal States, together in this forum for the protection and development of a shared sea with a particularly rich history and a common natural heritage, and which is a vehicle for constructive dialogue and has a wealth of development opportunities. And in the special political context created by the Arab spring, this body is all the more valuable. MAP can be the driving force of a renewed, deepened and exemplary dialogue.

The Mediterranean Action Plan is a unique legal tool, supported by an effective regional instrument. A source of law, it has, through its seven Protocols and its Regional Activities Centres, defined an innovative standard-setting framework. Being present in both the north and south of the Mediterranean, it is a comprehensive, operational and integrated tool for environmental cooperation.

In essence, the Mediterranean Action Plan is made up of tangible and innovative projects which place it at the forefront of marine environment protection instruments. MAP was the first Regional Seas Convention to take into account the challenges of sustainable development beyond environmental issues. In 2008, for example, it made possible the signature of a Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, the first legally binding instrument on this theme in the world, which entered into force in 2011.

Lastly, **it is the only Convention to have officially included requirements of sustainable development in its strategy.** In all respects, we have a shared responsibility: to be up to the tasks of our history, of history which is still being written, of environmental urgency and of sustainable development.

II. **The challenge of protecting the Mediterranean and the objective of this Conference of the Parties**

Today more than ever, the challenges of protecting the Mediterranean environment appear considerable and the Mediterranean Action Plan has a central role to play as a regional instrument. With a population of 460 million people, this sea is a meeting point, a "hot point" of global biodiversity, and hosts 31% of international tourism and 25% of world maritime hydrocarbon transport. In parallel, the pressures on its biological wealth are growing unceasingly. The growing urban development of the coastline, polluting discharges at sea, the growing quantity of marine waste and increasing human pressures represent challenges to which we have the duty to find quick, and in particular coordinated, responses. Only a Mediterranean which is protected from sources of pollution and sustainably managed will allow long-term exploitation of its resources.

We can thus, on the occasion of this 17th Meeting of the Parties, enhance the reach of the tools to preserve Mediterranean biodiversity. Marine Protected Areas are, in this area, a major framework for the protection of species and ecosystems and allow dialogue between marine environment actors and sustainable exploitation of certain resources. The establishment of the list of Specially Protected Areas in the Mediterranean and the proposed enrichment of its content show the value of our collective action, coordinated under the Barcelona Convention. In this enhancement, the process of identifying Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA), in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be an essential step. The Mediterranean Action Plan can contribute here to achieving the global targets for conservation of biodiversity set in Nagoya in late 2010. Guaranteeing global coherence in ocean governance, this coordination of international approaches must lead us to new measures for the management of sites at international level. The Mediterranean Action Plan must place itself at the forefront of this process and this must be one of our strong messages.

From this point of view too, Integrated Coastal Area Management is a major step forward which we must support and consolidate. The establishment and above all the implementation of a roadmap for this innovative protocol should be the centre of our attention.

The Mediterranean Action Plan, which is, as I have said, a unique tool for regional governance of the marine environment, must at last evolve. The "Barcelona Convention"

system is a precious tool for Mediterranean cooperation, and its added value is undeniable. As a source of law and a forum for dialogue, it must guarantee the quality of the marine environment. Yet today, in addition to vital budget adjustments, its structure which must be the object of reflection to optimize resources and results. In an evolving region, with proven economic growth potential, this instrument must adapt to the dialogue made essential by the number of actors. Thus, whilst the European Union promotes integrated maritime policy through its Neighbourhood Policy, the Union for the Mediterranean has the role of building shared governance of all Euro-Mediterranean interests. These links must be developed. In addition, other specialized Mediterranean actors such as the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean or the Mediterranean dimension of the International Maritime Organization are concerned with the environment and sustainable development and would like to integrate it in their actions. All these components, and the major donors active in environmental protection, must be taken into account in this reflection.

III. From Paris to Rio+20

More generally, whilst 2012 will see the convening of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, or Rio+20, the preservation of ocean biodiversity must be at the centre of our attention. This “new frontier” with promising fisheries, energy and genetic resources is subject to growing pressures, which, in case of uncontrolled exploitation, threaten its ecological balance. The oceans and seas are rich in opportunities, yes, but they also constitute our shared heritage, covering more than two thirds of the surface of our planet. We, the representatives of Mediterranean countries, can make a notable contribution to the nascent process for the comprehensive integration of ocean protection.

This meeting of the Parties represents a significant step towards the consolidation of a Mediterranean process for the Rio+20 conference.

The major milestone of Rio is the opportunity to make real progress for global protection of the seas and oceans. In developing reflection on a “blue economy”, a marine version of the “green economy”, we will develop and consolidate the experience of Mediterranean cooperation, whilst contributing to the development of new economic models.

In addition, for Rio+20, we could widen the field of our reflection and take part in demarches for the establishment of global and integrated governance of the oceans in respect of the environment. In the framework of the Barcelona Convention, the Marrakesh Declaration of 2009

recalled that the promotion of better governance was a priority and involved an integrated approach, guaranteeing coherence. In France, we launched in 2009 a major coordination exercise, dubbed the "*Grenelle de la Mer*". From it was born deep working cooperation between the authorities, civil society, NGOs, unions, the scientific world and representatives of economic milieux. It is this integrated vision that we would like to share and bring forward together to the Rio+20 conference.

On the basis of the existing instruments, we could also support the framing of an international agreement, providing for governance arrangements for the high seas, areas covered by the law of the sea but whose instruments could be enhanced for greater protection of the environment through the launch of negotiations for an implementing agreement. There too, the experience of our successful Mediterranean cooperation could be decisive.

Conclusion

As you have seen, this meeting of the Parties takes place in a context of increasing awareness of the fragility of the oceans, at a time when the threats to the marine environment are growing. "Free man, you will always cherish the sea", wrote Charles Baudelaire; I want these words to be echoed as the call to the international community from a region of the world, our region, where the sea brings men together. In this symbolic year for the environment, I would in particular like to express the wish that the Mediterranean Action Plan remain ambitious and continue to provide an example to follow until Rio+20.

Lastly, beyond these declarations, our commitments must be effectively communicated and must lead quickly to tangible measures, as, as wrote Ibn Khaldun, the great Arab historian and philosopher, "Without transmission of thought, language is but a dead land".

Thank you for your attention.

