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Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1.As provided for in the Post-2020 SAPBIO (Decision IG.25/11 of CoP22) and as requested by CoP23 of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Decision IG.26/5), SPA/RAC should conduct a mid-term evaluation to assess the collective progress in implementing the Post-2020 SAPBIO and the Contracting Parties shall review their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) accordingly to ensure the achievement of the Post-2020 SAPBIO objectives by 2030.

2.In this context, SPA/RAC is convening the 11th Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO). The meeting will be held at the Hotel ROYAL OLYMPIC (28-34 Ath. Diakou Street – 11743), in Athens, Greece, from 9 to 10 April 2025.

3.The following annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4.The meeting will be opened on Wednesday, 9 April 2025, at 9.00 a.m., by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and SPA/RAC.

5.All the National correspondents have been invited to attend the meeting or to designate their representatives.

6.The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee, have been also invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.

7.SPA/RAC will act as Secretariat of the meeting.

Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.607/Inf.1	<i>Provisional List of Participants</i>

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2.1. Rules of procedure

8.The internal rules adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) as amended by the Contracting Parties (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.1/5 and UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/5) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

2.2. Election of officers

9.While observing the principle of equitable gender and geographical distribution, the meeting will elect from amongst the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur.

2.3. Adoption of the agenda

10. The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat and issued as document UNEP/MED WG.607/1 Rev.2 and annotated in this document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the agenda, and the proposed timetable contained at the end of this document, including as appropriate any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “Any other matters” of the provisional agenda.

2.4. Organization of work

11. It is proposed that the meeting be held in daily plenary sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to adjustments, as necessary.

12. It is expected that the meeting addresses all items on the agenda within the allotted sessions.

13. On day 2 (10 April 2025), a plenary session will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to review and adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

14. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all the plenary sessions.

15. The documents prepared for the meeting are listed in document UNEP/MED WG.607/Inf.2 and available, in English and French, on the SPA/RAC dedicated website. Participants are encouraged to download documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
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Agenda item 3: Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels

16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the steps undertaken since the last Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents (5 June 2024) for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.

17. The National Correspondents will be invited to provide their feedback and when appropriately update the meeting about relevant steps undertaken or planned towards the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO at national level.

Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG. 607/Inf.3	<i>Report of the 6th Meeting of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Advisory Committee</i>
UNEP/MED WG. 607/Inf.4	<i>Report of the 10th Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the</i>

	<i>Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</i>
UNEP/MED WG. 607/Inf.5	<i>Draft Guidelines to develop species recovery plans and implement emergency actions</i>
UNEP/MED WG. 607/Inf.6	<i>2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report</i>

Agenda item 4: Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities

18. Referring mainly to the document UNEP/MED WG.607/3, the Secretariat will present the main findings of the mid-term assessment with a focus on the Post2020 SAPBIO start-up activities, highlighting the main achievements and challenges for the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions with national and regional scopes.

19. The meeting is expected to review the main findings, provide comments and views, suggest recommendations to be submitted to SPA/BD Focal Points Meeting and, where necessary, propose amendments.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.607/3	<i>Preliminary findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.607/Inf.7	<i>Mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities: Sub-regional reports</i>

Agenda item 5: Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment of the Post 2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)

20. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.607/4 containing the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment of the Post 2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).

21. The meeting will be invited to review the proposed draft Monitoring Framework and agree to its submission as appropriate to the Seventeen Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025) for consideration.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.607/4	<i>Draft Monitoring Framework for the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</i>

Agenda item 6: Any other matters

22. Under this agenda item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

Under this agenda item, the meeting will review and adopt its conclusions and recommendations

Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting

23. The meeting is expected to be closed on Thursday 10 April 2025, at 5: 00p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

DAY 1: Wednesday 9 April 2025

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<i>Welcoming of the participant registration</i>
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Agenda item 2: Organizational matters 2.1. Rules of procedure 2.2. Election of officers 2.3. Adoption of the agenda 2.4. Organization of work
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Agenda item 3: Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch (at the hotel)</i>
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities (continued)
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Agenda item 5: Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment of the Post 2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)

DAY 2: Thursday 10 April 2025

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Agenda item 5: Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment of the Post 2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) (continued)
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Agenda item 6: Any other matters
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Bilateral meeting with Contracting Parties, if needed
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch (at the hotel)</i>

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Agenda item 7: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting
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