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### List of Abbreviations/Acronyms

**CP** Child Project

CSO Civil Society Organization
GEF Global Environment Facility

**IUCN** International Union for Conservation of Nature

MAP Mediterranean Action Plan

MCPAMarine and Coastal Protected AreasMedProgrammeMediterranean Sea Programme

MPA Marine Protected Areas

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

OECM Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures
SPA/RAC Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas

The Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and SAPBIO Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean

Region

UNEP United Nations Environment ProgrammeWWF-NA World Wildlife Fund - North Africa

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the workplan elaborated by SPA/RAC, IUCN and WWF-NA; the executing partners of Child Project CP3.1 "Management Support and Expansion of Marine Protected Areas in Libya" (GEF ID 01423) implemented in the framework of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): "Enhancing Environmental Security (GEF ID 9607). The report provides information on planned activities and their related tasks, as well as a description of delays facing timely implementation and the revised time plan for completion. The tabulated quarterly workplan including the timetable for implementation from 2021 to 2026 is included in Annex A of this report. It is presented in order to visualize a way forward for project implementation from its inception to completion in June 2026.

#### II. WORKPLAN & STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

#### Component 1: Improving Governance and Management Support

### Output 1.1: A governance structure for MPAs in Libya developed and submitted for approval

- 1. Two key activities are planned for achievement of Output 1.1. These include:
  - a. Assessment of current governance structure and preparation of recommendations. Tasks undertaken consist of analysis and update of the legal and institutional frameworks for establishment of MPAs in Libya; updating and approval of the strategy on MPAs by key stakeholders; updating and approval of the law on protected areas, and development of the governance structure for MPAs in Libya.
  - b. Organization of national consultations to agree on the appropriate governance structure including necessary tools and processes. Tasks undertaken include national consultation surveys and meetings on governance structure and consultation workshops for development of the governance structure.
- 2. Concerning the tasks on assessment of current governance structure, the project is facing delays in implementation including:
  - a. Analysis and update of the legal and institutional frameworks for establishment of MPAs in Libya, with expected submission date of the full report in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024 (delay of 15 months) for revision and approval by the Ministry of Environment;
  - b. Updating and approval of the strategy on MPAs which will be based both on the recently completed inventory of marine and coastal sites of conservation interest in Libya and on the update of the legal and institutional frameworks for MPAs, with an expected completion date in mid-2025 (delay of 12 months); and
  - c. Development of a governance structure for MPAs in line with the proposed law and the updated strategy, which is expected to be completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 (delay of 12 months).
- 3. With regards to organizing national consultations to agree on the appropriate governance structure, the project is facing delays in implementation of several tasks including:
  - Undertaking national consultation surveys, which will be held in line with the MPAs proposed law and the updated strategy. Expected delays are till the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025; and
  - b. Organizing consultation workshops on governance structures. Again, these workshops will be also held in line with the proposed law and the updated strategy. Expected delays will be till 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025.

# Output 1.2: Inventory of marine and coastal sites of conservation interest in Libya and monitoring programmes

- 4. Three key activities are planned for achievement of Output 1.2. These include:
  - a. Collection and analyses of the existing data and surveys and identification of the target areas to be visited.
  - b. Conducting at least one field survey to identify and characterize sites of conservation interest in Libya through rapid assessment.
  - c. Organizing a national workshop to present, discuss and validate the results of the survey.
- 5. Concerning collection and analyses of the existing data and surveys and identification of target areas, the related tasks have been successfully completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.
- 6. Concerning the undertaking of a field survey; again, related tasks were completed successfully by the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.
- 7. With regards to the task for organizing a national workshop, logistical preparations are delayed till the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024 because the report of the rapid assessment survey is not completed yet.