Appendix 4

Opening statement by Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, MAP Coordinator, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan

Mr Cooperation Minister,
Mr President,
Madam Executive Director of UNEP,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Mediterranean Action Plan, I would also like to bid you a warm welcome to this 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

Allow me to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to the French authorities for their excellent preparations, which will allow this meeting to take place under the best possible conditions. There is no need to recall the constant support that your country, Mr. Cooperation Minister, has always provided to the Mediterranean Action Plan. We are well aware of the importance that France attaches to the region, as a locus of peace, exchange, solidarity, but also of a rich cultural diversity that is part of our common Mediterranean heritage.

It is the future of this common Mediterranean space that is at the heart of our concerns and that brings us together today.

Each of you is well aware of the fact that this meeting takes place at a special time due to the profound changes that are affecting the entire Mediterranean. The region has always been a space of transformations whose impact has been deeply felt far from its shores. No more eloquent example can be found than France, with its 1789 revolution. But such crises have always brought reforms that have paved the way for a better future. All change takes time, yet I am certain that we will ultimately arrive at a period of renewal.

Meanwhile, what concerns us is that this crisis is taking place in the context of increasing ecological fragility. This is all the more worrisome because the Mediterranean region is such a rich ecosystem. The area's natural resources, though productive and characterised by high endemic biodiversity, are notably vulnerable due to constant human pressure. The impact of climate change, in a not-too-distant future, will threaten them further.

The conclusion is unavoidable: the coasts of our once-vast "Mare Nostrum" have become the overcrowded banks of a lake.

The threats are immediate:

The sprawling growth of towns in the coastal zones continues to accelerate. It is quite possible that coastal urbanisation could reach 50% of the shoreline in the next 15 years, increasing the number of people living along the coast, which is already 3 out of 5 citizens;

Overfishing and unsustainable fishing methods continue unabated;

The intensity of maritime traffic makes the Mediterranean one of the busiest naval corridors in the world, involving ships with larger and larger tonnage;

Likewise, the hunt for oil fields and their construction reaches deeper and deeper waters every year.

Our responsibility is to ensure that the solution of this crisis does not involve sacrificing the preservation and restoration of the services that our ecosystems afford us. In these times of crisis, it is often tempting to believe that economic and social priorities trump environmental protection. But all of us here know this is a false dilemma. Because our resources are so vulnerable, we can choose between sustainable development -- or no development. The green economy has an important significance to our blue Mediterranean world. Innovative experiments are being conducted all around the Mediterranean basin that are blazing the trail we will need to follow, demonstrating the unavoidable and fundamental changes we will need to make to preserve the value of our natural resources, which afford us, among other things, a quarter of the revenues of world tourism. These resources must be promoted.

Such intertwined political, economic and ecological problems are also the context in which the Mediterranean Action Plan was created 32 years ago. Following a rather innovative plan at the time, the countries of the Mediterranean coastline and the European Union decided to pool their efforts within a coherent framework of laws, institutions and programs.

The Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas, adopted in 1976, has proven its irreplaceable value, and laid the groundwork for a mechanism for cooperation which is at once solid, dynamic, and evolving:

Solid, in that it has proven its resilience, which is due to the concerted solidarity of all its members over the course of three uninterrupted decades;

Dynamic, in that it has been a reliable vehicle for legislative and operational improvement, although the pace of progress has at times been regrettably slow;

Evolving, in that its scope, which was originally centered on fighting pollution, has widened to take into account issues springing from emerging challenges and new insights.

Over the years, the Barcelona convention has been anchored, if I may allow myself a nautical reference, around three basic concepts which have guided our activity:

1) First, the Mediterranean is a complex ecosystem whose conservation and restoration require an integrated management of environmental problems.

2) Second, the environment and sustainable development are two aspects of a fundamentally connected unit. To progress toward a cleaner and healthier Mediterranean environment is to assume an equal emphasis on managing human activities on the one hand, and managing ecological habitat on the other.

3) Third, the Mediterranean Action Plan is first and foremost a governance framework. Our most important function is to act as the catalyst for the application of the decisions of the Contracting Parties by the numerous and very diverse stakeholders whose actions influence the Mediterranean environment, according to the principles of the Barcelona Convention.

The goals set by the Barcelona Convention represent a tremendous challenge. Our construction site, as it were, is an imposing one, but the first positive results are already visible, particularly as concerns the improvement in water quality, as recent MAP reports show. The decline in hazardous substances, such as DDT and heavy metals, and the increase in the number of waste water treatment plants, are indisputably linked to ongoing strategic efforts to reduce pollution, apply more stringent antipollution norms, and spearhead more ambitious policies.

But the Mediterranean of our times no longer embodies what Albert Camus fondly called "a superabundance of life", as the degradation of our environment continues. The various populations of Mediterranean fish are in a general state of decline; several marine mammals have reached extremely low population thresholds, and the well-known prairies of Posidonia sea-grass, which support 25% of Mediterranean species, are also losing ground. Furthermore, because the Mediterranean is a semi-closed sea, its water renewal cycle is particularly slow, and can take over a century.

There are many challenges. MAP's recent evaluation of ecosystems, which has been taking place since 2006, also reveals that the impact of desalination and aquaculture has increased significantly, and requires particular attention as these industries continue to develop.

Such challenges require concerted responses. Water, by its fluid nature, connects all the elements of an ecosystem. It weakens any obstacle to exchange, and promotes the movement of species, pollutants and other threats much more quickly than in terrestrial ecosystems.

To face these challenges, we have the system of the Barcelona Convention. If it did not exist, it would need to be created.

The Paris Declaration, and the 14 decisions of the Work Programme, which will be submitted for your approval during this meeting, demonstrate the progress we have made during the past two years within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan. We will have the opportunity to discuss these in further detail during the presentation of the Activity Report.

The Secretariat wishes to thank the Contracting Parties without delay for these encouraging results. I am firmly convinced that these successes are due to your ongoing and faithful commitment.

I also wish to thank the outgoing Board, and, in particular, the excellent Moroccan Chair for their assistance, counsel and thoughtful decisions, often undertaken under difficult circumstances, which have allowed us to surmount many difficulties and move forward in a general spirit of broad cooperation.

The Secretariat is well aware of the extent of your commitment, and will mobilise all its capacities to respond to it. Our challenge is to ensure that we function even more efficiently in the next biennium, given the limited financial resources we all know will be available to us. This meeting should be, in this respect, a chance not only to evaluate our progress but also to hold frank discussions about the challenges ahead.

The Secretariat is eager to work closely with the incoming Board and the new Chair to ensure progress and improvement in the performance of the Barcelona Convention's system.

Naturally, I will not forget to thank the MAP's partners for their precious support, and in particular civil society and the scientific community.

I also wish to thank my colleagues at the Regional Activity Center and those of the Secretariat for their hard work, especially for making this meeting possible.

