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Athens, Greece, 11 September 2017

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting, Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2016-2017 adopted by the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016, the Secretariat is organizing the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group on 11 September 2017, in Athens, Greece.

2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:

- (i) Take stock of the activities and main achievements marked in the framework of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap since its adoption by the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008.
- (ii) Review a number of important documents related to key aspects of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap implementation.
- (iii) Discuss and provide guidance on the way forward to ensure full implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap by the UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention system.

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, Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers
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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/Inf.1

3. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 11 September 2017 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention and the representative of the host country.

4. 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 Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

6. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.444/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

Agenda item 2. Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/3; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/4;

- (a) State of Play of Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap;
- (b) Way Forward

8. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 444/4 which summarizes the status of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap adopted by 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008, as well as the status of implementation of different actions, provided for by the Ecosystem Approach-related Decisions adopted by the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Paris, France, 8-10 February 2012 and 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016.

9. In addition, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 444/3, comprising the main outcomes of the gap analysis of regional measures and outlining of potential new/updated measures to achieve and/or maintain Good Environmental Status, as mandated in the MAP Programme of Work 2016-2017 adopted by 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Decision IG.22/20), and in line with the conclusions and recommendations of the 5th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (Rome, Italy, 14-15 September 2015).

10. The Meeting is expected to review the documents, and provide feedback as appropriate. The Meeting is also expected to discuss the next steps for the effective implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap.

Agenda item 3. Review of Proposed IMAP Common Indicator Guidance Facts Sheets
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/5; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/6;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/7

- (a) Pollution and Marine Litter;
- (b) Biodiversity and Fisheries;
- (c) Coast and Hydrography;
- (d) Enabling IMAP Information System

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/5, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/6 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/7, consisting of Guidance Factsheets for pollution and marine litter; biodiversity and fisheries; and coast and hydrography related IMAP Common Indicators, reviewed by the CORMONs and the relevant MAP components Focal Points Meetings.

12. Under this agenda item the Meeting is expected to review the IMAP Common Indicator Guidance Fact Sheets and take note of these documents and their evolving status in line with the progressive implementation of IMAP and its lessons learnt.

13. The Meeting is expected to review the main elements and progress achieved with regards to IMAP Information System under preparation and provide feedback and guidance to the Secretariat.

Agenda item 4. Review of Quality Status Report (QSR)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/8; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/9;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/10; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/11;
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 444/12

- (a) Pollution and Marine Litter;
- (b) Biodiversity and Fisheries;
- (c) Coast and Hydrography;
- (d) Cross-cutting and Horizontal Issues

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the drafts Quality Status Report (QSR) 2017 Assessment Fact Sheets regarding IMAP Common Indicators. In addition the Secretariat will present the online platform of QSR 2017.

15. The Meeting is expected to review the draft QSR 2017 and recommend its submission to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2017, Athens, Greece) for their consideration. The final online QSR 2017 is expected to be launched at the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

Agenda item 5. Conclusions and Recommendations

16. Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur including the main elements for the respective 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols draft decisions.

Agenda item 6. Any Other Business

17. Under this Agenda item, the participants and the Secretariat will to raise any other business related to the subject of the Meeting.

Agenda item 7. Closure of the Meeting

18. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 11 September 2017.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Monday, 11 September 2017		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting, Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/1; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/2; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/Inf.1</i>
09:45– 11:30	Agenda item 2: Midterm Review of the Implementation of the EcAp Application Roadmap	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/3; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/4</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: Review of proposed IMAP Common Indicator Guidance Facts Sheets	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/5; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/6; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/7;</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-16:30	Agenda item 4: Review of Quality Status Report (QSR)	<i>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/8; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/9; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/10; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/11; UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.444/12;</i>
16:30 – 17:15	Agenda item 5: Conclusions and recommendations	
17:15 - 17:30	Agenda item 6: Any Other Business	
17:30	Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting	