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and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Rome, Italy, 22-23 April 2020

**Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and  
Major International Events in 2020-2021<sup>1</sup>**

(As of 10 March 2020)

**SECTION I**

*Legenda:*

	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance Meetings</i>
	<i>Main MAP Components' Technical Meetings/events</i>

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2020</b>			
UNEP/MAP	Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project	10 March	Tunis, Tunisia
SPA/RAC	MedBycatch Project Scientific Committee Meeting (in coordination with GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN-Med, BirdLife EU/CA and MEDASSET)	10-13 March	Tunis, Tunisia
SPA/RAC	Steering Committee Meeting of the Species Project (with ACCOBAMS, IUCN-Med, BirdLife and MEDASSET)	12 March	Tunis, Tunisia
Secretariat	89 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	22-23 April	Teleconference (TBC)
REMPEC	Sub-regional Workshop on the use of the RETOS <sup>TM</sup> for the assessment of the level of oil spill response planning and readiness management	28-30 April <i>POSTPONED</i>	Tirana, Albania
SPA/RAC	National workshop for the adoption of the National Action Plan of Lebanon on sea turtles	April (TBC)	Lebanon
SPA/RAC	National workshop for the adoption of the National Action Plan of Libya on sea turtles	April (TBC)	Libya (TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the MED 2050 Foresight Group	April/May (TBC)	Marseille, France
REMPEC	National Pilots related to the Better Management of Marine Litter from Sea-based Sources in Ports & Marinas for Lebanon	4-8 May	Beirut, Lebanon
Secretariat	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	13-14 May	Athens, Greece
UNEP/MAP, SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC	GEF Adriatic Project Steering Committee Meeting	May (TBC)	Tirana, Albania (TBC)

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events are being affected by the measures taken to contain the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), especially up to May 2020. Known changes have been incorporated to the extent possible in this calendar.

REMPEC	National Workshop on Ratification and Effective Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI for Egypt	May/June (TBC)	Cairo, Egypt
UNIDO with SwitchMed Partners	SwitchMed II Steering Committee	2-3 June	Vienna, Austria
REMPEC	Regional Workshop on the Ballast Water Management Convention	2-4 June	Valletta, Malta
Secretariat	MedProgramme Kick Off Meeting	8-12 June	Malaga, Spain (TBC)
EEA, UBA-Vienna, MED POL	Last ENI SEIS II South Steering Committee	16-17 June	Brussels, Belgium
Secretariat	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	16-18 June	Athens, Greece
REMPEC	National workshop on the Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) for Albania	29 June	Tirana, Albania
Plan Bleu/RAC, UNEP/MAP, UfM	Plenary discussion of MedECC SPM	June (TBC)	Marseille, France
SPA/RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM)	June (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC – IUCN-SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group	Important Marine Turtle Areas Workshop (MAVA)	June (TBC)	Monaco (TBC)
SPA/RAC, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN-Med, BirdLife ECA, MEDASSET	MedBycatch Project Closure Workshop	June (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC and APAL	MAVA Project: National stakeholder workshop on ICZM	June (TBC)	Tunis or Bizerte, Tunisia
Plan Bleu/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the MED 2050 Orientation Committee (potentially linked to IUCN 2020 event)	June/July (TBC)	Marseille, France
PAP/RAC	Inception workshop of CAMP Bosnia and Herzegovina	July (TBC)	Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	La Valletta, Malta
PAP/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> working Meeting to draft a toolbox for the analytical phase of MSP	September (TBC)	(TBC)

Plan Bleu/RAC	Blue Economy Workshop(s): aquaculture; cruise and recreational boating	July-December (TBC)	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC, MedECC, MISTRALS	Med 2020 Science-Policy Conference	2-4 September	Marseille, France
REMPEC	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS)	15-16 September (TBC)	Croatia or Malta (TBC)
SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee of the 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	September (TBC)	Tunis, Tunisia
SPA/RAC	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)	September (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)	September (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	Regional Training Session on the Use of the Mediterranean Platform on Biodiversity	September (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	Regional Training Workshop on the Identification and Monitoring of Cartilaginous fish species	September (TBC)	Tunisia
SPA/RAC	MedKeyHabitats II Project Closure Event: "Mapping of marine key habitats and assessing their vulnerability to fishing activities in the Mediterranean"	September (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	Regional Meeting of National Experts on the Post-2021 Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships	6-7 October	Valletta, Malta
MED POL	Meeting on Best Practices on Municipal Wastewater and Sludge Reduction and Storm Water related Waste Prevention	13-15 October	Athens, Greece (TBC)
MED POL	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting to Review Regional Plans for Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management	13-15 October	Athens, Greece (TBC)
REMPEC	Regional Workshop to enhance Marine Oil and HNS regional cooperation in the Mediterranean (MEDEXPOL 2020)	27-29 October	Monaco
Plan Bleu/RAC	Observatories workshop	October (TBC)	(TBC)

PAP/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting on linking IMAP-LSI-MSP	October (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC, INFO/RAC	Integrated Meeting of EcAp Correspondence Groups on Monitoring (CORMON): Biodiversity and Fisheries, Pollution and Litter, Coast and Hydrography	October/November (TBC)	Athens, Greece (TBC)
ACCOBAMS-SPA/RAC	5 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Cetacean Conservation in south Mediterranean Countries (CSMC5)	October/November (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Inception workshop of CAMP Otranto	November (TBC)	Lecce, Italy (TBC)
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect (within the Ecomondo Event)- Launch of the Mediterranean Green Business Award	2-3 November	Rimini, Italy
SPA/RAC, together with MAN, ISPAB, APAL, DGEQV	1 <sup>st</sup> International Congress on Resilience of Marine Ecosystems in the Mediterranean (RESI-MED 2020)	4-6 November	Tabarka, Tunisia
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	November (TBC)	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	90 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau and 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy	10-13 November	Athens, Greece
SCP/RAC	Extraordinary Meeting SCP/RAC Focal Points/nominated experts on the regional measures for green and circular businesses and mid-term evaluation of the SCP Action Plan (back-to-back with Circular Economy Hotspot 2020)	19 November	Barcelona, Spain
SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF	The 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	30 November – 2 December	Monaco
MED POL	Regional Meeting on Best Practices on Compliance and Enforcement related to Dumping Protocol and to Review Amendments to its Annexes	10-11 December (TBC)	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	15-16 December (TBC)	Podgorica, Montenegro
PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC	GEF Adriatic Project: Closure workshop	December (TBC)	(TBC)
<b>2021</b>			
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	19-20 January (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Inception workshop of CAMP Cyprus-Israel	January (TBC)	(TBC)

PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: Meeting on the analysis of national legal and institutional frameworks with regard to ICZM Protocol in Algeria and Tunisia	January (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL, INFO/RAC	Meeting to Review Draft Annexes of the LBS Protocol back-to-back with the Meeting on updating National Baseline Budget Methodology	9-11 February	(TBC)
PAP/RAC, IHP-UNESCO and GWP Med	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting of all partners on the integrated management plan for the Damour area in Lebanon	February (TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting to start the process of preparation of the national ICZM strategy for Lebanon	February (TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting in Montenegro to start the process of preparation of the ICZM plan for the project area	February (TBC)	Podgorica, Montenegro
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol	February (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL, REMPEC, SCP/RAC	Best Practices Meeting on the Implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter to	1 March	Seville, Spain
MED POL	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting to review updated Regional Plan for Marine Litter	2 March	Seville, Spain
MED POL, SCP/RAC	MARLICE 2021	3-5 March	Seville, Spain
MED POL	Back-to-back Meetings: (a) Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution Monitoring, and (b) Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring	16-18 March	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)	Last week of March (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)	Last week of March (TBC)	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the MED 2050 Foresight Group	March (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting to start the process of preparation of the national ICZM strategy for Egypt	March (TBC)	Cairo, Egypt

PAP/RAC	Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Coast and Hydrography	March (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> working Meeting on linking IMAP-LSI-MSP	March (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 1 <sup>st</sup> working Meeting in Morocco to start the process of preparation of the ICZM plan for the project area	March (TBC)	Rabat, Morocco
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	12 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points on the Medium-Term Strategy	13-15 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	91 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Bureau and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy	18-21 May	(TBC)
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	19-21 May	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points	25-28 May (TBC)	Malta (TBC)
REMPEC	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	25-27 May	Valetta, Malta
PAP/RAC	PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	26-27 May	Split, Croatia
MED POL	Second Meeting to review Regional Plans for Urban Wastewater Treatment, Sewage Sludge Management and Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean	24-25 May	Athens, Greece (TBC)
MED POL	Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points	26-28 May	Athens, Greece (TBC)
Secretariat	MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking meeting	25-28 May	Marrakech, Morocco (TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting	May (TBC)	Marseille (France)
SCP/RAC	SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	May (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat/ REMPEC	Third Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group	8-9 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	10-11 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD	16-18 June	Slovenia (TBC)
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	5 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	6 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	7-10 September	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	Regional Training Session on the Identification of Marine Key Habitats (Common Indicator CI-1,	September (TBC)	(TBC)



	EO1 & CI-2, EO1 of IMAP) and the use of SDF web application		
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	(TBC)
SPA/RAC, ODYSSEA and COSPAR	Summer School on Spatial Oceanography	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of September 2020	Tunisia
PAP/RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> CAMP Network Meeting	September (TBC)	Tangiers, Morocco (TBC)
PAP/RAC and IOC-UNESCO	Regional workshop on Marine Spatial Planning	October (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 2 <sup>nd</sup> sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol	October (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC, Bern Convention, Bonn Convention	8 <sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Sea Turtle Conference	October/November (TBC)	Morocco
Plan Bleu/RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the MED 2050 Foresight Group	November (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: Training workshop for GEF eligible countries on how to make the land-use change analysis and to use it in the planning process	November (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	GEF MedProgramme: 3 <sup>rd</sup> sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol	November (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22)	7-10 December (TBC)	Antalya, Turkey

## SECTION II

	<i>Major International Events of MAP Relevance</i>
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Organizers	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2020</b>			
SAICM Secretariat	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Intersessional Process (IP4) for Considering the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste Beyond 2020	23-27 March <i>POSTPONED</i>	Bucharest, Romania
UN	4 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument on ABNJ	23 March-3 April <i>POSTPONED</i>	New York, USA
CBD	Third Meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies	21-24 April 2020 <i>POSTPONED</i>	Busan, Republic of Korea
IOC-UNESCO	Marine Spatial Planning Forum	27-30 April <i>POSTPONED</i>	Athens, Greece
Prince Albert II Foundation	Human Health and the Ocean	11-13 May	Monaco
EU DG MARE	European Maritime Day	14-15 May	Cork, Ireland
CBD	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	18-23 May 2020	Montreal, Canada
Governments of Kenya and Portugal	2020 UN Ocean Conference	2-6 June	Lisbon, Portugal
UN	2020 World Environment Day on biodiversity	5 June	Colombia
IUCN	IUCN World Conservation Congress	11-19 June	Marseille, France
EC	European Development Days 2020 'The Green Deal for a Sustainable Future' - SWITCH to Green Initiative Project Lab	9-10 June	Brussels, Belgium
G7	46 <sup>th</sup> G7 Summit	10-12 June	Camp David, USA
European Environment Agency	Meeting of ENI SEIS II South Steering Committee	16-17 June	Brussels, Belgium
BRS Secretariat	OEWG 12 of the Basel Convention	22-25 June	Brussels, Belgium
EC	MSFD - 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Group on Marine Data (TG DATA)	June (TBC)	Roma, Italy
UfM	2020 UfM Ministerial Conference on Blue Economy	2 July	La Valette, Malta
CBD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	27-31 July (TBC)	Cali, Colombia (TBC)

Government of the Republic of Palau	Our Ocean Conference 2020	August (TBC)	Palau
UN	75 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75)	15-30 September	New York City, U.S.A.
Canadian Government	World Circular Economy Forum	29 September - 1 October	Toronto, Canada
UNEP	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)	5-9 October	Bonn, Germany
CBD	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (2020 UN Biodiversity Conference)	15-28 October	Kunming, China
NIOZ (Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research)	IMIDIS 2020 – International Conference on Marine Data and Information System	26-28 October	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
MedPAN and SPA/RAC	2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	October 2020 (TBC)	Monaco (TBC)
GFCM	44 <sup>th</sup> GFCM Session	October / November	(TBC)
UNFCCC	COP 26 of UNFCCC (UN Climate Change Conference)	9-20 November	United Kingdom, in partnership with Italy (TBC)
G20	G20 Summit	21-22 November (TBC)	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Vienna Convention / Montreal Protocol	12 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention / 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol	23-27 November	(TBC)
GEF	10 <sup>th</sup> International Water Biannual Conference	24-27 November (TBC)	(TBC)
Bern Convention	40 <sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting	December (TBC)	(TBC)
<b>2021</b>			
UNEP	UNEA-5	22-26 February	Nairobi, Kenya
BRS Secretariat	Meeting of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	May	Nairobi, Kenya
IUCN and CPAWS	5 <sup>th</sup> International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5)	26 September – 1 October	Vancouver, Canada
FAO/GFCM	45 <sup>th</sup> GFCM Session	October / November (TBC)	(TBC)

UNECE	9 <sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference	3-5 November (TBC)	Cyprus
FAO/GFCM	2 <sup>nd</sup> GFCM FISH FORUM	December	Turkey
G7	G7 Summit	(TBC)	(TBC)
G20	G20 Summit	(TBC)	(TBC)