#### Output 1.3: On-site MPA management unit and management plan in at least one MPA

- 8. Four key activities are planned for achievement of Output 1.3. These include:
  - a. Updating the ecological and socio-economical surveys for the selected MPAs.
  - b. Elaborating management plans of targeted MPAs.
  - c. Submitting legal texts on the establishment of on-site management units to the competent authorities for official approval.
  - d. Establishing at least one operational management unit in concertation with competent authorities able to implement the management plan on the ground.
- 9. Concerning the update of the ecological and socio-economical surveys for the selected MPAs, the project is facing delays of 6 months in the conclusion of those assessment including a preliminary fishery stock assessment. Work is expected to be concluded by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024.
- 10. With regards to the elaboration of management plans of targeted areas including consultations with stakeholders, first draft of the management plan, national workshop to present the plan, review of the draft plan, presentation, validation and adoption, a delay of 3 months is being experienced. It is expected that related tasks to this output will be completed latest by mid-2025.
- 11. Concerning the submission of legal texts on the establishment of on-site management units; again, related tasks for drafting legal texts on the establishment of on-site units, and their approval show a delay of 3 months in execution. It is expected that related tasks to this output will be completed latest by 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025.
- 12. Finally, and with regards to the establishment at least one operational management unit, tasks related to this activity have not been initiated yet. It is planned in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024; ending in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026.

#### Component 2: Participation and institutional strengthening

## Output 2.1: Civil society organizations (CSO) participatory platform, with a focus on gender stakeholders

- 13. Four key activities are planned for achievement of Output 2.1. These include:
  - a. Organizing an inception meeting with the main Libyan CSOs involved in marine conservation, fishery and MPA and identify the core CSOs to be involved in the project implementation.
  - b. Preparing and signing of collaboration agreement between the administration and the core CSOs regarding their role in the project implementation and communication.
  - c. Conducting three training courses with the core CSOs and representatives from the administration on MPAs identification and management.
  - d. Developing three collaborative projects between the administration and the CSOs for the co-management of MPAs in Libya (Farwa, El Kouf and Aïn El Ghazala).
- 14. Concerning the organization of an inception meeting with the main Libyan CSOs, the project is facing delays of 6 to 9 months. Delays are experienced in the undertaking of consultations with national administration of relevant stakeholders, logistical preparations of the inception meeting and organization of the meeting as well as validation of the core CSOs that will be involved. Work is expected to be concluded by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024.
- 15. With regards to preparation and signing of collaboration with core CSOs, there is significant delay as no agreements were signed yet between the Ministry of Environment and any of the CSOs to date. Work is expected to be concluded by end of  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2025.
- 16. Concerning the undertaking of three training courses with the core CSOs and representatives from the administration, again delays between 12 and 15 months are expected due to administrative issues related to recruitment of a designated consultant to undertake the work. It is expected that related tasks to this output will be completed latest by mid-2025.
- 17. Finally, and with regards to the development of three collaborative projects between the administration and the CSOs, related tasks have not been initiated yet while awaiting the completion of the training courses. The activity will be initiated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025 ending in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025.

# Output 2.2: Capacity building programme towards MPA governance, knowledge and management

- 18. Two key activities are planned for achievement of Output 2.2. These include:
  - a. Organizing training workshops for MPA managers, practitioners and relevant authorities of MPAs based on the preliminary need assessment.
  - b. Developing MPAs management tools.
- 19. Concerning the organization of training workshops for MPA managers, practitioners, etc., a questionnaire was developed and distributed by IUCN in January 2024 targeting the 8 selected CSOs to identify the main capacity building needs of each CSO. A meeting was held in May 2024 in Tripoli in which representatives from the 8 CSOs were invited to identify the most important topics and themes for the capacity building programme. The training workshop will be implemented in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025. There are no significant delays in the implementation of the tasks related to the activities under this output.
- 20. With regards to development of the MPAs management tools, tasks related to presentation of the tools to relevant CSOs and identification of those tools that can be adopted have not been initiated yet.

With a delay of 15 months, it is expected that work will be completed for these tasks by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> guarter 2025.

### Component 3: Awareness raising and communication

# Output 3.1: Awareness-raising and communication campaigns and materials, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public and decision makers

