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Athens, Greece, 1-2 March 2023

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22nd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), the Secretariat is organizing the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution Monitoring (CorMon Pollution) on 1 and 2 March 2023, in Athens, Greece.
2. The main objective of the meeting is to review the 2023 MED QSR IMAP Pollution draft Chapters for the following IMAP Ecological Objectives and related Common Indicators:
 - a) EO 5 Eutrophication: Common Indicators 13 and 14.
 - b) EO 9 Pollution: IMAP Common Indicators 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.
 - c) EO 11 Noise: Candidate Common Indicator 26 and 27.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 9:30 AM (EET) on 1 March by the Coordinator, UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents</i>	UNEP/MED WG.556/1 UNEP/MED WG.556/2
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a) Rules of Procedure

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 at 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 at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.556/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions are planned to be held in two plenary sessions from 09:30 to 12:30, and from 14:30 to 17:30 during this two-day meeting as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the two sessions. All meeting working documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 2 March 2023 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Assessment Criteria

<i>Working Document</i>	UNEP/MED WG.556/3
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11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the document UNEP/MED WG.566/3, which contains the following:

- a) Chapters on IMAP Ecological Objective 5: IMAP Common Indicators 13 and 14 which elaborate application of the NEAT and the G/M simplified assessment methodologies for indication of GES/non-GES regarding the Chlorophyll *a* and nutrients, as appropriate, in the Sub-divisions of the Adriatic Sea Sub-region and the Alboran Sea; the Sub-division of the Western Mediterranean Sea and the Levantine Sea; and the Sub-division of the Aegean Levantine Sea.
- b) Chapters on Ecological Objective 9: IMAP Common Indicator 17 which elaborate application of the NEAT and the CHASE+ assessment methodologies, as appropriate, for indication of GES-non GES regarding the contaminants in sediments and biota in the Subdivisions of the Aegean Levantine Sea Sub-region; the Adriatic Sea Sub-region; the Central-Mediterranean Sea Sub-region; and the Western Mediterranean Sea Sub-region.
- c) Chapters on Ecological Objective 9: IMAP Common Indicators 18, 19, 20 and 21 which elaborate the assessment findings generated by the combined use of the scientific literature sources and data reported to IMAP Information System in order to provide indications of non GES presence of problematic areas regarding: i) biological effects based on the use of the literature sources only; ii) acute pollution events related to oil and oil products, and other hazardous substances; iii) contaminants in seafood based on the concentration limits for the contaminants regulated in EU Regulations; and iv) bathing water quality based on complementary use of the EEA sources and data reported to IMAP Information System.
- d) Chapters on Ecological Objective 11: IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27 which elaborate the assessment findings generated by the combined use of the adapted exposure index and the assessment methodology as provided by the MSFD Technical Group on Noise in order to provide indications of non GES presence of problematic areas regarding impulsive and continuous underwater noise impacts on marine environment.

12. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed 2023 MED QSR Pollution Cluster Chapters and provide guidance to the Secretariat for their completion, as appropriate, and finalization for submission to the Integrated CORMON meeting in June 2023.

Agenda item 8: Any other Business

13. 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.

Agenda item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

14. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations, capturing the outcomes of the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 10: Closure of the Meeting

15. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 on Thursday, 2 March 2023.

Proposed Timetable

Wednesday, 1 March 2023		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.556/1 UNEP/MED WG.556/2/Rev.2 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3.2.1: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicator 17	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.15 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.16
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 3.2.1: (continued)	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.15 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.16
15:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 3.1.1: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicators 13 and 14	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.16
Thursday, 2 March 2023		
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 3.2.2: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicator 18	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.11
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 3.2.4: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicator 20	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.12
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3.2.5: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicator 21	UNEP/MED WG.556/3 UNEP/MED WG.556/Inf.13
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 3.2.3: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicator 19	UNEP/MED WG.556/3
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 3.3.1: The Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR: IMAP Common Indicators 26 and 27	UNEP/MED WG.556/3
16:30 – 16:45	Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business	
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda Item 5: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda Item 6: Closure of the Meeting	