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90th Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the
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12-13 November 2020

Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 91st Meeting of the Bureau

Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and
Major International Events in 2020-2021¹**

(As of 23 October 2020)

SECTION I

Legenda:

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

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|---------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2020 | | | |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | 2 nd Meeting of the MED 2050 Foresight Group | 13-14 October | Marseille, France, and teleconference |
| PAP/RAC | 1 st Steering Committee of CAMP Bosnia and Herzegovina | 15 October | Teleconference |
| REMPEC | Regional Workshop to enhance Marine Oil and HNS regional cooperation in the Mediterranean (MEDEXPOL 2020) | 27-28 October | Teleconference |
| REMPEC | National Workshops on Ratification and Effective Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI (for Algeria, Lebanon and Egypt) | October/November (dates TBC) | Teleconferences |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Webinar "Towards sustainable aquaculture in the Mediterranean region" | 4 and 16 November | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | 90 th Meeting of the Bureau and 1 st Meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy | 10-13 November | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | ODYSSEA project: Virtual School "Satellite observations & data processing in operational oceanography" | 23-27 November | Teleconference |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Blue Economy Workshop on cruise and recreational boating | 23 November | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC | Regional Webinar: "The Business case for tackling plastic packaging and prevent marine litter" | 24 November | Teleconference |
| SPA/RAC | 3 rd Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) | November (TBC) | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC | Online Meeting with SCP/RAC Focal Points/nominated experts to update on the preparation of the regional measures for green and circular businesses | 1-2 December | Teleconference |

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

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| REMPEC | 4 th Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS) | December (TBC) | Teleconference |
| Secretariat MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC, INFO/RAC | Integrated Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on IMAP Implementation (CORMONs) | 1-3 December | Teleconference |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | 3 rd Meeting of the MED 2050 Foresight Group | 2 December | Marseille, France, and teleconference |
| SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF | 3 rd Steering Committee Meeting of the 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean | Week of 7 December (TBC) | Teleconference |
| PAP/RAC | Final Conference of the PORTODIMARE Project | 9-10 December | Teleconference |
| MED POL | 1 st Meeting of the Working Group of Experts for Upgrading the Regional Plan on Municipal Wastewater Treatment and developing a new Regional Plan on Sewage Sludge Management | 9-10 December | Teleconference |
| MED POL | Meeting of the Working Group of Experts on Updating the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources | 11 December | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | 22 nd Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee | 15-17 December | Teleconference |
| 2021 | | | |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | 1 st Meeting of the MED 2050 Orientation Committee | 13 January | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | Executive Coordination Panel Meeting | 19-20 January | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | Resumed Session of the 16 th Compliance Committee Meeting | End of January | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC | Regional training on Single-Use Plastics (WES project) | January (TBC) | Teleconference |
| SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF | The 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean: Virtual Forum Sessions | 1-5 February | Teleconference |
| SPA/RAC | Four Sub-regional Consultation Workshops to identify priority and orientations at subregional level in the framework of the Post-2020 SAP BIO elaboration | February (TBC) | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC | Extraordinary Meeting of the SCP/RAC Focal Point on the regional measures for green and circular businesses | 9-10 February | Teleconference |
| MED POL | Regional Meeting on Best Practices on Compliance and Enforcement related to Dumping Protocol and to Review Amendments to its Annexes of the | 22-23 February | Athens, Greece (TBC) |

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| | Dumping Protocol | | |
| REMPEC | Sub-regional Workshop on the assessment of the level of oil spill response planning and readiness management – Tirana, Albania | February (TBC) | Tirana, Albania |
| REMPEC | Regional Meeting of National Experts on the Post-2021 Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships | 10 March | Valletta, Malta or Teleconference (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | 4 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) | March (TBC) <i>(Back-to-back to the workshop on MPA-OECM Strategy)</i> | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Technical Workshop for the elaboration of the post-2020 Regional Strategy on marine protected areas (MPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean | March (TBC) <i>(Back-to-back to the AGEM meeting)</i> | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: Meeting on the analysis of national legal and institutional frameworks with regard to ICZM Protocol in Algeria and Tunisia | March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st working Meeting in Montenegro to start the process of preparation of the ICZM plan for the project area | March (TBC) | Podgorica, Montenegro |
| SPA/RAC | Training session on the identification of marine key habitats (CI-1, EO1 and CI-2, EO1 of IMAP) and the use of Standard-data entry form web application and Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform | March (TBC) | Malta |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Observatories workshop – focus on SDG14 | March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | National training course on emergency response managerial level in the framework on the development of the National Contingency Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina | March (TBC) | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| SPA/RAC | 2 nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Post-2020 SAP BIO | March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | Regional Expert Meeting on the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI | April (TBC) | Kappara, Malta (TBC) |
| REMPEC | National exercise to test the first draft of the National Contingency Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina | April/May (TBC) | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol | April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | Inception workshop of CAMP Cyprus-Israel | April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | Inception workshop of CAMP Otranto | April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| ACCOBAMS-SPA/RAC | 5 th Biennial Conference on Cetacean Conservation in south Mediterranean Countries (CSMC5) | April (TBC) | Tunisia (TBC) |

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| 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 |
| MED POL | 1 st Meeting to review updated Regional Plan for Marine Litter | 16 April | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries, | 19-20 April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| MED POL | Back-to-back Meetings: (a) Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution Monitoring, and (b) Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring | 19-20 April | Athens, Greece (TBC) |
| MED POL | Meeting on updating National Baseline Budget Methodology, evaluation of NAP, and review of assessment products for the new regional plans | 21-22 April | Athens, Greece (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | 3 rd Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Post-2020 SAP BIO | April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | 1 st Meeting of the Post-2020 SAP BIO National Correspondants | April (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC, IHP-UNESCO and GWP Med | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st working Meeting of all partners on the integrated management plan for the Damour area in Lebanon | May (TBC) | Beirut, Lebanon |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st working Meeting to start the process of preparation of the national ICZM strategy for Lebanon | May (TBC) | Beirut, Lebanon |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st working Meeting in Morocco to start the process of preparation of the ICZM plan for the project area | May (TBC) | Rabat, Morocco |
| PAP/RAC | PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 19-20 May | Split, Croatia |
| REMPEC | 14 th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) | 25-27 May | Valetta, Malta |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 31 May-2 June (2 days- TBC) | Marseille, France |
| MED POL | 2 nd Meeting to review Regional Plans for Urban Wastewater Treatment, Sewage Sludge Management and Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean | 3-4 June | (TBC) |
| Secretariat/REMPEC | 3 rd Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group | 7-8 June | (TBC) |
| SCP/RAC | SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 8-9 June | Barcelona, Spain (or teleconference) |
| INFO/RAC | INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 8-9 June | Rome, Italy |
| PAP/RAC and | GEF Adriatic Project: Closure workshop | June (TBC) | Podgorica, |

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| SPA/RAC | | | Montenegro |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 1 st working Meeting to start the process of preparation of the national ICZM strategy for Egypt | June (TBC) | Cairo, Egypt |
| Secretariat | 17 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee | 10-11 June | Athens, Greece |
| MED POL | Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points | 16-17 June | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | 19 th Meeting of the MCSD | 17-19 June (TBC) | Slovenia (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | 2 nd Meeting of the Post-2020 SAP BIO National Correspondents | 21 June | Malta |
| SPA/RAC | 15 th Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points | 22-25 June | Malta |
| PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC | GEF Adriatic Project: Closure workshop | End of June (TBC) | Montenegro (TBC) |
| Secretariat | 91 st Meeting of the Bureau and 2 nd Meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy | 28 June-1 July (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking meeting | 14-15 July (TBC) | Marrakech, Morocco (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Regional Training Workshop on Effective Management and Innovative Funding of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas | July (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Executive Coordination Panel Meeting | 12 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | 8 th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group | 13 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Meeting of the MAP Focal Points | 14-17 September | Athens, Greece |
| PAP/RAC | Mediterranean Coast Day | 25 September | La Valletta, Malta |
| SPA/RAC | Regional Training Session on the Identification of Marine Key Habitats (CI-1, EO1 & CI-2, EO1 of IMAP) and the use of SDF web application | September (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | National Pilots related to the Better Management of Marine Litter from Sea-based Sources in Ports and Marinas for Lebanon | 4 th quarter (TBC) | Beirut, Lebanon |
| REMPEC | National workshop on the Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) for Albania | 4 th quarter (TBC) | Tirana, Albania |
| REMPEC | Sub regional workshop within the framework of mid-term activities for the implementation of the sub-regional marine oil pollution contingency plan between Cyprus, Greece and Israel | September – October (TBC) | Greece/Israel |
| PAP/RAC and IOC-UNESCO | Regional workshop on Marine Spatial Planning | October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | GEF MedProgramme: 2 nd sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol | October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC, Bern | 8 th Mediterranean Sea Turtle Conference | October/November | Morocco |

