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The SCP/RAC National Focal Points (hereinafter SCP/RAC NFPs):

Concerning the SCP Action Plan

Acknowledge that the SCP Action Plan collects the recommendations and amendments made by the SCP/RAC NFP as regards to its structure and contents and recommend submitting it to the Ordinary Meeting of the MAP NFP.

Concerning the Roadmap for the implementation of the AP

Welcome this first Draft of the Roadmap, support the proposed structure and contents and acknowledge that the roadmap is very comprehensive and will lead to the implementation of the SCP Action Plan; yet, they propose several modifications that need to be incorporated in the 2nd draft of the document.

Request that the Roadmap establishes the necessary mechanisms to ensure that the regional activities included in the Roadmap and the SCP national planning processes are aligned between each other.

Request that the Roadmap further reflects its contribution to the SCP 10-YFP and that the linkages with the MAP Midterm strategy 2016-2021 and the objectives of the ICZM and the Ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean (EcAp) are strengthened.

Recommend that the innovation component is strengthened in the activities of the Roadmap, both at the technological (e.g. water efficiency, waste management and biomass technologies) and financial levels.

Suggest reviewing the activities identified in the roadmap in order to ensure that their scope remains regional, and that repetitions and overlapping is avoided for the sake of clarity and efficiency in the use of financial and human resources.

Suggest strengthening the mention to Life Cycle Approach in Operational Objective one from the Food, Agriculture and Fisheries section.

Suggest harmonizing the progress indicators including the benchmarks so that their formulation follows a common and simple structure

Concerning the implementation of the Action Plan and its Roadmap:

Acknowledge that the establishment of enabling mechanisms is crucial for the application of the AP and the implementation of its Roadmap. Therefore they recommend the identification and proposal of the modus operandi of an informal task force of implementation facilitators with the mission of engaging key stakeholders from governments, businesses, financial agents, civil society and academia to participate actively and support the implementation of the actions and activities identified in the AP and roadmap. The “SCP task force” shall ensure the coherence and alignment between the activities developed under the roadmap at the regional level and SCP national processes. The “SCP task force” will also provide SCP/RAC with the necessary support to properly take on the technical direction of the SCP AP implementation.

Acknowledge the need of establishing a Technical Working Group on SCP indicators and hence the NFP recommend submitting the proposal for establishing such working group to the Meeting of MAP NFP. The work of this group will be based on existing indicators.

Consider that the function of the Steering Committee proposed in the third draft of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean as a mechanism to follow up of the effectiveness of actions carried out within its framework, should be taken over by the SCP/RAC National Focal Points as it corresponds to their joint responsibility.

Request SCP/RAC to provide, by the 19th June, the second draft of the Roadmap integrating the comments and amendments formulated during the Meeting in Madrid for the final review by the SCP/RAC NFP. Final comments or amendments on the second draft shall be sent to SCP/RAC by 9th July. Comments will be integrated in a final version that will be sent for the UNEP/MAP Clearance before its submission to the MAP NFP.

Concerning the SCP/RAC's activities developed in the biennium 2014-2015 and the centre's proposal for new actions for 2016-2017

The NFP express their acknowledgement to the valuable work and results achieved by SCP/RAC in the development of its activities under the MAP PoW 2014-2015 and congratulate the center for its efforts to raise further funds both to strengthen actions according to countries priorities and to extend actions relevant to the next MAP PoW to countries for which no funding was included in the current PoW. In that sense the NFP reaffirm their commitment to support the center's actions in their countries and its work in raising new funding sources to develop its mandate to promote SCP in the Mediterranean countries.

Request SCP/RAC to include whenever possible the UN official language of the countries in the development of the centre's activities.

Request the SCP/RAC to provide by the end of June the NFP with the first draft of the Work Plan 2016-2017 for their feedback and comments before approval by the MAP NFP Meeting.