- 21. One key activity is planned for achievement of Output 3.1. This includes awareness and communication campaigns and materials on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public and decision makers. Tasks related to this output include:
  - a. Producing an Intranet/Internet site and online magazine to create a shared vision and disseminate the project's progress and lessons learned.
  - b. Designing, producing ad hoc communication materials (leaflets, brochures, banners and posters, etc.) for selected audiences and sharing lessons learned.
  - c. Developing awareness and communication campaigns and material, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public, decision makers and particularly youth, local communities and decision makers.
- 22. Concerning the intranet/internet site and online magazine, analysis and identification of available options for communicating and updating project information is ongoing. This information is being updated constantly for publication through the online magazine. Work is progressing as planned and will continue till the end of the project in mid-2026.
- 23. With regards to the design and production of ad hoc communication materials, work is progressing as planned and will continue till the end of the project in mid-2026. Related tasks include discussion of the contents of the communication materials, preparation of the materials and dissemination.
- 24. Finally, with regards to the development of awareness and communication campaigns and materials on the value and importance of MPAs, related tasks include negotiation of agreements with media to broadcast articles and spots on the project, organization of press conferences and personation of videos during national and international conferences related to marine and coastal conservation. Again, work is progressing as planned and will continue till the end of the project in mid-2026.

Annex A Workplan 2021-2026

Child Project 3.1 (GEF ID 10158) Implementation Plan (60 months)	Initial plan Revised plan	20	21		20	22			20	23			20	24			20	25		20	26
Activity/Quarter	Responsibility	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2																
Component 1: Improving Governance and Management Support																					
Output 1.1: A governance structure for MPAs in Libya developed and submitted for approval.																					
1.1.1: Assess current governance structure and prepare recommendations.																					
1.1.1.1. Analysis and update of the legal and institutional framework for the establishment of MPAs in Libya	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				
1.1.1.2. Update and approval of the Strategy on MPAs in Libya by key stakeholders	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				
1.1.1.3. Update and approval of law on protected areas is approved by key stakeholders	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				
1.1.1.4. Development of governance structure for MPAs in Libya	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				
1.1.2: Organize national consultation to agree on the appropriate governance structure including necessary tools and processes.																					
1.1.2.1. National consultation surveys and meetings on governance structure	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				
1.1.2.2. Consultation workshops on governance structure development and approval	SPA/RAC (leader), IUCN																				

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Output 1.2: Inventory of marine and coastal sites of conservation interest in Libya and monitoring programmes.																					
1.2.1: Collect and analyze the existing data and surveys and identify the target areas to be visited.																					
1.2.1.1. Preparation and validation of the terms of reference, publication of the call and selection of the consultant	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				
1.2.1.2. Collecting of existing data related to sites of conservation interest	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				
1.2.1.3. Identification of information gaps and targeted sites to be visited	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				
1.2.2: Conduct at least one field survey to identify and characterize sites of conservation interest in Libya through rapid assessment.																					
1.2.2.1. Identification and validation of the sites to be visited and the related logistical and administrative arrangements	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				
1.2.2.2. Conducting the field survey to the targeted sites	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				

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Activity/Quarter	Responsibility	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2																
1.2.3: Organize a national workshop to present, discuss and validate the results of the survey.																					
1.2.3.1. Logistical preparation of the workshop (dates, venue, agenda, participation, etc.)	IUCN (leader), SPA/RAC																				
Output 1.3: On-site MPA management unit and management plan in at least one MPA.																					
1.3.1: Update of ecological and socio- economical surveys for the selected MPAs.																					
1.3.1.1. Update of ecological context for the selected MPAs	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.1.2. Update of socio-economic context for the selected MPAs	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.1.3. Preliminary fishery stock assessment in and around the selected MPAs	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.2: Elaborate management plans of targeted MPAs.																					
1.3.2.1. Consultations with the stakeholders at national and local levels	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				