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| Convention, Bonn Convention | | (TBC) | |
| SPA/RAC | Regional Training Workshop on the Sustainable Socio-Economic Role of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs) | October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SCP/RAC | SwitchMed Connect (back to back with Ecomondo event) | November (TBC) | Rimini, Italy |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | 3 rd 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 rd sub-regional workshop to support the implementation of the ICZM Protocol | November (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC, MedPAN and WWF | The 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean | Late 2021/Early 2022 (<i>Three-day event</i>) | Monaco |
| Secretariat | 22 nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22) | 7-10 December (TBC) | Antalya, Turkey |

SECTION II

Major International Events of MAP Relevance

| Organizers | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 2020 | | | |
| Governments of Kenya and Portugal | 2020 UN Ocean Conference | 2-6 June (<i>POSTPONED-No new date yet</i>) | Lisbon, Portugal |
| G7 | 46 th G7 Summit | 10-12 June (<i>POSTPONED-No new date yet</i>) | Camp David, USA |
| IMO | 7th meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships | 19-23 October | Teleconference |
| GFCM | 44 th GFCM Session | October/November (<i>POSTPONED-No new date yet</i>) | (TBC) |
| UNEA | 4 th meeting of the expert group (AHEG-4) on marine litter and microplastics | 9-13 November | Teleconference |
| IMO | 75 th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 75) | 16-20 November | Teleconference |
| G20 | G20 Summit | 21-22 November (TBC) | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia |
| Vienna Convention / Montreal Protocol | 12 th Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention / 32 nd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol | 23-27 November | Tashkent, Uzbekistan (TBC) |
| GEF | 10 th International Water Biannual Conference | November/ December (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Prince Albert II Foundation | International Symposium on Human Health & the Ocean in a Changing World | 2-4 December (<i>TBC, due to COVID-19</i>) | Monte-Carlo, Monaco |
| Bern Convention | 40 th Standing Committee Meeting | 30 November-4 December | Teleconference |
| Government of the Republic of Palau | Our Ocean Conference 2020 | 7-8 December | Palau |
| IMO | 70 th session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 70) | 7-11 December | Teleconference |
| IMO | 42 nd Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and 15 th Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LC 42/LP 15) | 14-15 December | Teleconference |

| 2021 | | | |
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| UNEP | UNEA-5 | 22-26 February | Nairobi, Kenya |
| CBD | 24 th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice | 1 st quarter (January) | Canada (TBC) |
| CBD | 3 rd meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework | 2 nd quarter (April) | (TBC) |
| CBD | 15 th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity | 2 nd quarter (May) | Kunming, China (TBC) |
| BRS Secretariat | Meeting of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions | May | Nairobi, Kenya |
| European Commission | European Development Days 'The Green Deal for a Sustainable Future' (2020 Edition postponed to 2021) - SWITCH to Green Initiative Project Lab | 15-16 June | Brussels, Belgium |
| SAICM | 5 th session of the International Conference for Chemicals Management (ICCM5) | 5-9 July | Bonn, Germany |
| BRS Secretariat | OEWG 12 of the Basel Convention (face-to-face segment) | 19-30 July | Geneva, Switzerland |
| IUCN | IUCN World Conservation Congress | (TBC) | Marseille, France |
| IUCN and CPAWS | 5 th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) | 26 September – 1 October | Vancouver, Canada |
| FAO/GFCM | 45 th GFCM Session | October / November (TBC) | (TBC) |
| UNFCCC | COP 26 of UNFCCC (UN Climate Change Conference) | 1-12 November | United Kingdom, in partnership with Italy (TBC) |
| UNECE | 9 th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference | 3-5 November (TBC) | Nicosia, Cyprus |
| FAO/GFCM | 2 nd GFCM FISH FORUM | <i>(POSTPONED-No new date yet)</i> | Turkey |
| G7 | G7 Summit | (TBC) | UK (TBC) |
| G20 | G20 Summit | (TBC) | (TBC) |