

10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group

Istanbul, Türkiye, 11 September 2023

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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### Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021, the Secretariat is organizing the 10th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, which will be held, at the kind invitation of the Government of Türkiye, on 11 September 2023, in Istanbul, Türkiye.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:
  - (i) Provide updated information on the overall status of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap, in particular since the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, held through videoconference, on 5 July 2022;
  - (ii) Review the main elements for a potential renewal of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap and guide the Secretariat on the next steps to be followed;
  - (iii) Endorse the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR) for submission of its Executive Summary to the MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP23;
  - (iv) Review and endorse the Terms of Reference for CORMONs, CORESA and Online Working Groups and the Flow of Interaction between Ecosystem Approach and MAP Governing Bodies; and
  - (v) Review and endorse as appropriate, proposals by the CORMONs and/or MAP Component Focal Points on assessment criteria.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 9:30 on 11 September 2023 by Ms. Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention. The representative of the Host Country of the Meeting will also make opening remarks.

### Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.567/2
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.1

- 2.1. *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group*
  5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meetings (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).
- 2.2. *Election of Officers*
  6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meetings will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

### 2.3. *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.567/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting, including the proposed timetable contained in the present document.

### 2.4. *Organization of Work*

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the Meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Working Documents will be in English and French.

10. Sessions are scheduled from 9:30-12:30, and from 14:30-17:30. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 11 September 2023, after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

### **Agenda Item 3: Ecosystem Approach Roadmap Evaluation of Implementation and Renewal**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/3 UNEP/MED WG.567/4
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will update the meeting on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap in the current biennium 2022-2023 with a particular focus on progress achieved since the last 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (videoconference, on 5 July 2022).

12. The expert engaged by the Secretariat to undertake an independent evaluation of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap will present its main findings as outlined in the document “Review of Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap” (UNEP/MED WG.567/3), providing an update on the overall progress of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, since its adoption, with a particular focus on progress achieved since the last 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (videoconference, on 5 July 2022).

13. The expert will also present the document “Elements for a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Roadmap/Policy” (UNEP/MED WG.567/4), providing information on main proposed elements to drive the potential renewal of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap Policy, for consideration and guidance by the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group.

14. These documents will provide a basis for discussion among the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group members on the need for renewal of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, taking into consideration key regional and global developments of relevance to the Ecosystem Approach implementation as well as successes and shortcomings in its implementation, lessons learnt, and other important elements to be addressed in a potential renewed Roadmap.

15. The Meeting is expected to review and take note of the main elements for a renewed Ecosystem Approach Roadmap and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the way forward.

16. The Meeting is also expected to identify the main elements from the issues addressed under this agenda item to be included in a draft Decision from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

**Agenda Item 4: 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/5
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.3; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.7; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.9; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.11; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.13; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.15; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.16

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document “2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report/Executive Summary” (UNEP/MED WG.567/5), providing the key findings from the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report, as reviewed and endorsed by the respective Thematic and Integrated CORMON Meetings held in the biennium 2022-2023.

18. The Meeting is expected to endorse the Executive Summary of the 2023 MED QSR and provide guidance to the Secretariat for its submission, as appropriate, for consideration by the MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP 23.

19. The Meeting is also expected to identify the main elements from the issues addressed under this agenda item to be included in a draft Decision from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

**Agenda Item 5: New/Updated IMAP Assessment Criteria**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/6 UNEP/MED WG.567/7
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.16

20. The Secretariat will present the “New/Updated IMAP Assessment Criteria for Nutrients, Contaminants and Marine Litter within the Framework of Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR” (UNEP/MED WG.567/6), which have been discussed in depth and agreed by the respective Meetings of CORMON on Pollution and Marine Litter, and the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, as evolving documents.

21. The Secretariat will also present the “Assessment Criteria and the Guiding Document for Application of Assessment Criteria for the IMAP Common Indicator 16” (UNEP/MED WG.567/7), which have been approved by the Meeting of CORMON on Coast and Hydrography (Marseille, 28-29 March 2023) to assist Contracting Parties in defining their country-specific GES in relation to this Common Indicator.

22. The Meeting is expected to endorse the new/updated Assessment Criteria presented under this agenda item for their submission, as appropriate, for consideration by the MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP 23.

23. The Meeting is also expected to identify the main elements from the issues addressed under this agenda item to be included in a draft Decision from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

**Agenda Item 6: Ecosystem Approach Governance Mechanism**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/8
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.7

24. The Secretariat will present the “Terms of Reference for CORMONs, CORESA and Online Working Groups and Flow of Interaction between Ecosystem Approach and MAP Governing Bodies” (UNEP/MED WG.567/8) that has been previously reviewed by the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (videoconference 5 July 2022), which recommended the submission of the document, revised as agreed by the Meeting, for review by the 10<sup>th</sup> Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Meeting, aiming at enhancing clarity on the flow of work between Correspondence Groups and other decision-making bodies of the MAP system.

25. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse the Terms of Reference and Flow of Interactions between Ecosystem Approach and MAP Governing Bodies, for its use by the Secretariat and MAP Components.

26. The Meeting is also expected to identify the main elements from the issues addressed under this agenda item to be included in a draft Decision from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points meeting.

**Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business**

27. 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 agenda.

**Agenda Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/3 UNEP/MED WG.567/4 UNEP/MED WG.567/5 UNEP/MED WG.567/6 UNEP/MED WG.567/8 UNEP/MED WG.567/9
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.3; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.5; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8; UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.17 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.18

28. Under this Agenda Item, based on the elements identified under the previous agenda items to be included in a draft Decision from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points meeting, the Meeting will review and endorse the text of this Ecosystem Approach-related draft Decision for submission to the MAP Focal Points meeting, and as appropriate COP 23.

29. The Meeting will also review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

30. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Monday, 11 September 2023, at 17:30.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

<b>Monday, 11 September 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.567/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.567/2 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.1
09:45 – 11:00	Agenda item 3: Ecosystem Approach Roadmap Evaluation of Implementation and Renewal	UNEP/MED WG.567/3 UNEP/MED WG.567/4 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 4: 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report	UNEP/MED WG.567/5 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.15 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.16
<i>12:30 - 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:15	Agenda Item 5: New/Updated IMAP Assessment Criteria	UNEP/MED WG.567/6 UNEP/MED WG.567/7 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.16
15:15 – 16:00	Agenda Item 6: Ecosystem Approach Governance Mechanism	UNEP/MED WG.567/9 UNEP/MED WG.567/Inf.7
16:00 – 16:30	Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business	
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations	UNEP/MED WG.567/3 UNEP/MED WG.567/4 UNEP/MED WG.567/5 UNEP/MED WG.567/6 UNEP/MED WG.567/8

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17:30	Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting	