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**Planning and Monitoring of the Implementation of PoW 2022-2023 (January 2022 - June 2023)**

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MTS Programme 1. Towards a pollution and litter free Mediterranean Sea and Coast embracing circular economy

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
Outcome 1.1. Strategies and Action plan addressing marine litter and plastics developed and implemented through comprehensive, coherent and collaborative approaches		SDGs 12.4; 12.5; 14.1 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, IMO MARPOL, Green Deal zero-pollution ambition, MSFD, UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 2				
1.1.1. Undertake national, subregional, regional actions to boost the implementation of the Marine Litter Regional Plan in the Mediterranean	MED POL	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 18 Decision IG.21/7 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 21 Decision IG.24/10 COP 22 Decision IG.25/9	SSFAs concluded and signed with 2 countries (ML MED II). Pilot actions are made operational and on the ground execution is initiated.  A Marine Litter Best Practices Meeting was organized on 17-18 May 2022. Best practices shared at national, regional/sub-regional level, including with local authorities, on the effective implementation of Marine Litter as part of the Marlice Meeting held in May 2022.	SSFAs completed with total 5 countries in the framework of the ML MED II Project, and with 2 Countries under the Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro), while one SSFA is pending with Albania.  Pilots are progressing well and despite the late finalization of the SSFAs, national teams are onboard, workplans are agreed, pilots sites are selected and a series of pilots are undergoing: AaB, FFL, ports and marinas, riverine inputs of marine litter.	In the framework of the ML MED II Project, SSFAs are signed with 9 countries. Adopt-a-beach is implemented in 14 sites in 4 countries. Fishing-for-Litter practices are implemented in three countries with the participation of more than 25 fishing vessels addressing sea-based sources of marine litter undergoing in 6 new ports and marinas.  In the framework of the Cooperation Agreement with the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), two SSFAs are in place with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro, and one is under finalization with Albania. Adopt-a-Beach (2 beaches per country) and Fishing-for-Litter (up to 5 fishermen per country) pilot actions are supported	Pilots actions are concluded, final reports and datasets are prepared and submitted to MED POL.
	REMPEC		e.1) Technical support provided by REMPEC to MED POL on EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project activities related to the enhanced management of marine litter originating from sea-based sources in ports and marinas in 3 beneficiary countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia), on-going.	Pilots actions are fully operational to those countries the SSFAs are operational, national teams are in place, work is ongoing, results are produced.	e.1) Technical support provided by REMPEC to MED POL on EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project activities related to the enhanced management of marine litter originating from sea-based sources in ports and marinas in 3 beneficiary countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia), on-going and completed.	e.2) IMO's ITCP (TBC): National Pilots related to the Better Management of Marine Litter from Sea-based Sources in Ports and Marinas in Lebanon, implemented, including targeted diagnosis (literature based review, field trip, national meeting), waste reception and handling plan, expert advice, and integrated national report disseminated.
1.1.2. Capitalize pilot actions addressing marine litter within Marine Protected Areas and Mediterranean Islands	SCP/RAC	COP 18 Decision IG.21/7 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/9	- Capitalisation workshops at the Monaco Ocean Week (23rd March) ( Plastic Busters MPAs + BeMed Islands) - Policy recommendations in order to move forward towards GES for D10 in Mediterranean MPAs (PlasticBusters MPAs) - Capitalisation/final event Plastic Busters MPAs (Athens 1st week April) - Publication Layman's report on the achievements of Plastic Busters MPAs project + dissemination strategy - Publication of Islands Blue Print (with IUCN and other partners) - Capitalization workshop at MARLICE 2022 (Seville, 19th May) - 2nd edition of BeMed Islands policy brief	- Final communication materials for the capitalisation process BeMedIslands community on ML (publication disseminated) - Final Capitalisation workshop with BeMedIslands community on ML (Frioul Islands-Marsella / 30 Nov. 22) - Preparation of the Declaration of Frioul for Mediterranean islands free from plastic pollution.	-Preparation of the next steps to give continuity to the BeMed Islands community - Continued support to a BeMed supported project to scale up their products	- Preparation of a new phase of the BeMed Islands project - Transfer of BeMed Islands products (Low Plastic Zone programme) to other countries (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro)
1.1.3. Implement and scale up a robust policy framework to reduce and prevent plastic use	SCP/RAC	COP 18 Decision IG.21/7 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/9	- Morocco (WES): framework agreement and roadmap prepared to implement EPR on PET bottles. April technical consultation meeting. - Egypt (WES): EPR on plastic packaging inception report prepared and national EPR advisory group established. - Lebanon (WES): baseline information on consumption and production single-use plastics prepared to guide futur policy developments. - Tunisia (ML Med): Communication campaign on the plastic bags ban implemented in 5 locations, recommendations to improve national framework prepared - Final conference organized. - Egypt (ML Med): ad-hoc advice on plastic bags reduction strategies provided, coordination with international organisations held. - Algeria (ML Med): consultation with authorities on the design of a EPR pilot implementation in a Wilaya held. - Adriatic countries (MASE): Consultation with countries on scope of activities, contractual process with national experts held. - Consultation with few countries for the implementation of a national plastic pact held (MTF).	- Morocco (ML Med II): consultation process with the country, start of activities. - Egypt (WES): EPR consultation workshop and technical assistance to the Waste Management Regulatory Authority. - Lebanon (WES): tailored policy options, consultation meetings, selection of measures and technical assistance. - Lebanon (ML Med): consultation with FP on scope of activities, implementation of technical assistance ongoing. - Egypt (ML Med): ad-hoc advice on plastic bags provided, coordination with international organisations ensured. - Algeria (ML Med): EPR pilot under implementation. - Adriatic countries (MASE): detailed planning for the activities undertaken - selection of partners, collaboration agreement with GIZ - low plastic zone - Initial consultations held for the ML activities to be implemented with the French contribution (Morocco and Tunisia).	- Morocco (ML Med): draft learning module on EPR for municipalities - Lebanon (ML Med): technical assistance including roadmap to tackle plastic bags implemented, voluntary agreement between MoE and private sector drafted, consultation meetings held. - Algeria (ML Med): recommendations on national EPR framework provided - Adriatic countries (MASE): agreed activities on single-use plastics, tools to engage with hotels, restaurants and cafes implemented. - Adriatic countries (MTF ) - work with local authorities on green public procurement: review of plastic products procurement practices - Turkey (DEEP project): interventions in capacity building workshops made in the following topics: Marine Litter Regional Plan of the Barcelona Convention: guidelines and actions to abate plastic pollution (Circular Economy Training, 13th May 2022); Circular Economy Workshops: 4/5 Oct 2022 Turkey - Morocco and Tunisia (French contribution): scoping study prepared to select actions to be implemented aiming at reducing plastic pollution - Contribution to the Plastic Waste Partnership Project Group 1 on the report on prevention and minimization of plastic waste - Key resources by MedWaves partners disseminated through social media. - Participation in webinars in relation to plastic waste e.g.: Sparking water action through storytelling (22/3/2023)	- Morocco (ML Med): training workshop EPR for municipalities and final training module held. - Lebanon (ML Med): signature of voluntary agreement, promotion and subscription by businesses. - Adriatic countries (MASE): Engagement of private businesses ensured, SUPs consumption reviewed, proposal and implementation of improvements undertaken, communication plan implemented. - Adriatic countries (MTF ) - work with local authorities on green public procurement ongoing: improvements implemented. - Turkey (DEEP project): roadmap developed addressing single-use plastics and marine litter, including consultation workshop. - Algeria (Marine Litter Med project): support to the organisation of a workshop to discuss EPR implementation possibilities provided. - Morocco and Tunisia (French contribution): businesses identified and tools developed to implement a "low plastic zone approach", aiming at reducing/replacing single-use plastics (SUPs).
1.1.4. Enhance stakeholders' capacity, in particular public authorities, to prevent plastic and microplastic pollution	SCP/RAC	COP 18 Decision IG.21/7 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/9	- Online Regional training on understanding better microplastics and identifying how to address the issue, for policy makers, business and CSO representatives held (WES, may-June).	- national workshops/online sessions held on single-use plastics and specific measures such as EPR (ML Med, WES and MASE - linked to processes under activity 1.1.3)	- national workshops/online sessions held on single-use plastics and specific measures such as EPR (ML Med, WES and MASE - linked to processes under activity 1.1.3)	- national workshops/online sessions held on single-use plastics and specific measures such as EPR (ML Med, WES and MASE - linked to processes under activity 1.1.3)

Outcome 1.2. A holistic and efficient response to land and sea-based pollution, as a part of overall Ecosystem Approach policy for the Mediterranean, (chemicals, contaminants, eutrophication, noise, oil and emerging pollution) for a sustainable Mediterranean coastal and marine ecosystem is implemented		SDGs 6.3; 9.4; 12.4; 14.1 Minamata Convention, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Montreal Protocol, IMO Conventions (e.g., MARPOL, OPRC, and Dumping Conventions), Green Deal zero-pollution ambition, MSFD, UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 2				
1.2.1. Develop new regulatory measures in line with article 15 of the LBS Protocol for priority sectors as provided for in the Decision IG.24/10	MED POL	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 21 Decision IG.24/10	Consultants contracted and work initiated to prepare the 1st draft of the regional plans on agriculture, aquaculture and storm water management.  Consultant contracted to prepare the pre-treatment of industrial effluents standards for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems and work initiated	First draft of the regional plans on agriculture, aquaculture and storm water management reviewed by the 1st Working Group Meeting in Oct. 2022 and amended as appropriate.  Report on the pre-treatment standards and applicable BATs for industrial sectors eligible to discharge to urban wastewater collection systems finalized and presented to a meeting of technical experts reviewed in meeting in November 2022.	Further to the 1st Working Groups Meeting held in October 2022, the CPs shared by 31 March 2023 additional comments with the Secretariat. The Secretariat incorporated these comments into final drafts presented to the 2nd Working Groups Meeting held on 22-23 May 2023 back-to-back with the MED POL Focal Points Meeting (24-26 May 2023). Members of the Working Groups reviewed the new comments and submitted final drafts of the Regional Plans for the consideration of the MED POL Focal Points which approved their submission to the MAP Focal Points.  A study to enable the Parties to assess the costs of implementation of the main regional and national measures proposed in the three Regional Plans and their socioeconomic benefits presented and discussed during the 2nd Working Groups meeting in support of adoption of measures of the Regional Plans.  Report on the pre-treatment of industrial effluents standards for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems finalized and approved by the MED POL FP meeting for use in developing Regional Plans on management of industrial effluents discharged to urban wastewater collection systems.	Final draft of the regional plans on agriculture, aquaculture and storm water management approved by the MAP FP Meeting in September and adopted by COP 23 in December 2023.
1.2.2. Take national and regional actions including enabling investments, to implement Regional Plans on WasteWater and Sludge Management	CU	COP 22 Decision IG.25/8	Notification sent to the Contracting Parties on the adoption of the RP and the process for entry into force of their measures and timetables			
	MED POL		First draft regional guidelines for urban wastewater treatment and sewage sludge management under preparation including wastewater reuse, and energy efficiency prepared.	Draft regional guideline on available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and decision support systems (DSS) for their selection finalized and presented to a meeting of technical experts held on 22-23 November 2022. The Meeting reviewed two guidelines and provided some comments and recommendations.	Regional guideline on available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and decision support systems (DSS) for their selection finalized and presented to the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, which endorsed them and recommended their use by the Contracting Parties.	Successfully completed and no action is foreseen for Q4.
1.2.3. Promote sustainable Desalination Sector in the Mediterranean	Plan Bleu	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6	- Thematic note on environmental impact of desalination prepared. - Roadmap for the development of a tool for Sustainable Finance for Desalination developed. - Call for tender (consultant/state of the art of Desalination in the Mediterranean) launched. - Contribution provided to a session on desalination during 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, March 2022). (Activity also supported by AFD (French Development Agency)).	Preparatory work carried out on: - Decision support tool for sustainable investment in the desalination activity in the Mediterranean. - Map on state of desalination in the Med area".	- Database acquired to enable update and publication of maps on "state of desalination in the Med area" published on WESR:Med - Work conducted for publication on desalination in the Mediterranean. - Negotiation with funding agency (AFD) for further activity (potential organisation of a stakeholder workshop(s) to be held later in 2023)	- publication on desalination finalized - maps on desalination published on WESR:Med - potential stakeholder workshop organized
	MED POL		Work on the development of regional standards on desalination launched with the support of a regional consultant.	Draft regional standards on desalination technologies and available environmental standards for discharging brine to the marine environment finalized and presented to a meeting of technical experts held on 22-23 November 2022. The Meeting reviewed two guidelines and provided some comments and recommendations.	Regional standards on desalination technologies and available environmental standards for discharging brine to the marine environment finalized and presented to the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points, which endorsed them and recommended their use by the Contracting Parties.	Successfully completed and no action is foreseen for Q4.
1.2.4. Enhance the implementation of MED POL reporting tools developed to assess pollution loads from land-based sources and activities	MED POL	LBS Protocol and SAP MED and updated NAPs	None	Negotiation with two countries, Turkey and Montenegro has been initiated for hiring two national consultants to pilot PRTR/NBB Guidelines implementation and data reporting including on diffuse sources from agriculture and point sources from aquaculture.  A consultancy contract is under preparation with a regional expert to follow up on PRTR/NBB Guidelines implementation by the countries and for assessing pollution trends at national and sub-regional/regional levels	Work in progress to pilot PRTR/NBB Guidelines implementation and data reporting including on diffuse sources from agriculture and point sources from aquaculture. Procurement of services of one consultant in Israel for agriculture has been completed and the work is on going for estimation for loads from agriculture. One national consultant for Morocco is under recruitment for aquaculture.	Findings of reports on the piloting of PRTR/NBB Guidelines implementation and data reporting including on diffuse sources from agriculture and point sources from aquaculture presented in the Meeting on Best Practices on application of estimation techniques for agriculture and aquaculture planned in October 2023, in Athens.
1.2.5. Undertake national and regional action to enhance the implementation of the Dumping Protocol	MED POL	COP 21 Decision IG.24/12	Work on updating guidelines on dumping of uncontaminated inert materials in synergy with the IMO London Protocol, and for review of Best practices implementation of dumping protocol guidelines on artificial reefs adopted by COP 21 with the support of a consultant launched ; contract finalized .	Draft updated guidelines for the Dumping of Inert Uncontaminated Geological Materials and Sharing Best Practices to Support Implementation of the Dumping Protocol finalized and presented to the Best Practices Meeting to be held in 13-14 February 2023 for review.  A questionnaire has been developed, to collect the Best Practices on dumping of inert material and artificial reefs and has been circulated to CPs in November. Collected Best practices will be shared with the CPs to support the implementation of Dumping Protocol Guidelines adopted by COP 21 (Artificial reefs) in Best Practices Meeting to be held in 13-14 February 2023. The agreed best practices are added to the existing Compendium of Best Practices for implementing the Dumping Protocol.	Dumping Protocol Best Practices Meeting held in 13-14 February 2023.  Updated guidelines for the Dumping of Inert Uncontaminated Geological Materials reviewed by the MED POL FP Meeting which endorsed their transmission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting.  MED POL FPs took note of the Compendium of Best Practices provided as as information document.	Updated guidelines for the Dumping of Inert Uncontaminated Geological Materials approved by MAP FP Meeting in Sept. 2023 and adopted by COP23 in December 2023
1.2.6. Undertake pilot actions to prevent, eliminate and dispose in an environmentally	SCP/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/8 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.1 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.2 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.3	- Accounting Methodology for quantification of new POPs prevented consolidated (MedProgramme - CP 1.1).	- Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia: Inventory of PFAS, HBCD and SCCPs (MedProgramme - CP 1.1)	- Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia: Sampling of PFAS, HBCD and SCCPs (MedProgramme - CP 1.1) - Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco: Workshop on adoption of Env. Sound alternatives to new POPs organised (May- June 2023 - MedProgramme CP 1.1) - Lebanon, Tunisia: Training on adoption of Env. Sound alternatives to Mercury in Healthcare sector organised (May-June 2023 - MedProgramme CP 1.1) - POPs free alternatives available in the Spanish and international market are reviewed and companies currently exporting to project countries are listed and presented at the training events in June 2023. - Training activity on POPs and Mercury took place in Tunisia in June 14-15th - Training activity on new POPs took place in Morocco in June 18-19th	<sup>1</sup> - Proposal prepared for 2nd phase of prevention/reduction of new POPs - potential for replication in other Mediterranean countries (MedProgramme CP 1.1) - Substitution of mercury containing medical devices in particular thermometers and sphygmomanometers by Env. Sound Alternative in Lebanon and Tunisia finalized by December 2023. - Training activity on Mercury held in Lebanon in July (tbc)

sound manner obsolete chemicals.	MED POL	COP 19 Decision IG.22/9 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	<p>A tender for removal of PCBs contaminated equipment is initiated. The bidders requested an extension until August which were granted. The contract not awarded yet.</p> <p>Legal agreements with Algeria in place and national consultant for Lebanon to facilitate the implementation of C.P.1.1 and the removal of PCBs in Phase 1.</p> <p>As planned, training for local authorities in Algeria was conducted in June 2022 for removal of PCBs.</p>	<p>Technical evaluation for tenders C.P.1.1: Phase 1: Removal of PCBs quantities has been technically completed by UNEP/MAP end of October 2023. UNON is conducting the financial evaluation.</p> <p>Training on PCBs conducted in Lebanon.</p> <p>C.P.1.1: Phase 2: SSFA signed with Morocco, and Albania for inventorying the PCBs and possible support for mercury related Minamata Convention ratification process. For Tunisia, agreement with UNDP Tunisia under negotiations.</p>	<p>C.P.1.1: Financial evaluation for tenders C.P.1.1: Phase 1: Removal of PCBs quantities has been financially completed by UNON. Review committees have been held.</p> <p>Contract for Lebanon signed, online kick-off meeting held.</p> <p>Contract for Algeria sent to company and is pending signature.</p> <p>C.P.1.1: Phase 2: PO for PCB-screening equipment signed, and equipment is being shipped.</p> <p>Training for the use of PCB-screening equipment held in Turin, Italy.</p> <p>Available PCB inventories received from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.</p> <p>Prioritization meeting (online held).</p> <p>Tender request for laboratory analysis sent</p>	<p>C.P.1.1: Phase 1: Contract for Algeria signed, and Basel Notifications for Lebanon and Algeria and HSE plans prepared.</p> <p>CP.1.1: Phase 2: Procurement request for second tender (BiH and Montenegro) prepared and initiated.</p> <p>Inventories completed and second prioritization meeting held in September 2023.</p>
1.2.7. Strengthen and implement national frameworks to regulate/ ban the use of POPS/toxic chemicals	SCP/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/8 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.2 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18		<p>- Lebanon: Roundtable organised to update of national regulatory framework related to MERCURY (Nov 2022 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Tunisia: Roundtable organised to update of national regulatory framework related to MERCURY (Sep 2022 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Lebanon: Roundtable organised to Update of national regulatory framework related to new POPs (Nov 2022 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Tunisia: Roundtable organised to Update of national regulatory framework related to new POPs (Sep 2022 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p>	<p>- Morocco: Roundtable organised to Update of national regulatory framework related to new POPs (April - May 2022 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>- Legislative roadmap adapted to each country context to be submitted for governmental review by June 2023.</p> <p>- Safe and sustainable alternatives to 3 toxic chemicals (PFAS, HBCD and SCCPs) are identified, a list of readily available alternatives in the region are provided to relevant stakeholders attending the training event in Tunisia.</p>	<p>‘- Lebanon: Roadmap for Mercury National regulatory framework update developed(Q1 2023 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Tunisia: Roadmap for Mercury National regulatory framework update developed(Q1 2023 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Lebanon: Roadmap for POPs National regulatory framework update developed(Q1 2023 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Tunisia: Roadmap for POPs National regulatory framework updated developed (Q1 2023 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>‘- Morocco: Roadmap for POPs National regulatory framework update developed (Q1 2023 - MedProgramme - CP 1.1)</p> <p>- Private sector and industry associations that were engaged during the process have established a contact /agreement with POPs-free suppliers by Dec 2023.</p>
1.2.8. Increase access to information on chemicals in products	SCP/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/8 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.2 COP 17 Decision IG.20/8.3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5	<p>- Technical brief reviewed by a scientific committee for the development of a Master module on plastics and their additives in a circular economy (INPLASTICS)</p> <p>‘- International Webinar Part 1: Challenges and opportunities of plastics in a circular economy-case of textile held (May2022 - INPLASTICS)</p> <p>‘- International Webinar Part 2: Challenges and opportunities of plastics in a circular economy-case of bioplastics held (June2022 - INPLASTICS)</p>	<p>- Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia: Training of professors of 8 universities for the Master module on plastics and their additives in a circular economy (July 2022 - INPLASTICS)</p> <p>‘- Second illustrated video on toxic chemicals and additives developed - part 2 includes recommendations for future actions. (July 2022)</p> <p>‘- International Workshop to enhance science-policy-industry interaction and to support Parties in science-based decision-making for the implementation of the BRS Conventions held (Nov. 2022, with a focus on the Mediterranean )</p>	<p>- Awareness raising campaign on toxic chemicals prevention strategies carried out - development of new products and dissemination of the 2nd video</p>	<p>-Awareness raising campaign on the intricacies of chemicals prevention and practical cases of substitution carried out'</p>
1.2.9. Improve follow-up of pollution events and enhance level of enforcement and the prosecution of discharge offenders.	REMPEC	COP 18 Decision IG.21/9 COP 22 Decision IG.25/16	<p>b.1) Preparation of ToRs for the provision of consultancy services on the development of modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing, initiated.</p>	<p>a.1) Intersessional work of the MENELAS Working Group coordinated to finalise the draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report, the draft decision to apply criteria for a common minimum level of fines for each offense provided for under the Annexes to MARPOL, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, and to further develop the modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing.</p> <p>b.1) Provision of consultancy services launched, and modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing, developed.</p> <p>a.2) 5th Meeting of MENELAS organised (tentatively 8-9 November 2022), and report disseminated. Outcome of the intersessional work of the MENELAS Working Group reviewed and validated by the said meeting.</p>	<p>a.2) Relevant outcome of the work of MENELAS, notably draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report, draft decision to apply criteria for a common minimum level of fines for each offense provided for under the Annexes to MARPOL, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, and draft modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing, timely submitted for consideration and agreed upon by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (Malta, 13-14 June 2023).</p> <p>c) Participation of CPs to OSCAR-MED 2023 operation facilitated.</p>	<p>a) Decision to apply criteria for a common minimum level of fines for each offense provided for under the Annexes to MARPOL, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention, approved by the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (Istanbul, Turkiye, 12-15 September 2023), and adopted by COP 23 (Istanbul, Turkiye, 5-8 December 2023), as appropriate.</p>
1.2.10. Strengthen the capacity of individual coastal states to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents	REMPEC	COP 20 Decision IG.23/11 COP 22 Decision IG.25/16	<p>Preparation of national workshops initiated with the involvement of the beneficiary countries</p> <p>Implementation, at different levels, of the planned events/activities in the three sub-regions</p> <p>Draft final version of Condensates – Chemical Intervention Guide for the Mediterranean ready for final edition. Related draft working document for REMPEC Focal Point Meeting prepared<sup>10</sup></p>	<p>Up to 14 national workshops organized on the assessment of management capabilities and national systems to respond to marine oil pollution organized in Central and Eastern Mediterranean coastal States leading to:</p> <p>a- the development national global improvement programme of national capabilities and</p> <p>b- National implementation plan of the programme, within the framework of the CSO 1 of the Mediterranean Strategy 2022-2031</p> <p>d) Sub-regional: -Workshop on Oiled shoreline assessment technique and 3rd Meeting of the Operational Authorities (Cyprus, Greece, Israel) - First Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan, Albania, November 2022</p> <p>d) Sub-regional Workshop on Compensation and Meeting of the Operational Authorities (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) organised tentatively on 18-20 October 2022</p> <p>e) Cooperation and synergies between Sub-regional Agreements operationalized and enhanced, by organising an inter-subregional meeting back to back to 3rd Meeting of the Operational Authorities (Cyprus, Greece, Israel) tentatively on 23 September 2022.</p> <p>g) Condensates - Chemical Intervention Guide for the Mediterranean edited in its final version to be submitted to the 15th REMPEC Focal Point Meeting</p>	<p>g) Timely submission for adoption by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (31 May-2 June 2023), of relevant outcome of the work of MTWG , notably Condensates – Chemical Intervention Guide</p> <p>d) 2nd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan</p>	<p>c) Tabletop Exercise within the Sub regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel implemented</p> <p>d) 3rd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan held.</p>
<b>Outcome 1.3. Systemic approaches for Circular Economy, eco-innovation as well as Sustainable Consumption and Production incorporated into key sectors of activity which are main sources of pollution</b>		<p><b>SDGs 8.3; 8.4; 12.4; 12.5</b></p> <p><b>Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Green Deal zero-pollution ambition, MSFD, UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 2</b></p>				
1.3.1. Promote SCP/Circular economy approaches in key sectors of LBS Protocol	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5	<p>- Turkey: SCP NAP process - Finalisation of the study on the construction and demolition value chain and its related policy roadmap by the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation (March 2022)</p>	<p>- Concept note developed for the Regional training on innovative circular business models. Dec (WES)</p>	<p>- Regional training on innovative circular business models held, May-June, Barcelona (WES)</p> <p>‘-Final event RESET capitalization project organised (ENI CBC Med)</p>	

1.3.2. Create, manage and promote exchanges among national Partnerships of Business Support Organizations for sustainable/circular Business development	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	- At least 100 business support organizations and experts registered to a newsletter on sustainable business development: "ACT Network" - 2 Webinars on sustainable business development targeting Mediterranean business support organizations organised	- 1 Webinar on sustainable business development targeting Mediterranean Business Support Organizations organised - 1 Regional exchange meeting on sustainable business development organised in Italy with Mediterranean Business Support Organizations - A Sustainability Badge for Business Support Organizations developed and implemented	- 1 Webinar on sustainable business development targeting Mediterranean business support organizations held	-A regional forum on sustainable business development organized with Mediterranean business support organizations
1.3.3. Strengthen platforms, eco-innovative tools and methodologies for circular business development	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	-The Switchers Toolbox (www.theswitchers.org/toolbox) is active and offers sustainable business development tools to entrepreneurs, business support organizations and experts. Continuous improvement is ensured. -The Switchers Toolbox reaches 4,900 registered users (green entrepreneurs).	-The Switchers Toolbox (www.theswitchers.org/toolbox) is active and offers sustainable business development tools to entrepreneurs, business support organizations and experts. Continuous improvement is ensured. - The Switchers ToolBox reaches 6,000 registered users (green entrepreneurs).	-The Switchers Toolbox (www.theswitchers.org/toolbox) is active and offers sustainable business development tools to entrepreneurs, business support organizations and experts. Continuous improvement is ensured. -The Switchers Toolbox reaches 6,200 registered users (green entrepreneurs).	-The Switchers Toolbox (www.theswitchers.org/toolbox) is active and offers sustainable business development tools to entrepreneurs, business support organizations and experts. Continuous improvement is ensured. -The Switchers Toolbox reaches 6,400 registered users (green entrepreneurs).
1.3.4. Develop, launch and manage an Open Innovation Platform and facilitation of market deals along specific value-chains	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	- Open Eco-Innovation Methodology drafted. - 2 Regional webinars to disseminate the methodology and raise awareness on Open Innovation delivered. - A digital platform is ready and launched to manage open innovation communities. - Operations started building the platform user base. - 1st Pilot "Textiles and Fashions" is designed and kicked-off.	- 10 "Textiles and Fashion" challenges are tackled by entrepreneurs and solution-holders. - 120k are distributed to support solution-holders via a voucher scheme.	- 5 "Marine and Coastal Sustainable Tourism" challenges are tackled by entrepreneurs and -solution holders. - Additional funds raised to support solution-holders. -2nd Pilot "Marine and Coastal Sustainable Tourism" is kicked off. - 3rd Pilot "Agro-food Value Chain" is kicked off.	- 5 "Agro-food Value Chain" challenges are tackled by entrepreneurs and - solution holders. - Additional funds raised to support solution-holders.
1.3.5. Expand the "Switchers Community"	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	-The Switchers Products platform is online hosting products and services of the Switchers Community members. -A digital and direct making service is offered to the Switchers Community's members. -The second edition of the "Switchers Talks" is held. - 25 new members of the Switchers Community added.	- At least 200 products hosted on the Switchers Products. - 30 new members of the Switchers Community added.	- At least 30 corporate buyers and retailers are engaged via the Switchers Products'. - At least 10 commercial agreements are signed via the Switchers Products. - At least 250 products hosted on the Switchers Products. - 30 new members of the Switchers Community added. - The third edition of the "Switchers Talks" is held.	-At least 300 products hosted on the Switchers Products. -At least 100 new members attracted to the Switchers Community from the beginning of the biennium.
1.3.6. Launch a Sustainable Finance MED Observatory with a close link to relevant existing initiatives (e.g., European hub of Sustainable Finance)	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5	- Policy brief on the Sustainable Finance Observatory is drafted and disseminated. - National Task Forces on Sustainable Finance held meeting in 6 Med countries. - Observatory governance structure is designed.	- The Sustainable Finance Observatory constitution process started and the Observatory is officially launched. -Roadmap on Sustainable Finance is drafted and disseminated. -National and regional events held to promote the observatory and disseminate its outcomes.	-National and regional events held to promote the Observatory and disseminate its outcomes. -Researches and analysis are carried out and disseminated among the Observatory's network. -The Sustainable Finance Observatory is active and started its operations.	-National and regional events held to promote the Observatory and disseminate its outcomes. -Researches and analysis are carried out and disseminated among the Observatory's network.
1.3.7. Design and implement a public-private fund facility, attracting and channeling funds to eco-innovative business ventures in the Mediterranean	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	-Legal and governance analysis is conducted, informing the fund's structure.	-Promoters' board established and fund's structure adopted (PPP Agreement). -Operations to legally establish the fund started.	-Initial investors are engaged and funding operations started. -At least 8 entrepreneurs-meet-investors events are organized in Southern Mediterranean countries.	-Increased volume of funding and portfolio.
<b>Outcome 1.4. One Health approach developed and implemented, linking human and ecosystems health with pollution reduction and prevention, taking into account lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic</b>		<b>SDGs 12.4; 14.1 One Health Approach, WHO, IMO MARPOL, Green Deal zero-pollution ambition, MSFD</b>				
1.4.1. Develop and implement a one-health approach for the Mediterranean, in partnership with WHO and FAO (2022/2023)	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 SAP MED	Implementation has been pending mobilization of external funding	Implementation has been pending mobilization of external funding, contact established with Institute de Recherche et de Développement for potential joint activity	Research work successfully submitted for funding provided by Région Sud (France) in collaboration with University of Côte d'Azur, Laboratory Ecology and Conservation Science for Sustainable Seas (ECOSEAS).	Research work on human health and seafood to start and to be continued through next biennium
1.4.2. Implement the agreed Med SOx ECA Road Map (Decision IG.24/8), and explore the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for nitrogen oxides	REMPEC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/8 COP 22 Decision IG.25/14	a.1) Work on the assessment of the needs of those CPs that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI (i.e. Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Libya), and the development of the related work plans and timetables for their ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI as well as their implementation of the Med SOx ECA, advanced.  b.1) Joint and coordinated proposal for the designation of the proposed Med SOx ECA submitted to the IMO, and discussions at MEPC 78 (6-10 June 2022) facilitated, as appropriate.  c) NOx ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts established.	a.2) Draft regional fund-raising strategy to support Mediterranean coastal states in relation to the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI as well as the implementation of the Med SOx ECA and linked compliance measures, shared with all CPs, including those CPs that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI.  a.3) Provision of consultancy services launched and support provided to implement the Med SOx ECA road map, notably by facilitating ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI by all Mediterranean coastal States, and addressing the identified needs of those CPs that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI (i.e. Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Libya), on-going.  a.4) National Workshop on Ratification and Effective Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI for Israel (or similar event to be defined with Israel), organised, and report disseminated.  b.2) Discussions on the joint and coordinated proposal for the designation of the proposed Med SOx ECA at MEPC 79 (12-16 December 2022) facilitated, as appropriate.  d.1) Work of the NOx ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts launched and on-	a.3) Support provided to implement the Med SOx ECA road map, notably by facilitating ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI by all Mediterranean coastal States, and addressing the identified needs of those CPs that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI (i.e. Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Libya), on-going.  d.2) Relevant outcome of the work of the NOx ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts, reviewed and validated by said committee, timely submitted for consideration and agreed upon by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (13-14 June 2023), including Terms of Reference for a specific Technical and Feasibility Study to assess the relevant existing studies and gather further knowledge on the possible designation of the Med NOx ECA, and draft Med NOx ECA road map.	a.3) Support provided to implement the Med SOx ECA road map, notably by facilitating ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI by all Mediterranean coastal States, and addressing the identified needs of those CPs that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI (i.e. Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Libya), on-going, and completed.  d.3) Decision on the possible designation of the Med NOx ECA, prepared on the basis of the outcome of work of the NOx ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts, approved by the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2023), and adopted by COP 23 (5-8 December 2023), as appropriate, including Med NOx ECA road map.

MTS Programme 2. Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
<b>Outcome 2.1. Ecosystem resilience improved through restoration of those with best regeneration potential</b>		SDGs 14.2; 14.a, 15.5 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, CBD and Post-2020 Global Diversity Framework, the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS). EU Green Deal, MSFD, and Birds and Habitats Directives				
2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication	SPA/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	b) A "5 Seas Cooperation for Ecosystem Restoration Project" is being developed under the lead of the UNEP Europe Office and with the involvement of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat along with its regional activity centres: SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu c) A concept note prepared and submitted to organise a side event during UNFCCC COP27 on Restoration of Ecosystem in the Mediterranean: is it a key tool to limit or reverse the progress of climate change impacts?	a) A restauration programme of pinna nobilis is developed, discussed and endorsed during a regional workshop organised in Tunis from 28 to 30 June 2022 in Kerkenna islands and the second in Trieste, Italy from 12 to 16 December 2022 with the Tunisian team that will be in charge to monitor living specimens of Pinna nobilis. b) A "5 Seas Cooperation for Ecosystem Restoration Project" is being developed under the lead of the UNEP Europe Office and with the involvement of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat along with its regional activity centres: SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu submitted to relevant donors. c) The side event on Restoration of Ecosystem in the Mediterranean: is it a key tool to limit or reverse the progress of climate change impacts? organised during UNFCCC COP27 withing the Mediterranean Pavilion on 16th of November 2022 ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISa0t4T35E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISa0t4T35E</a> )	a) The draft restoration programme of Pinna nobilis discussed and endorsed by the 16th SPA/BD Focal Points' meeting in view to be submitted to the MAP Focal Points meeting and COP 23 for adoption. Assistance provided to Tunisia to monitor living specimens of Pinna nobilis in collaboration with a CPEF funded small project in Kerkennah islands. b) A "5 Seas Cooperation for Ecosystem Restoration Project" is being developed under the lead of the UNEP Europe Office and with the involvement of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat along with its regional activity centres: SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu submitted to relevant donors. c) A call for consultancy launched and the appropriate consultant is being selected to elaborate a state of the art on marine and coastal biodiversity restoration, lesson learned and the working programme taking into account the T1.6 on ecosystem restoration of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).	A) A restauration programme of pinna nobilis presented to the CoP 23 b) A "5 Seas Cooperation for Ecosystem Restoration Project" is being developed under the lead of the UNEP Europe Office and with the involvement of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat along with its regional activity centres: SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu submitted to relevant donors. c) The report "state of the art on marine and coastal biodiversity restoration, lesson learned and a draft working programme on restauration presented to the Contracting Parties.
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	Plan Bleu			Final version of the Advocacy paper on Mediterranean wetlands ecosystem conservation and restoration prepared. Contribution provided to the report: "Mapping and assessment of the state of wetland ecosystems: A Mediterranean perspective", Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community, Interreg MED. Online workshop held during the EU Green Week on "A Green Deal for Mediterranean wetlands: building resilience through collaborative management", 3 June 2022 Activity of a Catalogue of good practices in ecosystem restoration - Mediterranean cases (Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community, Interreg MED) launched. Activity: Policy paper issued on transformative challenges for the conservation, restoration and wise use of biodiversity in the Mediterranean, launched. Activity: Characterise governance landscape based on successful cases' experience and mapping of key policies to devise an ideal 'theoretical' governance framework for restoration, launched Activity also supported through Interreg Med Project and WATERLANDS project.Ⓜ	- Final version of the policy paper issued on transformative challenges for the conservation, restoration and wise use of biodiversity in the Mediterranean and its policy brief. - Final version of a Catalogue of good practices in ecosystem restoration, Mediterranean cases prepared. - Event "Transboundary Governance in the SAIS-EBSA and contiguous regions: from the identification of an area to biodiversity conservation" held in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Final event of the Interreg Med Horizontal project "Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community" entitled "The Mediterranean leading the way - A cooperative framework to strengthen area-based nature conservation actions" organised in Brussels and online (2-4 November 2022). - Workshop entitled: "Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community (MBPC) In Action: Supporting Cetacean Conservation In The Pelagos Sanctuary" organised in collaboration with the Pelagos Sanctuary. - Final version of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection tools catalogue prepared. - Final version of the thematic paper on "An assessment of marine biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean Sea: A threatened global biodiversity hotspot" prepared. - Thematic paper on "Pathways to coexistence between large cetaceans and maritime transport in the North-Western Mediterranean Region: Collision risk between ships and whales within the proposed northwestern Mediterranean Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA), including the Pelagos Sanctuary" prepared. - Final version of the publication "Best Practices, Lessons Learned and Replicability Report" from the Interreg Med project "Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community" prepared. - Report drafted: Characterise governance landscape based on successful cases' experience and mapping of key policies to devise an ideal 'theoretical' governance framework for restoration of wetlands"	- Video on Mediterranean wetlands restoration prepared. - Kick-off meeting of the Interreg euro-Med project 'Dialogue4Nature' held (D4N) and preparatory work on the working group on Nature-based Solutions and Restoration carried out. - European Green Week event organised (9 June 2023 Barcelona, Spain and online). - Draft report on governance systems for successful ecological restoration of wetlands elaborated.
<b>Outcome 2.2. Comprehensive, coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed MPAs and OECMs in place, expanded, effective and sustainable</b>		SDGs 14.2; 14.5 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, CBD and Post-2020 Global Diversity Framework, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance and its Strategic Plan 2016-2024, and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), EU Green Deal, MSFD, and Birds and Habitats Directives				
2.2.1. Enhance the designation and connectivity of different area-based conservation measures, including in ABNJ	SPA/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/12 COP 16 Decision IG.19/13 COP 19 Decision IG.22/13 COP 20 Decision IG.23/9 COP 21 Decision IG.24/6 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	a) MPAs and OECMs new declarations monitored and reported to MAPAMED; The 2020 MPA Status Report chapters drafting completed. b) c) d) To be implemented in 2023.	a) MPAs and OECMs new declarations monitored and reported to MAPAMED; The 2020 MPA Status Report chapters peer-reviewed by relevant experts. b) c) d) To be implemented in 2023.	- European Green Week event organised (9 June 2023 Barcelona, Spain and online)	a) The 2020 MPA Status Report released. A new edition of the MAPAMED database compiled. b), c), d) A study aiming to enhance the designation and connectivity of different area-based conservation measures, including in ABNJ launched, edited and disseminated. Its findings presented at a regional workshop on OECMs (October/November 2023). The workshop recommendations on OECM identification in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment issued. Possible advice and support provided to requesting CPs in their OECM processes.
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<p>2.2.2. Design and implement national measures to boost marine protected areas (MPAs) in the region</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 19 Decision IG.22/13 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11</p>	<p>a) Elaboration process of post-2020 national strategies/priorities for MPAs at Egyptian Mediterranean coasts launched. Consultants to elaborate Post-2020 national strategy for Egypt hired. b) (i) Training course on "MPA effective management and sustainable financing" prepared. (ii) Process for the national legislation development for MPAs in Libya initiated. Consultants to elaborate the national law on protected areas in Libya hired and a draft law elaborated. c) Reflection made at the AGEM level for the preparation of an evaluation and monitoring framework for the MCPA-OECM Regional Strategy, and for the assistance to CPs to have their national strategies updated and aligned with the Post-2020 regional strategy and global objectives. d) Management plans elaborated for the Al Hoceima NP (Morocco), Kuriat MCPA (Tunisia) and Foça SPEA (Turkey). Management plan elaboration process at country level in Rachgoun Island future MPA in Algeria, Tyre Coast Nature Reserve in Lebanon and Shash Area future MPA in Libya launched. Draft diagnosis and assessment phase of the management plans elaborated for Rachgoun island future MPA in Algeria and Tyre Coast Nature Reserve in Lebanon.</p>	<p>a) (i) Diagnosis-assessment report of the Post-2020 national strategies/priorities for MPAs at Egyptian Mediterranean coast elaborated. b) (i) Training course on "Socio-economic sustainability of MPAs" organised. (ii) Draft law on protected areas in Libya endorsed by the national stakeholders. c) The CBD post-2020 GBF elaboration process monitored in view of the elaboration of a consistent evaluation and monitoring framework for the MCPA-OECM Regional Strategy. d) Draft management plans for Rachgoun Island future MPA (Algeria), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon) and Gulf of Sirte future MPA (Libya) elaborated. e) Process for the elaboration of business plans for the Rachgoun Island future MPA (Algeria), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon), and Gulf of Sirte future MPA (Libya) launched.</p>	<p>a) (i) Draft Post-2020 national strategies/priorities for MPAs at Egyptian Mediterranean coasts elaborated. (ii) Draft ToRs for the elaboration process of Post-2020 national strategy for MPAs at Libyan coast prepared and submitted to the Libyan environmental authorities in view of launching a call for consultation by the July 2023. b) (ii) Draft law on protected areas in Libya endorsed by the Ministry of Environment in Libya and submitted to legislative authorities. c) Draft evaluation and monitoring framework for the Post-2020 MCPA-OECM Regional Strategy drafted by AGEM and endorsed by the SPA/BD FPs. d) Draft management plans for Rachgoun Island future MPA (Algeria), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon) and Shash MPA in the Gulf of Sirte (Libya) elaborated. e) Elaboration process of business plans for the Rachgoun Island future MPA (Algeria) and Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon) launched.</p>	<p>a) (i) Post-2020 national strategies/priorities for MPAs at Egyptian Mediterranean coasts endorsed. (ii) Draft diagnosis-assessment for the elaboration of the Post-2020 national strategy for MPAs in Libya elaborated. c) The draft evaluation and monitoring framework for the Post-2020 MCPA-OECM Regional Strategy proposed for consideration and adoption by COP 23. Support dedicated to i) finance a post-training activity of Algeria; ii) contribute to the International Forum organised by a national Tunisian NGO; and iii) respond to a request made by APAL to support Tunisia in the clarification of the management status of Tunisian MPAs. d) Management plans for Rachgoun Island MPA (Algeria), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon) and Shash MPA in the Gulf of Sirte (Libya) endorsed. e) Business plans for the Rachgoun Island future MPA (Algeria) and Tyre Coast Nature Reserve/SPAMI (Lebanon) elaborated.</p>
<p>2.2.3. Ensure effective SPAMI management and evaluation</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/12 COP 16 Decision IG.19/13 COP 19 Decision IG.22/13 COP 20 Decision IG.23/9 COP 21 Decision IG.24/6 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11</p>	<p>a) SPAMI online evaluation system developed. b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes general template for activities prepared. Small grants programme benefiting to local CSOs launched.</p>	<p>a) SPAMI online evaluation system fully developed and tested. b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes cooperation agreements set for 4 SPAMIs. Exchange visits, medium-term on-the-job training, peer-to-peer support and mentoring ongoing between twinned SPAMIs.</p>	<p>a) SPAMI ordinary reviews completed using the online evaluation system, and their results presented to the 16th meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points. b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes developed and cooperation agreement set for 6 additional SPAMIs. Small grants programme benefiting to local CSOs launched.</p>	<p>a) One negative evaluation of the SPAMI Habibas Islands in Algeria. A decision is presented to MAP FP then to COP 23 for the inclusion of the concerned SPAMI in a period of provisional nature. b) Exchange visits, medium-term on-the-job training, peer-to-peer support and mentoring ongoing between twinned SPAMIs.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation</b></p>		<p><b>SDGs 14.2; 14.4; 14.5</b> <b>UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, CBD and Post-2020 Global Diversity Framework, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and its Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and its Strategic Vision 2021-2030, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance and its Strategic Plan 2016-2024, and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS). EU Green Deal, MSFD, and Birds and Habitats Directives</b></p>				
<p>2.3.1. Implement regional and national actions to boost the implementation of the Action Plans on marine key habitats</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 COP 22 Decision IG.25/13</p>	<p>a) the venue of second edition of the symposia on marine key habitats is identified (Genova, Italy 19-23 September 2022). The Organization, the scientific and programme committees are set up. First announcement disseminated. Organising Agency is identified and hired through a call for tender. b) A call of tender launched in November 2021 and a service provider selected. A data collection methodology elaborated and adopted and an inventory of all the spatial information available and accessible at Mediterranean level and at national level is undertaken. The collection of available data and its aggregation following established criteria (scale, habitat types following the updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be Included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean) will be done. A national consultation will be organised to get feedback from the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and to validate the data. c) Contacts made with the Abiomed and in particular the leader of the Activity related Pelagic habitat: using the plankton communities to address properly the status of pelagic habitat and relevant spatio-temporal scales and pressures. Invitations sent to CP in order to designate candidates to the multidisciplinary group of experts to be established to elaborate the List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea d) A call for national consultant for identification of the most important marine caves' coastal trenches to be studied prepared for Tunisia and Morocco. e) Collaboration established with the Pinna Life Project to draft the draft restoration programme of Pinna nobilis; A regional workshop organised on 20-21 of June 2022 in Tunis to discuss and endorse the draft restoration Programme. A regional training session on restoration technics is organised and a test of juveniles collection from identified sites and their transportation in rearing sites is undertaken. f) ToR to follow up the monitoring points and collect data on the status of the concerned habitats (Posidonia meadows and Coralligenous assemblages) in Tunisia and Montenegro prepared. g) Call for consultancy for the activity concerning marine habitats and marine protected area within Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) launched, consultant hired.</p>	<p>a) Notification of final acceptance of oral communication, posters, roundtables and workshops (beginning August 2022). Programmes of the symposia is ready, 19-23 September, marine key habitats and NIS Symposia organised and proceedings edited and disseminated. b) The Production of the distribution maps of Posidonia meadows, coralligenous and cave habitats will be based on the combination of the agreed national distribution maps in GIS system. Maps ready and available on the Mediterranean biodiversity platform. A paper on the elaboration and available maps prepared and submitted to peer journal. c) Call for tender launched to identify the Primary consultant to define the composition of the group, its working programme and the necessary document 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, consultant identified and hired. Draft parameters allowing to use phytoplankton and zooplankton for relevant IMAP biodiversity indicators and draft List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea elaborated and Contracting parties consulted. d) Local partner for the technical and organisation of the Regional Training session on the inventory and monitoring of marine caves identified. e) Draft restoration Programme on Pinna nobilis finalised and sent to CPs for national consultation and possibly submitted to the SPA Focal Point. f) The monitoring points and collect data on the status of the concerned habitats (Posidonia meadows and Coralligenous assemblages) in Montenegro are undertaken g) Deliverables of the Activity "Marine habitats and marine protected area" within Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) ready and presented during the final conference.</p>	<p>b) The Production of the distribution maps of Posidonia meadows, coralligenous and cave habitats will be based on the combination of the agreed national distribution maps in GIS system and national consultation launched. Maps will be ready and available on the Mediterranean biodiversity platform. A paper on the elaboration and available maps prepared and submitted to peer journal, c) A multidisciplinary group of experts established through the designation by the Contracting Parties of national experts with experience in phytoplankton, zooplankton and oceanography (Hydrology, Chlorophyll-a, etc.). The group met on the 5th of April to define 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 so that it can be used, where necessary, as a basis for identifying reference pelagic habitats to be monitored and assessed at the national level under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria. The draft report of the online meeting with the conclusions and recommendations is presented as working documents to the 16th SPA/BD Focal Points meeting in view to be submitted to the MAP Focal Points meeting and COP 23 for consideration. d) Necessary calls for the organisation of the Regional Training session on the inventory and monitoring of marine caves launched and CPs invited to designate participants. Calls for national consultant for identification of the most important marine caves' coastal trenches to be studied prepared for Tunisia and Morocco. f) The monitoring points and collect data on the status of the concerned habitats (Posidonia meadows and Coralligenous assemblages) in Tunisia are undertaken. e) Restoration Programme of Pinna nobilis endorsed by 16th meeting Focal Point for information/adoption.</p>	<p>b) The 3 distribution maps presented to the MAP FP meeting and the CoP 23 for information/adoption. c) A multidisciplinary group of experts has been established through the designation by the Contracting Parties of national experts with experience in phytoplankton, zooplankton and oceanography (Hydrology, Chlorophyll-a, etc.). The draft report of the online meeting of the Group of 5th April with the conclusions and recommendations is presented to the MAP Focal Points meeting and COP 23 for consideration. d) Regional Training session on the inventory and monitoring of marine caves organised. Identification of the most important marine caves' coastal trenches to be studied in Morocco and Tunisia. e) Restoration Programme of Pinna nobilis is presented to MAP Focal Point meeting for endorsement and CoP23 for consideration for information/adoption.</p>
<p>2.3.2. Effectively implement the updated regional Strategy and Action Plans for the conservation of threatened and endangered species</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP Decisions on Species Action Plans COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 COP 22 Decision IG.25/13</p>	<p>c) Knowledge enhanced and awareness actions on monk seal in the Mediterranean: National partners from south Mediterranean countries identified for the implementation of the Med Monk seal project that is supported by the Monk seal Alliance d) i) ongoing work "Towards EU threshold values for underwater noise" supported within the QUITSEA project ;ii) Scientific studies to fill gaps on cetaceans distribution along the northern coast of Tunisia implemented (INTERMED Project);iii)Monitoring of the dolphin population in the north Est of Tunisia and its interaction with fisheries activities implemented ( MAVA Depredation Project); e) Most vulnerable species impacted by bycatch and most impacting fishing gears identified based on bycatch data collection programmes allowing identification and proposal of mitigation measures f) National stranding networks functioning and restructuration supported in Algeria, Egypt Libya and Lebanon and Tunisia( MAVA Marine turtles project). Contact with Rescue centers and experts started within the framework of the implementation of bilateral Agreement with the Ministry of Ecological Transition of Italy. g) Communication materiel (Documentaries, short film, leaflet, etc.) about the MAVA funded projects: MedBycatch and Marine turtles have been elaborated and disseminated (exp. Marine turtles SC, 14-16 March 2022; MAVA Donors Fair, Tunis 4-5 July 2022;EnviroFEST 2022; Bycatch dedicated event ,23 June 2022). A CNN Greece MedBycatch reportage won the golden price as best international reportage.</p>	<p>a) Consultant recruited to assess and update the Action plan on seabirds listed in Annex II to SPA/BD Protocol. b) Status of Mid-term evaluation of the Monk seal regional strategy implementation in the Mediterranean assessed : to be launched by the beginning of 2023 c) Knowledge enhanced and awareness actions on monk seal in the Mediterranean: National partners from south Mediterranean countries identified for the implementation of the Med Monk seal project that is supported by the Monk seal Alliance d) i)CPs and partners supported to carry out scientific studies to fill gaps on winter waterbird census (Tunisia, Libya) ; ii)National monitoring programme of IMAP CI 24 implemented in Tunisia and Lebanon under the project Marine Litter MED II. e) National Bycatch data analysis and bycatch mitigation measures trials analysis reports elaborated for Tunisia and a draft national bycatch strategy elaborated within the MedBycatch Project. f) support provided to the National stranding network in Tunisia including the rescue center of Monastir. g) Communication material (Documentaries, short film, leaflet, etc.) about the MAVA funded projects: MedBycatch and Marine turtles have been elaborated and disseminated (exp. MAVA Donors Fair, Tunis 4-5 July 2022; EnviroFEST 2022). A CNN Greece MedBycatch reportage won the golden price as best international reportage. The film Salt in the eyes has been made available in the Waterbear platform.</p>	<p>a) First draft of the Status of implementation of the Action plan on seabirds listed in Annex II to SPA/BD protocol and its draft update reviewed by the FPs. b) Draft Mid-term evaluation of the Monk seal regional strategy implementation in the Mediterranean submitted to the 16th SPA/BD FPs meeting. c) Monk seal monitoring programmes implementation and awareness continued in the South Mediterranean countries as well as awareness activities d) i) The organisation of the Training for Competent Authorities and experts from EU and Non-EU countries for the monitoring of the underwater noise launched, ii) CPs and partners supported to carry out scientific studies to fill gaps on cetaceans, seabird, marine turtles and cartilaginous fishes distribution, conservation and their interactions with fisheries in some south Mediterranean countries (Tunisia, Libya and Egypt) supported. ii) Within the Bilateral agreement with MASE exchanges started with countries representatives and key stakeholders to elaborate a national monitoring programme of vulnerable cartilaginous fish captures including trade hotspots established/implemented in at least two countries in Egypt and Libya. In addition, a twinning programme between sea turtles rescue centers started. e) activity completed in the previous reporting period f) Consultants contracted to elaborate regional review on vulnerable species, mainly marine turtles, stranding data ; twinning programme between the following rescue centers launched: Tyre rescue centre (Lebanon) - CestMed (France); Monastir rescue center (Tunisia)- Libya first aid center. g) communication material produced and shared.</p>	<p>a) Draft update of the Action plan on seabirds listed in Annex II to SPA/BD Protocol as reviewed by the SPA/BD FP meeting submitted to the MAP FPs meeting and COP 23 for adoption. b) Draft Mid-term evaluation of the Monk seal regional strategy implementation in the Mediterranean submitted to the MAP FPs and COP 23 for consideration. c) Elaboration of the progress reports on Monk seal monitoring and awareness activities by the national partners from the south Mediterranean countries; organisation of a sub regional training session within the MedMonk seal Project on Mediterranean Monk Seal and its Habitats Monitoring methodologies is scheduled to take place on the island of Sami, Kefalonia, Greece, from September 25th to September 30th. d) - Scientific studies to fill gaps on cetaceans, bird, marine turtles and cartilaginous fishes distribution and their interactions with fisheries in some south Mediterranean countries supported. - Within the Bilateral agreement with MASE national monitoring programme of vulnerable cartilaginous fish captures including trade hotspots established/implemented in in Egypt and Libyaelaborated. In addition, a twinning programme between sea turtles rescue centers implemented in 6 countries. e) National Bycatch data analysis and bycatch mitigation measures trials analysis reports elaborated for Tunisia and a draft national bycatch strategy elaborated within the MedBycatch Project. f) Twinning programme through exchanges visits implemented between the planned six rescue centers. g) communication material produced and shared.</p>

<p>2.3.3. Implement conservation measures and share best practices related to threatened and endangered species listed in Annex II to SPA/BD Protocol</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/10 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11</p>	<p>a) Multi-taxa bycatch mitigation trials implemented in Tunisia; participation and contribution to the : Bycatch event (Brussels, 14th June 2022, Birdlife Ocean Week); 23rd GFCM SAC Meeting (Rome, Italy, 21-24 June 2022; Second exchange workshop on Depredation Project ( Catania, Italy, Catania, Sicily, 8-10 June 2022). b) National Bycatch Data collection programme achieved in Tunisia and Data analysis started. c) Online training on vulnerable sharks identification and safe release handling organised in collaboration with GFCM - 7th February 2022 ; Trainings on bycatch issue provided to fishers in 6 ports in Tunisia (February-June 2022). d) activity planned for the next reporting period.</p>	<p>a) Results and best practiced related to bycatch of the vulnerable species presented and shared in different regional and national events : International online Workshop on cooperation with fishers (26th July 2022) + GFCM Working Group on Fishing Technology (Online, 27 - 28 September 2022)+ the 7th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, Tetouan, Morocco, 18-21 October 2022+ the 4th Colloque Sea Turtles France Group, La Grande Motte, France, 18th November 2022+ 45th session of the General Fisheries Commission for the GFCM (Tirana, Albania, 7 to 11 November 2022). b) Bycatch data collection completed and data provided to the National focal points in Tunisia to be uploaded within GFCM bycatch database with SPA/RAC contribution. c) In partnership with the Agriculture Extension and Training Agency (AVFA) and AAO/BirdLife in Tunisia, trainings on bycatch and sea turtles issues and onboard security provided to several fishers in Kerkennah archipelago (Tunisia, 20 October 2022) and within several fishing schools in Tunisia. d) i. Final event of the MedBycatch project organised, project results shared during the event (Malaga, 3 October 2022) and project closed; ii. Organisation of the 7th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, Tetouan, Morocco, 18-21 October 2022 where the main result of the MAVA Marine turtles and the Marine Litter MED project have been presented; iii. organisation of the final steering committee meeting of the Marine Turtles project , which was dedicated to the evaluation of the project and to the discussion of the partnership next step taken into account the funding raising strategy; iv. Organisation of the final workshop related to species project (Izmir, 29 July 2022).</p>	<p>a) Concept notes prepared for : i) the Sub-regional training on vulnerable cartilaginous fishes identification and conservation; ii) the third symposium on marine &amp; coastal bird listed in the Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol (under the Agreement with the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs). b) c) and d) activities completed in the previous reporting period; MedBycatch project results presented during the 16th SPA/BD Focal point meeting as information document UNEP/MED WG.548/Inf.4 ; e) the save the date for the <i>Biannual cetacean conference for the south Mediterranean countries</i> launched in collaboration with the secretariat of ACCOBAMS; f) Concept note for The Symposium on Med chondrichthyans Fishes prepared.</p>	<p>a) Organisation of : i) Sub-regional training on vulnerable cartilaginous fishes identification and conservation organised (Tunisia); ii) the third symposium on marine &amp; coastal bird listed in the Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol organised. b) c) and d) activities completed in the previous reporting period e) the Biannual cetacean conference for the south Mediterranean countries organised ( Monastir, Tunisia, 14-16 November 2023). f) The Symposium on Med chondrichthyans Fishes co-organised.</p>
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<p><b>Outcome 2.4. Non-indigenous species introductions minimized and introduction pathways under control</b></p>	<p><b>SDG 14.2 CBD and Post-2020 Global Diversity Framework, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and its Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS). EU Green Deal, MSFD</b></p>
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<p>2.4.1. Update and implement the regional action plan on Non-Indigenous species (NIS) and species introductions, as well as targeted measures of the Mediterranean Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management and Action Plan</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG,17/6 COP 17 Decision IG,20/11 COP 19 Decision IG,22/12 COP 22 Decision IG.25/17</p>	<p>a)Call for the assessment of the implementation and the updating of the Regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction launched and Consultant hired. b) Call for consultancy to update Guidelines for controlling the vectors of introduction into the Mediterranean of NIS and invasive marine species and Guide for risk analysis assessing the impacts of the introduction of NIS updated taking into account the Mediterranean BWM prepared. c) Venue of second edition of the symposia on marine key habitats identified (Genova, Italy 19-23 September 2022). The Organization, the scientific and programme committees are set up. First announcement disseminated. Organising Agency identified and hired through a call for tender. 30 march is the deadline for pre-registration and submission of abstracts. the deadline for online manuscripts submitting is set for 30 June 2022. d) Call to develop a sub-regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction prepared. e) Necessary contacts to implement targeted NAPs measures on NIS in coordination with national IMAP implementation in 2 Contracting Parties made. Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS in coordination with national IMAP started. f) Call for the updating of Data contained in MAMIAS launched, consultant hired. The updating of data contained in MAMIAS started.</p>	<p>a) Assessment Questionnaire based on the Barcelona Convention Reporting System filled and sent to Contracting Parties for feedback, compilation and validation. Assessment report of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction elaborated and sent to Contracting Parties for feedback, compilation and validation. The updating of the Regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction launched and sent to Contracting Parties for feedback, compilation and validation. b) Guidelines for controlling the vectors of introduction into the Mediterranean of NIS and invasive marine species and Guide for risk analysis assessing the impacts of the introduction of NIS updated taking into account the Mediterranean BWM and sent to Contracting Parties for feedback, compilation and validation. c) Notification of final acceptance of oral communication, posters, roundtables and workshops (15 July 2022). Programmes of the symposia are ready. 19-23 September, marine key habitats and NIS Symposia organised and proceedings edited and disseminated. d) Call to develop a sub-regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction launched. e) Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS in coordination with national IMAP ongoing. f) Updating of data contained in MAMIAS ongoing.</p>	<p>a)The updating of the Regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction endorsed by the 16th meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points. b) Work to update the Guidelines for controlling the vectors of introduction into the Mediterranean of NIS and invasive marine species and Guide for risk analysis assessing the impacts of the introduction of NIS taking into account the Mediterranean BWM carried out with support from consultant and sent to Contracting Parties for feedback, compilation and validation. c) Drafting of Sub-regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction prepared with support from consultant and sent to the concerned countries for comments, feedback and validation. Subregional expert Meeting to endorse the draft Sub-regional Action Plan organised in collaboration with GFCM and IUCN-Med. e) Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS in coordination with national IMAP ongoing. f) the updating of Data contained in MAMIAS (continuous) and MAMIAS web application planned to be deployed on the SPA/RAC production server during summer 2023 in order to be tested with selected user before its official release and use during planned national training on data collection on NIS within the new GEF FISHEBM Med project.</p>	<p>a) The updating of the Regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction is presented to MAP Focal Point for endorsement and Cop23 for consideration b) Guidelines for controlling the vectors of introduction into the Mediterranean of NIS and invasive marine species and Guide for risk analysis assessing the impacts of the introduction of NIS elaborated and shared with the SPA/BD Focal Points. c) Draft Sub-regional Action Plan on non-indigenous species and species introduction finalized and shared with the SPA/BD Focal Points. d) Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS in coordination with national IMAP finalized. e) The updating of Data contained in MAMIAS continued and promoted through dedicated CPs trainings.</p>
	<p>REMPEC</p>		<p>h.2) Preparation of ToRs for the provision of consultancy services to support the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the Ballast Water Management Convention, initiated.</p>	<p>h.1) Provision of consultancy services for the development of a resource mobilisation strategy (and possibly a project proposal) to implement the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), launched. h.2) Provision of consultancy services launched, and support to the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the Ballast Water Management Convention, provided. h.3) Resource mobilisation strategy (and possibly a project proposal) to implement the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027) developed. i.1) Offshore/MASE complementary staff recruited (July/Sept 2022). i.2) Call for expressions of interest sent to CPs, requesting designation of a national consultant to support the implementation of activities related to the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species, notably preparation of a National Status Assessment Report, Development of a National Strategy and Action Plan, as well as a draft National Legislation, and delivery of a National Training on Biofouling Management. i.3) Provision of consultancy services for the implementation of activities related to the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species, launched.</p>	<p>g) IMO's ITCP (TBC): Regional Workshop on the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention and Regional Expert Meeting on the harmonization of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the BWM Convention organised in Malta on 20-23 March 2022, and reports disseminated. h.3) Harmonised procedures for exemptions under Regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention, including regional protocols (to the extent that they relate to exemptions) for port surveys and risk assessment, developed, reviewed and validated by Regional Expert Meeting (see g.) h.4) Relevant outcome of the work on the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the Ballast Water Management Convention timely submitted for consideration and agreed upon by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (13-14 June 2023).</p>	<p>h.5) Decision on the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the Ballast Water Management Convention approved by the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2023), and adopted by COP 23 (5-8 December 2023), as appropriate. i.4) 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species related activities implemented in interested countries, notably preparation of a National Status Assessment Report, Development of a National Strategy and Action Plan, as well as a draft National Legislation, and delivery of a National Training on Biofouling Management.</p>



