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#### **Agenda Items 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events**

#### **Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events in 2024-2025**

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and  
Major International Events in 2024-2025**

(As of 8 March 2024)

**SECTION I**

*Institutional Meetings of UNEP/MAP*

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2024</b>			
Secretariat	95 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	3-4 April	Ljubljana, Slovenia
Secretariat	25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	18-19 April	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SAPBIO Advisory Committee	19 April (TBC)	Online
SPA/RAC	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SPABIO National Correspondents	10 May (TBC)	Online
Secretariat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of PAMEx and its Local Investment Finance Facility	14-15 May	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	CORMON Meeting on Biodiversity and Fisheries	6 June	Teleconference
MED POL	Preparatory Meeting for the Development of new NAPs and initiation of NBBs Reporting cycle	12-13 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	19-20 June	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	October (TBC)	Online
Secretariat	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	2 October	Teleconference
Secretariat	Meeting of the Extended MCSD Steering Committee	15 October	Teleconference
MED POL	CORMON (Pollution and ML)	5-6 November (Pollution) 7 November (Marine Litter)	Teleconference
Secretariat	96 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	19-20 November	Athens, Greece (TBC)
REMPEC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coordination Meeting on the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	19-20 November	Online
Secretariat	Meeting of the Extended MCSD Steering Committee	11 December	Teleconference

*Mediterranean Celebration/Observance Days*

SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day	last week of April	TBC
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	Algiers, Algeria

2025			
SPA/RAC	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	21 January (TBC)	Online
MED POL	Progress Meeting on the Development of new NAPs and NBBs Reporting Cycle	29-30 January	Istanbul, Türkiye (TBC)
Secretariat	Meeting of the extended MCSD Steering Committee	Week of 10 February	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	CORMON on Coast and Hydrography	March (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SAPBIO Advisory Committee	April	Online
MED POL	CORMON (Pollution and Marine Litter)	1 April (Marine Litter) 2-3 April (Pollution)	Athens, Greece (TBC)
Secretariat/ REMPEC	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Sub-Group on Environmental Impact	Week 7 April	Malta
Secretariat	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	Week 14 April	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	CORMON Meeting on Biodiversity and Fisheries	May (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Meeting of PAP/RAC Focal Points	6-7 May	Split, Croatia
REMPEC	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points	13-15 May	Malta
INFO/RAC	Meeting of INFO/RAC Focal Points	20-21 May	Rome, Italy
SPA/RAC	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SAPBIO National Correspondents (Back-to-back to the 17 <sup>th</sup> SPA/BD FP meeting)	19-20 May	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points & SPA/RAC 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	21-23 May	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	Meeting of Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points	27-28 May	Marseille, France
SCP/RAC	Meeting of SCP/RAC Focal Points	28-29 May	Barcelona, Spain
MED POL	Meeting of MED POL Focal Points	3-4 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the MCSD	17-19 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	97 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	24-25 June	Egypt (TBC)
Secretariat	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	4-5 July	Athens, Greece

Secretariat	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	15 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	16-19 September	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	November (TBC)	Online
Secretariat	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 24)	9-12 December (TBC)	Egypt

*Mediterranean Celebration/Observance Days*

SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day	15 April	Teleconference+ in the SPAMIs
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	(TBC)

**SECTION II***Meetings of UNEP/MAP Internal Projects*

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2024</b>			
Secretariat and MASE	5 <sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting, UNEP/MAP and MASE	11-12 March	Rome, Italy
Secretariat	4 <sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting of the Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Child Projects 1.1 and 4.1	5-6 March	Athens, Greece
Secretariat, European Forest Institute, SilvaMed Secretariat etc.	JOC#6 meeting (coordination meeting for the Forest MedWeek in November)	20-21 March	Barcelona, Spain and Online
Secretariat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Stocktaking Meeting (ASM) of the MedProgramme; SCCF regional meeting; and Steering Committee Meeting of the MedProgramme SCCF Project	22-26 April	Montenegro (TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee Meetings of the Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme) Child Projects 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1	11-13 June	Athens, Greece
REMPEC	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS)	October (TBC)	Floriana, Malta
MED POL	1 <sup>st</sup> Steering Committee of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED PLUS Project	30 October	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	1 <sup>st</sup> Steering Committee of the EcAp MED PLUS project	31 October	Athens, Greece
Secretariat, European Forest Institute, SilvaMed Secretariat etc.	Medforest Week	4 November (TBC)	Barcelona, Spain

