

**Decision IG.22/16**

**Reporting on the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols; and  
Operational Section of the Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone  
Management in the Mediterranean**

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred as the Barcelona Convention,*

*Recalling* respectively Articles 26 and 27 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, as modified in Barcelona in 1995, hereinafter referred to as the Barcelona Convention, as well as the relevant articles of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention stipulating the reporting obligation regarding implementation;

*Expressing* its deep concern regarding the fact that eleven Contracting Parties haven't submitted to the date of 6 August 2015, their biennial reports about the measures taken to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and that some reports were not received within the set deadlines;

*Taking note of* the report of the Focal Points of the Priority Action Program of the Regional Activity Center during their meeting on 14 May 2015;

*Taking also note of* the Progress Report as contained in document UNEP/DEPI MED/IG.22/3;

1. *Urges* the Contracting Parties to officially submit their biennial report to the Secretariat in October 2016 at the latest, regarding the measures taken to implement the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2014-2015 by using the online reporting format;
2. *Adopts* the operational section of the reporting format of the Protocol of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, as contained in the Annex to this Decision;
3. *Requests* the Contracting Parties having ratified the Protocol and invites the signatory Parties to submit, on a voluntary basis, a report of the implementation of the Protocol within the framework of the reporting system of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide, subject to the availability of funds, advice to the Contracting Parties to submit, within the set deadlines, full reports about the implementation of all MAP legal instruments;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult the Contracting Parties about the need to build capacities regarding the preparation of reports and inform the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties of the conclusions of this consultation;
6. *Reiterates* its request for a simplified reporting format to be presented in the first year of the biennium to the Bureau for review and suggestions;
7. *Invites* Contracting Parties to consider their participation in the format testing exercise at the beginning of 2017 to facilitate the finalization of simplified reporting format;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat, after consulting with the Bureau, to launch a written consultation with the Contracting Parties in view of submitting the simplified reporting format to COP20;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat to undertake an analysis of the information mentioned in the national reports in order to draft a report addressing the general status of the progress in the region, on the legal, institutional and technical points of view, in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, if any, and submit this report to the twentieth meeting of the Contracting Parties.

**Annex**  
**Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone**  
**Management in the Mediterranean (Operational Section)**

**Reporting Format for the Protocol on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean (Operational Section)**

<b>I – Information on Contracting Party completing the Report</b>	
<b>1.1 Contracting Party</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.2 Period covered by the Report</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>Full name of national body responsible</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.3 Name and functions of official completing the report</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.4 Mailing address</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.5 Telephone</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.6 Email</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.7 Validation by MAP Focal Point</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>1.8 Date of dispatch of report</b>	<b>Reply :</b>

<b>II - Preparation of Report</b>	
<b>2.1 Public authorities consulted</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>2.2 Stakeholders consulted</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>III – Ratification and general legal transposition into national law Articles 37, 5 and 6</b>	
<b>3.1 Date of signature of Protocol</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>3.2 Date of ratification or approval of Protocol</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>3.3 Date of filing with the Spanish Government</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>3.4 Date of publication in the country</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>3.5 Date of entry into force in national law</b>	<b>Reply :</b>
<b>3.6 In the absence of ratification, status of the process for ratification</b>	<b>Reply :</b>

<p><b>3.7 Have the provisions of the Protocol been transposed into one or more general legal acts?</b></p> <p><b>Please specify titles and dates of such general legal acts?</b></p> <p><b>Which provisions of the Protocol have been transposed into the country's general legal acts?</b></p> <p><b>Please give a synthetic description of each of them</b></p> <p><b>Please provide brief comparison between the requirements of the Protocol and Contracting Party legislation</b></p>	<p><b>Reply :</b></p>
<p><b>3.8 Are any such acts being prepared?</b></p> <p><b>Anticipated adoption date ?</b></p>	<p><b>Reply :</b></p>
<p><b>3.9 Are the objectives and general principles of Article 5 and 6 of the Protocol included in such acts?</b></p>	<p><b>Reply :</b></p>

<p><b>3.10 In case not, can you please explain why?</b></p>	<p><b>Reply :</b></p>
<p><b>IV - Informations on geographical coverage Article 3-3</b></p>	
<p><b>4.1 – How was Article 3-3 implemented at national and/ or local level in relation to the obligation to inform the public and stakeholders?</b></p>	<p><b>Reply :</b></p>
<p><b>V – Institutional measures Article 7</b></p>	
<p><b>5.1 Which department is responsible at central level for ICZM?</b></p>	<p><b>Reply:</b></p>

<p><b>5.2 Is there an inter-ministerial/ national body for ICZM?</b></p> <p><b>Please, give a short description of name, establishment, competencies and process</b></p> <p><b>If there is no such body, is there an intention to create it?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>5.3 Is there coordination between maritime and land authorities (Art.7-1-b)?</b></p> <p><b>How and at what level?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p><b>5.4 Is there coordination between the national level and the local level :</b></p> <p><b>on strategies, plans and programs?</b></p> <p><b>on permissions for activities?</b></p> <p><b>How (article 7-1-c)?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p><b>5.5 – What measures contribute to the coherence and effectiveness referred to under Article 7-2?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>

<b>5.6 What difficulties have been encountered?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>
<b>5.7 How the application of the Protocol has supported the implementation of the provisions of other Protocols of the Barcelona Convention?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>
<b>VI – Operational measures Article 8</b>	
<b>8.2 .a Has a zone not less than 100 meters in width where construction is not allowed been legally established?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>
<b>8.2.b – Have other existing measures been adapted in a manner consistent with this article ?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>
<b>8.3.a – Has the national legislation identified and delimited areas in which urban development and other activities are restricted or, where necessary, prohibited ?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>
<b>8.3.b – Does national legislation limit the linear extension of urban development and the creation of new transport infrastructure along the coast ?</b>	<i>Reply :</i>



<p><b>8.3.c – Does national legislation provide for freedom of access by the public to the sea and along the shore ?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>8 .3.d – Does national legislation restrict or, where necessary, prohibit the movement and parking of land vehicles, as well as the movement and anchoring of marine vessels, in fragile natural areas on land or at sea, including beaches and dunes?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p><b>Article 9– Economic Activities</b></p>	
<p><b>Are there any specific economic indicators relating to the sustainable use of the coastal zone defined in national legislation?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p><b>Article 10 – Specific coastal ecosystems, landscapes &amp; cultural heritage</b></p>	
<p><b><i>1. Wetlands</i></b>  <b>Are measures in place by national legislation to regulate or, if necessary, prohibit activities that may have adverse effects on wetlands and estuaries?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p><b>2.- Marine Habitats</b>  <b>a - Have measures to ensure the protection and conservation, through legislation, planning and management of marine and coastal areas been adopted?</b></p> <p><b>b – Does your country participate in international cooperation programmes, agreements or activities to protect marine habitats?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply :</i></p>
<p><b>Article 11 – Coastal landscapes</b></p>	
<p><b>Does national legislation include planning and management measures to ensure the protection of coastal landscapes?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 12 - Islands</b></p>	
<p><b>Are the specificities of islands taken into account in coastal strategies, plans and programmes?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 13 – Cultural Heritage</b></p>	

<p>Have appropriate measures to preserve and protect coastal cultural, archaeological and historic heritage including the underwater heritage been included in national legislation?</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 15 – Awareness raising, Training, Education &amp; Research</b></p>	
<p>Have awareness-raising activities, educational programmes, training and public education on ICZM been undertaken at the following levels? :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">National</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Régional</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Local</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 16 – Monitoring &amp; Review</b></p>	
<p>Has a national coastal inventory been prepared covering the following informations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Resources &amp; activities</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Institutions</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Legislation and Planning</p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

That may influence coastal zones?	
<b>Article 18 – National coastal strategies, Plans &amp; Programmes, Tranboundary cooperation</b>	
1. Has a national strategy for integrated coastal zone management been formulated or strengthened?	<i>Reply:</i>
2 . Are there up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zones?	<i>Reply:</i>
3. Are appropriate indicators defined in order to evaluate the effectiveness of integrated coastal zone management strategies, plans & programmes, as well as the progress of implementation of the Protocol?	<i>Reply:</i>
<b>Article 19 - Environnemental Assessment</b>	
1. Are appropriate EIAs required by national legislation for public and private	<i>Reply:</i>

<p><b>projects likely to have significant environmental effects on the coastal zones?</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Does national legislation require a strategic environmental assessment of plans and programmes affecting the coastal zone?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 20 - Land Policy</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Have appropriate land policy instruments and measures been envisaged by national legislation for the purpose of promoting integrated coastal zone management?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>2. Are there mechanisms for the acquisition, cession, donation or transfer of land to the public domain and institute easements on properties in the coastal zone?</b></p> <p><b>3. What is the area or percentage of land acquired in the Country?</b></p> <p><b>4. Who is responsible for the management of the land?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<b>5. Are there examples of private or non-governmental organizations established for the preservation of coastal land?</b>	
<b>Article 21 – Economic, Financial &amp; Fiscal Instruments</b>	
<b>1. Have measures to adopt relevant economic. Financial and? Or fiscal instruments intended to support local, regional and national initiatives for the integrated management of coastal zone been adopted?</b>	<i>Reply:</i>
<b>2. Are there economic, financial and/ or fiscal instruments which are potentially counter to the objectives of the integrated management of the coastal zone?</b>	<i>Reply:</i>
<b>Articles 22 and 23 – Natural hazards &amp; coastal erosion</b>	
<b>1. Have vulnerability and hazard assessments of coastal zones been undertaken?</b>	<i>Reply:</i>
<b>2. Have prevention, mitigation and adaptation measures to address the effects of natural disasters, in particular of climate change, been implemented in coastal areas?</b>	<i>Reply:</i>

<p><b>3. Have measures been adopted to maintain or restore the natural capacity of the coast to adapt to changes, including those caused by the rise in sea levels?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 24 – Response to natural disasters</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Do you have a national contingency plan for natural disasters affecting the coastal zone and responsible organization?</b></p> <p><b>2. Which national authorities are competent to act in the case of natural disaster?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 27– Exchange of information and activities of common interest</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Have coastal management indicators been defined?</b></p> <p><b>2. Have up-to-date assessments of the use and management of coastal zones been carried out and updated?</b></p> <p><b>3. Have activities of common interest, such as demonstration projects of integrated zone management been carried out?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p> <p><i>Reply:</i></p> <p><i>Reply:</i></p>

<p><b>4. Have Centres of specific ICZM scientific capacity been established in your country?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 28– Transboundary cooperation</b></p>	
<p><b>In contiguous coastal zones are bilateral or multilateral national coastal strategies, plans and programmes coordinated?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>
<p><b>Article 29– Transboundary environmental assessment</b></p>	
<p><b>Is there cooperation by means of notification, exchange of information and consultation in assessing the environmental impacts of plans, programmes and projects?</b></p>	<p><i>Reply:</i></p>