MTS Programme 3. Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
<b>Outcome 3.1. Legal, policy and institutional framework strengthened at the regional and national level to efficiently address climate change related challenges (flooding, erosion, land degradation, pollution, disasters etc.)</b>		SDGs 13.1; 13.2; 14.2 Paris Agreement, UNFCCC, UNEA 4 (2019) resolution on Ecosystem-based adaptation, UNEP's 2022-2025 MTS Climate Action Programme.				
3.1.1. Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans	PAP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG,22/6 COP 21 Decision IG,24/5	Expert meeting organized to start drafting recommendations on climate action within the ICZM/MSP process	Drafting of recommendations regarding nature-based solutions for adaptation to climate change according to different coastal typologies, to be taken into consideration within the ICZM/MSP process carried out. Expert meeting to discuss draft recommendations organized	Final version of recommendations prepared.	
<b>Outcome 3.2. Nature-based, technical solutions promoting prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change</b>		SDGs 6.6; 13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 14.2 Paris Agreement, UNFCCC, UNEA 4 (2019) resolution on Ecosystem-based adaptation, UNEP's 2022-2025 MTS Climate Action Programme.				
3.2.1. Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/ green economy.	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	Draft Catalogue of NbS case studies developed. Activity launched: Technical factsheet on NbS in Mediterranean coastal zones (Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection, Interreg MED). (Note: Activity also supported through Interreg Med Project.)	- NbS infographics prepared. - Recommendations for Local Authorities to support implementation of NbS at Local level developed. - Final version of the Technical factsheet on NbS in Mediterranean coastal zones (Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection, Interreg MED) prepared	- Draft thematic note on assessment of socio-economic impacts of the implementation of NbS prepared. - Integration of NbS into Plan Bleu's GEF MedProgramme SCCF Project Output 1.2 work on coastal adaptation solutions in the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region, Morocco and Kotor Bay, Montenegro (Output 1.4) - reports published	
	CU		- Final thematic note on assessment of socio-economic impacts of the implementation of NbS prepared. - Integration of NBS into Plan Bleu's GEF MedProgramme SCCF Project work on training SCCF project country coastal managers on ecosystem-based adaptation (Output 1.3) and engaging the private sector to support coastal adaptation in the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region, Morocco and Kotor Bay, Montenegro (Output 1.4) - Integration of NBS into Plan Bleu-led draft report on sustainable aquaculture ensured. - NBS promoted in the framework of local coastal adaptation project CASadapt (Sophia Antipolis, France)			
3.2.2. Implement sustainable management policies and practices in priority coastal aquifers	CU	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5				
3.2.3. Mobilize and implement innovative solutions to reduce GHG emissions from ships in selected ports, including energy efficiency and decarbonization	REMPEC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 22 Decision IG.25/16	Meeting with donors (Italy), UNDP and UNEP/MAP organised (February 2022).			
<b>Outcome 3.3. Better understanding and knowledge of climate change and its impacts on environment and development</b>		SDG 13.3 Paris Agreement, UNFCCC, UNEA 4 (2019) resolution on Ecosystem-based adaptation, UNEP's 2022-2025 MTS Climate Action Programme.				
3.3.1. Develop and provide policy recommendations to address thematic impacts of climate change	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	"- Meeting of Coordinating Lead Authors of 3 MedECC Special Reports (1. Coastal risks, 2. Climate-food-water-energy-ecosystems nexus, 3. Environmental change-conflict and human migration), held in June 2022, in Barcelona, Spain. - Publication of 5 infographics presenting the main results of the 1st Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1) delivered. - New design of the MedECC website developed. - The layout as a single document of the Atlas of maps of seasonal temperature and precipitation changes (Annex B from MAR1) in English and French finalized (available on the MedECC website). - The atlas of maps of seasonal temperature and precipitation changes for the Mediterranean basin, based on MAR1 published in MapX (WESR: Mediterranean)" - First Coastal Plan/Climagine workshop with PAP/RAC, integrating climate change, organised on 16 March 2022, in Tangier, Morocco (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1)	"- Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of MAR1 translated to German and Italian. - Outlines of the 3 MedECC Special Reports finalised and shared with stakeholders - The zero order draft of the MedECC Special Report on Climate and Environmental Risks in the Mediterranean finalised and shared with authors of MedECC Special Reports and selected scientific experts. - COP27, Egypt, Nov. 2022 : on behalf of UNEP/MAP, Plan Bleu was among the 3 main founding organisations of the Med Pavilion with UFM and PRIMA Foundation ; MedECC played an advisory role (scientific council) to select events on the Mediterranean Pavilion ; Plan Bleu organised one side-event, MedECC organised two side-events; MedECC scientists participated to eight partners events." - Second Coastal Plan/Climagine workshop with PAP/RAC organised, integrating climate change, on 4 July 2022 in Kotor, Montenegro (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1). - Second Coastal Plan/Climagine workshop with PAP/RAC organised, integrating climate change, on 29-30 September 2022 in Tangier, Morocco (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1)	- Special report on coastal risks: External review by peer scientists and experts of the First Order Draft (FOD) and the draft of the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) between May and July 2023 as well as Consultation with key stakeholders on the SPM (June-July 2023) - Publication in English and French of a "Gender-sensitive Climate Risk Assessment of the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region, Morocco" and publication in English of a "Gender-sensitive Climate Risk Assessment of Kotor Bay, Montenegro", supported by two review and capacity-building workshops to address the identified climate risks in these coastal hotspots (7 December 2022, Tangier and 19 January 2023, Herceg Novi) (GEF MedProgramme SCCF Project, Output 1.1.) - 18-19 January, Herceg Novi: 3rd Climagine workshop for Kotor Bay Coastal Management Plan, Montenegro, with PAP/RAC (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1) - 18-19 January: participatory workshop on the Gender-sensitive climate risk assessment of Kotor Bay, Montenegro (back-to-back with Kotor Bay Climagine 3 workshop) (GEF MedProgramme SCCF) - 27-28 February, Beirut: Second WFE Nexus consultation (GWP-Med) and launch of the CP 2.1 National ICZM Strategy activities (PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC) and launch of the Damour Integrated Management Plan activities (UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC) (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1) - 8-9 March, Tangier: 3rd Climagine workshop for the Schéma régional du littoral (Coastal Plan) of the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima region, Morocco, with PAP/RAC (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1) - 20-21 June, Tangier: 2nd WFE consultation (GWP-Med – 20 June) and 4th and final Climagine workshop in support of the Schéma régional du littoral (Coastal Plan) of the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima region, Morocco, with PAP/RAC (21 June) (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1) - 22 June, Tangier: Plan Bleu co-hosted and funded a panel at MEDCOP Climate 2023 on the WFE Nexus and ICZM for coastal resilience	- Plenary meeting on the MedECC Special Report 1 coastal risks held, revised version of the report submitted to COP23; - External review by peer scientists and experts of the First Order Draft (FOD) and the draft of the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) and Consultation with stakeholders on the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of MedECC Special Reports 2. (Climate-food-water-energy-ecosystems nexus), and 3. (Environmental change-conflict and migration); - Fourth and final Climagine workshops organised in Montenegro (4 July 2023) (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1) - Climagine 4 and final Climagine reports for Kotor Bay and Tangiers-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region prepared. - Q42023: first national ICZM Strategy workshop and first Damour IMP workshop organised in Lebanon (GEF MedProgramme CP 2.1)

<b>Outcome 3.4. Mitigation of Climate Change progressed through Circular Economy, increased resource efficiency and carbon neutrality business strategies</b>		<b>SDG 13.3</b> Paris Agreement, UNFCCC, UNEA 4 (2019) resolution on Ecosystem-based adaptation, UNEP's 2022-2025 MTS Climate Action Programme.				
3.4.1. Analyze and quantify environmental and climate implications of Circular Economy transition to serve for business development, policy and technology scenario-making	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	-	- Preparatory actions carried out to establish a general working framework - Networking events carried out in the framework of COP27	- Digital Impact Monitoring Tool used by at least 70% of supported CE business ventures under the Support Programme for entrepreneurs and businesses for Circular Economy - A policy brief on the implications of Circular Economy and SCP to mitigate Climate Change developed and disseminated - A Decision Support System to assess and promote circularity of specific productive units, including climate change indicators, developed and disseminated	

MTS Programme 4. Towards the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources including circular and blue economy

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
<b>Outcome 4.1. Sustainability of coastal and marine resources achieved through the synergetic implementation of planning and management approaches, including the adequate consideration of Land-Sea Interactions (LSI)</b>		SDGs 14.2; 6.5; 6.6; 8.9; 11.4 UNEA 4 (2019) resolutions on innovative pathways to achieve sustainable consumption and production; UNEA 5 with its theme of "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals". European Green Deal, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, zero pollution ambition, MSFD and MSPD, UfM's work on Blue Economy. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 4.				
4.1.1. Apply the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus approach to natural resources management challenges in the Mediterranean	CU	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2				
4.1.2. Prepare National ICZM strategies	PAP/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 20 Decision IG.23/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	Revisiting the activity and its workplan with the Medprogramme SC due to the decision of Egypt to withdraw from the project.		Scoping Report prepared as a first step in the process of preparation of the National ICZM Strategy for Lebanon; Inception Workshop related to the National ICZM Strategy for Lebanon organized (Beirut, 27-28 February 2023).	Contracting and drafting of thematic inputs (number and priorities decided during the Inception Workshop); A workshop organized to discuss thematic inputs to the National ICZM Strategy for Lebanon.
4.1.3. Implement CAMP Projects	PAP/RAC	COP 20 Decision IG.23/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	CAMP B-H thematic activities finalized; National Coordinators for CAMP Otranto selected and contracted; CAMP Otranto activities launched and thematic experts in Albania and Italy contracted; National Coordinator for CAMP Israel selected and contracted.	Final Integrated Report for the CAMP B-H prepared; CAMP B-H Final Conference organized (Neum, 13 September 2022); CAMP Otranto activities implemented and national workshop and SC meeting organized; Inception Report for CAMP Israel drafted; CAMP Israel activities implemented.	CAMP Otranto activities implemented including two meetings for national stakeholders (Vlora, Albania, 26 January 2023; and Brindisi, Italy, 11 May 2023); Inception Workshop and the 1st training course on ICZM for local stakeholders organized (Tel Aviv, 24-25 January 2023) and CAMP Israel activities implemented.	Final Integrated Report of the CAMP Otranto prepared and the Final Conference and SC meeting organized; CAMP Israel activities implemented and the Final Report drafted.
4.1.4. Prepare ICZM or coastal plans	PAP/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 20 Decision IG.23/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	Contracting and drafting thematic inputs to the coastal plan for Boka Kotorska in Montenegro; Working meeting with national and local stakeholders from Boka Kotorska organized; Inception Workshop organized (Tangiers, 16 March 2022) for the coastal plan of the Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima (TTAH) region in Morocco; Contracting and drafting thematic inputs for the coastal plan TTAH.	Thematic inputs to the coastal plan for Boka Kotorska finalized and a workshop organized to discuss their integration (Škaljari, 17 June 2022); Thematic inputs to the coastal plan for the TTAH region in Morocco finalized and a workshop to discuss their integration organized (Tanger, 29 September 2022); A workshop organized to discuss first draft of sustainability indicators for the TTAH Region (Tanger, 7-8 November 2022).	Coastal plan for Boka Kotorska drafted and a workshop to discuss the draft with national and local stakeholders organized (Herceg Novi, 18 January 2023); Coastal plan for the TTAH region in Morocco drafted and a workshop to discuss the draft with national and local stakeholders organized (Tangiers, 8 March 2023)	Coastal plan for Boka Kotorska finalized; Coastal plan for the TTAH region drafted and its presentation (planned for end September 2023) to national and local stakeholders made for comments and finalisation.
<b>Outcome 4.2. Sustainable Blue and Green Economy tools and approaches in the context of Sustainable Development and MSSD implementation</b>		SDGs 6.5; 8.3; 8.4; 8.9; 12.1; 12.2; 12.4; 12.5; 14.2 UNEA 4 (2019) resolutions on innovative pathways to achieve sustainable consumption and production; UNEA 5 with its theme of "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals". European Green Deal, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, zero pollution ambition, MSFD and MSPD, UfM's work on Blue Economy. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 4.				
4.2.1. Promote the use of alternative, marine renewable energy resources in the Mediterranean	CU	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 20 Decision IG.23/4				Preparation of concept note by the CU
	Plan Bleu		Implementation pending mobilization of external resources.	Resources mobilized through French bilateral agreement (November 2022).	- Work ongoing to elaborate a report on offshore wind development strategies in the Mediterranean.  - Work ongoing to elaborate a publication on reutilization of treated wastewater in the Mediterranean - consultant selected and work initiated. Preliminary presentation in Bonifacio, 13 June 2023.	- Report on offshore wind development strategies in the Mediterranean drafted. - Report on reutilization of treated wastewater drafted.
4.2.2. Support Contracting Parties' engagement into concrete actions to better balance economic development and environmental protection in the coastal tourism sector	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2	"- First draft of Best practices on sustainable tourism report prepared. - State of play of the coastal tourism and ecotourism in the Mediterranean report launched. - Event on "Youth and sustainable tourism to safeguard the Mediterranean" organized during the Forum des Mondes Méditerranéens, February, Marseilles. - Capitalization event: II MED Sustainable Tourism Convention, 8-9 June 2022, Barcelona, organized. - Contribution provided to the Sustainable Coastal and Marine Tourism Expert Perspectives on "Vision Setting: A Sustainable Coastal and Marine Tourism Sector in 2030 and 2050". (Note: Activity also supported through Interreg Med Project.)	- Final version prepared: Catalogue of Best practices on sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean Region. - Final version prepared: State of play of tourism in the Mediterranean report. - Final version prepared: catalogue of tools - Policy document "Med Declaration for a smarter and greener sustainable tourism ecosystem in the Mediterranean region" prepared. - Sustainable Tourism in Brussels, capitalisation event of the STC Interreg Med project organized. - COP 27: event on "Tourism climate action plans in the Mediterranean: a vision for the future" organized. - Online event "The Interreg Med Sustainable Tourism Community: Success stories of cooperation and best practices. Future opportunities for Sustainable Tourism in North Macedonia" organized. - Side event on "Tourism and Circularity for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean", held during the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (UNECE) in Nicosia, Cyprus, 5.10.2022	- Capitalization on good practices and dissemination of tools activities - First Steering Committee of the Community 4 Tourism (Interreg Euro-Med project) organized. - Side-event organised during the 20th meeting of the MCSD on sustainable tourism (June 2023). - Work carried out on four scenarios of the tourism sector in the Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, France conducted producing a draft report.	- Capitalization on good practices and dissemination of tools activities. - Final report prepared on four scenarios of the tourism sector in the Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, France.
4.2.3. Promote sustainable entrepreneurship in the Blue Economy Sector including through the integration of circular economy principles	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	-Adriatic countries: Analysis of possible interventions on the implementation of Circular Economy principles within BE sectors (Bilateral Agreement with MASE)	-National Partnerships for Sustainable Business Development include activities related with Blue Economy (Switchers Support programme) - Adriatic countries: Specific sectors for the pilot actions on circular economy within BE sectors identified and coordination with NFP (Bilateral Agreement with MASE).	-At least 80 entrepreneurs from Blue economy sectors have developed and tested their Business Models (under progress) - Adriatic countries: Pilot actions on circular economy within BE sectors - kick off implementation with national partners (Bilateral Agreement with MASE)	- At least 80 entrepreneurs from Blue economy sectors have developed and tested their Business Models - Adriatic countries: Pilot actions on circular economy within BE sectors finalised and results disseminated

4.2.4. Boost targeted actions for a sustainable and inclusive Blue economy transition at regional and national levels	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	- Joint Publication InterregMed Blue Growth Community-SwitchMed: Guiding document to foster Circular Economy within Blue Economy sectors in the Mediterranean (May 2022). - Joint conference (SCP/RAC-PlanBleu-CPMR-Crete region) organized to share the main findings/recommendations and foster implementation (May 2022).	-Follow-up actions carried out to share findings of the report / intervention in several events to present the findings of the report.		
	Plan Bleu		"- Final Road map for sustainable Aquaculture in the Mediterranean developed. - Online survey on Digitalization potential on Blue economy undertaken. - Final Guidelines for sustainable Cruise and Recreational boating in the Mediterranean region prepared. - Draft report on Marine Renewable energies in the Med region prepared. - Conference ""Greening the Cruise and Recreational boating sectors in the Mediterranean" held (13th April, Sète) - Forum on Circular Blue Economy held (May, Barcelona) (Note: Activity also supported through Interreg Med Project.)"	"Communication & Dissemination of the Road map for sustainable Aquaculture in the Mediterranean - Final Report on Circular Blue economy prepared. - Report on Digitalization potential on Blue economy ongoing - Communication & Dissemination of the Guidelines for sustainable Cruise and Recreational boating in the Mediterranean region. - Final Report on Marine Renewable energies in the Med region prepared. - Final Conference of Interreg-Med Blue Growth community held."	- Report on digitalization potential on Blue Economy ongoing. - Work started on good practices for sustainable aquaculture.	- Publication of report in digitalization potential of Blue Economy. - Work on good practices for sustainable aquaculture finalized.
4.2.5. Support the development of National policies and pilot actions on SCP and circular economy at national level	SCP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	- <b>Algeria:</b> lectures delivered within a master course at university level on green entrepreneurship and circular economy (30 students, 25 trainers) + University Network created for the promotion of GE and CE and the replication of the course (WES march-June). - Regional Policy Hub developed (as part of the implementation of the Decision on set of Regional measures (SwitchMed) - supporting knowledge transfer through webinars, events, dissemination of technical content etc. (March-April).	- The Regional Policy Hub launched, as part of the Switchers Support Programme. - Turkey: technical assistance provided for the Assessment of Turkey's Potential on Transition to Circular Economy (preparation of a proposal of roadmap to tackle SUPs).	- Regional policy guidelines developed based on the best practices identified regarding the direct support and eco-system needed to create and grow green and circular businesses (RESET). - Virtual community of practice launched and coordinated gathering stakeholders focused on pushing forwards the practice of supporting the creation and development of green and circular businesses (RESET) - to be integrated within the Regional Policy Hub. - Turkey: technical assistance provided for the Assessment of Turkey's Potential on Transition to Circular Economy (policy support -process for the development of a roadmap to tackle SUPs). - Programme of activities for the policy hub developed, news letter launched, LinkedIn group managed.	-coordination and dynamization of the regional policy hub and virtual community of practice (SwitchMed + RESET). - Turkey: technical assistance provided for the Assessment of Turkey's Potential on Transition to Circular Economy. - Closing event of RESET organized + publication of the policy guidelines prepared.
4.2.6. Promote implementation of circular economy principles in key sectors	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources.
	MED POL		None	National policies and legal frameworks for green and circular businesses introduced through new Regional Plans and approved by the relevant working groups.	National policies and legal frameworks for green and circular businesses reviewed and approved as part of legally binding measures in the new Regional Plans by the MED POL FP meeting.	National policies and legal frameworks for green and circular businesses reviewed and approved as part of legally binding measures in the new Regional Plans by the MAP FP meeting.
<b>Outcome 4.3. Innovative environmental management and economic instruments implemented for the protection and efficient use of coastal and marine resources</b>		SDGs: crosscutting; 6.6; 8.9; 14.2 UNEA 4 (2019) resolutions on innovative pathways to achieve sustainable consumption and production; UNEA 5 with its theme of "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals". European Green Deal, UfM's work on Blue Economy. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 4.				
4.3.1. Support environmentally friendly local businesses	PAP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/18	- TC on coastal wetlands management for the local stakeholders in the Buna wetland region in Albania organized. - Comments provided on the Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy for the Ghar El Melh wetland in Tunisia and the meeting of the local commission for ICZM organized to discuss the Strategy.	On-the-ground work supported by the MAVA small scale financial scheme as a follow-up of the Buna wetland management plan prepared in the previous MAVA project finalized.		
4.3.2. Support the effective use by CPs of economic instruments and other tools for nature conservation and sustainable development in order to diversify the policy mix in the Mediterranean	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2	Drafting of ToR for study on environmentally harmful subsidies, and for exploratory study on conservative easement tools started.	Work started on exploratory study on conservative easement tools.	- Draft report on conservative easement tools elaborated, presented during a PAP/RAC-organized workshop in Split, Croatia on 25 May 2023, report under finalization. - Draft exploratory study on environmentally harmful subsidies elaborated and under finalization. Based on this work, scoping of further activities on environmentally harmful subsidies ongoing. - Economist hired to further support this work as of July 2023.	- Final report on conservative easement tools prepared. - Final exploratory study on environmentally harmful subsidies and dissemination of this work prepared. - Further work on environmentally harmful activities started and preliminary results produced.

<p><b>Outcome 4.4. Measures defined within the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan applied at regional level and by each Contracting Party within their jurisdiction to ensure the safety of offshore activities and reduce their potential impact on the marine environment and its ecosystem</b></p>		<p><b>SDGs 9.4; 14.2</b> <b>UNEA 5 with its theme of "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals"; European Green Deal, zero pollution ambition</b></p>				
<p>4.4.1. Implement key targeted measures of the Offshore Action Plan.</p>	<p>REMPEC</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 COP 21 Decision IG.24/9 COP 22 Decision IG.25/15</p>		<p>Work on offshore supported by an Offshore complementary staff.</p> <p>a) Three (3) Intersessional Correspondence Groups (ICG) established to prepare i) a Draft Decision on Common criteria, rules and procedures for the removal of installations and the related financial aspects, ii) an Offshore monitoring programme and iii) a Draft Decision on amendments to the Annexes to the Offshore Protocol</p> <p>a) Preparation by the Intersessional Correspondence Groups of i) a Draft Decision on Common criteria, rules and procedures for the removal of installations and the related financial aspects, ii) an Offshore monitoring programme and iii) a Draft decision on amendments to the Annexes to the Offshore Protocol launched</p> <p>b) Online trainings on subjects from Appendix 2 of Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan defined by 2021. Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Meeting organised.</p>	<p>a) Individual reports of each Intersessional Correspondence Groups submitted to the OFOG Meeting (17-18 May 2023)</p> <p>c) i) Draft Decision on Common criteria, rules and procedures for the removal of installations and the related financial aspects, ii) Offshore monitoring programme, iii) Draft decision on amendments to the Annexes to the Offshore Protocol, prepared on the basis of the outcome of work of the Intersessional Correspondence Groups and iv) Draft Programme of Work 2024/2025 endorsed by the OFOG Meeting (17-18 May 2023)</p>	<p>a) i) Draft Decision on Common criteria, rules and procedures for the removal of installations and the related financial aspects, ii) Draft Decision on amendments to the Annexes to the Offshore Protocol and iii) Draft Programme of Work 2024/2025 prepared on the basis of the outcome of work of the OFOG Meeting, presented at the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2023) and as appropriate COP 23 (5-8 December 2023)</p>

