

Meeting of the MAP Focal Points

Istanbul, Türkiye, 12-15 September 2023

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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### Introduction

1. The main objectives of the Meeting of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Focal Points, that will take place in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 12-15 September 2023, at the kind invitation of the Government of Türkiye, are: to review the progress achieved during the 2022-2023 biennium in the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget approved by the 22<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021); to review and approve a number of Draft Decisions; to review and approve the proposed biannual Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2024-2025, prepared by the Secretariat for submission to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23, Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023); to review and approve the main elements of the Provisional Agenda of COP 23.
2. The following proposed Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The Meeting will be opened at 10.00 (Athens Time, UTC+3) on 12 September 2023 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP–Barcelona Convention. The President of the Bureau and/or the representative of the Host Country of the Meeting will also make opening remarks.

### Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.568/2
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.1

#### 2.1 *Rules of Procedure*

4. 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).

#### 2.2 *Election of Officers*

5. Subject to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points will elect a President, four Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

#### 2.3 *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

6. Subject to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.568/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document, including as appropriate any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “*Any Other Business*” of the provisional agenda.

#### 2.4 *Organization of Work*

7. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Documentation will be in English and French.
8. It is expected that the MAP Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during their four-day Meeting. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 15 September 2023 after adopting its Draft Report.

### Agenda Items 3 and 4: Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2022-2023 Biennium and Financial Report for 2020-2021 and 2022-2023

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/3 UNEP/MED WG.568/19
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.18

9. The Coordinator will present the document “*Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2022-2023 Biennium*” (UNEP/MED WG.568/3) outlining the work done as well as the main achievements and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols since COP 22. The Meeting will also consider the “*Overall Findings from the General Status of the Progress in the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols: Analysis of the Information Mentioned in the National Reports for the 2020-2021 Biennium*” (UNEP/MED WG.568/19). These documents are complemented by information documents providing more detailed information on the progress achieved.

10. The Meeting is expected to review the progress achieved on the implementation of the PoW and Budget adopted by COP 22 and discuss opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned.

#### Agenda Item 5: Specific Matters for Consideration and Action by the Meeting, including Draft Decisions

11. Under this agenda item the Meeting will consider a number of Draft Decisions addressing specific issues related to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as strategic and programmatic documents. Sub-items have been organized following a structure enabling a more efficient aggregation of draft decisions in a thematic manner.

12. The Secretariat has prepared for each specific Draft Decision working documents containing a Note by the Secretariat, the Draft Decision and, as applicable, Annexes to the Draft Decision. The brief introductory Note by the Secretariat contains details on the relevant mandate, background and process, objectives and substantive highlights, and links to the proposed 2024-2025 PoW outputs and budget, as appropriate.

##### 5.1. Compliance and Reporting

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/4 UNEP/MED WG.568/19
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.20 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.21

13. The Coordinator, together with the Chair of the Compliance Committee, will introduce the main elements of the Draft Decision on “Compliance and Reporting” (UNEP/MED WG.568/4).
14. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed elements and provide its feedback in view of the finalization of the Draft Decision, as appropriate, for COP 23.

5.2. *Strengthening Governance, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/5
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.12

15. The Coordinator will present the main elements of the Draft Decision on “*Governance*” (UNEP/MED WG.568/5), addressing a number of issues, such as: new and updated Agreements/MoUs with Partners; new and renewed MAP Partners; updated UNEP/MAP Resource Mobilization Strategy; composition of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; gender parity promotion within the work and delivery of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system.
16. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision on Governance in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

5.3. *MED 2023 Quality Status Report and Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/6
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.16

17. Under this Agenda item, the Coordinator and the Chair of the EcAp Coordination Group meeting will submit to the MAP Focal Points the Outcome of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (Istanbul, Türkiye, 11 September 2023), for their consideration. The Outcome of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group will contain: a) the draft decision addressing the EcAp Roadmap Implementation and its Update, b) the EcAp Governance Mechanism, c) the 2023 MED QSR, and d) the IMAP Assessment Criteria.
18. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the Outcome of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, and especially the Draft Decision on “The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean” in view of its submission to COP 23.

5.4. *Assessment Reports: Summary for Policymakers of the Special Report on Climate and Environmental Coastal Risks by MedECC*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/16
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.17

19. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision “Assessment Studies: Summary for Policymakers of the MedECC Special Report on Climate and Environmental Coastal Risks” (UNEP/MED WG.568/16).

