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**Agenda Item 5: Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019**

**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events**

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85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the  
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 18-19 April 2018

**Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and  
Major International Events in 2018-2019**

(As of 16 March 2018)

**SECTION I**

*Legenda:*

	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention governance meetings</i>
	<i>Main MAP Components' technical meetings/events</i>

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>2018</b>			
Secretariat	34 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	5-7 February	Sofia Antipolis, France
SPA/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	22-23 February	Tunis, Tunisia
Secretariat / MAP Components	MedProgramme 1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Consultation and Coordination meetings	7-9 March	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Drafting Group on Common Regional Framework for ICZM	13-14 March	Split, Croatia
MED POL, Plan Bleu	Regional Meeting on H2020 / NAP indicators and NBB guidelines and related Info system	17-18 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	85 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	18-19 April	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC	Inception and Project Steering Committee meetings - GEF Adriatic Project	26-27 April	Tirana, Albania
Plan Bleu	Plan Bleu 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and MED2050 workshop	5 June	Paris, France
Secretariat	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	Between 18 and 22 June	1-day teleconference
Secretariat	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	27-29 June	Athens, Greece
MED POL	Regional Seas Coordination Meeting on Marine Litter	June (tbc)	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Drafting Group on Common Regional Framework for ICZM	June	(tbc)
PAP/RAC	Launching of the CAMP Bosnia and Herzegovina	June	Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	June/July	Roma, Italy

Secretariat / MAP Components	MedProgramme 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regional Consultation	20-21 September	(tbc)
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day & 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PAP/RAC	25 September	Split, Croatia
PAP/RAC	Regional Consultation Workshop to Discuss the Draft Common Regional Framework for ICZM	26-27 September	Split, Croatia
Secretariat	35 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	27-28 September	Split, Croatia
Secretariat, MAP Components	Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on best practices for IMAP implementation	October	Athens, Greece
MED POL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC	Regional Meeting on Marine Litter Best Practices and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter	16-19 October	Istanbul, Turkey (tbc)
SPA/RAC	Meeting of experts to review the Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	October	Rome, Italy (tbc)
Secretariat, SPA/RAC	Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Biodiversity and Fisheries	October	(tbc)
Secretariat	86 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	6-7 November	Athens, Greece
Secretariat, MED POL	Regional Expert Meeting to consider main elements of six Pollution Reduction/Prevention Regional Plans	20-22 November	Athens, Greece (tbc)
<b>2019</b>			
SPA/RAC	Mediterranean Symposia on Marine Key Habitats and Non-Indigenous Species	14-18 January	Antalya, Turkey
Secretariat	36 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	16-17 January	Barcelona, Spain
Secretariat	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	23-24 January	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	30-31 January	Tunis, Tunisia
PAP/RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Drafting Group on Common Regional Framework for ICZM	January	(tbc)

MED POL	Regional Meeting on PRTR best practices and guidelines	19-20 February (tbc)	Tunis, Tunisia (tbc)
Secretariat, MED POL	Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution and Marine Litter	March	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	24-25 April (tbc)	Split, Croatia
SCP/RAC	SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	April (tbc)	Barcelona, Spain
Secretariat	87 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	21-22 May	Rome, Italy (tbc)
Secretariat, MED POL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Regional Expert Meeting on Pollution Reduction Regional Plans	28 May	Athens, Greece
MED POL	MED POL Focal Point Meeting	29-31 May (tbc)	Athens, Greece (tbc)
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	After 5 / Before 20 June	Rome, Italy
Plan Bleu	Workshop on simplified peer review mechanism (SIMPEER)	June	(tbc)
Plan Bleu	Plan Bleu Focal Points Meeting	June	(tbc)
Secretariat	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD	11-13 June	Montenegro
REMPEC	REMPEC Focal Points Meeting	11-13 June	Malta
SPA/RAC	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA- Biodiversity Focal Points	18-20 June	(tbc)
Secretariat	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	25-26 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	36 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	8 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	9 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	10-13 September	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	Nicosia, Cyprus (tbc)
ACCOBAMS and SPA/RAC	5 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries	October	(tbc)
Secretariat	21 <sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21)	10-13 December	Italy

**SECTION II***Major International Events of MAP Relevance in 2018-2019*

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>2018</b>			
US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and UNEP	6 <sup>th</sup> International Marine Debris Conference	12-16 March	San Diego, California, USA
CBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Dialogue of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative	10-13 April	Seoul, Republic of Korea
EU	Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG)	23-24 April	Brussels, Belgium
Ramsar	54 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance	23-27 April	Gland, Switzerland
UNFCCC	The 48 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC	30 April-10 May	Bonn, Germany
EU	European Maritime Day 2018	31 May-1 June	Burgas, Bulgaria
G7	44 <sup>th</sup> G7 Summit	8-9 June	La Malbaie, Quebec, Canada
GFCM	20 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)	26-29 June	Marrakech, Morocco
EU / MSFD	Technical Group on Marine Litter	26-28 June	Larnaca, Cyprus
European Environment Agency	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee of the ENI SEIS II South Support Mechanism project -9 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the H2020 Review and Monitoring Group	(tbc)	Vienna, Austria
ECOSOC	High-Level Political Forum 2018	9-18 July	New-York, US
CBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity	10-22 July	Montreal, Canada
CBD / SOI	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for the Mediterranean	September	(tbc)
CITES	70 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of CITES Standing Committee	1-5 October	Sochi, Russia
Ramsar	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance	21-29 October	Dubai, United Arab Emirates

FAO/GFCM	42 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission	22-26 October	Bucharest, Romania
Government of the Republic of Indonesia	Our Ocean Conference 2018	29-30 October	Bali, Indonesia
UNEP	4 <sup>th</sup> Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections	(tbc)	Bali, Indonesia
CBD	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	10-22 November	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
Minamata Convention on Mercury	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury	19-23 November	Geneva, Switzerland
UNEP, Republic of Kenya	Global Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy	27-30 November	Nairobi, Kenya
UNFCCC	24 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC	3-14 December	Katowice, Poland
CMS/AEWA	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds	4-8 December	Republic of South Africa
FAO/GFCM	GFCM Forum on Fisheries Science in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (Fish Forum 2018)	10-14 December	Rome, Italy
G20	G20 Summit	(tbc)	Buenos, Aires, Argentina
<b>2019</b>			
BRS Secretariat	Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (BC COP-14, RC COP-9, SC COP-9)	29 April-10 May	Geneva, Switzerland
UNEP	UN Environment Assembly	11-15 March	Nairobi, Kenya
FAO	41 <sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference	3-8 July	Rome, Italy
Government of Norway	Our Ocean Conference 2019	October (tbc)	Norway