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Activity/Quarter	Responsibility	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2																
1.3.2.2. Elaboration of the first draft management plans	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.2.3. National workshop to present the first draft management plans	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.2.4. Review of the draft management plans	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.2.5. Workshops for the presentation of the second draft management plans	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.2.6. Validation and adoption of the management plans at national level	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.3: Submit legal texts on the establishment of on-site management units to the competent authorities for official approval.																					
1.3.3.1. Draft legal texts on the establishment of on-site management units	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.3.2. Approval of the legal texts on the establishment of on-site management units	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
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Activity/Quarter  1.3.4: Establish at least one operational management unit in concertation with competent authorities able to implement the management plan on	Responsibility	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2																
the ground.  1.3.4.1. Local/national consultation on the set up of at least one operational management unit	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
1.3.4.2. At least one management unit operational and initiating the implementation of the management plan	SPA/RAC and WWF (leaders), IUCN																				
Component 2: Participation and Institutional Strengthening																					
Output 2.1: Civil society organizations (CSO) participatory platform, with a focus on gender stakeholders.																					
2.1.1 Organize an inception meeting with the main Libyan CSOs involved in marine conservation, fishery and MPA and identify the core CSOs to be involved in the project implementation.																					
2.1.1.1. Consultation with national administration and relevant stakeholders to identify a pool of CSOs involved and interest in MPAs related activities in Libya	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
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Activity/Quarter	Responsibility	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2																
2.1.1.2. Logistical preparation of the inception meeting (dates, venue, agenda, participation, etc.)	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.1.3. Organization of the inception meeting and validation of the core CSOs that will be involved in the CP3.1	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.2: Preparation and signing of collaboration agreement between the administration and the core CSOs regarding their role in the project implementation and communication.																					
2.1.2.1. Preparation of the collaboration agreement content and its consultation between the administration and the targeted CSOs	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.2.2. Signature of the collaboration agreements	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.2.3. Identification of capacity building needs for the targeted CSOs in relation with the project activities and expectations of the administration	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				

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2.1.3: Conduct three training courses with the core CSOs and representatives from the administration on MPAs identification and management.																					
2.1.3.1. Preparation of the training materials and the related logistics	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.3.2. Identification of the consultants and the participants from the CSOs, administration, etc.	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.3.3. Conducting the training courses (3 training courses x 2 days each one)	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.1.4: Develop three collaborative projects between the administration and the CSOs for the co-management of MPAs in Libya (Farwa, Garah island and Aïn El Ghazala).																					
2.1.4.1. Identification of the collaborative projects (content, objective, expected results, funding and roles and responsibilities, etc.)	IUCN and WWF (leaders), SPA/RAC																				

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Output 2.2: Capacity building programme towards MPA governance, knowledge and management.																					
2.2.1: Organize training workshops for MPA managers, practitioners and relevant authorities of MPAs based on the preliminary need assessment.																					
2.2.1.1. Assessment of the management capacity training needs at national and a site-specific level	WWF and IUCN (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.2.1.2. Meeting of the ad-hoc group of project stakeholders to validate and identify the top three capacity building themes/areas to be conducted	WWF and IUCN (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.2.1.3. Organizing five training workshops on topics including MPA governance, knowledge, sustainable management, stakeholder engagement and gender dimensions of MPA management for MPA managers, practitioners and relevant authorities of MPAs and CSO's.	WWF and IUCN (leaders), SPA/RAC																				

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2.2.2: Develop MPAs management tools.																					
2.2.2.1. Presenting MPA's management tools to Libyan MPAs manager and relevant CSO.	WWF and IUCN (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
2.2.2.2. Identify relevant management tools that can be adapted to Libyan MPA context	WWF and IUCN (leaders), SPA/RAC																				
Component 3: Awareness-raising and communication																					
Output 3.1: Awareness and communication campaigns and materials, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public and decision makers.																					
3.1.1: Produce an Intranet/Internet site and online magazine to create a shared vision and disseminate the project's progress and lessons learned.																					
3.1.1.1. Analysis and identify of the convenient options for communicating, managing and updating the information of the project (internet, intranet site)	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
3.1.1.2. Update constantly the communication tools by project information and messages	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
3.1.1.3. Publish the latest findings and news to the general public through a publication of an online magazine.	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
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3.1.2: Design, produce an ad hoc communication material (leaflets, brochures, banners and posters, etc.) for selected audiences and share lessons learned.																					
3.1.2.1. Discuss and Identify the shape and content of the communication material (leaflets, brochures, banners and posters) considering the audience expectation and the progress of the project.	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
3.1.2.2. Prepare and disseminate a set of communication material that target several audiences and present various themes and information related to selected MPAs by the project partners in collaboration with the national focal point administration	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
3.1.3: Develop awareness and communication campaigns and material, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public, decision makers and particularly youth, local communities and decision makers.																					
3.1.3.1. Negotiation of agreements with the media (televisions, radios, newspapers) to broadcast articles and spots on the project	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				

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3.1.3.3. Organization of press conferences backed to different national and regional events organized as part of the implementation of the project	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				
3.1.4.3. Presenting the videos during a national and international conferences related to marine and coastal conservation	WWF, IUCN, SPA/RAC																				