20. The Meeting is expected to review the progress in the development of the Assessment Studies and discuss the Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

#### 5.5. *Biodiversity Conservation: Implementation of SAP BIO*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/7 UNEP/MED WG.568/8
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

21. The Coordinator will introduce the Draft Decision on “Amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean” (UNEP/MED WG.568/7). This Draft Decision contains a proposal for inclusion of nine species of cartilaginous fishes to the Annex II and Annex III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean.

22. Then, the Coordinator will also present Draft Decision on “Specially Protected Areas, Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance and Ecosystem Restoration” (UNEP/MAP WG.568/8). This Draft Decision refers to a number of issues, namely the Mid-term assessment of the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the draft Evaluation and Monitoring Framework for the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs in the Mediterranean, the outcomes of the ordinary periodic review of SPAMIs of 2022-2023, the revised format for the periodic review of SPAMIs, the ordinary and extraordinary reviews of SPAMIs expected in 2024-2025, the updating of the Regional Action Plans, the Restoration of *Pinna nobilis*, and the parameters allowing to use phytoplankton and zooplankton for relevant IMAP biodiversity indicators and elaborate the List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea.

23. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the above Draft Decisions in view of their submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

#### 5.6. *Pollution from Ships*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/14
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.15

24. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision on the “Regional Harmonised Procedures for the Uniform Implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention in the Mediterranean Sea (UNEP/MED WG.568/14). The regional BWM harmonised procedures presented in the Annex to this Draft Decision address aspects of the uniform implementation of the BWM Convention for which regional harmonisation in the Mediterranean region is essential and aim at contributing to the implementation of the Mediterranean BWM Strategy (2022-2027), as well as the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) adopted by COP 22.

25. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

5.7. *Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/13
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

26. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision on the “Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean” (UNEP/MED WG.568/13). With this Draft Decision, a new Common Regional Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Marine Spatial Planning is proposed, which aims at facilitating the implementation of MSP throughout the Mediterranean Region and strengthening cooperation of the Contracting Parties for a coherent and sustainable land and sea-use planning, to ensure that environmental issues and need for achieving or maintaining GES are duly taken into consideration by economic sectors.

27. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

5.8. *Three Regional Plans in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/9 UNEP/MED WG.568/10 UNEP/MED WG.568/11
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

28. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision on the “Regional Plan on Agriculture Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol” (UNEP/MED WG.568/9). The Regional Plan on Agriculture Management includes measures that address the regulatory framework and means for implementation including reduction of inputs of pollutants and contribution to sustainable agriculture. The Regional Plan includes five Annexes that provide guiding elements to support implementation of its measures.

29. The Coordinator will then present the Draft Decision on the “Regional Plan on Aquaculture Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol” (UNEP/MED WG.568/10). The Regional Plan on Aquaculture Management includes measures that address regulatory and institutional frameworks and means for implementation of measures including Good Environmental Management Practices, contribution to sustainable aquaculture, and reduction of plastics. The Regional Plan includes five Annexes that provide guiding elements to support implementation of its measures.

30. The Coordinator will also present the Draft Decision on the “Regional Plan on Stormwater Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol” (UNEP/MED WG.568/11). The Regional Plan on Urban Stormwater Management includes measures that address the regulatory framework for integrated stormwater management; implementation of urban stormwater control measures; and operation and maintenance of urban stormwater systems. The Regional Plan includes a single annex that provides guiding elements for Best Management Practices for Urban Stormwater Control Measures.

31. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the draft decisions and annexed Regional Plans in view of their submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

5.9. *Implementation of the Dumping Protocol*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/12
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

32. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision “Updated Guidelines for the Dumping of Inert Uncontaminated Inorganic Geological Materials” (UNEP/MED WG.568/12). The proposed updates of the 2005 Guidelines, include enhanced definition for the Inert Uncontaminated Inorganic Geological Materials in concurrence with the IMO London Protocol; promoting the use of valuable inert uncontaminated inorganic geological materials for alternative uses; as well as significant improvements on monitoring of disposal of the materials in line with UNEP/MAP’s Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme.

33. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

*5.10. Proposal by Türkiye on the Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre for Climate Change hosted by Türkiye*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/15
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.19

34. The representatives of Türkiye, in their capacity as representing the Country who proposes to host the RAC, will present the Draft Decision on the “The Proposal by Türkiye on the Establishment of Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change hosted by Türkiye” (UNEP/MAP WG.568/15).

35. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss this proposal in view of its possible submission, as appropriate, to COP 23.

