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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and
Major International Events in 2022-2023¹**

(As of 31 October 2022)

SECTION I

Legenda:

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| | <i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance Meetings</i> |
| | <i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Bodies' Meetings</i> |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|-------------------|---|--|---|
| 2022 | | | |
| Secretariat | MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting | 2-3 November | Athens, Greece |
| SCP/RAC | SwitchMed Steering Committee Meeting and SwitchMed Connect 22 | 9-10 November | Rimini, Italy |
| Secretariat | 3 rd Steering Committee of EcAp Med III project | 29 November | Thessaloniki, Greece |
| Secretariat | 93 rd Meeting of the Bureau | 30 November-1 December | Thessaloniki, Greece |
| REMPEC | 1 st Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) | 29 November-1 December | Floriana, Malta |
| Secretariat | 3 rd Steering Committee for the TDA (MedProgramme) | 13 December | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | 24 th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee | 14-15 December | Athens, Greece |
| 2023 | | | |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme: CP 1.2 Steering Committee Meeting | 17 January | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting | 18-19 January (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | SAPBIO Advisory Committee Meeting | 23 or 24 January (1 day TBC) | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | PAMEx regional meeting | 24-25 January | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | SAPBIO National Correspondents Meeting | Between 15 and 17 February (1 day TBC) | (TBC: a northern Mediterranean country) |
| Secretariat | Consultation Meeting with Contracting Parties on the Procedures and Mechanisms for Compliance | 31 January | Teleconference |

¹ UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events are being affected by the measures taken to contain the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Known changes have been incorporated to the extent possible in this calendar.

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| MED POL | Meeting to Review Updated Guidelines on Uncontaminated Inert Materials and Sharing Best Practices to Support Implementation of Dumping Protocol | 13-14 February | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | Extended Regional TDA Steering Committee Meeting | 15 February | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | Kick- off meeting for the FishEBM Med project | February | Athens, Greece |
| MED POL | 2 nd Meeting of the Working Groups of Designated Experts for Developing the Regional Plans on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Urban Stormwater Management in the Mediterranean | February-March (TBC) | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | 5 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM | February -March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries | End of February-March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Social and Economic Analysis (COR ESA) | February-March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | 5 th meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS) | February-March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Coast and Hydrography | March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| MED POL | 2 nd Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMONs) on Pollution Monitoring and Marine Litter | 1-3 March | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | Policymaker and Donor Conference for Biodiversity and Area-based Conservation in the Mediterranean | Between 13 and 17 March (1.5 days TBC) | Maison de l'Océan Paris, France (TBC) |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme: CP 1.1 Steering Committee Meeting | 14-15 March | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme: CP 4.1 Steering Committee Meeting | 16 March | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Secretariat | Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting | 25 April | (TBC) |
| MED POL | 6 th Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean | 26-27 April | Athens, Greece |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme: CPs 2.1 and SCCF Steering Committee Meeting | 15-16 May | Morocco or Montenegro |
| Secretariat | Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project | 17 May | Morocco (TBC) |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Secretariat / REMPEC | 4 th Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group | 17-18 May | Athens, Greece |
| MED POL | 2 nd WG Meeting for the Three Regional Plans | 22-23 May | Athens, Greece |
| PAP/RAC | PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 23-24 May | Split, Croatia (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | 16 th Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points | 23-25 May | (TBC) |
| MED POL | Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points | 24-26 May | Athens, Greece |
| INFO/RAC | INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 7-8 June | Rome, Italy |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 29-30 May (TBC) | Marseille, France (TBC) |
| SCP/RAC | SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | May/June (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Final TDA Steering Committee Meeting | June - 1 day | Teleconference |
| REMPEC | 15 th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) | 13-14 June | Malta |
| Secretariat | 20 th Meeting of the MCSD | 14-16 June | Marseille, France |
| MED POL | 4 th Steering Committee EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project | 20 June | Teleconference |
| Secretariat | 94 th Meeting of the Bureau | 20-21 June | Slovenia |
| Secretariat | 4 th Steering Committee of EcAp Med III Project | 22 June | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project | 27 June-28 June (TBC) | Morocco (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Integrated CORMONs meeting | 28-29 June | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | 19 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee | 4-5 July | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Steering Committee of Marine Litter Med II Project | 6 July | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project | 11 July | Morocco (TBC) |
| Secretariat | IMAP-MPA Best Practices Meeting | 12-13 July | Morocco (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Executive Coordination Panel Meeting | 10 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | 10 th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group | 11 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Meeting of the MAP Focal Points | 12-15 September | Athens, Greece |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme SCCF Regional meeting/Forum | 22 September | Athens, Greece |
| PAP/RAC | Mediterranean Coast Day | 25 September | (TBC) |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| MED POL | Meeting on Best Practices on application of estimation techniques for agriculture and aquaculture and disposal of PCBs. | 26-27 September | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | 6 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM | October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| MedProgramme | MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting | 14-15 November | Lebanon or Tunisia |
| Secretariat | 23 rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23) | 4-8 December | Isola, Slovenia |

SECTION II

Legenda:

Coordinating Unit's and MAP Components' Technical Meetings/events

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| SPA/RAC | Training course on “Socio-economic Sustainability of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas” | 13-18 November | Türkiye |
| SCP/RAC | WeMed Award Ceremony | 21 November | Barcelona, Spain and Teleconference |
| MED POL | Meeting to review regional standards for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and showcase best practices; regional standards on desalination; and standards on pre-treatment of industrial effluents for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems | 22-23 November | Ankara, Türkiye |
| Plan Bleu/RAC (Interreg Communities) | Final event of the MBPC, Sustainable Tourism and Blue Growth projects | October/November | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | 1 st Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan | 8-9 November | Durres, Albania |
| SCP/RAC | BeMed-Islands: Final capitalization event (Frioul Islands) | 9-11 November | Marseille, France |
| SCP/RAC | SwitchMed Connect 2022 (Ecomondo) | 9-10 November | Rimini, Italy |
| Plan Bleu/RAC (MED 2050) | MED 2050 Steering Committee meeting | End November | Teleconference |
| PAP/RAC | Training Course on MSP for the GEF-eligible Countries | November | Teleconference |
| Plan Bleu/RAC (MED 2050) | MED 2050 workshop on the Mediterranean Sea | November | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC and MEDPOL | Country Mission CP 1.1 to Lebanon (MedProgramme) | 14-16 November | Beirut, Lebanon |
| MED POL | Meeting to review updated guidelines on uncontaminated inert materials and sharing best practices to support implementation of dumping protocol guidelines on artificial reefs | 8 December | Teleconference |
| SCP/RAC | RESET Steering Committee Meeting | 19-20 December | Prato, Italy |
| 2023 | | | |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Regional workshop on MED 2050 scenarios | January (TBC) | Alexandria, Egypt |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PAP/RAC | Inception Workshop of CAMP Israel | January (TBC) | Tel Aviv, Israel (TBC) |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | National workshop on MED 2050 scenarios | February (TBC) | Rabat, Morocco |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of the multidisciplinary group of experts on the elaboration of the List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea | January (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | Regional Workshop on the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention and Regional Expert Meeting on the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the BWM Convention | 20-23 March (TBC) | Kappara, Malta (TBC) |
| CU | 1 st Sub-regional “train the trainers” workshops for pollution and marine litter (IMAP-MPA) | 22-23 March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| CU | 2 nd Sub-regional “train the trainers” workshops for pollution and marine litter (IMAP-MPA) | 28-29 March (TBC) | (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of Teleconference Working Groups on EO1 | Spring (TBC) | Teleconference |
| SPA/RAC | SPAMI Day | 15 April | Teleconference |
| REMPEC | 2 nd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan | 16-18 May | Opatija, Croatia (TBC) |
| MED POL | Meeting to share (a) best practices on implementation of NBB guidelines on diffuse and point sources and development of related indicators on aquaculture; and (b) best practices for management of obsolete/in stock chemicals (focus on PCBs, POPs, mercury), including on compliance and enforcement | 7-8 June | In Person/ Teleconference (TBC) |
| SPA/RAC | Regional Training session/workshop on the inventory and monitoring of marine caves | July (TBC) | (TBC) |
| CU | Regional best practices exchange (IMAP-MPA) | 11-12 July (TBC) | (TBC) |
| Secretariat | Regional Workshop – Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award | September/October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| PAP/RAC | CAMP Israel Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting | October (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | Tabletop Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel | October/November (TBC) | (TBC) |
| REMPEC | 3 rd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan | November | Italy |
| SCP/RC | SwitchMed Connect | November | (TBC) |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
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| PAP/RAC | CAMP Otranto Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting | 13 December | (TBC) |

SECTION III**Major International and Regional Events of MAP Relevance**

| Organizers | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| UNFCCC | COP27 of UNFCCC (UN Climate Change Conference) | 7-18 November | Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt |
| GFCM | 45 th GFCM Session | 14-18 November | Albania |
| European Commission | Water Directors meeting | 20-22 November | Prague, Czech Republic |
| Vienna Convention / Montreal Protocol | 34 th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention | 31 October – 4 November 2022 | Montreal, Canada |
| BRS Secretariat | 3 rd meeting of the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership working group | 23-25 November | Punta del Este, Uruguay |
| UNEA | 1 st session of the INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment | 28 November-2 December | Punta del Este, Uruguay |
| UN CBD | 15 th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) | 7-19 December | Montreal, Canada |
| Région Sud, France | Méditerranée du Futur | 5-6 December | Marseille, France |
| IMO | 79 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79) | 12-16 December | London, U.K. |
| 2023 | | | |
| IUCN, Government of Canada | 5 th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 5) | 3-9 February | Vancouver, Canada |
| UNECA | 8 th Session of Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-8) | 3-5 March | Kigali, Rwanda |
| BRS Secretariat | Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions | 1-12 May | Geneva, Switzerland |
| G7 | G7 Japan Hiroshima Summit 2023 | 19-21 May | Japan |
| IMO | 80 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80) | 3-7 July | London, U.K. |
| G20 | G20 Summit | 9-10 September | New Delhi, India |
| UN | High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) | 10-14 July | New York, U.S.A. |

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| UNESCWA | Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development | (TBC) | Beirut, Lebanon |
| UNECE | UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development | (TBC) | Geneva, Switzerland |
| UNGA | 2 nd “SDG Summit” | September | New York, U.S.A. |