To conclude, I wish simply to recall the goal of our work: to ensure that these verses by Khalil Gibran continue to be a reality for our grandchildren:

"I am forever walking upon these shores, Betwixt the sand and the foam, The high tide will erase my foot-prints, And the wind will blow away the foam. But the sea and the shore will remain Forever."

Thank you.

Maria Luisa Silva

Annex V

Statements made during the Interventions of Heads of Delegations

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Appendix 1

Statement by H.E. Mr Mostafa Hussein Kamel, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs of Egypt

السيد /جون بيير - السفير الفرنسي لشئون البيئة

السيدة /ماريا لويزا سيلفا _ منسق خطة عمل البحر المتوسط

السيدة /أمينة محمد - نائب مدير مكتب الأمم المتحدة

السيدات والسادة أعضاء الوفود المشاركة .

أنه لمن دواعي سروري مشاركتكم اليوم في ختام فعاليات هذا الإجتماع الهام الذي يهدف إلي تعزيزالتعاون الإقليمي بين الدول الأعضاء في اتفاقية حماية بيئة البحر المتوسط من التلوث في كافة أشكاله وصوره.

يطيب لي بداية أن أتوجه بخالص الشكر والتقدير لدولة فرنسا على حسن الإستقبال وكرم الضيافة ودية التنظيم لإجتماعنا اليوم في بلد حضاري يمثل واجهة مشرقة لدول البحر الأبيض المتوسط عبر مراحل التاريخ المختلفة فكلأ من مصروففرنسا تربطهما معا علاقات قوية تضرب بجذورها في أعماق التاريخ الذي يجمع بين حضارتين قديمتان يطلان علي ضفاف البحرالمتوسط الذي كان شاهداً علي مجدهما .

السيدات و السادة ،،

قد تتفقون معي أن ما يحظي به إقليم البحر المتوسط من اهتمام بالغ من جانب كافة الدول المطلةعليه قد ساهم بشكل فعال في إثراء مباحثتنا خلال هذا المحفل الكبير، وذلك لما يحظي به البحرالمتوسط من طبيعة فريدة ويضم في طياته كوكبة من عناصر التنوع البيولوجي و الثروات الطبيعية والعناصر البشرية المميزة التي لا يوجد لها مثل في غيره من الأقاليم المشابهة علي مستوى العالم أجمع.

هذا التميز يفرض علينا نحن الدول المطلة عليه والتي تنعم بتلك الخيرات أن لا ندخر جهداً في المحافظة علي تلك الثروات التي حباها بها الله لنحفظ للمتوسط رونقه وبهاؤه ونضمن تحقيق الرخاء للأجيال القادمة .

وآمل أن تكون التوصيات التي سينتهي إليها هذا المؤتمر بمثابة مساهمة فعالة من دول وشعوب المتوسط خلال مؤتمر القمة القادم ريو+20 المزمع عقدها خلال أشهر قليلة في دولة البرازيل .

وفي هذا الصدد، لا يسعني إلا أن أتقدم بالشكر و التقدير للسيد /الرئيس علي براعته في إدارة الجلسات بفعالية.

وكذلك نشكر السيدة / ماريا سيلفا للجهد الحثيث الذي بذله فريق العمل الخاص بسكرتارية خطة عمل البحر المتوسط مما كان له أعظم الأثر لنجاح هذا المؤتمر .

وختاماً ،، أرجو أن نكون قد وفقنا في تدشين منهج جديد وإطار فاعل لتحقيق ما نصبو إليه جميعاً من الخير والتنمية والسلام لدول المتوسط .

والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Appendix 2

Statement by H.E. Ms Mèmia El Banna Zayani, Minister of the Environment of Tunisia

Mister Henri de Raincourt, Minister of Cooperation, France,

Your Excellency,

Esteemed colleagues, ministers representing Mediterranean countries,

Dear delegates and guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to start by expressing my thanks to the French government for generously hosting the 17th Meeting of Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, for the excellent organisation of this meeting, and for the warm welcome extended to my delegation.

I would also like to extend my hearty thanks to the coordinating unit and the different programmes and activity centres of the Mediterranean Action Plan for their work during the previous biennium, despite budgetary restrictions due to economic conditions.

I would also like to thank Morocco for its successful management of the last biennium, which has been marked by very important events.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, this 17th meeting of Contracting Parties is taking place at a moment in which several Mediterranean countries are experiencing tremendous social, economic and social upheaval. Accordingly, it is incumbent on us to improve our coordination as we foster innovative views of development at the regional and national levels.

These new conceptions of development aim to guarantee our citizens the right to employment, fairer access to resources, and a better standard of living. They should not, however, negatively influence the rules protecting our environment and our natural heritage.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Realizing the extent of pollution, and its possible consequences for the life of the peoples of the Mediterranean coast, our countries pledged over 35 years ago, through the Mediterranean Action Plan, to work together to fight all forms of deterioration of the Mediterranean.

However, and despite all these efforts, the Mediterranean continues to deteriorate. This Mediterranean space that links us all has now become the most polluted sea in the world.

Indeed, the development of our countries was conducted following principles and rules that pay no heed to the conditions of sustainable development. The overall environmental footprint of Mediterranean countries has reached 1.3 billion hectares, or approximately 10% of the world footprint, whereas the population of these countries is no more than 7% of the global population.

Furthermore, it is abundantly clear at this point that human activity both on sea and on land continues to have a growing impact on the Mediterranean environment. This includes the continual loss of farmland to urbanisation, the deterioration of the soil, the overuse and depletion of water resources, increased coastal development, diminishing biodiversity and impoverished ecosystems.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

None of our countries are free of these environmental challenges and issues. It is thus becoming urgent to consolidate our efforts to protect the Mediterranean, and to put into place a new vision for environmental policy in the region.

This new vision, it appears to me, will have to be grounded on the conscious, voluntary choice of a "win-win" scenario, which will aim to promote positive synergies in the management of natural resources and the environment through better coordination. This coordination could be provided by more effective regional cooperation mechanisms such as the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

With more than 35 years of existence and experience, MAP has certainly contributed to the reinforcement of the capacities of all of our countries in fighting pollution and conceiving national and regional strategies for sustainable development and biodiversity preservation.

Yet we feel that the results obtained have not reached the level of our ambitions or our expectations.

Thus, we would like to take this occasion to invite all the Contracting Parties to begin a serious dialogue in order to evaluate the effectiveness of this system's capacity to intervene, and to continue discussions on the governance of the coordinating unit and operational centres, to firmly establish rules ensuring the efficient management of allocated resources.

In this context, we are certain that this system, once better integrated with the various programs, conventions and international finance mechanisms, can play a more effective role in the mobilisation and the diversification of the funding necessary for the preservation of the Mediterranean.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to confirm to all the present Contracting Parties the continued commitment of Tunisia to work closely with you to reinforce the role of MAP as a regional coordination and planning mechanism.

I also wish to confirm the continued commitment of my country to maintain its support for RAC/SPA and to work toward consolidating its role in the preservation of biodiversity and protected ecosystems of the Mediterranean.

Thank you for your attention.

Appendix 3

Statement by Mr Federico José Ramos de Armas, Secretary of State for the Environment of Spain

Mr. President,
Ms Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (hereafter MAP),
Ms Deputy Executive Director, UNEP,
Ministers,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a pleasure and an honour for me to have the occasion to address you on at this meeting of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.

I would like to **first thank the French government** for the outstanding organisation of this meeting, as well as the Secretariat for preparing the excellent documents that have been presented to us.

The Secretariat has submitted a report on **progress made during the last biennium**. It is a great pleasure for me to acknowledge the extent and quality of the work performed under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols, and I congratulate those responsible.

In particular, I would like to highlight the importance of the **entry into force of the Madrid Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management and the preparation and development of its supporting Action Plan**, which Spain is backing.

Clearly, establishing a single legal instrument, on an international level, whose goal is to regulate and promote coastal policies which are more in line with the need to conserve our natural heritage, while ensuring more sustainable development for these zones, represents a milestone that will help us in defining national policies and their implementation.

Spain began budgeting for costs in accordance with the principles of the Protocol in 1988; we can consider that a fair number of our obligations under the Protocol have already been met in our country for years. **One of the new elements we are confronting, however, is the need to define integrated coastal zone management strategies on both the national and**

regional levels. Spain has already taken some steps in this direction, and hopefully will continue to move forward on these important issues.

I have been informed of the efforts of our PAP / RAC Regional Centre, particularly as regards the "**CAMP Levante de Almería**" project, which, as you know, we are implementing in Spain. The results so far have been quite positive, and should contribute to defining sustainability policies applied to the field. Our encouragement goes out to other countries adopting similar integrated coastal zone management initiatives.

A second significant development is the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol. The Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment is aware of the importance of taking action to prevent pollution due to offshore oilfield exploration and exploitation, especially in light of the consequences of recent oil rig disasters. Under no circumstances must such accidents be allowed to happen in the Mediterranean area; adopting the Protocol's implementation action plan should be a very concrete step in this direction.

Once the above-mentioned protocols enter into force, the only one pending will be the **Amended Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea.** This will complete the legal framework for the Convention. The application of this framework is stated as a priority for the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and to that end, the Compliance Committee will be an invaluable tool for facilitating the implementation of our obligations under MAP. Well aware of the Committee's importance, Spain wishes to **nominate a candidate of high professional standing for the next biennium;** we hope his membership will be endorsed during this meeting.

Please now allow me a few remarks concerning **the application of an ecosystem-based approach to the management of human activity impacting** the marine environment in the Mediterranean area, **which the Contracting Parties decided to adopt in Almería in 2008.** Already at that time, Spain considered that this approach could serve as a catalyst for MAP's actions by integrating sectoral actions and prioritizing the ones which, from a scientific and technological point of view, would result in a more effective protection of the Mediterranean, while fostering sustainable development.

These ideas are nowadays well-established. To implement this approach, however, additional efforts are necessary and appropriate. To this end, an institutional reform of MAP is needed to ensure coordination among all its components, to reinforce the efforts of the Secretariat and Contracting Parties, to properly obtain and manage required information, to provide a platform for negotiations, and to mobilise adequate resources.

Regarding technical issues that this meeting raises, I would like to bring up the following considerations:

Spain can approve the binding regional **plans regarding persistent organic pollutants, mercury and DBO1 in the food sector**, although we do have a few minor adjustments to make which we hope will be included in the final documents.

We can also adopt **the wastewater management strategy, and the decision regarding quality standards for natural swimming areas**, although we understand the latter document as a flexible one, which should adapt to experiences gained during its application.

Regarding the decision on the **management of marine debris**, Spain agrees to approve the proposed strategic framework. However, we feel that the binding regional plan proposed for the next biennium should include not only monitoring and remediation aspects, but also prevention, in order to progressively reduce the prevalence of debris the marine environment. In this sense, Spain considers that such plans should be fully consistent and form part of the ecosystem-based approach that I mentioned earlier.

An important aspect of any comprehensive policy for protecting the marine environment of the Mediterranean is the establishment of measures for biodiversity conservation.

Spain wishes to establish a coherent and well-managed network of Marine Protected Areas, which should contribute to the regional and global goal, adopted at the last Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, of increasing the number of marine and coastal protected areas.

Therefore, we have recently laid the foundation of an appropriate plan for the sustainable use of our seas by adopting the **Law on the Protection of the Marine Environment** and the development of certain criteria which allow the incorporation of priority areas to Spain's Marine

Protected Areas Network. Thus, **we are committed, in the medium term, to forming a coherent ecological network, well managed and representative of Spain's marine natural heritage.** Certain areas included in the network that meet appropriate established criteria may also become part of the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance as a contribution to the global target above.

In addition, **we have updated our regulations regarding the protection of coastal and marine species of special interest,** and we have already included all species included in Annex II of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity at the last meeting of the Parties to this Convention.

Mr. President, **reinforcing good governance within MAP** is a requirement for optimal results. Already in 2008, in Almería, the Ministers took note of this necessity and approved the governance document which forms the foundation of our actions.

Accordingly, the responsibility of the Contracting Parties in decision-making and in monitoring and implementing the work programmes is contained in the legal texts of the agreement, and cannot be delegated. MAP, for its part, must provide a satisfactory institutional framework, enabling the Contracting Parties and observers to participate effectively.

The different components of MAP are critical to the implementation of programs. We understand that they must be governed by common parameters whilst maintaining their peculiarities and flexibility. Nevertheless, Spain believes that we should strengthen the coordination unit, to allow a more effective allocation of time and financial resources, and ensure better consistency in implementing the work programme.

Ms. Coordinator, since your arrival into office, **a noticeable boost in both the programming of activities and the format of work and budget programmes has been observed.** I encourage you to delve further into these issues and continue to improve the transparency and visibility of the Mediterranean Action Plan as a whole. You may rely upon our full cooperation in these efforts.

Allow me, Mr. President, to devote part of this speech to the **Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development** and sustainability issues in general. Without a doubt, the

Commission has great value as a platform that contributes to advising the Contracting Parties in developing sustainability policies. To build on this work, the Commission should be further integrated with MAP in order to strengthen the implementation of its recommendations.

I am confident that a new phase, which is starting with the reorienting of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development through possible future amendments, in addition to the renewed global momentum building up towards Rio +20, will strengthen the result of your efforts.

As far as Spain is concerned, we support the work of the Commission and its initiatives contributing to sustainable development.

Let me also recall the support that the Spanish Environment Ministry, along with the regional government of Catalonia, have been providing since 1996 to **the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production** in Barcelona, which is doing work closely related to sustainable development.

I will now turn to a few programmatic, budgetary and financial issues.

Regarding the **Programme of work**, we feel that it is quite an ambitious one, due to a certain overlap in topics. We propose that its strategic vision be strengthened by making it clearer and less fragmented. A considerable amount of work has been accomplished during this biennium, and we believe that during the next one, even more progress can be made, assuming an appropriate prioritising of activities around the strategic objectives set out in the Five-Year Plan. In particular, we feel that priority should be focused on the implementation of already-adopted protocols, approaches, strategies and sectoral action plans. Other, secondary activities should be devolved upon other forums and stakeholders whose competencies are more directly related.

Regarding the budget, we find ourselves facing a complex situation that can not be imputed to the Contracting Parties to the Convention. The current deficit and the lack of monitoring instruments is forcing us to take difficult measures, and it will be necessary to adjust budgets to reflect the resources available.

Spain, as shown in the budget before us for approval, supports **not increasing the contributions of the Contracting Parties to the Trust Fund, given current economic circumstances.** We also believe that budgetary decisions ought to lay the foundations for

continuing to **reduce the administrative costs of all system components** without reducing the activities dedicated to meeting action priorities. It is necessary, in our view, to optimise the use of human and material resources, reduce operating costs, implement resource mobilisation strategies and evaluate governance arrangements, including institutional reforms.

In connection with the Paris Declaration, our opinion is **that by strategically directing our actions**, in line with what France has proposed in its draft, we will be able **to continue to progress in matters of environmental protection and sustainable regional development**.

Mr. President, let me end with a message of **strong support from Spain**. We are convinced that **the Barcelona Convention and Mediterranean Action Plan have added genuine strategic, political and technical value** to the resolution of the Mediterranean's environmental problems. This is why our country is eager to constructively cooperate with all the Contracting Parties during this meeting; we look forward to continuing this collaboration, providing that resources are available to implement the agreements that we reach here.

Thank you very much.

Appendix 4

Statement by H.E. Ms Konstantina Birbili, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the OECD

Mr Chairman,

Madame Executive Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan,

Distinguished Heads of Delegations and Delegates,

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the French authorities for their hospitality and also to the Secretariat for organizing the 17th Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention. The Mediterranean Action Plan is standing at an important crossroad as it tries to find solutions to the issues that have surfaced in recent years and to re-focus on the actual environmental and ecological challenges facing the Mediterranean. At the same time, this is a very crucial period for many countries of the Mediterranean, including mine, having to deal with a number of economic, social and political issues that tend to attract most of the attention.

Greece on its part, as host country of the Coordinating Unit of MAP, has been providing its continuous support to the work of the MAP system and is always ready to seek ways to enhance this support. We believe that both MAP and the Barcelona Convention have a catalyzing role to play not only for environmental protection, but also for the promotion of sustainable development, green economy and for the support of peace and stability in our region.

The timing of the Conference gives us the opportunity to provide valuable input as a Mediterranean contribution to the “United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)”. Both the key themes of Rio+20 are related to (i) *the institutional framework for sustainable development* and (ii) *green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication*, are very relevant for our region.

We would like to make five points:

1st point: Governance

Regarding governance, there are currently many actors and initiatives in the Mediterranean related to environmental protection and sustainable development, and it is very important to

strengthen the linkages and synergies between them for achieving common goals using available resources in a most efficient manner. Such actors include, among others, the EU Horizon 2020 Initiative, the Union for the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative, where Greece acts as the lead country. Involvement of all stakeholders in the region, including Non-Governmental Organizations, the business sector and local authorities, is very important for improving the visibility and impact of MAP and for achieving our objectives. The role of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development should also be strengthened in this respect.

2nd point: ECAP

During this Meeting we will finalize and hopefully adopt the decisions related to the Ecosystem Approach (ECAP) in the Management of Human Activities in the Mediterranean Sea and its 11 Priority Actions. I would like at this point to express our appreciation and congratulate the Secretariat for the excellent work done, in preparing through these last years the introduction of the ECAP into the MAP system. A proof that decisions taken at global level can and should be implemented at regional level. The ECAP will be from now on at the heart of all activities undertaken within MAP and its Regional Activity Centers and will constitute a major change and challenge in conducting business both at national, regional and international level.

3rd point: Biodiversity

Greece is committed to maintain, to restore to the extent possible, and to enhance Mediterranean marine ecosystems and their services. We place our efforts towards promoting the integration of marine biodiversity values into decision making processes. Work undertaken by MAP in that direction is a valuable tool, highly appreciated and used by Greece. The strategic goals and objectives set by the Aichi Plan of Action adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity provide a very useful framework for the promotion of national and regional objectives.

4th point: ICZM

Integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) is a very important instrument for environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable development in the Mediterranean region where multiple uses are in place and compete within each other. We have to integrate our sectorial policies for the management and sustainable development of coastal areas. ICZM is of special importance for Greece, since almost 85% of the population, 80% of industrial activity and 90% of

tourist activity are based on coastal areas. Implementation of ICZM in Greece is also of special importance for the Mediterranean and the EU, since the length of the Greek coasts corresponds to more than 1/3 of the total coastline of the Mediterranean and to approximately 1/4 of the European Union coastline. In Greece, the provisions of the Protocol and of the Action Plan on ICZM will be taken into due consideration in the 12 Regional Spatial Plans of Greece, which are currently under revision.

5th point: Off shore

As a final point, we acknowledge the importance of the Offshore Protocol, a quite novel instrument at the time when it was introduced at MAP and we are looking forward to the finalisation of the discussions within the EU, since Greece and Italy, myself and my Italian colleague in our capacities as Ministers for the Environment, we have taken a joint initiative in order for the Commission to respond quickly and have a proactive role to the respective issue.

Mr Chairman,

It is important that this 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties takes decisions that push forward with all pending issues, so that countries are again able to concentrate all their efforts on the implementation of policies, in the common direction of fulfilling the mandates of the Barcelona Convention. This will further enhance the status of the Mediterranean Action Plan and will enable us achieving the goal of a greener, healthy and productive Mediterranean. Our commitments should deliver actions in the time schedules agreed.

Thank you

Appendix 5

Statement by Mr Gustaaf Borchardt, Director, DG Environment, European Commission

Dear Ministers and friends

We are meeting these days in the city of light to guide action for the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment for the next biennium, inevitably caught in some respects by a grim, if not dark, feeling. I refer primarily to the financial and economic situation in several of the countries represented in this room.

Even if not the main responsible for UNEP/MAP current financial problems, the more general crisis casts a heavy shadow on our efforts to tackle these problems and create positive perspectives.

But then again, maybe we should remember that every cloud has a silver lining and we could try to seize the opportunities that the financial constraints offer: the necessity to think what really matters for our Mediterranean environment, the chance to continue and complete with determination long overdue governance reforms in this unique regional cooperation organisation which is UNEP/MAP.

We were maybe carried away by our enthusiasm and the pleasure of working together to address shared concerns for a sea that unites us, and extended our ambitions beyond the realm of our capabilities and means. While it is clear that there is a clear and sometimes strong link among impacts in various environmental media, and that environmental status is influenced by practically every human activity, energy production and transport being among the most obvious contributors, it is also clear that in a period of scarce resources we must set priorities and emphasize implementation of agreed Decisions with an expected direct environmental benefit.

You may call it good environmental status, the ultimate goal of the EU Marine Directive, or healthy and productive and biologically diverse Mediterranean marine and coastal ecosystems, which is the vision we all subscribed to in Almeria. The objective remains the same and I am pleased to note the progress achieved during the last two years: the completion of an integrated initial assessment for the Mediterranean and the ecological objectives and indicators. I would like to encourage our colleagues to continue and finalise work on appropriate monitoring

programmes and programmes of measures. The Marine Directive reinforces the need for EU Member States to cooperate with our neighbouring countries and, where possible, existing regional conventions, such as the Barcelona Convention and this cooperation has started bearing fruit.

Efforts in the marine environment will be complemented and strengthened by the application of Integrated Coastal Zone Management. This COP adopted a multiannual Action Plan, following the entry into force in 2011 of the Protocol. We are proud to have made this innovative and ambitious instrument part of the EU acquis and would encourage ratification by the remaining Parties, making the Action Plan more efficient and more meaningful. To a large extent inspired by this Protocol, we are now considering initiatives for coastal protection applicable to the whole of the Union.

The need for ratifying and putting in practice the Protocols is urgently felt also in the case of the Offshore Protocol. I prefer not to dwell on the obvious risks for offshore pollution accidents in a region of increasing exploration and exploitation and intense seismic activity or on potential severity of impacts in a semi-closed sea in which, for a number of reasons, we cannot guarantee state of the art prevention and response mechanisms. The Commission presented last year a proposal for ratification by the EU of the Offshore Protocol and supports fully the Decision to prepare an Action Plan during the next biennium, presented to us by the Secretariat.

We do not deploy our endeavours in a vacuum, obviously, we need to reflect on the milestones and use the outcomes of global fora, like the forthcoming UN Conference sustainable development and the Convention on Biodiversity.

Twenty years ago in Rio the scene was set for a new era in environmental policy making, marked by integration and solidarity. We should use the opportunity this year for embedding firmly the marine concerns in the global sustainability agenda. Good environmental status will remain a distant target if we do not address marine litter. Reaching a coverage of the Mediterranean of 10% by marine protected areas is challenging but possible – under the condition that we include in these areas open and deep seas, if necessary. This is a process that the EU has supported constantly in the Mediterranean during the last years and will continue to include among its priorities.

I referred earlier to potential positive side effects of the financial difficulties inasmuch as they could stimulate or accelerate much needed reconsiderations or even reforms. Good governance is of key importance if our decisions in the context of the Barcelona Convention are to be followed up correctly and efficiently. There must be the administrative and institutional capacity required to implement commitments and to absorb and attribute the available funding properly. The Governance Paper that we adopted in Almeria set the basis for a coherent, transparent and efficient management and decision making within the UNEP/MAP system. In Marrakesh we adopted mandates of the MAP components and we now have initiated a functional review which will cover the whole MAP system; I understand there is progress in conclusion of the host country agreements for the Regional Activity Centres and we support the finalisation of this process. I would like to congratulate the Secretariat and the other MAP components for their achievements and adaptation efforts in these difficult conditions.

There is however ample room for improvement, for example in financial management, as the recent audit demonstrated, and in terms of simplifying and making our everyday work more results oriented. The EU, in its double capacity of Contracting Party and major donor of the Barcelona Convention is determined to contribute to and monitor closely the progress towards good governance, including financial management.

So although we are of course here to celebrate our achievements, we must also speak of certain problems, such as limited financial or human resources, inadequate cross-sectoral coordination, of transparency and simplicity. For example, the Secretariat report should not only describe what has been done but also explain which planned activities were not carried out, their importance, and the reasons why they were postponed or cancelled; an example of interest to us is the Specially Protected areas of Mediterranean Interest (SPAMIs) in open and deep seas. Furthermore, this report should be more results-oriented, i.e. focusing not on description of activity but on results achieved and on necessary follow up. Transparency is not a luxury, it is a pre-condition for efficiency and it enhances visibility and acceptance of our work. We ask that such critical analysis is included in all future reports.

We are faced with the challenge of proper and full implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. We need to think strategically so as to optimize the use of scarce resources. Each of us has a role to play.

Another important dimension of good regional environmental governance is coordination and avoidance of overlaps with other regional initiatives. Cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean could be very fruitful in addressing land based sources of pollution and the interface between integrated water resources management and marine environment; close interaction with the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is necessary for designing and implementing efficient and realistic biodiversity protection measures.

I would now like to address shortly the broader context of Euro Mediterranean cooperation.

In response to recent developments in the Mediterranean, the EU has reviewed its approach and is now giving increased priority to the region. The European Neighbourhood Policy will have a much higher level of differentiation allowing each partner country to develop its links with the EU as far as its own aspirations, needs and capacities allow. The new approach is also based on the 'more for more' principle. More support will be offered to those partners that deliver on democratic and economic reforms. This does not mean downgrading of the regional cooperation, on the contrary: links between the regional work and the bilateral work could be strengthened as regional actions can often be made up of a series of national measures. The Horizon 2020 de-pollution initiative and in particular its Mediterranean Hot-Spot Identification Programme shows how to use complementary approaches and link national and regional priorities in order to attract international financing institutions and facilitate access to funding. The Shared Environmental Information System is such an example where countries are proceeding at different speeds and where UNEP/MAP should seize the opportunity to play its role

The new approach also gives greater priority to working with civil society than before. The increased focus on civil society offers the possibility of involving a wide range of stakeholders and introducing increased transparency and visibility to the work while promoting democratic environmental governance as a broad concept.