### SECTION III

*Meetings related to External Projects and Technical Meetings/Events*

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2024</b>			
SPA/RAC	The International Event on Marine Databases and Digital Transformation	4-6 March	Al Hoceima, Morocco
SPA/RAC	International event on the use of digital data and databases for marine conservation (marine biodiversity, fisheries, aquaculture, oceanographic data, pollution, and marine traffic)	4-6 March	Al Hoceima, Morocco
PAP/RAC	Regional Workshop on Transboundary EIA/SEA in the Mediterranean	5 March	Athens, Greece
Plan Bleu/RAC	Community for Tourism Kick-Off Meeting	10-11 April (TBC)	Rome, Italy
Plan Bleu/RAC	Waterlands General Assembly	15-19 April	The Netherlands
SPA/RAC	National workshop to present the ecological and socioeconomic assessments of Ain El Ghezala, Gara and Farwa MPAs in Libya	16-18 April (TBC)	Tripoli, Libya
PAP/RAC	Regional Workshop to Present Guidance on Nature-Based Solutions according to Coastal Typologies	24-25 April	Rome, Italy
Secretariat	Capacity-building on New POPs and POPs/Hg assessments under the MedProgramme	7 May	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to Present the Coastal Management Plan for Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region	7-8 May	Tangiers, Morocco
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to Present the Coastal Management Plan in Boka Kotorska Bay	14-15 May	Kotor, Montenegro (TBC)
REMPEC	Regional Expert Meeting on the consistent implementation of the 0.10% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI in the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SOx ECA)	22-23 May	Malta
SCP/RAC	International Forum on Marine Litter and Circular Economy (MARLICE 2024)	22-24 May	Valencia, Spain
MED POL (jointly with HELCOM, OSPAR and BSC)	Enhancing Interregional Cooperation Towards Addressing Riverine Input of Marine Litter (Organized jointly with MARLICE 2024)	23 May (TBC)	Valencia, Spain
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect – Closing Ceremony	28-30 May	Barcelona, Spain

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
Plan Bleu/RAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Adapt-Pelagos Workshop	June (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Final Conference	June (TBC)	Tel Aviv, Israel
Plan Bleu/RAC	Dialogue4Nature Summer School	17-20 June	(TBC)
MED POL	Best Practises for Desalination and Renewable Energy	11-12 September	Athens, Greece
REMPEC	Regional Workshop to enhance Regional Cooperation in Responding to Marine Oil and HNS Pollution in the Mediterranean on Data Sharing, Monitoring, and Reporting	25-26 September	Malta
Secretariat	Capacity-building on Gender and Chemicals&Waste under the MedProgramme	9 October	Teleconference
REMPEC / EMSA	Joint spill response exercise within the Sub-regional marine oil pollution contingency plan between Cyprus, Greece and Israel and Closure Regional Workshop	30 October-1 November	Larnaca, Cyprus
Plan Bleu/RAC	2nd Adapt-Pelagos Workshop	December (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS regional/sub-regional experts' group meetings on IMAP revision preparation work	(TBC)	Online or B2B with other meetings
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS information and awareness raising workshops at regional level to promote broader stakeholders' consultation on regional IMAP update	(TBC)	Online or B2B with other meetings
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS workshop promoting regional synergies by sharing experiences/best practices/lessons learned/joint activities with other Regional Sea Conventions and other regional partners/Programmes	(TBC)	Teleconference

2025			
REMPEC	Regional Expert Meeting on the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NOX ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI	February (TBC)	Malta (TBC)
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to Present the National ICZM Strategy for Lebanon	February (TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon
Plan Bleu/RAC	Permagov Steering Committee	February (TBC)	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Adapt-Pelagos Workshop	June (TBC)	(TBC)

