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Videoconference, 5 July 2022

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Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 December 2021, the Secretariat is organizing the 9th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, on 5 July 2022, via videoconference.

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to:

(i) Provide guidance on the process for evaluating the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap 2008-2021 and preparation of main elements for a renewed UNEP/MAP EcAp Roadmap/IMAP policy;
(ii) Review a proposal on the flow of work to ensure smooth operation of EcAp governance mechanism with a focus on CORMON products;
(iii) Take stock of the progress made in preparation of the 2023 MED QSR and the anticipated content per Ecological Objective and Common Indicator and advice on next steps.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the participants in their deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 10:00 on 5 July 2022 by Ms. Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.521/1 UNEP/MED WG.521/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.1

a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the proposed agenda as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.521/1 and as annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting, including the proposed timetable contained in the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting. Working Documents will be in English and French. The Working and Information documents of the meeting can be downloaded through a link that will be shared at a later stage.

10. Sessions are scheduled from 10:00-12:00, 12:30-14:30 and 15:30-16:15. It is expected that the meeting will address all items of the Agenda. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 16:15 on 5 July 2022 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 3: Ecosystem Approach Roadmap 2008-2021 Evaluation

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.521/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.3

11. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present the document "Evaluation of Implementation of Ecosystem Approach Roadmap 2008-2021" (UNEP/MED WG.521/3).

12. The meeting is expected to review and take note of the concept for evaluating the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap 2008-2021 and preparation of main elements for a renewed UNEP/MAP EcAp Roadmap/IMAP policy and provide guidance.

Agenda Item 4: Ecosystem Approach Governance Mechanism

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.521/4
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.4

13. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will introduce the document "Ecosystem Approach Governance Terms of Reference" (UNEP/MED WG.521/4), presenting a proposal on the flow of work to ensure smooth operation of EcAp governance mechanism with a focus on CORMON products.

14. The Meeting is expected to review the proposal for an elaborated EcAp governance mechanism and provide guidance on its further development as appropriate.

Agenda Item 5: Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR

Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.5
	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.6

15. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will provide information on the table of contents for the socio-economic chapter, the state of play per Common Indicator and Ecological Objective and the anticipated content of the 2023 Med QSR, and the timetable for preparing the QSR.

16. The meeting is expected to review the progress achieved and anticipated content of the 2023 MED QSR, and to provide guidance on the way forward.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.8

17. Under this Agenda Item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

18. The Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will present the assessment scales of sea birds (UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.6) and the baseline on non-indigenous species (UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.7).

Agenda Item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.521/5

19. Under this Agenda Item, the meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations from the discussions of the meeting, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting

20. The Chair is expected to close the meeting on Tuesday 5 July 2022, at 16:15.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 5 July 2022		
Time (EET, Athens time)	**Agenda Item**	**Documents**
10:00-10:15	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.521/1 UNEP/MED WG.521/2 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.1
10:15 – 11:00	Agenda Item 3: Ecosystem Approach Roadmap 2008-2021 Evaluation	UNEP/MED WG.521/3 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.3
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 4: Ecosystem Approach Governance Mechanism	UNEP/MED WG.521/4 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.4
12:00 – 12:30	*Break*	
12:30 – 14:00	Agenda Item 5: Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.6
14:00 – 14:30	Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business	UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.521/Inf.8
14:30 – 15:30	*Break*	
15:30 – 16:15	Agenda Item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	UNEP/MED WG.521/5
16:15	Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting	