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Introduction

1. At the invitation of the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), on the 6th September 2016, the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean was established. The Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean, is instrumental in providing coordinated support and guidance to the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, and a forum for consultation, exchange of good practices, and solutions seeking. It is implemented through the establishment, on a voluntary basis, of an open ended group of regional and international partners with mandates and activities contributing to the environmentally sound management of marine litter in the Mediterranean.

2. The second meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean was held in Barcelona, Spain on 9-10 November 2017, in the framework of the Marine Litter Week (6-10 November 2017) organized by the UN Environment/MAP and its Sustainable Consumption and Production Regional Activity Center (SCP/RAC).

Participation

3. The following organizations, members of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean, attended the second meeting: UN Environment/Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activity (GPA), UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan(MAP) (including MED POL) supported by the relevant Regional Activity Centres (SPA/RAC, SCP/RAC and REMPEC), Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC), European Environment Agency (EEA), GRID-Arendal, Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (IFREMER), Institute for water of the Republic of Slovenia (IWRS), International Bottom Trawl Survey in the Mediterranean (MEDITS), International Union for Conservation of Nature Centre for the Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-MED), Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET), Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), National Research Council of Italy (CNR); PANACeA project (Streamlining Networking and Management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas for Enhanced Natural Conservation and Protection), Plastics Europe, Secretariat for the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Surfrider Foundation Europe, Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the Mediterranean (SDSN-MED), and Waste Free Oceans (WFO).

4. The following members of the platform did not attend the second meeting of Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean: Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GMBH, European Commission Joint Research Centrum (EC JRC) Technical Group on Marine Litter (TGML), General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA), Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM), Prince Albert II Monaco Foundation, and Sweep-NET.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The meeting was opened by Mr. Gaetano Leone, UN Environment/MAP Barcelona Convention Secretariat Coordinator; welcomed the participants he pointed out the warm response of the members of the platform at the invitation of the UN Environment/MAP and gave a brief overview on the progress achieved and the increased attention that the platform has received since September 2016, when the platform was established.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

6. No comments or suggestions were received from the meeting participants and the agenda of the meeting, included under the UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/1/Rev.2, was approved.

Agenda Item 3: Overview of the Conclusions of the First Meeting of Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter (Athens, 6 Sept. 2016)

7. The MAP Secretariat provided a brief overview on the global and Mediterranean responses on marine litter. An overview was also provided to the members of the platform, related to the mandate for the establishment of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean and the conclusions, priorities and activities that were agreed during the first meeting of the platform (Athens, Greece, 6 Sept. 2016). A reference to the report of the first meeting was also made: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.425/4.

Agenda Item 4: Introduction of New Members and/or Invitees

8. A “tour-de-table” followed with the old and new members of the platform presenting themselves and their respective organizations including brief introduction of their mandates and future plans and actions on marine litter.

Agenda Item 5: Progress achieved in the:

9. Based on the UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/2 working document the progress achieved under the following three elements was presented.

a. Implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean.

10. Mrs Jelena Knezevic, UN Environment/MAP MED POL Programme Officer gave a detailed presentation on the progress achieved in the implementation of the UN Environment/MAP Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and its key obligations, mandates, and updated detailed work plan (Annex I, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/2). She specifically gave an update on the progress and status of implementation, specifically related to its Articles 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

b. Implementation of the Priorities of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter for 2017.

11. The UN Environment/MAP Coordinator, presented the work that has been undertaken by the Secretariat, in such a manner, to increase the visibility and the attention of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean in international fora. Specific reference was made in the following meetings:

- G7 Workshop on Marine Litter (Rome, Italy, 20-21 April 2017);
- G20 Conference on Marine Litter (Bremen, Germany, 30 May-1 June 2017);
- UN “The Ocean Conference” (New York, USA, 5-9 June 2017);
- 2017 “Our Ocean” Conference (Valetta, Malta, 5-6 October 2017);
- UN Environment/MAP meetings (e.g. CORMOM meeting on Marine Litter Monitoring, MED POL Focal Point meeting, 6th EcAp Coordination Group, MAP Focal Point meeting);
- EU MSFD Technical Group on Marine Litter (TGML);
- UN Environment/GPA Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML).

12. Detailed information can be found under UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/2 working document.

13. The members of the platform were also updated by Mr Gaetano Leone (UN Environment/MAP, Coordinator) and Mrs Heidi Savelli (UN Environment/GPA, Programme Officer) on the UN Environment #CleanSeas campaign (<https://cleanseas.org/>) and the second Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Marine Litter (May – Aug. 2017).

c. Implementation of relevant activities and initiatives from members and invitees.