MTS Programme 5: Governance

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
<b>Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach related COP decisions, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels</b>		All SDG 14 Targets; 17.14 UNEA decisions and resolutions. UNEP MTS, UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions and UNEA Resolutions, CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UfM, GFCM, IMO, BRS Conventions and EU's MSFD etc.				
5.1.1. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with legally binding obligations under Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 18 Decision IG.21/1 COP 20 Decision IG.23/1 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	Advice provided to Contracting Parties on the ratification of pending Protocols. Relevant discussion held in and conclusion of the 92nd Bureau meeting (Istanbul, Turkey, 24-25 March).	Advice provided to Contracting Parties on the ratification of pending Protocols. Liaising with CPs on supporting and enhancing national reporting Discussions at bilateral level during missions. Relevant discussions held at the 93rd Bureau meeting (Thessaloniki, Greece, November/December 2022)	Advice provided to Contracting Parties on the ratification of pending Protocols. Discussions held at bilateral level during missions. Relevant discussions held at the 94th Bureau meeting (Izola, Slovenia, June 2023)	Advice provided to Contracting Parties on the ratification of pending Protocols
	PAP/RAC		Contracting launched for the analysis of the national legal framework with regard to the requirements of the ICZM Protocol in Algeria and Tunisia. Contracting launched for the analysis of the impact of ratification/implementation of the ICZM Protocol in Morocco.	Drafting the analyses ongoing and national stakeholder meetings organized in Albania, Morocco and Tunisia. Contracting launched for the analysis of the impact of ratification of the ICZM Protocol in Lebanon.	ReMPEC technical products reviewed by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (30 May - 1 June 2023), and potential draft COP 23 decisions are ready for submission to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points.	Impact analysis in Lebanon finalized. An information/awareness raising event organized in Tunisia following the ratification of the ICZM Protocol.
5.1.2. Advance the implementation of Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean and IMAP in coherence with regional and global developments	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7	<u>Evaluation &amp; renewed EcAp</u> Work to evaluate implementation of the 2008-2021 EcAp Roadmap; and prepare a proposal for a renewed EcAp and IMAP for consideration by COP23 launched with support from a regional consultant.  <u>Coordination</u> EcAp Med III, IMAP-MPA & ML Med II implementation ongoing; engagement with IMAP Task Force ensured. Implementation of the EcAp/IMAP advanced, including national IMAPs; supporting data submission; developing 2023 Med QSR. March - July: Online working group meetings; CORMON.  Biodiversity and CORMON Pollution meetings organized.	<u>Evaluation &amp; renewed EcAp</u> 9th EcAp Coordination Group meeting (5 July 2022) made minor amendments and endorsed the proposed process for the evaluation. Desk review by Consultant continued to prepare final EcAp evaluation for together with an analysis of regional and global processes relevant for a renewed EcAp.  <u>Coordination</u> EcAp Med III, IMAP-MPA & ML Med II implementation & coordination ongoing; engagement with IMAP Task Force ensured.  July 9th EcAp Coordination Group meeting held (online, 5 July 2022).	<u>Evaluation &amp; renewed EcAp</u> 1st draft proposal of elements for renewed EcAp prepared; evaluation of outcomes & initial proposals of elements for renewed EcAp presented to Integrated CORMONs Meeting (Athens, 27-28 June 2023).  <u>Coordination</u> EcAp Med III, IMAP-MPA & ML Med II implementation & coordination ongoing; engagement with IMAP Task Force ensured. Meetings of all CORMONs clusters held in March 2023 and an Integrated CORMONs Meeting on 27-28 June 2023.	<u>Evaluation &amp; renewed EcAp</u> Independent evaluation of EcAp Roadmap and elements for a renewed EcAp Roadmap/Policy submitted for consideration by the ECAP Coordination Group meeting (Istanbul, Turkiye, 11 September 2023), and potential inclusion in a draft Decision on EcAp/QSR to be submitted by the ECAP Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points Meeting (Istanbul, Turkiye, 12-15 September 2023) and COP 23 (Slovenia, December 2023).  <u>Coordination</u> EcAp Med III, IMAP-MPA & ML Med II implementation & coordination ongoing; engagement with IMAP Task Force ensured.
5.1.3. Ensure Contracting Parties compliance with adopted monitoring and reporting under Barcelona Convention Protocols	REMPEC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 18 Decision IG.21/1 COP 18 Decision IG.21/9		a) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligations under the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol and related IMO Conventions by publishing on REMPEC's website and disseminating the comparative review of existing reporting procedures and formats and by inviting CPs to report accordingly.  a) The Manual on national mechanisms for the mobilisations of response equipment and experts in case of emergency published to assist/guide Contracting Parties in updating MEDGIS-MAR, REMPEC's Country profile and BCRS.  c) Contribution from Mediterranean coastal States to the working group for the development of the new CECIS MP (i.e. Mediterranean Common Emergency Communication System) coordinated by REMPEC.	a) Compliance on reporting obligations assessed and reported to Meeting of Focal Point of REMPEC the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (31 May-2 June 2023).  b) MEDGIS-MAR and REMPEC's Country profiles updated by Contracting Parties, and MIDSIS-TROCS and MedERSys upgraded and maintained.  c) Common Emergency Communication System tested and endorsed by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (31 May-2 June 2023).	

5.1.4. Establish a Framework for assessing the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and their contribution to the GES, MSSD and SDGs	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 20 Decision IG.23/4	Activity launched: A conceptual framework established to review linkages between IMAP Ecological Objectives, MSSD indicators and SDGs indicators (frame of GEF CP 2.1.)	Scoping of the activity prepared: Definition and initial test of a first set of legal indicators conducted with the view to be considered by Parties to complement the existing set of MAP Barcelona Convention MSSD indicators.	-Concept note drafted with IRD on tentative indicators to monitor links between state of health and state of the environment drafted (Humans & ecosystems) .  Report published: Proposal of parameters to be monitored to reach good environmental status on coastal zone	Report finalized on the definition and initial test of a first set of legal indicators to be considered to complement the existing set of MAP Barcelona Convention MSSD indicators.
5.1.5. Ensure MAP Data Policy implementation at regional and as appropriate at national levels	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10	Conceptual analysis of operational annexes to MAP Data Policy related to different data flows (BCRS, IMAP, NBB etc.)	Draft proposal of operational annexes to MAP Data Policy related to different data flows (BCRS, IMAP, NBB etc.). Planning missions to countries and national workshops organized to strengthen capacities of the CPs to implement MAP data Policy	MAP Data Policy principles applied to monitoring data collection from countries (i.e. by topic)	MAP Data Policy document updated with operational annexes related to different data flows
<b>Outcome 5.2. Systemic strengthening and effective functioning and delivery of MAP decision-making and advisory bodies ensured, and efficiency enhanced with new digital approaches</b>		<b>All SDG 14 targets; 16.3; 17.14; 5.5; 5.a; 5.b; 5.c UNEA decisions and resolutions. UNEP MTS, UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions and UNEA Resolutions, CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UfM, GFCM, IMO, BRS Conventions and EU's MSFD etc.</b>				
5.2.1. Deliver successfully COP 23 of MAP Barcelona Convention	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5	Exchanges with Host Country of the requirements of the COP and the Host Country Agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for COP 23 timely initiated on organizational issues.</li> <li>- COP 23 Communication Plan initiated.</li> <li>- First reflection on the main theme of the Ministerial session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for COP 23 timely conducted on organizational and substantial issues.</li> <li>- Coordination of the Host Country Agreement is underway, procurement and preparations held.</li> <li>- List of documents and the provisional and annotated agendas finalized.</li> <li>- List of potential COP decisions established.</li> <li>- The main theme for the Ministerial Session defined and its concept note and format developed.</li> <li>- COP 23 Communication Plan finalized.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-COP events (e.g. with stakeholders, youth) successfully organised.</li> <li>- Informal meeting of HoD organised prior to COP 23.</li> <li>- COP 23 held with working and info documents finalized and circulated in 4 languages within the established deadlines.</li> <li>- Travel arrangements for participants and procurement timely concluded.</li> <li>- Ministerial Declaration timely prepared in consultation with the host country.</li> <li>- COP 23 Decisions submitted for adoption, including the biennial PoW.</li> <li>- MAP visibility and outreach enhanced.</li> <li>- Side events organised and successfully held.</li> <li>- Press conference held; good level of media coverage.</li> <li>- Notification about COP 23 issued.</li> <li>- Respective letters to the Depositary drafted.</li> </ul>
5.2.2. Deliver successfully the 20th Meeting of the MCSD	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter to MCSD Members and Observers about the outcome of COP22 is issued.</li> <li>- Process for identifying host country of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD is launched.</li> <li>- MSSD Flagship Initiatives are followed-up, giving priorities to the most recently launched and/or with new developments.</li> <li>- A reflection on the MSSD Review Process (2024-2025) is initiated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 24th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee (Athens, Greece, 14-15 December 2022), with working and information documents finalized and circulated in 2 languages within the established deadlines.</li> <li>- Travel arrangements for participants and procurement timely concluded.</li> <li>- Report of Meetings issued.</li> <li>- The Secretariat liaised with the Bureau and France about the host country of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD to be held in June/July 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the 20th Meeting of the MCSD timely initiated on organizational issues and ended successfully.</li> <li>- Host Country Agreement (EoL) prepared and signed, procurement preparations held.</li> <li>- Main themes and format of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD identified, including rationale for the MSSD Review process, gender perspectives, Sustainable Blue Economy, and peer review mechanisms on SDG14. Communication material is available on the UNEP/MAP website.</li> <li>- 23rd Meeting of the MCSD held through videoconference on 1-2 June 2022: Report of Meeting issued, plus follow-up actions undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft decision on MSSD review process, and related Information Documents are issued and discussed at the MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP23.</li> <li>- MCSD inputs to COP 23 Ministerial Declaration finalized.</li> <li>- MCSD President reported to COP 23.</li> </ul>
	CU		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 92nd Bureau meeting successfully organised and held (Istanbul, Turkiye, 24-25 March), with working and info documents circulated within the established deadlines. Focus on strategic processes and documents.</li> <li>- Advice received by the Bureau on the implementation of COP 22 Decisions, as appropriate.</li> <li>- Report of the meeting issued.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 93rd Bureau meeting successfully organised and held (Thessaloniki, Greece, 30 November - 1 December), with working and info documents circulated within the established deadlines. Focus on the strategic documents and processes as well as cooperation and partners.</li> <li>- Report of the meeting issued.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 94th Bureau meeting successfully organised and held (Slovenia, 20-21 June), with working and info documents circulated within the established deadlines. Focus on the preparation of COP 23, its ministerial session theme and format, on the finalization the new MTS, and other issues, as relevant.</li> <li>- Preparations for the September MAP Focal Points meeting and the EcAp Coordination Group Meeting timely conducted on organizational and substantial issues.</li> <li>- List of documents and the provisional and annotated agendas finalized by June 2023 at the latest.</li> <li>- List of potential COP decisions established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short Bureau meeting possibly held on the eve of COP 23, if need arises (Slovenia, December 2023). Newly elected Bureau meeting during COP 22 to review the credentials of the delegations.</li> <li>- MAP Focal Points meeting held (Athens, Greece, September 2023), preceded by the EcAp Coordination Group Meeting. Working and info documents finalized and circulated in 2 languages within the established deadlines. Travel arrangements for participants and procurement timely concluded. Process established and agreed for COP23 Ministerial Declaration. COP23 Agenda adopted. Invitations and COP 23 Agenda sent out immediately after the MAP Focal Points meeting.</li> </ul>
	MED POL			Documents for the CORMON ML/Pollution (March 2023) Meetings under preparation and being reviewed in appropriate technical meetings and recommended for submission to MED POL FPs.	<p>Documents for the CORMON ML/Pollution (March 2023) and MED POL FP (May 2023) Meetings timely sent to CPs one month before meetings.</p> <p>MED POL FP meeting convened in 24-26 May 2023</p> <p>MED POL contribution provided to the preparation of the 2023 MED QSR with the preparation of the Pollution and Marine Litter Chapters reviewed by the Integrated CorMon Meeting held on 27-27 June 2023.</p>	MED POL approved documents submitted to MAP FPs and COP 23

5.2.3. Deliver successfully the main institutional meetings of MAP (Bureau, MAP Focal Point, EcAp Coordination Group and Thematic/Components Focal Points).	INFO/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/17 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 18 Decision IG.21/15	Document for INFO/RAC FPs Meeting under preparation	Document for INFO/RAC FPs Meeting under preparation	Preparatory activities for INFO/RAC FPs meeting started (provisional agenda, working documents, info documents, webpage delivery); Logistic organisation of the meeting carried out. INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting successfully organised in Rome, in June 2023.	Preparation and delivery of INFO/RAC NFPs Meeting Report	
	PAP/RAC			Preparatory activities for the PAP FPs meeting started (agenda, working and info documents, etc.)	Preparatory activities for the PAP FPs meeting including finalisation of the Progress Report and Proposal of Activities for the biennium 2024-2025, and proposal for possible COP Decision(s);  PAP/RAC Focal Points meeting successfully held in Split, Croatia, on 23-24 May 2023	Preparation and publishing of the FPs Meeting Report	
	Plan Bleu					Plan Bleu Focal Points meeting organized in Marseille (12-13 June 2023). Contribution to MCSD meeting in Marseille (14-16 June 2023).	Preparation and publishing of the FPs Meeting Report
	REMPEC			Internal definition of the provisional agenda for the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (13-14 June 2023) and related list of documents, including potential COP 23 decisions.	Provisional agenda for the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (30 May - 1 June 2023) and related list of documents, including potential COP 23 decisions, defined. Draft PoW 2024-2025 prepared, including initial budget (MTF, external resources: incl IMO's ITCP) and planning.	REMPEC technical products reviewed by the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (30 May - 1 June 2023), and potential draft COP 23 decisions are ready for submission to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points.	Outcome of the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (30 May - 1 June 2023) submitted to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2023) and COP 23 (5-8 December 2023).
	SCP/RAC				-Preparation working documents SCP/RAC NFP Meeting / Save-the-date sent to SCP/RAC NFP	- Preparation and celebration of the SCP/RAC NFP Meeting - Agreed conclusions sent to MAP CU and FP	
	SPA/RAC				A save-the-date for the 16th Meeting of SPA/BD Thematic Focal Points circulated to CPs and partner organisations.	The 16th Meeting of SPA/BD Thematic Focal Points have reviewed SPA/RAC technical products and biodiversity-related decisions. Agreed conclusions are submitted to the MAP Focal Points Meeting.	Outcomes of the 16th Meeting of SPA/BD Thematic Focal Points submitted to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (12-15 September 2023) and COP 23 (5-8 December 2023).
5.2.4. Organize Compliance Committee Meetings	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 18 Decision IG.21/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 18th Compliance Committee meeting successfully organized and held (Athens, Greece, 29-30 June 2022), with working and info documents circulated in line with Procedures and Mechanisms and applicable Rules of Procedure. Focus on the communication from the public, with findings and recommendations issued by the Committee concerning the Mar Menor case.</li> <li>- Implementation on COP 22 Decision on RoPs and procedures and mechanisms discussed.</li> <li>- Work in synergy with other MEAs intensified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the CC meeting prepared timely.</li> <li>- Recommendations on communication from the public sent to the Party concerned. Received Party's response that they have no comment.</li> <li>- Follow up action lists drafted.</li> <li>- Follow-up on the 18th Compliance Committee recommendations, in preparation for 19th Compliance Committee Meeting, with emphasis on assisting the Contracting Parties with the submission of national implementation reports for 2020-2021 and the analysis of information submitted to feed into the overall status of progress.</li> <li>- Work on RoPs and procedures and mechanisms facilitated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working and Information documents for 19th Compliance Committee timely drafted and sent out in line with Rules of Procedure.</li> <li>- Consultation meeting with CPs on Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms successfully held (online, 31 January 2023); meeting report prepared and followed-up</li> <li>- Letters regarding the renewal of CC membership prepared and followed-up.</li> <li>- Communication material regarding CC drafted in cooperation with Public/Communication unit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up on the Compliance Committee recommendations, in preparation for COP 23, with PoW and set of recommendations ready for review by COP 23.</li> <li>Draft decision on compliance and reporting prepared for the MAP FP meeting and shared with the compliance committee</li> <li>Meeting held (Athens, 4-5 July), in preparation for COP 23. - Set of key recommendations in place as well as final decision on the communication brought to the Committee from the public.</li> </ul>	
5.2.5. Strengthen the MAP result-based programmatic framework including gender mainstreaming and sustainability of operations	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Updated Planning and Priorities Table including a mechanism for monitoring of MTS Indicators and Targets developed and presented to the ECP. Planning and Priorities Table completed.</li> <li>c) Execution of externally funded projects (MedProgramme, IMAP MPA, ECAP MED III, ML MED II) ongoing as per project documents and work plans - Steering Committee meetings held. Bilateral Agreement with MASE operationalized through PRODOC and Legal Instruments with RACs. 2nd SC meeting held in June, in Athens.</li> <li>d) Sustainable practices ensured in MAP operations and meetings/events</li> <li>e) Gender mainstreaming activities of the MedProgramme ensured also with external support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Planning and Priorities Table completed.</li> <li>b) Updated Resource Mobilisation Strategy developed taking into consideration relevant Strategies prepared by MAP Components for thematic policies and shared with ECP.</li> <li>c) Execution of externally funded projects (MedProgramme, IMAP MPA, ECAP MED III, ML MED II) ongoing as per project documents and work plans - Steering Committee meetings held. Bilateral Agreement with MASE under implementation. Bilateral Agreement with France signed and operationalised - funds disbursed to RAC - implementation started.</li> <li>d) Sustainable practices ensured in MAP operations and meetings/events</li> <li>e) Gender mainstreaming activities of the MedProgramme ensured also with external support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Planning and Priorities Table completed. Indicators/Targets for 2022 populated based on inputs from ECP.</li> <li>b) Revised text of the Updated Resource Mobilisation Strategy developed.</li> <li>c) Execution of externally funded projects (MedProgramme, IMAP MPA, ECAP MED III, ML MED II) ongoing as per project documents and work plans - Steering Committee meetings held. Bilateral Agreement with MASE under implementation - 3rd SC meeting organised (Rome, June 2023).</li> <li>Bilateral Agreement with France under implementation.</li> <li>d) Sustainable practices ensured in MAP operations and meetings/events</li> <li>e) Gender mainstreaming activities of the MedProgramme ensured also with external support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Planning and Priorities Table completed. Indicators/Targets for 2023 populated based on inputs from ECP.</li> <li>b) Updated Resource Mobilisation Strategy submitted to MAP FP and COP 23.</li> <li>c) Execution of externally funded projects (MedProgramme, IMAP MPA, ECAP MED III, ML MED II) ongoing as per project documents and work plans - Steering Committee meetings held. Bilateral Agreement with MASE under implementation - 4th SC meeting organised. COP 23 side event organised. Bilateral Agreement with France under implementation. Discussion for new Bilateral Agreements held.</li> <li>d) Sustainable practices ensured in MAP operations and meetings/events</li> <li>e) Gender mainstreaming activities of the MedProgramme ensured also with external support.</li> </ul>	
	SPA/RAC			f) Work started for the elaboration of a Resource Mobilisation Strategy and the preparation of a project portfolio for the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including Post-2020 MCPA-OECM Strategy for the period 2022-2030 and beyond, also with mobilisation of consultants.	f) Resource mobilisation Strategy and Project portfolios elaboration in progress, Donor conference in preparation for the Post-2020 SAPBIO and MCPA-OECM Strategy	f) i) Resource mobilisation Strategy and Project portfolio elaborated in consultation with the SAPBIO Advisory Committee and National Correspondents, Donor conference held and bilateral meetings were organised with the attending donors. Project proposals were adapted and submitted to several funding institutions.	f) i) Projects proposals are being submitted for funding ii) training session on gender mainstreaming in the Post-2020 SAPBIO implementation process targeting the SAPBIO National Correspondents organised
5.2.6. Develop Public Trust Approach (PTA) application to the Barcelona Convention and MAP policies	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 18 Decision IG.21/1 COP 19 Decision IG.22/17	Activity pending mobilisation of external resources	Activity pending mobilisation of external resources	Activity pending mobilisation of external resources	Activity pending mobilisation of external resources	



5.2.7. Organize SAP BIO correspondent meetings	SPA/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 COP 21 Decision IG.24/07 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2			SAPBIO National Correspondents meeting organized (preceded by a meeting of SAPBIO Advisory Committee) to discuss the draft Resource Mobilisation Strategy and the proposal of coherent projects, before a donors conference scheduled in March 2023 to present those proposals	
5.2.8. Establish and enhance Inter-Ministerial Coordination (IMC) frameworks at national level	CU	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	Support provided to Contracting Parties with established IMAP Steering Committees (Interministerial Coordination Committees)for their operation and for the establishment of such Committees, where non existing.	Support to Contracting Parties with established IMAP Steering Committees (Interministerial Coordination Committees)for their operation and for the establishment of such Committees, where non existing ongoing.	Support to Contracting Parties with established IMAP Steering Committees (Interministerial Coordination Committees)for their operation and for the establishment of such Committees, where non existing ongoing.	Support to Contracting Parties with established IMAP Steering Committees (Interministerial Coordination Committees)for their operation and for the establishment of such Committees, where non existing ongoing.  Strengthened support also foreseen in the planned activities under the ECAP MED Plus Project, submitted for approval in September 2023 (planned to start implementation in March 2024)
	PAP/RAC			Proposal prepared regarding the composition of the Intrer-ministerial Committee (IMC) in B-H		- IMC in B-H established and its first meeting organized. - Proposals prepared regarding the composition of the IMC in Lebanon and Tunisia
<b>Outcome 5.3. Policy coherence and complementarity ensured among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system's policy and regulatory instruments</b>		<b>All SDG 14 targets; 14.2; 14.5; 17.14 UNEA decisions and resolutions. UNEP MTS, UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions and UNEA Resolutions, CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UfM, GFCM, IMO, BRS Conventions and EU's MSFD etc.</b>				
5.3.1. Strengthen further and sustain the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER)	Plan Bleu	COP 21 Decision IG.24/3	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources and expression of interest of Contracting Parties.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources and expression of interest of Contracting Parties.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources and expression of interest of Contracting Parties.	Implementation pending mobilization of external resources and expression of interest of Contracting Parties.
5.3.2. Maximize synergies with Post 2020 Global agenda for the implementation of SAP BIO	SPA/RAC	COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	The elaboration of a Fundraising Strategy for the Post-2020 SAPBIO started, including the Post-2020 MCPA-OECM Strategy for the period 2022-2030 and beyond	Participation contributing to relevant Global meetings and workshops linked to CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework elaboration calendar (particularly Ocean Summit July 2022, CC COP27 November 2022 and CBD COP15 December 2022)	Participation to the IUCN 5th congress on MPAs "IMPAC 5" February 2023, Vancouver Canada and organisation of two side events where the SAPBIO and its resource mobilisation strategy were presented and discussed with participants as well as the organisation of a consultation meeting with relevant partner organisations and potential donors.	
5.3.3. Strengthen cooperation for joint reporting under the BC and its Protocols	CU	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 COP 20 Decision IG.23/1	- Work on updating the BCRS finalized by INFO/RAC. Liaising with CPs on supporting and enhancing national reporting (CU in coordination with INFO/RAC). - No update of the overall assessment corresponding to 2018-2019 biennium, since no further submissions were made. - Item on criteria on reporting in 18th Compliance Committee meeting and relevant conclusion. - Letter sent to the Contracting Parties on 2020-2021 reporting at the end of the semester (reporting deadline 31 December 2022, as per COP Decision IG.25/2).	- Work continued in coordination with MAP informal Task Force Reporting under the previous quarter to reach 100% submissions , as far as possible. - Liaising with CPs on supporting and enhancing national reporting (CU in coordination with INFO/RAC). - Continued work together with Reporting informal task force of the MAP system to have as many 2020-2021 national implementation reports by end December 2022. - Overall assessment corresponding to 2018-2019 biennium updated based on new submissions.	- Work under the previous quarter continued to reach 100% submissions for 2018-2019, as far as possible, and to ensure a representative number of 2020-2021 national implementation reports to start with the preparations of the overall assessment for COP 23. - Work under the previous quarter continued to have a draft preliminary assessment of 2020-2021 national implementation reports for the June meeting of the Compliance Committee in preparation for COP 23. - Continue working together with Reporting informal task force of the MAP system.	- To close the 2020-2021 reporting cycle in preparation for COP 23 with a representative number of national implementation reports, provide the assistance needed at individual level and conclusion of the overall assessment in coordination with MAP components for COP 23.  - Conclusion of the overall assessment including key findings and messages for policy markers a well as suggestions on how best to use information provided in national implementation reports at national level for COP 23 in coordination with MAP Components

Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface		SDGs 12.4; 14.1; 14.2; 14.5; 17.17 UNEA decisions and resolutions. UNEP MTS, UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions and UNEA Resolutions, CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UfM, GFCM, IMO, BRS Conventions and EU's MSFD etc.				
5.4.1. Promote dialogue and enhanced engagement of global and regional organizations and partners	CU	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6	<p>New partners accredited by COP 22 added in the list of MAP Partners.</p> <p>Call for renewal of MAP partners prepared and distributed to partners whose mandate expired.</p> <p>Bilateral meetings with new MAP Partners arranged.</p> <p>MoUs with PAM and COMPSUD signed.</p> <p>Updated Annex of MoU with GFCM implementation initiated.</p> <p>Agreement with UfMS and PRIMA of MedPavillion in UNFCCC COP 27 negotiated, finalized and signed.</p> <p>Meeting between ESPOO Conventions and Regional Seas surrounding Europe on Transboundary EIA/SEA held in Geneva.</p>	<p>Applications for MAP partners reviewed by the Secretariat and the Bureau in view of Decision by COP 23.</p> <p>Cooperation with existing partners strengthened through meetings and joint activities.</p> <p>Updated MoU with GFCM implemented. Updated Annex of MoU with GFCM implementation initiated. Bilateral meeting held with GFCM's legal officer in MAP premises on 12 July 2022.</p> <p>Update of MoU with UfMS discussed.</p> <p>Agreement with UfMS and PRIMA of MedPavillion in UNFCCC COP 27 implemented. MedPavillion successfully operated at COP 27.</p> <p>Synergies with other partners enhanced (area-based management, BRS Conventions Secretariat, PAM, COMPSUD, IUCN, IMO-London Protocol/London Convention, CITES, UNESCO, Black Sea Commission, EEA, etc.)<sup>22</sup></p> <p>Keynote address at IUCN-Med 20th anniversary (Malaga, Spain, 29 September 2022)</p>	<p>Applications for MAP partners reviewed by the Secretariat and the Bureau in view of Decision by COP 23.</p> <p>Cooperation with existing partners strengthened through meetings and joint activities.</p> <p>Updated MoU with GFCM implemented. Update of MoU with UfMS discussed and finalized.</p> <p>Renewed MoUs prepared with ACCOBAMS, PERSGA and Black Sea Commission</p> <p>Synergies with other partners enhanced (area-based management, BRS Conventions Secretariat, PAM, COMPSUD, IUCN, IMO-London Protocol/London Convention, CITES, UNESCO, Black Sea Commission, EEA, etc.)<sup>22</sup></p>	<p>New MAP partners accredited by COP 23; existing MAP Partners renewed. Possible meeting with MAP partners in view of COP 23. MAP partners participate in COP 23 (e.g., side events, statements).</p> <p>Updated MoU with UfMS and renewed MoUs prepared with ACCOBAMS, PERSGA and Black Sea Commission submitted to MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP 23.</p>
5.4.2. Strengthen participation and contribution of civil society and private sector to the work of MAP BC system	CU	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6				Possible organization of pre-COP events with stakeholders and with youth. Support participation of stakeholders at COP23
	REMPEC		<p>Civil society and private sector invited to contribute to the preparation of First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) by sharing information on ongoing/planned activities and projects relevant to the strategy (link to activity 5.4.5)</p>	<p>Analysis of countries needs against civil society and private sector's ongoing/planned activities and projects prepared and reviewed by the First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p> <p>Need for formal arrangements (i.e. MoU) with civil society and private sector (link to activity 5.4.5) explored</p>		
5.4.3. Strengthen SPI networks and enhance partnership with scientific institutions to support MAP Barcelona Convention system	Plan Bleu	COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	<p>Activity: National thematic IMAP SPI networks/hubs established in 1 pilot (frame of EcApMEDIII) launched.<sup>23</sup></p>	<p>The draft report regarding the national SPI pilot reviewed by the MAP Secretariat leading to a v2 version, which has been shared by the relevant project partners and Morocco. Comments received mid December 2022.</p>	<p>The findings of the SPI report for Morocco presented and discussed during the CORMON on coast and hydrography in March 2023. Terms of reference of MedECC submitted to MedECC Steering Committee and adopted in April 2023.</p>	<p>Finalization of the SPI National Report for Morocco. Further activities carried out to foster cooperation with scientific institutions.</p>
	CU		<p>Operational Plan and Governance Mechanism of SciNMeet programme finalized (MEDPOL, with the contribution of CU and Components)</p>	<p>Support provided to the organization of Sci NME Launch event (12-13 July); contribution provided to the setting of the actions aimed at implementing Sci NMeet objectives; Support provided and participation to the organization of the 1st SC of Sci Nmeet (October 2022); Support provided to the governance component of the SciNMeet Programme. Information document on SciNMeet results prepared for consideration of the 9th EcAp CG Meeting.<sup>24</sup></p>	<p>Support provided to the governance component of the SciNMeet Programme including to TaskTeams work.</p>	<p>Support provided to the governance component of the SciNMeet Programme including to TaskTeams work.<sup>25</sup></p>
5.4.4. Promote the title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats "Regional Action Plans Partners"	SPA/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft Criteria for the awarding of the Partner title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats elaborated in house.</li> <li>- Draft Criteria for the awarding of the Partner title of Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats sent to the CP for consultation.</li> <li>- Draft list of the Partner of Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats updated taking into account the criteria.</li> </ul>	<p>Draft Criteria for awarding the Partner title of Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats presented to the 16th meeting Focal Points and adopted by this meeting</p>	

5.4.5. Implement the targeted actions of the Mediterranean Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	REMPEC	COP 22 Decision IG.25/16	a) Consultation process with countries (drafting of NAPs for the implementation of the Med 2022-2031 Strategy) and relevant stakeholders (ongoing and planned activities relevant to the implementation of the Med 2022-2031 Strategy) launched.	Dedicated website on the Med 2022-2031 Strategy, including monitoring/reporting tools for CPs and relevant stakeholders, developed.  b) Working document(s) for the First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (29 Nov-1 Dec) drafted. b) Assessment of countries needs against ongoing/planned activities and projects endorsed, needs for formal arrangements (i.e. MoU) with relevant stakeholders explored, draft PoW 2024-2025 agreed, and monitoring, reporting procedures through the dedicated webpage endorsed by the First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (29 Nov-1 Dec)	a) Up to 12 NAPs for the implementation of the Med 2022-2031 Strategy completed. b) Formal arrangements (i.e. MoU) with relevant stakeholders officially signed at the 15th Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (30 May - 1 June 2023).	
<b>Outcome 5.5. Coordinated approaches implemented to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols</b>		<b>All SDG 14 targets; 14.2; 14.5; 17.14</b> <b>UNEA decisions and resolutions. UNEP MTS, UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions and UNEA Resolutions, CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UfM, GFCM, IMO, BRS Conventions and EU's MSFD etc.</b>				
5.5.1. Strengthening national governance frameworks for the BC and its Protocols	CU	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 16 Decision IG.19/6				
5.5.2. Development of funding proposals to support Parties' institutions on initial implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO	SPA/RAC	COP 20 Decision IG.23/5 COP 20 Decision IG.23/9 COP 21 Decision IG24/07 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	Based on the actions included in the Post-2020 SAPBIO and in the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, a set of coherent projects to be implemented at the Mediterranean regional, sub-regional or multinational levels identified through project concepts.	A draft Resource mobilisation Strategy and a draft portfolio of coherent projects are prepared and ready to be presented to the SAPBIO Advisory Committee and National Correspondents' meeting.	- Draft Resource mobilisation Strategy and a draft portfolio of coherent projects prepared and presented to the SAPBIO Advisory Committee and SAPBIO National Correspondents' meetings. - Draft Resource mobilisation Strategy and a draft portfolio of coherent projects prepared in consultation with the SPA/BD focal points and regional partner organisations presented to a donors' conference. - Bilateral meetings held with the attending donors and project proposals were submitted to funding.	- More project proposals elaborated and/or adopted to be submitted for funding. - A training session on gender mainstreaming in the Post-2020 SAPBIO implementation process targeting the SAPBIO National Correspondents organised for SPA/RAC staff members.
5.5.3. Undertake capacity building on ICZM, MSP and CC	PAP/RAC	COP 20 Decision IG.23/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	MedOpen Advanced TC delivered for the Algerian stakeholders.	TC on MSP for GEF-eligible countries prepared and launched.	- TC on MSP for GEF-eligible countries delivered and its closure done in February. - Regular update and preparatory activities undertaken for the MedOpen Advanced TC	MedOpen Advanced TC delivered from September to December 2023.

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PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
<b>Outcome 6.1. Inclusive and participatory foresight activities conducted at regional and national and local levels, with associated capacity-building</b>		SDGs crosscutting; 14.a UNEA resolutions, in particular UNEA 4 Resolution 4/23, Keeping the world environment under review: enhancing the United Nations Environment Programme science-policy interface and endorsement of the Global Environment Outlook. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 1, UNEP 2022-2025 MTS programmes in particular those on Science-Policy and Digital transformations. Relevant key global reports such as the GEO assessments and the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment and World Ocean Assessment (WOA) reports, UN Decade of Ocean Science.				
6.1.1. Support transition towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future in the Mediterranean at 2050 – Building Back Better using strategic participatory foresight	Plan Bleu	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local foresight workshop (online) on water and climate change in Moulouya water basin (Morocco) held on 12-13 January 2022.</li> <li>- Local foresight project on coastal adaptation in South of France (Sophia Antipolis, project "CASAdapt") launched on 21 January 2022.</li> <li>- Workshop with Mediterranean Youth on the future of the Mediterranean - module 2 of MED2050 held on 2 March 2022.</li> <li>- Foresight Group meeting held on 5 April 2022;</li> <li>- Workshop on MED2050 scenarios to draft "skeletons" of 11 scenarios held on 30 May -1 June in Montpellier, France (module 3); www.med2050.org continuously updated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workshop with Mediterranean Youth Committee organized during Méditerranée du Futur.</li> <li>- MED2050 module 1 report finalized.</li> <li>- MED2050 module 2 report drafted.</li> <li>- Preparatory activities for workshops in Alexandria carried out (Feb.2023, in collaboration with Fondation Anna Lindh).</li> <li>- Scenarios drafted and under review. MED2050 web platform continuously updated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Module 1 and Module 2 reports finalized (EN &amp; FR).</li> <li>- 6 scenarios drafted (EN &amp; FR).</li> <li>- 6 short videos of around 5 minutes each produced (Pecha Kucha) covering each scenario (EN &amp; FR) to be published next semester.</li> <li>- Youth workshop organised in partnership with Anna Lindh Foundation and held in Alexandria (Egypt) to discuss the six scenarios (22-24 February 2023).</li> <li>- Foresight Group meeting held on scenarios (8-9 March 2023).</li> <li>- MED 2050 contributions prepared presenting the six scenarios to Plan Bleu Focal Point &amp; MCSD meetings &amp; participation to these meetings with specific presentations on MED2050 scenarios (module 3) (12-16 June 2023); www.med2050.org continuously updated.</li> <li>- Foresight work on four scenarios of the tourism sector in the Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, France conducted and draft report produced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MED 2050 report shared in view of COP23. Developed tools and output shared with partners via MED2050 web platform and newsletter.</li> <li>- Report on four scenarios of the tourism sector in the Région prepared.</li> <li>- Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, France published.</li> <li>- Preliminary results of CASAdapt project disseminated.</li> </ul>
6.1.2. Prepare the Transboundary diagnostic analysis for the Mediterranean Sea	CU MED POL	COP 10 UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First working chapters of the TDA prepared (mainly Chapters 3 to 9 on Baseline Socioeconomy (c.3), CCA of transboundary issues (c.4), Gender (c.5), Stakeholders (c.6), Governance (c.7), Scenario analysis (c.8) and Links to SDGs (c.9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TDA Team composition concluded with 4 Regional consultants for Pollution, Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Environmental Economics to develop regional transboundary assessments and CCAs.</li> <li>- Five (5) SSFAs (BiH, Montenegro, Albania, Morocco and Lebanon) concluded to mobilize a multidisciplinary team of national experts to prepare country assessment reports on the National Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis.</li> <li>- The 5th version TDA draft (working) compilation (since April 2022) of the TDA 2023 (310 pp) prepared.</li> <li>- The 2nd TDA Steering Committee convened on 13 December 2022 to review work progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 3rd TDA Steering Committee held in February 2023 which reviewed work progress towards the completion of the TDA, and discussed the main chapters of the document.</li> <li>- "Main findings and recommendations of the TDA (2023)" presented to the MED POL FP Meeting in May 2023. The Meeting took note of the regional assessment of pollution and coastal and marine ecosystems, with the analysis of their causes and effects, and the transboundary prioritized environmental concerns. The Meeting requested that the Contracting Parties undertake a final review of the 2023 TDA with the aim of submitting their comments for the consideration of the Secretariat by 15 July 2023. Comments received from Israel and Montenegro.</li> <li>- The TDA concept is accepted for publication by UNEP publication board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final TDA chapters (pre-publication) and supporting information; Final TDA 2023 (publication layout) finalized.</li> <li>- TDA 2023 presented on the online MedProgramme KM platform and UNEP/MAP public (tbc).</li> <li>- Draft TDA sent to UNEP Publication Board for review. Comments by the UNEP Publication board addressed and draft TDA is in the process of updating.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome 6.2. Science-based IMAP, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science-policy interface and decision making</b>		SDGs: crosscutting; 14.1; 14.2; 14.a UNEA resolutions, in particular UNEA 4 Resolution 4/23, Keeping the world environment under review: enhancing the United Nations Environment Programme science-policy interface and endorsement of the Global Environment Outlook. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 1, UNEP 2022-2025 MTS programmes in particular those on Science-Policy and Digital transformations. Relevant key global reports such as the GEO assessments and the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment and World Ocean Assessment (WOA) reports, UN Decade of Ocean Science.				
6.2.1. Strengthen the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes for all clusters and deliver quality assured data	PAP/RAC MED POL SPA/RAC	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National monitoring reports for CI 15 and 16 in the EcAp Med III project eligible countries finalized</li> <li>- Needs of the CPs for IMAP Pollution Implementation analyzed and instruments to support national IMAP Pollution implementation by the CPs which are not supported through EC financed projects proposed.</li> <li>- Legal instruments proposed and their preparation launched in order to deliver new monitoring data to support 2023 MED QSR preparation.</li> <li>- Harmonisation of IMAP implementation activities through MTF, ECAP MED III and IMAP MPA activities ensured for IMAP pollution cluster.</li> <li>- National monitoring programmes on marine litter for 10 Countries are becoming operational, generating data, national technical/capacity building meetings are organized. Draft data sets are produced.</li> <li>- Design of SSFAs with countries for national support of monitoring/ assessment done in coordination with EcAp MED III.</li> <li>- CorMon meeting on Biodiversity and fisheries organized (28-29 March 2022).</li> <li>- National Monitoring Programmes ongoing considering the IMAP requirements.</li> <li>- First set of available data (2017-2021) on Biodiversity indicators uploaded into the InfoMAP platform by some CPs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report on lessons learned from national monitoring reports for CI 15 and 16 testing prepared to be submitted to CORMON.</li> <li>- Signature of the SSFA on IMAP Pollution Cluster with the national authorities of Montenegro finalized and implementation launched.</li> <li>- Approval of the SSFA with B&amp;H authorities pending.</li> <li>- Conclusions of the Common Pollution Meeting, 27 and 30 May 2022, implemented.</li> <li>- Harmonisation of IMAP implementation activities through MTF, ECAP MED III and IMAP MPA activities continued for IMAP pollution cluster.</li> <li>- National monitoring programmes on marine litter for 10 Countries operational, generating data. National technical/capacity building meetings organized. Draft data sets produced including QA/QC and uploaded in IMAP InfoSystem.</li> <li>- CorMon meeting on Biodiversity and Fisheries documents discussed for endorsement.</li> <li>- National Monitoring Programmes ongoing considering the IMAP requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of the two SSFAs on IMAP Pollution Cluster with the national authorities of Montenegro heads to finalization.</li> <li>- Preparation of the SSFA with the IMAP competent authority of B&amp;H launched.</li> <li>- Harmonisation of IMAP implementation activities through MTF, ECAP MED III and IMAP MPA activities ensured for IMAP pollution cluster.</li> <li>- National monitoring programmes on marine litter for 10 Countries operational, generating data. National technical/capacity building meetings organized. Draft data sets produced including QA/QC and uploaded in IMAP InfoSystem.</li> <li>- Follow-up undertaken on outputs achieved from SSFAs in terms of strengthening the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes and for delivery of quality assured data.</li> <li>- CorMon Meetings on Biodiversity and fisheries organised in March and June 2023.</li> <li>- National Monitoring Programmes carried out considering the IMAP requirements.</li> <li>- Data on Biodiversity indicators uploaded to the InfoMAP platform.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harmonisation of IMAP implementation activities through MTF, ECAP MED III and IMAP MPA activities ensured for IMAP pollution cluster.</li> <li>- Consultation held with ECAP/QSR Unit for MED POL inputs into the proposal of the EcAp MED PLUS.</li> <li>- National monitoring programmes on marine litter for 10 Countries operational, generating data. National technical/capacity building meetings organized. Draft data sets produced including QA/QC and uploaded in IMAP InfoSystem.</li> <li>- IMAP-based national monitoring programmes operational and producing quality assured data.</li> <li>- National Monitoring Programmes carried out considering the IMAP requirements.</li> <li>- Data on Biodiversity indicators uploaded to the InfoMAP platform.</li> </ul>
	SPA/RAC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scales of monitoring and assessments, assessment criteria, baseline and threshold values for IMAP common indicators 3,4 and 5 related to sea birds elaborated.</li> <li>- Scales of monitoring and assessments, assessment criteria, baseline and threshold values for IMAP common indicators 1 and 2 related to benthic habitats elaborated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GES assessed in a pilot area (Adriatic Sea) by ensuring integration of CIs within Ecological Objective (EO) related to Biodiversity, Hydrography and Pollution clusters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potential for applying GES assessment tools/approaches to Mediterranean sub-regions analysed.</li> </ul>	