*5.11. MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025*

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/17
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.22

36. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for 2024-2025, prepared on the basis of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2022-2027 and under the guidance of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, consulted with the MAP Focal Points and reviewed by the MAP Component Focal Points Meetings; as well as the main elements of the related decision (UNEP/MED WG.568/17). The Programme of Work and Budget is accompanied by Document UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.22 on the “Deliverables of the POW and Budget 2024-2025”.

37. The Meeting is expected to review in depth the proposed PoW and Budget and the main elements of the Draft Decision and approve them, as appropriate, for submission to COP 23.

**Agenda Item 6: Preparation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23)**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/18
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*6.1. Provisional Agenda of COP 23*

38. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed elements of the Provisional Agenda of COP 23 (UNEP/MED WG.568/18) as well as possible elements of the main theme(s) of the COP 23 high level segment, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and the Host Country.

39. The Meeting is expected to discuss and provide inputs and guidance to the Secretariat on the preparation of the COP 23 Provisional Agenda with a view to submit it for approval during the adoption session of the Meeting.

*6.2. Ministerial Declaration: Process and Highlights*

40. The Coordinator, together with the representative of Slovenia, as Host Country of COP 23, will introduce the process of preparation and the proposed main theme and key elements of the *Portoroz Ministerial Declaration*.

41. The Chair of the MCSD will be expected to brief the MAP Focal Points on the discussions of the 20<sup>th</sup> MCSD Meeting on the contribution of the MCSD to COP 23, for their consideration.

42. The Meeting is expected to discuss and provide inputs and guidance on the preparation and content of the *Portoroz Ministerial Declaration*.

**Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business**

43. 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 8: Adoption of the Report**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.568/21
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44. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Draft Report submitted by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

45. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Friday, 15 September 2023.



**TIMETABLE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day, Tuesday, 12 September 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
10:00 - 10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.568/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.568/2 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.1
10:30 - 12:00	3. Progress Report on Activities Carried out during the 2022–2023 Biennium 4. Financial Report for 2020–2021 and 2022–2023	UNEP/MED WG.568/3 UNEP/MED WG.568/19  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.515/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.18
12:00 - 12:30	5.3. MED 2023 Quality Status Report and Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean	UNEP/MED WG.568/6  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.16
12:30 - 13:00	5.2. Strengthening Governance, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization	UNEP/MED WG.568/5  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.12
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 - 15:15	5.2. Strengthening Governance, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization ( <i>cont'd</i> )	UNEP/MED WG.568/5  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.12
15:15 - 15:45	5.1. Compliance and Reporting	UNEP/MED WG.568/4 UNEP/MED WG.568/19  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.20 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.21
15:45 – 16:15	5.4. Assessment Reports: Summary for Policymakers of the Special Report on Climate and Environmental Coastal Risks by MedECC	UNEP/MED WG.568/16  UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

		UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.17
16:15 - 16:45	6. Preparation of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23)	UNEP/MED WG.568/18
16:45 - 17:30	5.11. MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-202 (Overall presentation)	UNEP/MED WG.568/17 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.22

2 <sup>nd</sup> Day, Wednesday, 13 September 2023		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
10:00 - 11:00	5.5. Biodiversity Conservation: Implementation of SAP BIO	UNEP/MED WG.568/7 UNEP/MED WG.568/8 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9
11:00 - 12:00	5.6. Pollution from Ships	UNEP/MED WG.568/14 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.15
12:00 - 13:00	5.7. Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean	UNEP/MED WG.568/13 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 - 15:30	5.8. Three Regional Plans in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol	UNEP/MED WG.568/9 UNEP/MED WG.568/10 UNEP/MED WG.568/11 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9
15:30 - 16:30	5.9. Implementation of the Dumping Protocol	UNEP/MED WG.568/12 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9

16:30 - 17:30	5.10. Proposal by Türkiye on the Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre for Climate Change hosted by Türkiye	UNEP/MED WG.568/15 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.19
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Day, Thursday, 14 September 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
10:00 - 13:00	5.11. MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025	UNEP/MED WG.568/17 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.22
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 - 16:30	5.11. MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025 ( <i>cont'd</i> )	UNEP/MED WG.568/17 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.568/Inf.22
16:30 - 17:00	6. Preparation of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23) ( <i>follow-up</i> )	UNEP/MED WG.568/18
17:00 - 17:30	7. Any Other Business	

**4<sup>th</sup> Day, Friday, 15 September 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
14:30 - 17:15	8. Adoption of the Report	UNEP/MED WG.568/21
17:15 - 17:30	9. Closure of the Meeting	