14. The members of the platform presented the main activities and initiatives undertaken by their organizations related to marine litter since September 2016.

15. The IFREMER representative, informed the members of the platform about the EMODNET (funded by DG MARE) database on microplastics which is going to be operational within 2018, together with the corresponding database on seafloor marine litter. He also proposed that a meeting between MEDITS, EMODNET and MEDPOL should be organized in the near future to explore possibilities of joint actions with regard to the development of the seafloor marine litter database. Information were also shared about several Interreg-MED projects that are currently funded to work on the assessment of marine litter in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and also on the information which is already available. The next step is the development of guidelines on monitoring and assessing marine litter on MPAs and he proposed that these guidelines should be channelled and disseminated through UN Environment/MAP and its MEDPOL programme. He also gave brief information on the pressures and impacts of marine litter on MAPs using Remoted Operated Vehicles (ROVs) and through scuba divers as an opportunistic approach giving an example that from approximately 250 ROV dives, almost 95% consists of fishing gear. As co-chair of the European Commission (EC) Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Technical Group on Marine Litter (TGML), he informed the members of the platform on the revised EC Decision on marine litter including a new indicator on entanglement taking into account the fact that marine litter is interacting with biota by almost 40%. A brief presentation was also provided on the GESAMP related activities on marine litter which is currently focusing on microplastics and its assessment protocols.

16. The MIO-ECSDE representative presented a brief overview of MIO-ECSDE's marine litter actions on the science-policy-society interface. It informed the members of the platform on the Interreg MED ACT4LITTER project where MIO-ECSDE is developing together with 10 MPAs marine litter action plans as well as it is launching a Marine Litter Watch Month primarily targeted to MPA managers. Activities implemented in the framework of the IPA-Adriatic DeFishGear project were presented, as well as activities carried out in the framework of the SWIM-H2020 SM with a particular focus on the expert facility activities implemented in Algeria, Morocco and Egypt and the possible synergies with regard to the UN Environment/MAP activities. A brief overview of the Regional Survey on ALDFG carried out in 11 countries of the Mediterranean was also made. Questions were addressed to the MAP Secretariat on the list of beach marine litter items (and the re-clustering of certain items e.g. into sanitary and medical) included in the MEDPOL Beach Litter Survey Form.

17. The SDSN-Med and Siena University representative, shared with the members of the platform the science-related needs: a) assess the impact of marine and microplastics on biota (reference to a new-published paper on Environmental Pollution was made); b) identification of marine litter hotspots, with a link to the Pelagos Sanctuary SPAMI; c) assess the impact of marine litter on human health; d) assess the impact of plastic marine litter in aquaculture). She mentioned, that further work and data are required in order to better assess the effect of marine litter on eatable species, along with the transfer of contaminants from plastic marine litter to the biota.

18. The Waste Free Oceans (WFO) representative, pointed out the need for a holistic approach which will ensuring reuse and refill schemes in our everyday life, including the social dimension of waste management. He also informed the members of the platform about the latest clean up with WWF in

Honk Kong and also commented that 100% of marine litter comes from land and that we need to go to the source of consumption and to be realistic. Moreover, he raised the issues of the different types of polymers used by the industry and raised WFO's concern for the fact that industry needs to develop standards. Two videos were also shared with the members of the platform.

19. The Surfrider Foundation Europe (SFE) representative, presented an update of the marine litter-related activities of Surfriders Europe foundation, particularly related with the replication of the LIFE LEMA project between France and Spain which worked on the identification of hotspot/marine litter accumulation areas. Thereafter, she introduced to the members of the platform the participation of the volunteers. A proposal was also made from Surfriders Europe for UN Environment to develop a glossary and state of the art on plastics and even to related it with the circular economy.

20. The IUCN-MED Director, informed the members of the platform on the marine litter-related activities of IUCN at global level related to the characterization of what is considered as marine litter and what as microplastics and that the corresponding results were presented last June 2017 in New York during the UN "The Ocean Conference". He also briefed the members on the IUCN-MED priorities related to: a) assess the impact of marine litter on biota; b) assess marine litter sources; and c) support coastal municipalities with regard to support the lacking capacity required to effectively address the problem.

21. The PlasticsEurope representative presented to the members of the platform how plastics are great contributors to resource savings and environmental protection and that plastics are part of our daily life. Moreover, she presented the environmental concerns associated with plastics in terms of waste management schemes, citizen behaviour and improper use of landfills. She also presented the PlasticsEurope areas of work to fight against marine litter e.g. zero plastics to landfills and operation clean sweep (zero pellet loss). The fact that the transfer of marine litter substances on the food chain and the corresponding effect to human health is not well documented was also pointed out. In addition, she presented the Ecomar foundation and the full life cycle thinking including eco design. An announcement was also done with regards to the upcoming PolyTalk 2018 Stakeholders Conference (26-27 April 2018 in Malta).

