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COMPENDIUM OF PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS
CONCERNED WITH AQUACULTURE, ENERGY AND
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

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Title of Project: Compendium of Projects and Institutions Concerned
with Aquaculture, Energy and Human Settlements in
Mediterranean Countries

Project document for the project was submitted to UNEP on
10 May 1982 by PAP/RAC and signed on 29 May 1982.

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to compile, sort out and systematize available data on completed, on-going and planned national, bilateral, multilateral and international projects in the fields of renewable sources of energy, aquaculture and human settlements in Mediterranean coastal countries, as well as data about institutions and experts dealing in the Mediterranean with the problems of renewable sources of energy and aquaculture, with a view to appraising the possibility of using some of these projects as the basis for developing priority actions in the indicated fields. Data on institutions and experts to be compiled through this project could enable a selection of those institutions and experts being involved in priority actions in subsequent phases.

Background Information

The Intergovernmental Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States held in Split, from 31 January to 4 February 1977, decided that the integrated planning component of the Mediterranean Action Plan would be divided into two parts:

- the Blue Plan; and
- the Priority Actions Programme

The Meeting agreed that the Priority Actions Programme should undertake immediate activity in the fields of aquaculture, soft technologies including solar energy, human settlements, tourism, soil protection and

water resources management. Immediately after the 1977 Split meeting, the development of activities in all fields of the Priority Actions Programme was initiated.

The preparatory phase was completed, but further activities had to be reduced to minimum due to budgetary difficulties. Therefore, the Extraordinary Intergovernmental Meeting agreed that the existing projects relating to the PAP prepared in various Mediterranean countries should be used as much as possible as the basis for the further development of priority actions.

Accordingly, activity in the frame of each action would comprise the following:

- Selection of on-going projects and their modification in order to make their results as applicable as possible to the requirements specified in each priority action.
- Promotion of the exchange of experience obtained through accomplished or on-going projects.
- Evaluation of methods applied in individual projects, of their results and implementation, as well as identification of reasons of their success or failure.
- Application of the above knowledge in resolving similar problems in other Mediterranean countries.

Consequently, it has been decided that in order to activate the priority actions, data on projects, institutions and experts in Mediterranean countries should be obtained in the first phase in order to establish an early cooperation between the countries in implementing the Priority Actions Programme, and also to select those projects which could be used as the basis for the further development of the priority actions. Thus, this project is expected to produce compiled and sorted out relative data and information in the field of renewable sources of energy, aquaculture and human settlements, whereas the same effort would be done for the other three priority actions after the completion of this project.

Activities

PAP/RAC, in cooperation with the MAP Co-ordinating Unit, had prepared bilingual /English and French/ questionnaires for experts, institutions and projects and disseminated them to Mediterranean Governments through PAP National Focal Points inviting them to fill in the questionnaires and send them back to PAP/RAC.

When necessary, representatives of PAP/RAC will, through personal contacts with representatives of individual PAP National Focal Points, identify details on the projects which could serve as the basis for the further development of the priority actions.

After the necessary data have been collected, PAP/RAC will prepare corresponding Directories and a Compendium in English and French, which are expected to become a reliable source of information for both various interested institutions and experts, and work on the priority actions.

All interested Mediterranean Governments, bodies of UN system, institutions and experts will be kept informed of progress of the project through the PAP/RAC Bulletin issued in English and French.