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**Agenda item 2: Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean: Review of key obligations, mandates and work plan as adopted by COP 18 of the Barcelona Convention, 2013**

**Status of implementation of the Work Plan with timetable for the implementation of relevant Articles of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean adopted by Decision IG.21/7 COP 18 of the Barcelona Convention, Istanbul, Turkey 2013**

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**Work Plan with timetable for the implementation of relevant Articles of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean adopted by Decision IG.21/7 COP 18 of the Barcelona Convention, Istanbul, Turkey 2013**

	Article	Task	Timetable	Lead Authority	Verification indicator	Status of Implementation
<b>PART II - MEASURES AND OPERATIONAL TARGETS</b>						
1.	<b>Art. 7 - Integration of marine litter measures into the LBS National Action Plans (LBS NAPs)</b>	Update the existing LBS National Action Plan guidelines	2014	MEDPOL, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Guidelines sent to Contracting Parties	Completed
<b>PART III – ASSESSMENT</b>						
2.	<b>Art. 11 – Assessment of marine litter in the Mediterranean</b>	Assessment of marine litter in the Mediterranean	Every six years, first report 2 years after entry into force of the Regional Plan	MEDPOL	Report issued	Completed
3.	<b>Art. 12 – Mediterranean Marine Litter Monitoring Programme</b>	Establishment of an Expert Group on Regional Marine Litter Monitoring Programme	2014	MEDPOL	Expert Group established	Completed
4.	<b>Art. 12 – Mediterranean Marine Litter Monitoring Programme</b>	Guidelines for the preparation of the National Marine Litter Monitoring Programmes, in collaboration with the relevant international and regional organizations	2014	MEDPOL, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Guidelines prepared	Completed
5.		Preparation of the Regional Marine Litter Monitoring Programme, as part of the integrated regional monitoring programme <sup>1</sup>		MEDPOL, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Regional Marine Litter Monitoring Programme prepared	Completed
6.		For the purpose of the Regional Plan and in compliance with the monitoring obligations under Article 12 of the Barcelona Convention and Article 8 of the LBS Protocol design National Monitoring Programme on Marine Litter	2017	Contracting Party, in consultation with MEDPOL	Implementation started	Ongoing

<sup>1</sup> In line with EcAp timeline

7.		Report, in accordance with Article 13 of the LBS Protocol, on the implementation of the National Marine Litter Monitoring Programme	Biennially	Contracting Party	Report sent to the Secretariat	Expected: 20/6/2017
8.		Establishment of the Regional Data Bank on Marine Litter	2016	MEDPOL, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Data Bank established	Analysis of State of Play
<b>PART IV - SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION</b>						
9.	<b>Art. 13 – Research topics and scientific cooperation</b>	Assistance for scientific cooperation	As appropriate	MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Assistance provided	A priority list decided by COP 18 and may require further prioritization
10.	<b>Art. 14 – Specific guidelines</b>	Preparation of specific guidelines for measures listed in Articles 9 and 10 of the Regional Plan	By 2016/2017	MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Guidelines published	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FfL Guidelines (COP 19)</li> <li>- List of Existing Guidelines Identified</li> <li>- List of Potential Guidelines needs to be Explored</li> </ul>
11.	<b>Art. 15 - Technical assistance</b>	Technical assistance, including capacity building provided	As appropriate	MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Report sent to Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Actions Undertaken (Tirana, Albania, 19-20 July 2016)</li> <li>- New activities to be identified with the partners</li> </ul>

12.	<b>Art. 16 – Enhancement of public awareness and education</b>	Undertaking, where appropriate in synergy with existing initiatives in the field of education for sustainable development and in partnership with civil society, public awareness and education activities with adequate duration and follow up, with regard to marine litter management including activities related to prevention and promotion of sustainable consumption and production	As appropriate	Contracting Party, in consultation with MEDPOL	Report sent to Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marine litter side event at COP 19</li> <li>- Marine litter side event for the Mediterranean at UNEA 2</li> </ul>
13.	<b>Art. 17 – Major groups and stakeholder participation</b>	Ensure appropriate involvement of various stakeholders including local authorities, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders as appropriate to implement the measures provided for in the Regional Plan and other measures	As appropriate	Contracting Party, in consultation with MEDPOL	Report sent to Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal for establishing of a Marine Litter Coordination Group</li> <li>- Proposal for a Joint Work Plan</li> </ul>
14.	<b>Art. 18 – Regional and international cooperation</b>	Establishment of institutional cooperation with various relevant regional and global institutions and initiatives	As appropriate	MEDPOL in cooperation with, SCP/RAC, REMPEC AND SPA/RAC And other regional partners	Report on the implementation of the Regional Plan by the Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal for establishing of a Marine Litter Coordination Group</li> <li>- Proposal for a Joint Work Plan</li> </ul>
15.		Direct cooperation of Contracting Parties, with assistance of the MEDPOL or competent international and regional organizations, to address trans-boundary marine litter cases	As appropriate	Contracting Parties with assistance of the MEDPOL	Report sent to Secretariat	Partners to provide feedback on any collaboration with the Contracting Parties
16.	<b>Art. 19 – Reporting</b>	National biennial reports on the implementation of the Regional Plan	Biennially	Contracting Party, in consultation with MEDPOL	Report issued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expected in 2017</li> <li>- Reporting format under preparation</li> </ul>
17.		Regional report on the implementation of the Regional Plan	Biennially	MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, in	Report issued	- Expected in 2017

				consultation with regional and international organizations		- Reporting format under preparation
18.		Review the status of the implementation of the Regional Plan	Biennially	MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC, in consultation with regional and international organizations	Report issued	