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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Meeting of Experts on the implementation of  
the Action Plan for the conservation of  
Mediterranean marine turtles adopted within MAP

Arta, Greece, 27-29 October 1998

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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### Introduction

Following a recommendation made by the third meeting of the National Focal Points for SPAs (Tunis, 25-27 March 1996), the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention approved at their tenth Ordinary Meeting held in Tunis, 18-21 November 1997, the convening by SPA/RAC in 1998 of a meeting of experts on the implementation of the three action plans for the conservation of species adopted within the Mediterranean Action Plan. At the same occasion, the Greek delegation expressed the willingness of the Greek government to host the meeting and to provide the additional funds necessary to its organization.

For organizational reasons, it has been decided to divide the originally conceived single meeting into two separate ones. One of these will deal with the issues relevant to the implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles.

The present Meeting of Experts on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles adopted within MAP is convened in Arta (Greece) from 27 to 29 October 1998 with the main objectives of reviewing the implementation of the action plan so far achieved, revising the Action Plan itself in the light of new knowledge become available since its adoption, and discussing of priorities and measures for its further implementation.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda item 1 - Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9.30 hours on Thursday, 27 October 1998, at the Hotel Byzantinon, Filothei, GR47042 Arta, Greece, by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Director of the SPA/RAC. All the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution have been invited through the National Focal Points for SPAs to designate experts taking into account the specific subject of the meeting. Representatives of relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations have been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

### Agenda item 2 - Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6/annex XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

**Agenda item 3 - Election of officers**

The meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

**Agenda item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work**

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, appearing in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.145/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing at the end of the present document.

Working languages will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions.

**Agenda item 5 - Assessment of the implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles**

The Secretariat will briefly introduce this agenda item. The representatives of the Contracting Parties will be invited to report on the implementation of the Action Plan in their respective countries. Country reports are expected to also consider activities carried out by, or in collaboration with, NGOs. The experts are kindly invited to provide the Secretariat with the elements of their report in written form during the meeting, for their inclusion in the report of the meeting and possible further analyses and studies. Reports are expected to be prepared according to the format detailed in Annex I to this document.

**Agenda item 6 - Revision of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles**

The meeting will be invited to consider a draft proposal for the revision (amendment) of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.145/ 3. The work of the meeting is expected to lead to an agreed revised version of the Action Plan, which will be submitted to the 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for adoption.

**Agenda item 7 - Prospects for the further implementation of the Action Plan: Priorities for research and conservation**

Under this agenda item, the meeting will be invited to discuss future conservation policies for Mediterranean marine turtles and priorities for action for the further implementation of the action plan. In order to facilitate the work of the meeting, the proposals and recommendations contained in the documents UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.145/Inf.3 and UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.145/Inf.4 will be proposed as a basis for discussion. The meeting is expected to issue agreed recommendations about future conservation policies for Mediterranean marine turtles and the further implementation of the action plan.

**Agenda item 8 - Any other matters**

Possible other issues relevant to the subject of the meeting which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

**Agenda item 9 - Adoption of the report of the meeting**

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

**Agenda item 10 - Closure of the meeting**

The meeting is expected to be closed by the chairman at 19.30 hours on Thursday, 29 October 1998.

### PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE

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<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Agenda items</i>
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<b><u>Tuesday 27 October 1998</u></b>	
Morning	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Afternoon	5, 6
<b><u>Wednesday 28 October 1998</u></b>	
Morning	6, 7
Afternoon	7, 8
<b><u>Thursday 29 October 1998</u></b>	
Morning	free (preparation of the report)
Afternoon 18.00	9, 10

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*Note: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Byzantinon, Filothei, GR47042 Arta, Greece, tel. (+30) 681 52205, fax (+30) 681 52116*

*Morning sessions: 09.30 - 13.00*  
*Afternoon sessions: 14.30 - 18.00*

*Coffee breaks: 11.00 and 16.00*

## ANNEX I

### FORMAT OF REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MEDITERRANEAN MARINE TURTLES

- LEGAL PROTECTION (including ratification of relevant international treaties)  
(attach if possible copies of the relevant legal texts)
- PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NESTING BEACHES, FEEDING AND WINTERING  
AREAS, AND MIGRATION ROUTES
- ACTIONS TAKEN TO MINIMIZE INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF MARINE TURTLES IN FISHING  
GEAR
- INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES
- TRAINING INITIATIVES
- RESEARCH AND MONITORING