<p>6.2.2. Upgrade the assessment component of IMAP including possible integrated assessment for all IMAP clusters: Focus on assessment criteria and thresholds (CI 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, CCI 25)</p>	<p>PAP/RAC</p>		<p>Guiding document for the application of the assessment criteria and definition of GES for CI 16 in Morocco tested.</p>	<p>Guiding document for the application of the assessment criteria and definition of GES for CI 16 on voluntary basis tested in one additional country.</p>	<p>Preparation of the report on the lessons learned from testing submitted to CORMON Coast and Hydrography.</p>	<p>Assessment Criteria and the Guiding Document for Application of Assessment Criteria for the IMAP Common Indicator 16 submitted as Working Document to ECAP Coordination Group Meeting (Istanbul, Turkey, 11 September 2023).</p>
	<p>MED POL</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Setting of the tools to support the preparation of the assessment inputs for preparation of the 2023 MED QSR proposed including preparation of consultants ToRs.</li> <li>- CorMon Meeting documents in March 2022 prepared.</li> <li>- Follow-up on CorMon Meeting outcomes undertaken.</li> <li>- BV updated; TV established for IMAP EO10, Common Indicator 23 (floating microplastics, seafloor macro-litter).</li> <li>- The CorMon Marine Litter Meeting organized on 31 May 2022.</li> <li>- Consultancies concepts to draft the QSR chapters on eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter developed with regards to assessment criteria and thresholds as well as scales of assessment and on integrated assessment of IMAP methodology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMAP Pollution Cluster within implementation of SIDA project, and preparation of initial thematic assessment findings ongoing also with consultants' support.</li> <li>- Preparation and organization of the Meeting of 2023 CorMon Pollution undertaken on 1-3 March 2023.</li> <li>- Preparation of documents contributing to the 2023 QSR ongoing also with consultants' support.</li> <li>- Preparation of the draft chapters of the 2023 MED QSR in progress.</li> <li>- Thematic initial assessments prepared for CIs 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26 and 27 in several sub-divisions/sub-regions.</li> <li>- The final version of the updated BV and the proposal for establishing TV for IMAP Common Indicator 23 (floating microplastics and seafloor macro-litter) finalized in December 2022 and submitted for the review of the CorMon Marine Litter Meeting in March 2023.</li> <li>- Work for the preparation of the marine litter chapters of the 2023 MED QSR initiated, also with support from consultant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment criteria on (a) the new Background Concentrations (BC) and Background Assessment Concentrations (BAC) for IMAP Common Indicator 17; (b) the new Environmental Assessment Criteria (EAC) for IMAP Common Indicator 20; (c) further alignment of the list of EAC values for IMAP Common Indicator 17 with the sources originally used; (d) the Mediterranean EAC values for CI 20; (e) the new and updated reference conditions and boundary values of Chla, TP and DIN for the Adriatic Sea Sub-region coastal and open (offshore) waters; (f) the possible approaches for future upgrade of EAC for IMAP Common Indicators 17 and 18; and (g) the updated Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Common Indicator 23 (i.e., seafloor macro-litter and floating microplastics) prepared as part of MED POL contribution to the development of the Pollution and Marine Litter Chapters for the 2023 MED QSR.</li> <li>- CorMon Meetings on Pollution and Marine Litter held (27 to 31 May 2022) and approved the above assessment criteria for contaminants and nutrients, and the CorMon Meeting on Marine Litter (1 to 3 March 2023) for ML, which were subsequently submitted for endorsement of the MED POL Focal Points (24-26 May 2023).</li> <li>- Integration of the assessment criteria into the respective Decision related to the 2023 MED QSR foreseen for submission to COP 23 endorsed by MED POL FP.</li> <li>- The CORMON Meeting on Pollution held (27-30 May 2022) which approved the assessment methodologies and initial assessment results for IMAP CIs 13&amp;14, 17 and 21.</li> <li>- Assessment findings as provided in the 2023 MED QSR Pollution and ML Chapters for 4 MED sub-regions and their sub-divisions approved for CIs 13&amp;14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26 and 27 by the Meeting of CorMon Pollution (1-2 March 2023), and for CIs 22 and 23 (each macro-litter and floating microplastics by the Meeting of CorMon ML (3 March 2023). Further to the revision provided in line with the conclusions of CorMons, the 2023 MED QSR Pollution and ML chapters were approved by the Meeting of Integrated CorMons (27-28 June 2023).</li> </ul>	<p>Pollution and ML chapters of the 2023 MED QSR were finally submitted to the EcAp CG and MAP FPs Meetings, and integrated into the Executive Summary of the 2023 MED QSR to be submitted for endorsement by MAP Focal Points Meeting and as appropriate COP 23.</p>
	<p>CU</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force with CORMONS clusters develop proposals on assessment criteria and scales as appropriate across clusters for the 2023 Med QSR.</li> <li>- CORMONS meetings held: CORMONS Biodiversity (28-29 March 2022), CORMONS Pollution (27 &amp; 30 May) and CORMONS Marine Litter (31 May) assessed progress in the development of IMAP indicators.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force with CORMONS clusters develop proposals on assessment criteria and scales as appropriate across clusters for inclusion in the 2023 Med QSR.</li> <li>- The 9th EcAp Coordination Group (5 July 2022) endorsed: monitoring and assessment scales, assessment criteria, thresholds and baseline values for the IMAP Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to sea birds; and baseline for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to non-indigenous species.</li> <li>- The 9th EcAp Coordination Group noted proposed tools, indicators and assessment scales for integration with Ecological Objectives and, where feasible, across Ecological Objectives and clusters, depending on data availability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where feasible, integrated assessments prepared within and across EOs and clusters for the QSR.</li> <li>- Meetings of all CORMONS clusters (March 2023) and an Integrated CORMONS held (27-28 June 2023).</li> <li>- Integrated CORMON Meeting held providing for the 2023 MED QSR Peer Review.</li> </ul>	<p>Where feasible, integrated assessments across clusters incorporated in the 2023 Med QSR. Peer-reviewed 2023 Med QSR.</p>
<p>6.2.3. Further develop IMAP Common Indicators</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAP Components, supported by the IMAP Task Force develop candidate and common indicators with guidance factsheets, Data Dictionaries and Data Standards and submission of data to IMAP Info System, with CORMONS clusters as feasible.</li> <li>- Updating of IMAP Guidance Fact Sheets for several Common Indicators through CORMONS clusters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force develop candidate and common indicators with guidance factsheets, Data Dictionaries and Data Standards and submission of data to IMAP Info System, with CORMONS clusters and as feasible.</li> <li>- Ongoing updates of IMAP Guidance Fact Sheets for several Common Indicators through CORMONS Clusters.</li> <li>- Draft chapters of the QSR developed, including candidate common indicators where sufficient data are available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force develop candidate and common indicators with guidance factsheets, Data Dictionaries and Data Standards and submission of data to IMAP Info System, with CORMONS clusters and as feasible.</li> <li>- Ongoing updates of IMAP Guidance Fact Sheets for Common Indicators through CORMONS clusters.</li> <li>- Draft chapters of QSR includes candidate common indicators where sufficient data are available, to be presented to CORMONS and MAP Component Focal Point meetings, spring 2023/</li> </ul>	<p>QSR includes candidate common indicators where sufficient data are available</p>
	<p>SPA/RAC</p>		<p>Desk review of available data sources, best practices and methodologies in the Mediterranean and under MSFD for the monitoring and assessment of seafloor damage in view of supporting the development of Common Indicators under Ecological Objective 6 undertaken</p>	<p>Draft IMAP Ecological Objective 6 on sea floor integrity developed.</p>	<p>The draft IMAP Ecological Objective 6 on sea floor integrity presented for consideration at the CORMON meeting in March 2023.</p>	<p>Draft IMAP Ecological Objective 6 on sea floor integrity presented to the EcAp Coordination Group for their information.</p>
	<p>PAP/RAC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating of the guidance factsheet for the CCI 25.</li> <li>- Organisation of a technical meeting for updating and testing the guidance sheet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Testing of the updated guidance sheet for the CCI 25 in the GEF eligible countries.</li> <li>- Final draft of the guidance factsheet for the CCI 25 submitted to the CORMON for consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>Updated guidance factsheet for the CCI 25 finalized.</p>	
<p>6.2.4. Deliver 2023 MED Quality Status Report (QSR)</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>		<p>2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template elaborated and discussed during the CorMon.</p>	<p>2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template endorsed by the EcAp CG.</p>	<p>Draft chapters of the 2023 Med QSR on Biodiversity cluster elaborated and presented for consideration at the CORMON meeting in March and June 2023.</p>	<p>2023 MED QSR elaborated and presented to the consideration of the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP focal points meetings and COP23.</p>
	<p>MED POL</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Setting of the tools defined to support the preparation of the assessment inputs for preparation of the 2023 MED QSR proposed by complementing those under 6.2.4.</li> <li>- External support (two consultancies) aimed at preparation of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters within 2023 MED QSR underway.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft chapters of the 2023 MED QSR provided and submitted within the UNEP/MAP.</li> <li>- ToRs prepared to support finalization of 2023 MED QSR Chapters related to pollution undertaken.</li> <li>- Thematic initial assessments prepared for CIs 13,14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26 and 27 in several sub-divisions/sub-regions.</li> <li>- Selected thematic assessments related to CIs 13, 14 and 17, presented to the CPs within the SIDA project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further to thematic assessments prepared for CIs 13&amp;14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26 and 27, as elaborated under 6.2.2, the Proposal of IMAP Pollution Chapters was prepared for consideration of the Meeting of CorMon Pollution (1-2 March 2023), and then revised IMAP Pollution Chapters for consideration of the Meeting of Integrated CorMons, and the final proposal of the IMAP Pollution Chapters for consideration of the Meeting of EcAp CG (11 September 2023).</li> <li>- The Final Proposal of IMAP Pollution and ML Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR included also measures related to assessment findings of the 2023 MED QSR for Pollution and Marine Litter, developed further to the conclusions and recommendations of the Meetings of CorMon on Pollution Monitoring (2-3 April 2019, 1-3 December 2020, 26-28 April 2021, 27 and 30 May 2022) on the assessment criteria, rules for integration and aggregation, the assessment methodologies and their testing in different areas of the Mediterranean.</li> <li>- MED POL FP Meeting (24 to 26 May, 2023) and Integrated CorMons Meeting (27 and 28 June 2023) approved the above measures proposed for IMAP Common Indicators 13 &amp; 14; 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, and recommended their integration into the respective Pollution and Marine Litter Chapters of the 2023 MED QSR, further to addressing requested modifications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final Proposal of the Pollution and Marine Litter Chapters submitted to the EcAp Coordination Group Meeting as part of the integrated document on Med QSR 2023.</li> <li>- QSR Pollution and Marine Litter chapters integrated into the Executive Summary of the 2023 MED QSR submitted to the MAP FP meeting and as appropriate COP 23 for endorsement.</li> </ul>

	PAP/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	Inputs for 2023 MED QSR prepared.	- Inputs for 2023 MED QSR prepared. - Preparatory activities for the Coast and Hydrography CORMON meeting carried out.	- Inputs for 2023 MED QSR prepared. - Coast and Hydrography CORMON meeting organized (Marseilles, France 28-29 March 2023). - CORMON meeting report prepared.	Contribution provided to the finalisation of the QSR 2023.
	INFO/RAC		Collection and analysis of monitoring data available for the purposes of cartographic representation of 2023 MED QSR.	Elaboration and spatial data analysis of monitoring data aggregated by MAP Components	Elaboration and spatial data analysis of monitoring data aggregated by MAP Components to produce maps and cartographic representation for the purposes of 2023 MED QSR.	Dissemination of QSR 2023 products through production of web-Story Maps integrated with web-GIS maps, graphics diagrams for data analysis (pie and bar charts), multi-media contents.
	CU		MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force and CORMONs clusters prepare data for 2023 Med QSR, in collaboration with scientific partners.	- The 9th EcAp Coordination Group (5 July 2022) endorsed the draft annotated content of the QSR and noted tools, indicators and the assessment scales for potential integration. - EcAp CG agreed the deadline for the Contracting Parties to submit data to the IMAP Info System 31 October 2022. - MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force and CORMONs clusters develop draft chapters of 2023 Med QSR, in collaboration with scientific partners.	- MAP Components supported by the IMAP Task Force and CORMONs clusters prepare assessment chapters of the 2023 Med QSR, in collaboration with scientific partners. - Draft chapters of QSR presented to CORMONs and MAP Component Focal Point meetings, spring 2023. - COR ESA meeting reviewed the draft socio-economic chapter of the QSR, March 2023. - Coordinating Unit prepared the Introductory chapters, January-March 2023. - Integrated CORMONs meeting reviewed whole draft QSR, 27-28 June 2023.	Final 2023 Med QSR report, including recommendations, submitted to: - 10th EcAp CG meeting, - MAP FP meeting - COP 23
6.2.5. Enhance use of socioeconomic analysis and linked tools in the UNEP/MAP system	Plan Bleu	COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4		- Consultation with COR ESA on specific points relating to EcAp under preparation. - Bibliographic study on ex-post socio-economic assessment of measures aimed at achieving GES conducted.	- COR ESA meeting held on 30 March 2023 (Marseille, France and virtual). - Support provided for the Integrated CORMON meeting (27-28 June 2023, Athens, Greece) and for 2023 Med QSR elaboration. - Draft report on ex-post socio-economic analysis of measures aimed at achieving GES elaborated and under finalization. - Work ongoing on the evaluation of costs and benefits of strong protection measures in two French MPAs.	- Final deliverables of ABIOMMED project on ex-post socio-economic assessment of measures aimed at achieving GES produced. - Report on evaluation of costs and benefits of strong protection measures in two French MPAs finalized.
6.2.6. Follow-up on MSSD dashboard and SCP indicators	Plan Bleu	COP 20 Decision IG.23/4	ToRs prepared with UNEP GRID Geneva for the development of a new functionalities under MapX to update online the MSSD dashboard.	- A set of new functionalities under MapX to update online the MSSD dashboard developed. - Update of the MSSD dashboard started.	- New functionalities developed under MapX. - Update of the MSSD dashboard. - 28 indicators of the MSSD dashboard published online on MapX and accessible through WESR:Mediterranean.	
	SCP/RAC		- Database of SCP indicators updated and published in MapX in coordination with Plan Bleu Observatory.	- New MapX functionalities to visualise SCP indicators developed	- Update of the SCP indicators database with the latest data published in international database	
6.2.7. Analyse COVID-19 impacts using One Health approach on environment and development in the Mediterranean	Plan Bleu	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 SAP MED	Implementation pending mobilization of external funding.	Implementation pending mobilization of external funding.	Implementation pending mobilization of external funding.	Implementation pending mobilization of external funding.
<b>Outcome 6.3. IMAP implementation and Environment and Development Observation provide updated and quality assured data in support of decision-making by Contracting Parties and assessment of GES.</b>		<b>SDGs: crosscutting; 14.1; 14.2; 14.a; 9.5</b> <b>UNEA resolutions, in particular UNEA 4 Resolution 4/23, Keeping the world environment under review: enhancing the United Nations Environment Programme science-policy interface and endorsement of the Global Environment Outlook. UNEP's Marine and Coastal Strategy 2020-2030 Strategic Objective 1, UNEP 2022-2025 MTS programmes in particular those on Science-Policy and Digital transformations. Relevant key global reports such as the GEO assessments and the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment and World Ocean Assessment (WOA) reports, UN Decade of Ocean Science.</b>				
6.3.1. Strengthen national capacities to apply harmonized and standardized monitoring and assessment practices related to pollution and marine litter in line with IMAP	MED POL	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	- Reporting finalized on 2020-2022 UN_UN Agreement concluded between IAEA and UNEP/MAP. - National Reports on 2020/2021 PT and TC results submitted to MEDPOL Focal Points. - Preparation on 2022-2023 UN_UN Agreement undertaken between IAEA/MESL and UNEP/MAP based on its content agreed in July 2022 by decision makers further to its preparation undertaken as an outcome of the previous Agreement.	- UN to UN Agreement for 2022 and 2023 between UNEP/MAP-MED POL Programme and MESL renegotiated in the period from June to October 2022. - Upon signature of this Agreement, the Proficiency Tests (PTs) have been launched, along with the preparation of related Training Courses on the analysis of trace elements and organic pollutants in marine samples which will take place in November 2023.	- Further to the signing of a renegotiated UN to UN Agreement with IAEA/MESL, and considering the conclusions of the 2021 Meetings of MED POL Focal Points and CorMon Pollution Meetings, MED POL is directing the ongoing activities to strengthening of the national capacities by preparation of the inter-laboratory comparisons/proficiency testing for the analysis of nutrients, biomarkers, and contaminants in commonly consumed seafood. - The ongoing activities undertaken within the present collaboration with IAEA will result in the preparation of the programmes for nutrients and contaminants in commonly consumed seafood, whereby the programme for biomarkers is expected to be provided during in the coming biennium. - Ongoing activities continued to address the specific knowledge gaps of the IMAP competent laboratories, along with the technical missions to the IMAP competent laboratories in the greatest need. - The Proficiency Tests (PTs) related to the determination of trace metals and organic contaminants in sediment and biota matrixes launched, along with the preparation of related Training Courses (November 2023).	- Activities related to the UN to UN Agreement with IAEA/MESL finalized. - Meeting documents drafted for 2024 CorMon Pollution based on 2022/2023 PTs and TCs outcomes.
6.3.2. Ensure InfoMap platform maintenance and evolution towards a fully integration of available databases and integrated data consultation	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	- Annual upgrade and vulnerability analysis started. - Integration of MAP Components databases and products: MAP Data Management Task Force ToRs development, kickoff meeting and first outcomes. - Discussion with REMPEC on the linkage between MEDGIS-MAR and Info-MAP system held.	Full implementation of the annual upgrade and integration of InfoMAP modules improvement. Integration of REMPEC data bases already managed and hosted by INFO/RAC as best practice to be extended to the other MAP Components.	- Annual upgrade and vulnerability analysis started. - Integration of SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC data bases and platform in close cooperation with the respective MAP Components.	- Full implementation of the annual upgrade and integration of InfoMAP modules improvement. - Completion of the integration process of MAP Components data bases and platforms.
6.3.3. Ensure effective operation of the BCRS on-line reporting system.	INFO/RAC	COP 20 Decision IG.23/1	- Analysis of the BCRS reporting System and its functionalities in order to evaluate needs of further improvement. - Starting annual upgrade. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of BCRS reporting modules provided.	- Full implementation of the upgrade of BCRS and its components and related tuning and maintenance. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of BCRS reporting modules provided.	- System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of BCRS reporting modules provided.	- Component updated and modules for external data integration developed. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of BCRS reporting modules provided.

6.3.4. Ensure effective operation of the NBB reporting system	INFO/RAC	LBS Protocol, SAP MED and updated NAPs	- Analysis of the NBB reporting System and its functionalities in order to evaluate needs of further improvement. - Starting annual upgrade. Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules provided.	- Full implementation of the upgrade of NBB and its components and related tuning and maintenance. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules provided.	- System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules provided.	- Component updated and modules for external data integration developed. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules provided.
6.3.5. Ensure Data Centre evolution towards a standardization of the management of the data flows	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10	- Analysis of the Data Centre reporting System and its functionalities in order to evaluate needs of further improvement. - Annual upgrade started.	Full implementation of the upgrade of Data Centre and its components and related tuning and maintenance.	- System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. - Dedicated assistance and training for access and use of Groupware and consultation of Data Dictionaries and Data Repository.	Component updated and modules for external data integration developed.
6.3.6. Complete and maintain IMAP Info System with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented for the CPs to upload their monitoring data	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10	- Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for indicators 3,4,5,18 and 20 finalized. - New DSs and DDs for IMAP Common Indicators 19 and 7-11 developed. - Draft of a first draft of DSs and DDs for the Candidate Indicator 24. - Related data flows implemented. - Individuation of the QA/QC to be implemented in the IMAP Info System performed. - Hardware and software upgrade of the system and tuning of the existing Imp Common Indicators Data Flow undertaken. - Help desk for CPs and Assistance/training Meetings for southern beneficiary countries provided.	- Completion of IMAP Data Standards and Data Dictionaries to allow the 2022 monitoring data reporting in the imp Info System, fully operational and accessible to all CPs and with all active data flows carried out. - QA/QC for IMAP Common Indicators implemented. - Coordination and collaboration with relevant Regional Organization (i.e. Accobams, GFCM, etc.) in order to facilitate the dialogue between IMAP and their Infosystems and databases as appropriate ensured. - Help desk for CPs and Assistance/Training Meetings for all the remaining countries provided. - Tutorials to help CPs in workflow processes created and shared.	- IMAP Data Standards and Data Dictionaries further tuned to include inputs from CPs coming from the monitoring data reporting experience in the imp Info System. - Fully operability of IMAP Info System and accessibility to all CPs ensured. - QA/QC for IMAP Common Indicators further improved. - Help desk for CPs and Assistance/Training Meetings for all countries according to their needs provided. - Tutorials to help CPs in workflow processes created and shared.	- IMAP Data Standards and Data Dictionaries further tuned to include inputs from CPs coming from the monitoring data reporting experience in the imp Info System. - Full operability of IMAP Info System and accessibility to all CPs ensured. - Further improvement of QA/QC for IMAP Common Indicators continued. - Help desk for CPs and Assistance/Training Meetings for all countries according to their needs provided. - Tutorials to help CPs in workflow processes created and shared.
6.3.7. Ensure full implementation of the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure for the geographical data and maps (InfoMAPNode)	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10	InfoMAPNode maintained, tuned and upgraded.	- Collection and implementation in the InfoMAPNode of the available information layers provided. - Basic and thematic layers collected, developed and visualized. - Spatial data and metadata from Regional organisations integrated in the InfoMapNode platform.	- Spatial data and metadata from Regional organisations further integrated in the InfoMapNode platform. - Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened. - Dedicated assistance and support trainings provided to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data. - Creation of user profiles and groups for InfoMAPNode ensured and maintained.	- Thematic layers further collected and visualized. Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened. - Dedicated assistance and support trainings provided to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data.
6.3.8. Enhance the use INFO/RAC Cloud tools for document repository and collaboration platform	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10			A new tool for document repository and collaboration platform individuated, customized and tested to be used by CU and MAP Components (TEAMS).	New tool for document repository and collaboration platform further tuned and upgraded to be used by CU and MAP Components (TEAMS).
6.3.9. Ensure visualization of integrated data through a customized Dashboard (to be integrated in the Data Centre)	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10		Data Analytics dashboard developed.	Pre-compiled data products elaborated as aggregation and integration of data for different targets	Data Analytics dashboard fully implemented.
6.3.10. Undertake Copernicus data analysis/integration of Copernicus Service to support indicator and data collection and ingestion	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10		Analysis of Copernicus Services products to promote fully exploitation for IMAP data collection undertaken.	Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes.	Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes.
6.3.11. Towards the Development of a Climate change adaptation platform	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	none	none	none	none
6.3.12. Develop monitoring protocols and guidelines	MED POL	COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 18 Decision IG.21/7	Work initiated for the below with the preparation of ToR for consultants' support: a) Monitoring Guidance/ Protocols for CI23, CI 24 (assigned to SPA RAC further to funding by ML MED II) to be financed by ML MED II Project; b) Guidelines for monitoring riverine inputs of marine litter (ML MED II)  First version of the guidelines for monitoring riverine input of marine litter presented during the CORMON Marine Litter in May 2022.	- Consultancies work in progress by SPA/RAC and by the consultant responsible for preparing guidelines for monitoring microplastics deriving from WWTPs and riverine inputs. - The OWG-ML activated and supporting the revision of the guidelines for monitoring riverine input of marine litter. - Updated version finalized by December 2022 aimed for submission and review during the CORMON Marine Litter in March 2023. - A consultancy selection for preparing a protocol for monitoring microplastics from WWTP plants completed.	- Monitoring Guidance/ Protocols submitted for CI23, CI24 and the guidelines for monitoring microplastics deriving from WWTPs and riverine inputs for the review and approval of 3rd CorMon and the MED POL FPs in mid 2023 - Final version of the guidelines for monitoring riverine input of marine litter adopted by the CORMON Marine Litter in March 2023. - Work ongoing for the development of a protocol on monitoring microplastics from WWTP. - Protocol presented for review during the Integrated CORMON Meeting in June 2023.	Monitoring Guidance/ Protocols submitted for CI23, CI 24 and the guidelines for monitoring microplastics deriving from WWTPs and riverine inputs for the approval of the MAP FPs in September 2023
6.3.13. Expand and improve the monitoring and forecasting capacities in the marine environment through integrating networks of observing and forecasting systems (oceanographic observatories) across the Mediterranean Sea	MED POL		None	COPERNICUS products selected and their use for IMAP Pollution Cluster adjusted for CI 13 assessment within the preparation of the 2023 MED QSR.	Consultations with COPERNICUS partners, and other relevant partner, further to needs identified regarding the finalization of the 2023 MED QSR Chapters related to IMAP Pollution Cluster.	None
	SPA/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4	- Participation to the 1st ILIAD Plenary meeting on 7-8-9 June 2022 in Athens. Focus groups established for co-designing Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs). i.e. Real-time to near-real-time digital replicas of the Ocean. - Key relevant policies and institutions mapped in the EU, nationally, regionally and internationally (HELCOM, OSPAR, Black Sea Commission and Barcelona Convention); and also those by other key players on environmental monitoring needs, for a Policy Impact Facility on Digital Strategy aiding policy harmonisation.	- Within ILIAD project, Mapping of key relevant policies and institutions done and assessment of cross-sectoral needs for capacity building needs started. - Mapping of key relevant policies and institutions started within ILIAD project.	- Guidebook/Toolkit on Using ILIAD DTO for Policy Objectives started; - Training workshop to pilot site managers and their technical staff prepared and organised. - Proposal for workshops to participate to regional events submitted/ongoing i.e. GFCM FISH FORUM, OceanPractices: OBPS Workshop VII - Project progress presented during the 16th SPA/BD Focal point meeting as information document UNEP/MED WG.548/Inf.5.	- Guidebook/Toolkit on Using ILIAD DTO for Policy Objectives elaborated. - Training(s) and workshop(s) organised; participation to regional events and to the summer school - ToRs to contract a NIS Expert to elaborate a NIS monitoring plan and early warning system in the Port of Valencia drafted. The activity will be launched in the following reporting period.

<p>6.3.14. Maintain Biodiversity databases as appropriate, regularly update databases content and elaborate operational strategy of marine biodiversity data management in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10</p>	<p>- SDF web development launched inhouse : Database scheme elaboration, updating of the annexes of the SDF Appendices B . - MAMIAS web application content : national and NIS baseline elaboration started. - MAPAMED within the Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform (in house with external expertise). - GIS Data on marine Turtles in Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Egypt started and prepared.</p>	<p>- SDF web development launched inhouse : Database scheme elaboration. - MAMIAS web application : national and NIS baseline elaboration finalised and endorsed by the EcAp coordination group. - MBP platform fed with quality check assured data sets and contributing to the 2023 MED QSR (GIS data harmonised, data quality assured. Metadata elaborated) (continuous in house). - Cartographic thematic maps created and published in the MBP platform. - Biodiversity and specially protected areas online platforms maintained and updated. - GIS Data updated and quality assured on SPA(MAPAMED) and marine Turtles in Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Egypt, Italy and France contributing to the 2023 MED QSR. - Data collected from various other sources (e.g. EMODNET, COPERNICUS)</p>	<p>- SDF web Application prototype development ongoing. - MAMIAS web application : database schema updated to take into account the national and NIS baseline data. - MPAs new dataset updated, validated by the SPA/BD Focal Points of the Barcelona Convention, and published according to the MAPAMED user guide specifications. - Biodiversity and Specially Protected Areas online shared platforms maintained and updated. - GIS Data updated and quality checked on marine spatial planning in Albania (MSP Albania) and (MEDOPENSEA), and from project (ODYSSEA)</p>	<p>- SDF web application prototype tested with selected CPs. - MAMIAS web application : testing of the new version (with updated database schema and frameworks), deployment on a production server and testing with selected CPs. - MPAs new dataset updated, validated by the SPA/BD Focal Points of the Barcelona Convention, and published according to the MAPAMED user guide specifications. - MAPAMED system and map updated and integrated into the MBP platform. - Updated Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform developed and is in testing period. - Biodiversity and Specially Protected Areas online shared platforms maintained and updated. - Data on the Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform available online and contributing to the 2023 MED QSR (continuous in house). - Cartographic thematic maps created and published in the MBP platform. - GIS Data updated and quality checked on habitats and species started - SPAMI thematic map elaborated. - Experts &amp; institutions database questionnaire launched, data collected, verified, harmonized, stored in the new updated database and published in the SPA/RAC communication tools. - the Operational Strategy for Data Management within SPA/RAC in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy shared with UNEP/MAP and INFO/RAC and consultation launched.</p>
<p>6.3.15. Strengthen the MSSD monitoring framework and a regional observatory on the environment and development</p>	<p>Plan Bleu</p>	<p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10</p>	<p>Launching of the activity: MAP Environment &amp; Development observatory worked out, based on up-to-date tools and technology on an open-access data-sharing platform with new development (more maps published; development of the WESR: Mediterranean towards a structured knowledge platform)</p>	<p>- New series of maps and spatial indicators published on the Observatory. - Partnerships strengthened to share geospatial data either with some institutions or with countries.</p>	<p>- MAP Environment &amp; Development observatory worked out, based on up-to-date tools and technology on an open-access data-sharing platform with new development and functionalities: a series of new maps published during the period. - "WESR: Mediterranean" front page developed</p>	<p>Work ongoing</p>
<p>6.3.16. Support and strengthen existing national and subnational observation networks and capacities</p>	<p>Plan Bleu</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10</p>		<p>Concept note for a capacity building workshop to be hosted by GRID in fall 2023 drafted.</p>	<p>Preparatory activities conducted for a capacity building workshop with national representatives in Geneva early October 2023 in cooperation with UNEP/GRID.</p>	<p>Capacity-building workshop organized (October 2023).</p>
<p>6.3.17. Streamline shipping and offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with Info-MAP Data management system</p>	<p>REMPEC</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10</p>	<p>Discussion with INFO/RAC on the linkage between MEDGIS-MAR and Info-MAP Data management system held.</p>	<p>Relevant input to the preparation of QSR 2023 and the Med 2050 Roadmap updated.</p>	<p>List of indicators reviewed; factsheets prepared and reviewed by the OFOG Meeting and CORMON Pollution.</p>	



MTS Programme 7: For informed and consistent advocacy, awareness, education and communication

PoW Activities	Component	Contribution/links with global/regional processes+ COP Decisions and SDG Targets	Achievements/Deliverables/ Milestones			
			January-June 2022	July - December 2022	January-June 2023	July - December 2023
Outcome 7.1. Stakeholders and policy makers properly informed about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and aware of the environmental priority issues		SDGs crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets, 14.a; 12.8e UNEP 2022-2025 MTS and in particular its Science-Policy and Digital Transformation Programmes.				
7.1.1. Disseminate knowledge of the state of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast	CU	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - COP 21 Decision IG.24/2				- Publication concept of 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report approved by the SMT/Publications Board in a meeting held on 10th July 2023. - Potential additional needs in terms of publication, will be supported by EcAp MED III.
	Plan Bleu		- sending newsletter monthly to 1100 contact minimum - social media content - articles on PB's website (Note: Activity also supported by French Ministry of Environment)	"- sending newsletter monthly to 1200 contact minimum - social media content - articles on PB's website - website redesign - organization of Rendez-vous du Plan Bleu n.3	"- sending newsletter monthly to 1300 contact minimum - social media content - articles on PB's website - new social media strategy - finalisation website redesign"	"- sending newsletter monthly to 1400 contact minimum - social media content - articles on PB's website "
7.1.2. Upgrade and Implement MAP Communication Strategy	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Upgrading of MAP Communication Strategy started.	Final upgrade of the MAP Communication Strategy delivered.	Document of the MAP Communication Strategy and MAP Operational Communication Strategy (2024-25) finalized.	Final updated document of the MAP Communication Strategy and MAP Operational Communication Strategy (2024-25) prepared.
	CU					
7.1.3. Develop and Implement COP 23 Communication Plan	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2			COP23 Communication plan drafted and finalized.	COP23 Communication Plan implemented.
7.1.4. Towards a MAP Knowledge Management Strategy: develop the Regional Sea KM Platform of the MAP fully integrated in UNEP KM platform and in close dialogue with other initiative as MED Programme KM platform.	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/10	Development of the MAP Knowledge Management Prototype started.	First element of the MAP Knowledge Management Prototype developed.	Draft document of the MAP Knowledge Management Prototype developed.	MAP Knowledge Management Prototype finalized to presented in the framework of COP23.
	CU					
7.1.5. Promote Mediterranean awards	CU	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	- The methodology and overall process of the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award is updated and improved, based on lessons learned from previous editions. - The Secretariat liaised with Turkey in view of obtaining the voluntary contribution for the 4th edition of the Istanbul Award. - Expert meetings and online workshop held to review the methodology, including assessment framework and application form, in close collaboration with ENI CBC MED SustMedCities project and key partners.	- Call for applicant cities to the Istanbul Award launched on the occasion of the Coast Day (25 September), supported by a communication campaign including MAP components and partners.	- Applications to the 4th edition of the Istanbul Award screened in view of their evaluation by the Technical Committee, incl. 3 independent experts. Experts recruited. - SSFA concluded with Med Cities to organize the Regional Workshop on city-to-city cooperation in support to the Istanbul Award.	- Regional Workshop on city-to-city cooperation in support to the Istanbul Award organized in cooperation with Med Cities. - The applications to the 4th edition of the Istanbul Award evaluated and the short list shared with the Jury in view of its decision. - Award ceremony organized as part of COP 23, with a good media coverage.
	SCP/RAC		- 2nd edition of the WeMed Mediterranean Sustainability Award to Recognize and spread the word about outstanding achievements of green and circular economy businesses and the supporting ecosystems prepared (focus on the textile sector - StandUp!)	-Celebration of the 2nd edition of the WeMed Award	- 3rd edition of the WeMed Mediterranean Sustainability Award to Recognize and spread the word about outstanding achievements of green and circular economy businesses and the supporting ecosystems prepared (Focus ENI CBC Med community of projects)	-Celebration of the 3rd Edition of the WeMed Award (RESET) - 4th Edition of the WeMed Award prepared (SwitchMed - Focus on Blue Economy)
7.1.6. Strengthen MAP Advocacy to promote enforcement of and compliance with Barcelona Convention and enlist support of key stakeholders and policymakers to a green renaissance underpinned by the circular economy and a sustainable Blue Economy	CU	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Contact with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), a MAP Partner and a member of the MCSD initiated, with a first meeting on the outlines of a collaborative publication. The SG of PAM attended the meeting.	Kick-off meeting with PAM experts and the UNEP/MAP team	Follow-up meeting organized on 7 Jan with PAM and the newly recruited Legal Officer (taking over from the socio-economic officer) and discussion on modalities for cooperation, based on the legal status of the publication	The Guide finalized and launched ahead of COP 23.
	INFO/RAC		A first proposal to strengthen MAP Advocacy developed.	Implementation of the MAP Advocacy ongoing also through the participation of the main international events of the semester.	Implementation of the MAP Advocacy ongoing also through the participation of the main international events of the semester.	Implementation of the MAP Advocacy ongoing also through the participation of the main international events of the semester.
	SCP/RAC			- SwitchMed Connect 2022 held in Italy, within the framework of ECOMONDO		-SwitchMed Connect 2023 held in Barcelona

7.1.7. Celebrate the MAP Days in the Mediterranean Sea	PAP/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	Preparatory activities for the 2022 edition of the Mediterranean Coast Day carried out (decision on the venue, theme and programme, preparation of the promotional material, etc.)	- Mediterranean Coast Day celebration organized. - Support provided to local Coast Day events all around the Mediterranean	Preparatory activities for the 2023 edition of the Mediterranean Coast Day undertaken (decision on the venue, theme and programme, preparation of the promotional material, etc.)	- Mediterranean Coast Day celebration organized. - Support to local Coast Day events all around the Mediterranean.
	SPA/RAC		SPAMI Day celebrated through a month-long digital campaign, and SPAMI certificates were awarded to SPAMIs at a special event held in Monaco on 20 May 2022, in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.	The Report of the Special Event to Celebrate the first edition of the SPAMI Day 2022: SPAMIs, a cooperation tool for biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean (Monaco, 20 May 2022) prepared to be proposed as information document for the 16th NFP meeting.	SPAMI Day celebrated online and in SPAMIs in 6 Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Albania, Italy, Lebanon, Tunisia, Slovenia ; Several communication materials, some of which were available in 8 Mediterranean languages (posters, social media cards, banners, flyers, t-shirts, pins) prepared and used by SPA/RAC and the partners involved, including SPAMI managers and NGOs, on websites and social networks, and for on-site communication ; Publication of articles in the local press and participation in radio programmes to raise public awareness ensured by NGOs, at the occasion of SPAMI Day.	Consolidation of the reports by NGOs on the SPAMI Day activities and highlights prepared and eventually presented during the MASE-MAP side event at COP 23.
<b>Outcome 7.2. Citizen and general public awareness and outreach raised through citizen science and digital campaigns</b>		<b>SDGs crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets; 12.8; 4.7; 14.2; 14.5 UNEP 2022-2025 MTS and in particular its Science-Policy and Digital Transformation Programmes.</b>				
7.2.1. Engage the media in the Mediterranean region	CU	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Africa 21, an association working in the field of capacity building for media professionals in Africa, was identified as a potential partner for a SSFA agreement on media engagement targeting journalists and media education institutions in North Africa	The SSFA was developed based on MAP needs and objectives in terms of media engagement priorities. The Implementing Partner was consulted on their implementing capabilities, including the availability of expertise and capacity to deliver in a timely fashion.	SSFA signed and fully implemented.	
7.2.2. Enhance public awareness and outreach on UN Days observance and their topics	CU/Plan Bleu	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11				
	INFO/RAC		- Relevant UN Days for 2022 selected, and the most relevant of the semester celebrated and announced in the MAP newsletter. - SPAMI Day Digital Campaign developed in close cooperation with SPA/RAC.	- The most relevant UN Days of the semester celebrated and announced in the MAP newsletter. - Mediterranean Coast day digital campaign developed in close cooperation with PAP/RAC.	- Relevant UN Days for 2023 selected, and the most relevant of the semester celebrated and announced in the MAP newsletter. - SPAMI Day Digital Campaign developed in close cooperation with SPA/RAC.	- The most relevant UN Days of the semester celebrated and announced in the MAP newsletter. - Mediterranean Coast day digital campaign developed in close cooperation with PAP/RAC.
	SPA/RAC		- Several events / talks organized by SPA/RAC and streamed online. - Videos on MPA / SPAMI produced and disseminated on social media	- 2023 agenda including monthly calendars produced and disseminated with a specific editorial and original photos from Tunisian and Algerian photographers. - Several events / talks organized by SPA/RAC and streamed online. - Videos on MPA / SPAMI produced and disseminated on social media.	- Content regularly published on the SPA/RAC website and pages. - SPA/RAC's visual identity enhanced with the development of institutional material used notably at the NFP meeting (PPT presentation of the progress report, 2 documents in Word format to serve as a template, in English and Arabic, badges, business card) - Website for the donors' conference and summary sheets on SPA/RAC, SAPBIO and project proposals, developed to improve knowledge of the mandate and actions of SPA/RAC, SAPBIO post-2020 and the priority actions to be implemented; Workshop on gender and MPA disseminated online. - Video on the launch of the SPAMI twinning programme produced and disseminated. - The SPAMI Collaborative Platform already created and maintained. - Information on SPAMIs updated with the support of the managers at SPAMI Day. - SPAMI Day webpage created and published. - 9 news items, press release, article, published on the SPAMI Collaborative Platform. - Terms of reference are being prepared to launch a consultation to enable the forum functionality on the SPAMI Collaborative Platform.	- 2024 agenda and calendar produced and disseminated. - Contents regularly published on SPA/RAC website and pages.
	Plan Bleu		"- Topics in the Plan Bleu newsletter announced. - Themes ""Les rendez vous du Plan Bleu"" matched to the subjects of the UNEP MAP"	"- Topics in the Plan Bleu newsletter announced. - Themes ""Les rendez vous du Plan Bleu"" matched to the subjects of the UNEP MAP"	"- Topics in the Plan Bleu newsletter announced. - Themes ""Les rendez vous du Plan Bleu"" matched to the subjects of the UNEP MAP"	"- Topics in the Plan Bleu newsletter announced. - Themes ""Les rendez vous du Plan Bleu"" matched to the subjects of the UNEP MAP"
7.2.3. Enhance public awareness and outreach on key MAP topics	REMPEC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 COP 22 Decision IG.25/16	Finalisation, publication and dissemination of the study on trends and outlook of marine pollution from ships and activities and of maritime traffic and offshore activities in the Mediterranean, in consultation with CU and UNEP Publishing Board.			
	INFO/RAC		- Key topics for the biennium and planning related communication products selected. - MAP Biennial Report finalized, a new communication tool to present the MAP System outcomes.	Communication report for the flagship publication of the Biennium (i.e. SAP BIO, etc.) drafted.	Biennial communication report for the MAP outcomes drafted.	Biennial Communication Report for MAP outcomes, a new communication tool to be presented at COP23 finalized.
	MED POL		ML MED II project mini-website under design Brochure for ML MED II under preparation Evaluation of Regional Plans published	Website for ML MED II project updated regularly for duration of project Brochure for ML MED II published. News items are prepared and published vis-à-vis the outcomes of the marine litter pilots. Compendium of dumping best practices under preparation	Website for ML MED II project updated regularly for duration of project. Compendium of dumping best practices (2023) finalized and published.	Website for ML MED II project updated regularly for duration of project.
	SCP/RAC		"-MedWaves" launching campaign delivered, including awareness-raising activities on SCP and the Barcelona Convention. - MedWaves new website developed including information on SCP and the Barcelona Convention. -Digital communication campaign on Sustainable Textiles and Fashion delivered. -Communication campaign on the Set of Regional Measures to support the creation and development of green and circular businesses (COP Decision) delivered.	COP 27 communication campaign, linking CE and Climate Change delivered. - WeMed Award 2022 digital communication campaign delivered. - Communication campaign on ban of SUP bags (Tunis) delivered. - Design and preparatory activities of Sustainable Textiles and Fashion Communication Campaign undertaken. - Dissemination campaign "CAPIMED Islandi" delivered.	Communication campaign on Sustainable Textiles and Fashion delivered. -"We are the Switchers" communication and membership campaign delivered. - Euro-Med Weeks for Waste Reduction (EMWWR) communication campaign organized. - The Switchers Products digital communication campaign delivered. - The Switchers Talks 2023 dissemination campaign delivered.	- WeMed Award 2023 digital communication campaign delivered. - COP23, information and dissemination campaign on topics related to SCP, CE and Marine Litters.

7.2.4. Enhance public awareness and outreach for specific targets (MAP Partners, Civil Society and students)	INFO/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Planning and implementing public awareness and outreach activities launched.	Planning and implementing public awareness and outreach activities ongoing.	Planning and implementing public awareness and outreach activities ongoing.	Planning and implementing public awareness and outreach activities ongoing.
7.2.5. Co-create and implement education and awareness programmes also in cooperation with academic institutions, focusing on marine and coastal issues, with the aim to promote education on sustainable development	SPA/RAC	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	see 2.2.3 section	Draft terms of reference prepared to launch a call for projects for the co-creation and implementation of education and awareness programmes on biodiversity conservation in SPAMIs, in collaboration with CSOs.	- 6 NGOs involved to celebrate SPAMI Day and implement awareness-raising activities from April to the end of June, in 6 SPAMIs (Karaburun-Sazan MPA, Banc des Kabyles, Portofino MPA, Tyre Coast Nature Reserve, Landscape Park Strunjan, La Galite Archipelago), schools, universities, turtle rescue centres and other relevant sites, but also online, through social media campaign, using mainly the hashtag #SPAMIday2023 and using specific contents developed with the support of SPA/RAC, as well as live-streamed events ; - 5 MoU signed with CSOs to develop education and awareness actions within SPAMIs ; 1 NGO has initiated its activities (in Algeria) but has not been able to sign the MoU due to administrative issues, for which we are trying to find solutions with the national Focal Point.	Progress reports from the executing partners on the education and awareness programmes consolidated and disseminated.
	CU		Mobilizing media academic institutions (the universities from which journalists graduate) supported, as part of an SSFA for media engagement targeting North Africa.	See "media engagement" under 7.2.1	See "media engagement" under 7.2.1	
<b>Outcome 7.3. Towards a digital transformation: use of digital technologies to improve networking and MAP visibility</b>		<b>SDGs crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets; 14.2; 14.5 ; 4.7 NEP 2022-2025 MTS and in particular its Science-Policy and Digital Transformation Programmes.</b>				
7.3.1. Enhance networking among SPAMIs and increase the visibility of the SPAMI List through the SPAMI Collaborative Platform	SPA/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 COP 22 Decision IG.25/11	Information on the SPAMIs updated with the support of SPAMI managers, news on the SPAMI/SPAMI day published and the webpage on the SPAMI Day created	Draft terms of reference prepared to launch a consultation and to enable the forum functionality on the platform.	- Information on SPAMIs updated with the support of the managers at SPAMI Day. - Webpage for the SPAMI Day created and maintained. - The SPAMI Collaborative Platform, including the SPAMI Day webpage, updated with new contents (9 news items, press release, article, several communication materials used by SPARAC and partners involved in the celebration of SPAMI Day for social media and on-site raising awareness activities). - Terms of reference are being prepared to launch a consultation to enable the forum functionality on the platform.	Further updates and contents on the SPAMIs shared on the platform, including through the forum, with the collaboration and participation of the SPAMI managers.
7.3.2. Towards a digital transformation	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Development of a Digital Transformation Strategy started.	First element of the MAP Digital Transformation Strategy developed.	Draft document of the MAP Digital Transformation Strategy developed.	MAP Digital Transformation Strategy finalized and submitted to COP23.
7.3.3. Promote MAP educational capacity through E-Learning	INFO/RAC	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	- E-learning course on BC Convention finalized. - Plan for the biennium on-line courses developed to be shared and agreed with MAP Components.	Developing thematic on-line courses in close cooperation with MAP Components ongoing.	Developing thematic on-line courses in close cooperation with MAP Components ongoing.	Developing thematic on-line courses in close cooperation with MAP Components ongoing.
	CU		Discussions within CU and with MEPIELAN centre advanced on a possible preparation of a pilot summer school.	Consultations and negotiations with academic institutions from Mediterranean countries ongoing (incl. MEPIELAN).	Consultations and negotiations with academic institutions from Mediterranean countries ongoing (incl. MEPIELAN). Finalization of SSFA.	Consultations and negotiations with academic institutions from Mediterranean countries ongoing. Cooperation with MEPIELAN ongoing; possible organization of a short "summer" school.
7.3.4. Enable effective MAP communication (Internal/external communication and MAP Staff digital capacity)	INFO/RAC	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2	Planning internal communication events.	New modus operandi to improve the internal communication implemented.	Events organized to improve the internal communication.	Events organized to improve the internal communication.