22. The EEA representative gave a brief introduction on the environmental info-systems with a particular focus on marine litter, and also presented marine litter in the framework of the European Commission (EC) Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

23. The IWRS representative presented the marine litter-related activities implemented as part of the interaction of IWRS with TGML and EEA towards the harmonization of data. He also commented on the fact that it is very difficult the use of plastics in our everyday life and thus further attention and efforts should be given on recycling.

24. The BRS Secretariat representative presented the work of three Conventions related to the POPs, mainly linked with laboratories implementing monitoring activities. Information were also shared with regard to policy development and training on marine litter, the plastic management (i.e. recycling) and the need for BRS Secretariat to replicate the UN Environment/MAP Mediterranean Node on Marine Litter.

25. The GRID-Arendal representative, presented the past, present and future activities of GRID-Arendal on marine litter. He presented the development of the GRID-Arendal marine litter project portfolio and the marine litter predictive maps. The marine litter vital graphics were also presented along with the need for geographic prioritization of efforts.

26. The MEDITS representative, presented the methodology to assess marine litter on the sea floor and also to model the spatial distribution with the Mediterranean Sea being their main case study. She gave comprehensive examples on the collection of data on marine litter during the MEDITS cruises,

the way to assess the presence of marine litter in the Mediterranean and a special case study where the development of modelling tools was explored.

27. The PANACeA representative, presented the objectives and principle of PANACeA with a particular focus to mainstream networking and management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas (PAs). She presented the PANACeA coordinating actions i.e. webinar on marine litter (17 July 2017) and the identification of target policies and instruments to transfer the project results (25 October 2017, Barcelona). PANACeA's integrated approach and next steps were also introduced. PANACeA has also kindly offered to host the next meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean (Feb. 2018 tbc)¹.

28. SPA/RAC, SCP/RAC and REMPEC representatives gave a brief overview of the marine litter-related activities as part of the UN Environment/MAP work and mandate on marine litter.

Agenda Item 6: State of Play on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean:

a. UN Environment/MAP 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report.

29. MAP Secretariat presented to the members of the platform the upcoming 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (QSR) and in particular its two chapters dedicated on marine litter, related to the UN Environment/MAP Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) Common Indicators 22 and 23 (Ecological Objective 10: Marine Litter).

30. The updated list of guidelines on marine litter management, included under UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/3 working document, were presented.

b. Presentations on Science related Aspects of Marine Litter.

31. Mr Maurizio Avella, Research Director at the Italian National Research Council (CNR) presented to the members of the platform an overview of the conclusions and the proposed way forward as outcome of the "International Conference on Microplastic Pollution in the Mediterranean Sea" (μ MED) hosted in Capri, Italy, on September 26-29th 2017. He briefed the participants about the current situation in the Mediterranean Sea, the presence of microplastics in the Mediterranean, their interaction with the food webs and the corresponding impacts. He also presented the future research priorities agreed by the μ MED Conference with regard to the biodegradable polymers, the upcycling of plastic marine litter, and on preventing marine litter pollution at source.

32. Mrs Svitlana Liubartseva, Senior Researcher on Ocean Predictions and Applications at the Foundation Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change, gave a presentation on modelling marine litter and microplastics in the Mediterranean. She presented a very interesting compilation of the sources of plastics in the Mediterranean, the concentration of plastics found afloat at sea and the flux of plastics onto the coastlines. In addition, she presented how modelling could contribute in this interesting exercise taking into account the following parameters: i) anthropogenic sources (coastal population, rivers and shipping), ii) sea transportation (currents, waves, sedimentation and beaching), and iii) environmental destination (i.e. sea surface, coastlines, seafloor).

33. Fruitful discussions were carried out related to the ongoing initiatives with regard with the development of risk assessment tools to identify where in the Mediterranean marine litter is accumulating and also on the biodegradable plastic/polymers (i.e. doubts, dilemmas, and future research).

¹ PANACeA/ETC-UMA had proposed to fit the next meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in one of the following identified sessions: Rome (April 2018), Montenegro (Spring 2018), Brussels (Autumn 2018), Rome (Spring 2019), and Malaga (Autumn 2019)

c. Presentations on Private Sector/Industry related Aspects of Marine Litter.