Environmental protection is not presently seen as a top priority in most countries (including EU member states). With efforts focussed on economic development and job creation, there is a danger that the urgency of the situation will be used as a reason to ignore the need to integrate environmental concerns into economic development of the region.

Identifying economic and broader social gains from environmental improvements could be an important contribution to overcoming the lack of political attention being given to the environment. Some early steps have been made to quantify the costs of environmental degradation; we should not forget job creation for qualified staff (for example on wastewater management and industrial pollution prevention and control) and less qualified labour for example on waste management).

Dear Ministers and friends,

We all recognize the severity of the challenges facing the environment and the need to work together to address them. We are determined to do this using all the means at our disposal. The Barcelona Convention offers us a wide range of tools and possibilities and, thanks to its long and successful history, enjoys acceptance and support from all Mediterranean countries.

Good governance and concrete results for the marine and coastal environment will enhance better understanding and summon support for our efforts among the general public and policy makers.

Thank you for your attention.

Appendix 6

Statement by Mr. Abdelkader Benhadjoudja, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Environmental and Regional Planning, Algeria

Mr President,

The Representative of the Executive Director of UNEP,

The Executive Secretary of UNEP and Coordinator of MAP,

Honourable Ministers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to begin by thanking the French government for the cordial and comfortable welcome we have received here in Paris.

I would also like to congratulate the new French chairperson of our conference as well as the incoming board members. My country, Algeria, is proud to be part of this new board, and as such I would like to thank the Contracting Parties for the trust accorded to my country for the term that has been entrusted to it.

I would also like to thank Morocco for all it accomplished during the last term, and for the tangible results it obtained in the service of our work instrument, MAP.

Finally I would like to thank Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Executive Secretary of UNEP and Coordinator of MAP, for the solid material and organisational support she has provided for our work, and for her determination in assisting us in our efforts on behalf of the Mediterranean region, which is our common heritage.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is clear to all of us that the region of the Mediterranean basin is confronted with several environmental challenges that are affecting its resources, in such important sectors as

agriculture, tourism, water quality, coastlines, and soil quality. This fragility is all the more noticeable in light of the shifts that are occurring in the Mediterranean basin, and the financial constraints affecting some of MAP's Contracting Parties.

Demographic growth, the urbanisation of the coastline, and their social consequences are increasing the pressure on our environment.

The occurrence of extreme climactic and environmental events that are common to all of us here, such as floods, soil erosion, earthquakes, desertification or forest fires, compounds the pressure on our natural resources and harms the standard of living of our citizens.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In joining the Barcelona Convention and the Mediterranean Action Plan, my country has pledged to support Mediterranean-wide cooperation on all levels by ratifying the legal instruments of MAP and launching projects to fight pollution and protect Algeria's biological diversity.

Algeria was among the first signatories, in Madrid in 2008, of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, and we are committed to establishing a new framework for the long-term protection of our coasts from encroaching urbanisation. Included in this effort are coastal area management programs, a nationwide regional planning program, which was adopted into law in 2010, and a development plan for the our coastal areas which is currently being drafted.

Furthermore, our country has adopted an environmental strategy whose goal is to improve our citizens' quality of life, protect our natural heritage, and fight marine and industrial pollution.

To enable development which is sustainable on all levels, from national to local, we have also launched a number of programs in the areas of municipal waste management, wastewater treatment, safeguarding biological diversity, creating protected areas, fighting atmospheric pollution, establishing green zones adjacent to urban areas, and the improvement of the urban environment. Our environmental strategy also takes into account climate change, through a national climate plan.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Algeria, then, is pursuing policies and taking concrete actions which are directly in line with the concerns and the decisions of the Mediterranean Action Plan. We will do our utmost to strengthen and promote MAP, as it constitutes an invaluable framework for exchange, coordination and decision making. The scope of environmental questions is such that action on a national level is necessarily insufficient. Such challenges require international cooperation, and commitments which span the entire Mediterranean region. In this context, MAP can allow us to meet these challenges.

I am confident that our Conference of Contracting Parties will adopt measures and take actions that are suitable, meeting the needs of the situation in the current and future Mediterranean context and responding to the challenges that confront us.

I would like to conclude by wishing success to the new French chair, as well as to the incoming board, and by thanking the Executive Secretariat of MAP for all the work they have done to ensure the meeting's success.

Thank you.

Appendix 7

Statement by Mr Michael J. Scoullos Chairman, Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, Honorable Ministers, Mrs. Coordinator, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and congratulations for chairing in such an elegant and efficient way leading us to consensus.

I am saying that because all statements made by the Contracting Parties until now, are towards the same direction, therefore, since we agree, we associate with them and I am not going to repeat them.

Allow me only to emphasize the following elements:

We are now in a particular moment of crisis, economic and socio-political with many challenges around us. In our point of view, as Civil Society organizations this crisis is not totally irrelevant to the environmental problems and the management of energy and other natural resources. This is linked with the way that we govern our affairs, nationally, regionally and globally.

It was said by Deputy Secretary General of the UN that this is watershed year for UNEP and the UN in general.

Indeed, it is. In view of that, NGOs, and in particular MIO-ECSDE, one of the biggest Federations of NGOs worldwide (I don't dare say that over 10-15 million people are the individual members of our membership organizations including EEB in Europe, RAED in the Arab countries, and over 100 NGOs spread throughout the Mediterranean), have played from the very beginning of the existence of the Barcelona Convention a very important role. Also, in the preparation of RIO, we organized jointly with UNEP/MAP and others the only Mediterranean side event there. We have contributed all these years, also to the transparency, accountability and coherence of environmental decision making at regional and national level.

The Parties of the Barcelona Convention have a very positive record concerning NGOs, as this was the very first Convention which provided for NGOs to become partners expressing their views and participating with the right for intervention, even in the work of the working groups.

Civil Society in the Mediterranean is more developed than many people outside the region believe. Several networks, circles and initiatives have been launched with varying level of success.

Already MIO-ECSDE facilitates three associated circles, which work closely together namely the COMPSUD for parliamentarians, COMJESD for journalists and MEDIES (which is a type II Initiative on Education for Sustainable Development) with approximately 4000 educators from

the entire region (from the Kindergarten to the University). So, you do have Partners! But these are not always fully utilized in each and every country.

As it was said at this moment we have to save resources. Business as usual is over! Business as usual can no longer deliver! We in the Civil Society have managed until now to do more with less. But as it was stated by Mr. Husseini of UfM there is a limit. And Civil Society Organizations should be provided with a minimum of adequate resources to deliver their work and tangible results.

We should to keep in mind that also the agenda on which we all work has been expanded enormously. In some areas new knowledge and evolution in modern governance requirements demand highly sophisticated approaches. When we started with the Barcelona Convention we were focusing on marine pollution issues and our membership had to support mostly MEDPOL, which is still a central component of UNEP/MAP. Gradually we expanded to several other issues including various sustainable development themes. Similarly, many more organizations are active in the Mediterranean. New partners, governmental and non-governmental, with new or related agendas have emerged in the region. The Contracting Parties in their wisdom should facilitate the clarification of agendas and distribution of tasks, in order to avoid duplication, benefit from alternative contributions and enhance efficiency.

In this respect, NGOs, and MIO-ECSDE in particular, attribute great importance to the enhancement of cooperation of the Barcelona Convention with UfM, as well as the strengthening of synergies with all programmes undertaken by the EU within its Neighborhood Policy and relevant initiatives undertaken within the African and the Arab world context. Within this framework MIO-ECSDE is committed to contribute its best.

Regarding the proposed decisions, we acknowledge the progress made, although we are disappointed that some of the promised targets have not been met yet such as the ones related to MPAs. Similarly, although the ratification of the ICZM Protocol is going well, the provisions for public participation, in the corresponding Action Plan are inadequate.

Most countries have difficulties in implementing commitments undertaken in the Barcelona Convention. Still many have difficulties in understanding the concepts and translating them to action. Management tools such the Ecosystem Based Management Approach, ICZM, IWRM and Marine Spatial Planning need to be better understood and implemented in coherent way. Programmes such as the H2020 CB/MEP have been proven pivotal towards this direction. In the aforementioned programme partnership between UNEP/MAP, CP/RAC, PAP/RAC, MIO-ECSDE and others have demonstrated promising results. In 2011-2012 more than 150 capacity building activities will have taken place, involving more than 4000 trainees in the non EU countries of the region.

Finally, we would like to confirm the full support of our organization to the Barcelona Convention for the execution of the next biennial programme. We express our confidence and very high expectations for the New Presidency. The leadership in these difficult moments will make a difference!

Appendix 8

Statement by Ms. Sofia Tsenikli, Senior Policy Advisor, Oceans, Greenpeace International on behalf of Greenpeace, Oceana, WWF and IUCN

Opening Statement on 2012 Target

Thank you chair, distinguished delegates

2012 is a milestone for sustainable development and biological diversity. It is the year of Rio+20 where the global community is called to evaluate the implementation of targets and commitments and agree on The FUTURE WE WANT. Regarding marine biodiversity, 2012 is the year our governments committed to establish a network of marine protected areas and the year of CBD COP 11 where Parties and regional bodies are expected to submit ecologically and biologically significant areas based on the scientific criteria agreed.

AtCOP16 Marrakech an ambitious programme was adopted to facilitate the implementation of the MPA target in the Mediterranean. Since then significant steps were made through the work of RAC/SPA and the positive outcomes of the extraordinary meeting of SPA Focal Points in 2010 in Istanbul, where EBSAs identified and further areas were adopted as priority conservation areas in the open sea, including in the deep sea. These include fragile seamounts and corals, spawning areas of key species such as bluefin tuna and priority sites for whales and dolphins.

However, we find ourselves in Paris unable to celebrate the adoption of Mediterranean SPAMIs covering areas beyond national jurisdiction. It is important to **acknowledge that the 2012 MPA commitment has not been met** and that we are left with a frightening less than 1 % of the Sea protected. The Pelagos Sanctuary set up more than a decade ago remains the one and only SPAMI that covers international waters.

The programme of work that Parties are about to adopt at this meeting is an important step towards sustainable and prosperity of the Med region. The Parties to the Barcelona Convention have historically risen to the responsibility to protect our Sea - the economic and financial crisis should not become an alibi for inaction.

We call on the Paris 17th meeting of Parties to agree to increase efforts for the protection of marine biological diversity by taking urgent action in 2012 to submit specific proposals and management plans for the priority conservation areas and ensure the timely establishment of marine protected areas and marine reserves based on the precautionary approach.

We also strongly support that the Secretariat and Parties contact the CBD to present the results on the scientific EBSA identification in the Mediterranean Sea, as agreed by the meetings of SPA focal points. We identify this as a concrete positive outcome from the 17th meeting of Parties that can showcase the Mediterranean contribution to global efforts and commitments for the protection of the marine environment.

Finally, we call on the Paris declaration to make a strong link to the upcoming **Rio+20** Conference. The **High Seas Alliance** a coalition of 22 members organizations including among others WWF, Pew, NRDC, IUCN, Birdlife and Greenpeace strongly supports current paragraph 80 of Rio zero draft on the initiation of negotiations for an implementing agreement under UNCLOS. We urge the Parties to declare their support to an explicit launching of negotiations of an Implementing Agreement to ensure that marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction is sustainably managed and effectively conserved across all the world's oceans.

Our organizations reiterate our commitment to supporting the work of Parties and the Mediterranean Action Plan for a sustainable future for our region.

Appendix 9

**Statement by Ms. Amelie Delafosse, Policy Advisor, Oceana, on behalf of Greenpeace,
Oceana and WWF**

Thank you chair, Distinguished delegates,

I am speaking on behalf of Greenpeace, Oceana and WWF.

At this COP, you will have to take a decision on a critical issue related to marine biodiversity. The Mediterranean Sea is the region of highest risk in the world for sharks and rays, with 41% of elasmobranch species considered threatened. Among these are ten species of threatened sharks and rays which have been proposed for uplisting, from Annex III to Annex II of the Protocol on Special Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean. The best available data show that these species have undergone severe population declines, and some of them have vanished from parts of the Mediterranean where they were once common.

Despite already being included in Annex III, all of these species continue to be threatened by overfishing, and therefore require stronger protection. In light of this, and noting that a decision on this important issue has already been delayed on two prior occasions, we strongly encourage the Contracting Parties to adopt these proposals immediately, as the most appropriate means of protecting these species, and in keeping with the precautionary approach that underpins the Convention.

Thank you.

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