REMPEC	Sub-regional Workshop on the implementation of a Sub-regional Contingency Plan (Central or South-West Mediterranean)	June (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC-MAP / OSPAR / HELCOM / Bonn Agreement	Joint REMPEC-MAP/OSPAR/Bonn Agreement/HELCOM Conference on Ballast Water Management (BWM)	October (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC & MedPAN	Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	November/December	(TBC)
REMPEC, SPA/RAC	Joint Conference on BWM organised with neighboring regions to share experiences and promote further alignment.	(TBC)	(TBC)



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

<b>Organizers</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>2024</b>			
UNEP	6 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6)	26 February-1 March	Nairobi, Kenya
World Council of Fisheries Societies	9 <sup>th</sup> World Fisheries Congress	3-9 March	Seattle, Washington, USA
EU	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual EU Mission Ocean and Waters Forum	5 March	(TBC)
UNESCWA	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD)	5-7 March	Beirut, Lebanon
EC/DG MARE	Where next for Europe's Seas at the European Ocean Days	6 March	Brussels, Belgium
Economist Impact	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual World Ocean Summit & Expo	11-13 March	Lisbon, Portugal
UNECE	UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	13-14 March	Geneva, Switzerland
IMO	81 <sup>st</sup> session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 81)	18-22 March	London, United Kingdom
IOC/UNESCO	2024 UN Ocean Decade Conference	10-12 April	Barcelona, Spain
Government of the Hellenic Republic	9 <sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference	15-17 April	Athens, Greece
ECESC, WCEF	World Circular Economy Forum 2024 (WCEF2024)	15-18 April	Brussels, Belgium
ECESC	The ECESP Annual Conference 2024: Circular Economy - from Visions to Actions	15-16 April	Brussels, Belgium
UNECA	Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD)	23-25 April	(TBC)
CBD	26 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	13-18 May	Nairobi, Kenya
World Water Council	10 <sup>th</sup> World Water Forum	18-24 May	Bali, Indonesia
UNEP	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-4)	23 to 29 April	Ottawa, Canada
EC	8 <sup>th</sup> edition of the International Conference on Marine Data and Information Systems (IMDIS)	27-29 May	Bergen, Norway

EC	European Maritime Day (EMD)	30-31 May	Svendborg, Denmark
UN	2022 World Environment Day	5 June	Saudi Arabia
EC	EU marine and water directors meeting	5-6 June	Saltsjöbaden, Sweden
G7	G7 Summit	13-15 June	Putignano, Puglia, Italy
BRS	14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Basel Convention	24-26 June (TBC)	Geneva, Switzerland (TBC)
GFCM	GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC) - 25 <sup>th</sup> session	End of June (TBC)	(TBC)
UN	High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	8 - 17 July	New York, US
UN	79 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 79)	10-24 September	New York, US
IUCN	IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North, and Central Asia (RCF)	30 September-3 October	Bruges, Belgium
IMO	82 <sup>nd</sup> session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 82)	30 September-4 October	London, United Kingdom
ICRI Forum	7 <sup>th</sup> International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC7)	13-18 October	Cape Town, South Africa
CBD	16 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity	21 October – 1 November	Colombia
GFCM	47 <sup>th</sup> session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)	November (TBC)	(TBC)
UNFCCC	COP 29 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC)	11-22 November	Baku, Abseron, Azerbaijan
G20	G20 summit 2024	18-19 November	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
UNCCD	COP 16	2-13 December	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
<b>2025</b>			
IMO	12 <sup>th</sup> session of the IMO's Sub Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 12)	(TBC)	London, United Kingdom
IMO	83 <sup>rd</sup> session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83)	(TBC)	London, United Kingdom
IMO	Thirty-four Regular Session of the IMO's Assembly (A 34)	(TBC)	London, United Kingdom

BRS Secretariat	Basel Convention COP17, Rotterdam Convention COP12, and Stockholm Convention COP12	28 April-9 May	Geneva, Switzerland,
G7	G7 Summit 2025	(TBC)	Canada
IUCN	IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025	9-15 October	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
UNFCCC	COP 30 (30 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)	Between 10-21 November	Brazil
UNECA	Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	(TBC)
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
UN	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	(TBC)	New York, US