34. Mrs Anna-Gaelle Collot, Senior Manager on Environmental Affairs at Plastics Europe, presented to the members of the Platform an overview of the recent developments/commitments of the plastic industry on marine litter as well as its future plans and initiatives.

Agenda Item 7: 2017-2018 Priorities and Opportunities for Synergies and Partnership:

a. The 3rd Session of the UN Environment Assembly: Focus on Pollution.

35. The Programme Officer at the UN Environment Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land, gave to the members of the platform a comprehensive and informative presentation on the upcoming third session of the UN Environment Assembly (Nairobi, Kenya, 4-6 December 2017).

b. The 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona; Convention: SDG14 Implementation with a focus on Pollution and Biodiversity.

36. The MAP Coordinator, presented to the members of the platform the aspects of the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona to be held in Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017. He informed the members of the platform that the meeting will focus on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a focus on Sustainable Development Goal 14: pollution and biodiversity meeting, and that will also review the progress achieved during the 2016-2017 biennium by the Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention system. It will also take strategic and programmatic decisions that will guide its work towards the protection of the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean region, contributing to its sustainable development and will provide the opportunity to review issues related to the regional implementation of the international agenda and to set priorities and make commitments towards achieving the SDGs and especially SDG 14 through the Barcelona Convention instruments. He also provided brief information on the interactive ministerial level session which is planned to be held on the 19th December 2017.

c. The UN Environment Clean Seas Campaign.

37. The Programme Officer at the UN Environment Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land, gave to the members of the platform a comprehensive and informative presentation on the UN Environment #CleanSeas campaign. She informed the members of the platform about the Mediterranean countries that have already joined and that are also in the process of joining the campaign and about the future plans and activities in the framework of the #CleanSeas campaign.

d. Any Other Major Programme Activities.

38. The members of the platform discussed during this agenda item other opportunities, activities that their organizations are planning to undertake for the period 2018 – 2019.

Agenda Item 8: Communication and Visibility: Regional Node on Marine Litter

39. The MAP Secretariat presented to the members of the platform the Mediterranean Node on Marine Litter being under development from the UN Environment/MAP with the support of the UN Environment Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), in the framework of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML). The objectives of the Mediterranean Node on Marine Litter along with the identified content of the node were presented in detail. The terms of reference of the Regional Node on Marine Litter were presented under UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/4 working document.

40. The Programme Officer at the UN Environment Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land, presented to the members of the platform the overall context with regard to the establishment of Regional Nodes on Marine Litter to coordinate, assist and facilitate the establishment of cooperation mechanisms at regional level. The members of the platform were also informed about the GPML Node on Marine Litter (<http://marinelitternetwork.com/>) and about the existing regional nodes.

41. The meeting discussed the best way to achieve complementarity and integration of the Regional Node with the Platform, building on the work and network developed so far by the latter. Therefore, it was suggested that the Regional Node will provide to the members of the Platform the opportunity to showcase their marine litter-related work. It will also keep the members updated on the marine litter developments at international level and thereby strengthen the visibility of both the Platform and its members.

Agenda Item 9: Discussion on the Priorities and Need for Development of a Joint 2018 Work Plan

42. The MAP Secretariat presented to the members of the platform an updated version of the priority themes of common interest and related activities for a 2018 Joint Work Plan, being included under UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.446/5 working document. The updated version presented during the second day of the meeting was based on the outcomes of the discussion of day one.

43. The members of the platform provided input and suggestions on the proposed priority themes of common interest and related activities for a 2018 Joint Work Plan. Following agreement of the meeting, the updated version was circulated to the members for their written inputs, and such revised version is provided under the Conclusions and Recommendations section to the present report.

Agenda Item 10: Conclusions and Recommendations

44. Upon proposal by the UN Environment/MAP Barcelona Convention Secretariat, the meeting agreed on a number of priority themes of common interest and related activities upon which a 2018 Joint Work Plan could be built upon.

45. The following priorities will be considered by the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean:

- i. Mapping of processes, initiatives and mandates to allow higher effectiveness and better coordination of the collective responses to marine litter challenges:
 - Strengthen the comprehensive and diverse nature of the Platform composition, involving as many stakeholders as resources allow, by suggesting new possible members, with special attention to those from and active in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean;
 - Encourage stronger commitment of the members of the Platform over the identified priority activities;
 - Host the meetings of the Platform and develop a light mechanism for monitoring/exchanging progress during the year;
 - Take leadership roles within the Platform in competent fields of expertise;
 - Develop a marine litter-related project inventory and explore opportunities for building synergies.
- ii. Harmonization and standardization of monitoring and assessment methodologies:
 - Explore for synergies with a view to the harmonization of relevant marine litter monitoring protocols (including marine litter recording lists) and corresponding metadata and reporting templates;

- Further advance knowledge and understanding on the marine litter sources, origin and pathways including related aspects (place, time, duration, and volume of marine litter loads);
 - Ensure more reliable and standardized data by enhancing the research and monitoring interface;
 - Improve data availability by supporting more efficient exchange between existing databases.
- iii. Contribution to and promote effective waste management schemes and use of prevention tools, taking of related socio-economic aspects:
- Promote reduce, reuse, recycle and redesign schemes;
 - Ensure upstream reduction of marine litter by strengthening prevention measures and promoting extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes, including the involvement of the tourism industry;
 - Draw special attention to the effective management of single-use plastic items with the aim to avoid/reduce their inputs in the marine and coastal environment. These items being used in everyday life are a significant source of marine litter (i.e. due to their light weight it is easy to be transferred by wind or rivers and their fragmentation process it is much faster);
 - Draw special attention to the design of the waste water treatment systems (e.g. use of filters, etc.) in such a way so that microplastics (including fibers) releases into the marine environment are prevented;
 - Support the dissemination of practical tools, including greening practices and information for entrepreneurs, businesses, civil society organizations and administrations to effectively tackle marine litter problem with specific examples.
 - Encourage the identification of plastic producers in the Mediterranean;
- iv. Assessment and prevention of marine litter impacts on biodiversity, especially in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):
- Assess impacts of marine litter and microplastics, and identify hotspot areas where marine litter is accumulating, especially on MPAs in the Mediterranean and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs);
 - Promote the application of harmonized guidelines for monitoring and assessing marine litter in MPAs and SPAMIs in the Mediterranean.
- v. Assess socio-economic impacts of marine litter, including microplastics, highlighting impacts of marine litter and microplastics on human livelihood (i.e. shellfish, fisheries, fish farming, tourism, etc.);
- vi. Education, awareness-raising and capacity building:
- Identification, testing and dissemination of best practices among all members to ensure most effective actions;
 - Promoting Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on marine litter and the UN Environment #CleanSeas Campaign;
 - Promote Platform in members' networks;
 - Exchange information on relevant national, regional and international events among members and provide visibility to the Platform when participating in them;
 - Contribute to the development of the Mediterranean Node on Marine Litter;

- Use of raising awareness tools like the EEA Marine LitterWatch smartphone application, as a tool for collecting clean up beach marine litter data;
- Prepare a marine litter glossary.

Agenda Item 11: Any Other Business

46. Under the eleventh Agenda item, participants didn't raise and discuss any other matters.

47. The third meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter will be held in the course of 2018. The Secretariat took note with appreciation of the kind offer to host it by PANACeA (see paragraph 27 above). Additional information will be distributed, in advance, to the members of the Platform.

Agenda Item 12: Closure of the Meeting

48. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the meeting was declared closed at 12:30 a.m. on 10 November 2017.

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Annex II
Provisional Agenda

Agenda

Thursday, 9 November 2017

- Agenda Item 1** : Opening of the Meeting
- Agenda Item 2** : Organizational Matters
- Agenda Item 3** : Overview of the Conclusions of the First Meeting of Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter (Athens, 6 Sept. 2016)
- Agenda Item 4** : Introduction of New Members and/or Invitees
- Agenda Item 5** : Progress achieved in the:
- a. Implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean;
 - b. Implementation of the Priorities of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter for 2017;
 - c. Implementation of relevant activities and initiatives from members and invitees.
- Agenda Item 6** : State of Play on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean:
- a. UN Environment/MAP 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report;
 - b. Presentations on Science related Aspects of Marine Litter;
 - c. Presentations on Private Sector/Industry related Aspects of Marine Litter.
- Agenda Item 7** : 2017-2018 Priorities and Opportunities for Synergies and Partnership with view of:
- d. The 3rd Session of the UN Environment Assembly: Focus on Pollution;
 - e. The 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona; Convention: SDG14 Implementation with a focus on Pollution and Biodiversity;
 - f. The UN Environment Clean Seas Campaign;
 - g. Any Other Major Programme Activities

Friday, 10 November 2017

- Agenda Item 8** : Communication and Visibility: Regional Node on Marine Litter
- Agenda Item 9** : Discussion on the Priorities and Need for Development of a Joint 2018 Work Plan
- Agenda Item 10** : Conclusions and Recommendations
- Agenda Item 11** : Any Other Business
- Agenda Item 12** : Closure of the Meeting