



## MAP Cooperation with NGOs

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 It is the general policy of UNEP/MAP to encourage relevant international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the Mediterranean region to cooperate with and participate in the work of UNEP/MAP in carrying out its environmental protection work.

Accordingly, the Rules of Procedure of MAP were amended in 1989 to cover this policy:

**"The Executive Director shall, with the tacit consent of the Contracting Parties, invite to send representatives to observe any public sitting of any meeting or conference, including the meetings of technical committees, any international non-governmental organization which has direct concern in the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution". (Rule 8).**

- 1.2 The objectives of MAP's Collaboration with NGOs are to promote the policies, strategies and programmes derived from the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols and the decisions of the Contracting Parties and in particular, in training and mobilizing public attention to critical environmental issues, in creating a favourable climate for environmental actions, public support and monitoring, and in promoting the policies of their own organizations in support of UNEP's goals.
- 1.3 MAP should, in relation to NGOs, act in conformity with the various decisions of the Meetings of the contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
- 1.4 The establishment of relations with NGOs shall be an evolving process proceeding through a number of separate stages as described in the procedure mentioned in section 3 of this paper.

### 2. UNEP/MAP applied criteria for accrediting an NGO the observer status in the framework of MAP:

- 2.1 Relevancy of its aims and activities to the MAP goals stipulated in the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols namely, the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and the development of its marine and coastal areas in a sustainable manner. The Organization

shall be free from concerns which are primarily of commercial or profit-making nature and capable of contributing to the implementation of the MAP programme.

- 2.2 Provision of regular information to MED Co-ordinating Unit on the Organization's activities, achievements, training programmes, raising of public awareness, and any other relevant activities.
- 2.3 Possession of a regional and/or international structure and/or scope, a substantial number of members and donors and a few years of existence.
- 2.4 An establishment of its headquarters or one of its offices in a Mediterranean country.
- 2.5 Possession of a Constitution or similar basic document, as well as a concrete programme and budget and administrative structure.
- 2.6 In exceptional cases a national organization or institution, whether or not affiliated to an International/Regional NGO, may be accredited an observer status with MAP, in consultation with and subject to the recommendations of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and provided that a major part of its activities is related to the development and the protection of the Mediterranean region.

### **3. Procedure for admitting NGOs into relations with MAP**

- 3.1 NGO's applications for cooperation with MAP, should be submitted to the Coordinating Unit for its review and transmission to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties for its consideration and clearance. These applications shall specify a structured plan for collaborative activities, along with basic, supporting information and documents:
  - constitution
  - activities which demonstrate the Organization's competence and relevance to the work of MAP and in which country(ies) they are carried out;
  - ways and means by which the NGO can assist the Contracting Parties in their efforts to protect the Mediterranean environment and carry out sustainable development projects (technical assistance, dissemination of information, training courses, raising public awareness, financially assisting relevant MAP activities);
  - annual reports and financial statements demonstrating that the organization is a legally registered non-profit organization.
- 3.2 The Bureau of the Contracting Parties shall consider these

applications and decide on the basis of the set of criteria mentioned in section 2, whether an Organization is to be admitted into official relations with MAP and be accredited the observer status in its policy-making and technical meetings.

- 3.3 The Coordinating Unit shall maintain a List of the NGOs admitted into official relations with MAP. Prior to the Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties this list shall be circulated -along with the invitation letters- to the Contracting Parties for their approval, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of procedure of MAP.
- 3.4 The Bureau of the Contracting Parties shall review collaboration with NGOs listed in the MAP list, every two years and shall determine the desirability of maintaining or if not, discontinuing official relations.

#### **4. Privileges conferred on NGOs by relations with MAP**

- 4.1 The right of the organization to appoint a representative to participate, as an observer, without right of vote, in MAP's decision-making and technical meetings. The representative shall be entitled to make a statement of an expository nature relevant to the item in which a related NGO is particularly interested, provided that it will not be followed by any discussion; and may, with the consent of the meeting, be invited by the Chairman to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the meeting, an additional statement for purposes of clarification.
- 4.2 Access to non-confidential documentation.

#### **5. Responsibilities of NGOs in their relations with MAP.**

- 5.1 NGOs shall be responsible for implementing the mutually agreed programme of collaboration.
- 5.2 NGOs shall utilize the opportunities available to them through their normal work to disseminate information on MAP policies and programmes.
- 5.3 NGOs shall collaborate individually or collectively in the implementation of MAP programmes.
- 5.4 NGOs shall individually or collectively collaborate with the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in the area of implementation of national/regional strategies for the protection of the Mediterranean environment.

**A. List of Non-Governmental Organizations  
invited as an observer to MAP meetings**

ACOPS - Advisory Committee on Pollution of the Sea (England)
Amigos del Mediterraneo (Spain)
ASPEN Institute, Italia (Italy)
DHKD - Dogal Hayati Koruma Dernegi (The Society for the Protection of Nature) (Turkey)
EEB - European Environment Bureau
Environment Foundation of Turkey (Turkey)
E & P Forum - The Oil Industry International Exploration and Production Forum (England)
Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Marine Contamination Hazards (Malta)
Foundation for International Studies (Malta)
Friends of the Earth International (Belgium)
Greenpeace International (Netherlands)
HELMEPA - Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (Greece)
ICPB - International Council for Bird Preservation (England)
ICCOPS - International Centre for Coastal and Ocean Policy Studies (Italy)
ICOMOS - International Council on Monuments and Sites (France)
IJO - International Juridical Organization for Environment and Development (Italy)
La Facoltà dell'Arte e della Scienza (Italy)
MAREVIVO Associazione Ambientalista (Italy)
MEDASSET - Mediterranean Association to save the Sea Turtles (Greece)
MEDMARAVIS - Mediterranean Marine Bird Association (France)
WFED/IECM - World Foundation for Environment and Development/International Environmental Conflict Management (Norway)
WWf - World Wide Fund for Nature (Switzerland)

**B. List of other Non-Governmental Organizations**

APNEK - Association de Protection de la Nature et de L' Environnement de Kairouan (Tunisia)
Arab Office for Youth and Environment (Egypt)
Association des Amis de la Mer (Algeria)
CEFIC - European Chemical Industry Council / EUROCHLOR (Belgium)
CEFIGRE - Centre de Formation Internationale a la Gestion des Ressources en Eau (France)
Conference des Region Periph. Maritims de la CEE (Belgium)
Cousteau Foundation (France)
CYMEPA - Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (Cyprus)
ECOSYSTEM - Hellenic Centre for the Protection of Environment (Greece)
HELINAS - Hellenic Institute of Solidarity and Cooperation with Developing Countries (Greece)
INSULA - International Scientific Council for Islands Development (Italy)
I.O.I. - International Ocean Institute (Malta)
IPIECA - International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (England)
JCI - Jaycees Ankara (Turkey)
Lega Navale Italiana (Italy)
LI.N.E. - L' Association Liban Nature Environnement (Lebanon)
MAMBO - Mediterranean Association for Marine Biology and Oceanography (Italy)
Organizaton of Islamic Capitals & Cities (Saudi Arabia)
PPNEA - Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment (Albania)
SOGESTA - Società di Gestione Studi e Technologie Avanzate (Italy)
Station Biologique de la tour du Valat (France)
Union of Med. Towns (France)
Université d' Aix Marseille - Centre d' Etudes et de Rechèrches Internationales et Communautaires (CERIC) (France)