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Meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets
Pollution and Litter Cluster

Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina), 29-30 October 2012

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Delegates are kindly requested to bring their documents to the meeting

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction and meeting objectives

The First Meeting of Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group agreed on a road-map on the activities to be undertaken by MAP under the EcAp process during this biennium. The Meeting also agreed to establish three Correspondence Groups on Good Environmental Status (GES) and Targets, Monitoring and on Economic and Social Analysis in the process of application of EcAp in the Mediterranean and to support EcAP Coordination Group.

The Correspondence Group on GES and Targets will be composed of national experts nominated by the Contracting Parties, and will be coordinated by the UNEP/MAP components and the Coordinating Unit. It will work to ensure efficient coverage and in-depth discussions and analysis of all Ecological Objectives (EOs) and it will be made up of 3 clusters: 1) Pollution and litter related EOs (EOs 5, 9, 10 and 11); 2) Biodiversity and Fisheries related EOs (EOs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6); and 3) ICZM and Hydrological Conditions related EOs (EOs 7 and 8). The expected outcome of the group is defining the methodology for Mediterranean targets, as well as identifying GES and targets through a participatory process involving contracting parties, stakeholders and MAP components, which once cleared by the EcAp Coordination Group will be submitted to COP 18.

In this first meeting, it is expected to discuss methodologies and approaches for setting state targets (as qualitative and quantitative elements of the determination of GES); consider relevant existing targets and underlying methodologies and discuss their suitability for use within the context of Barcelona Convention; and, take initial steps in identifying draft list of targets and corresponding GES.

This first meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets - Pollution and Litter Cluster will take place on 29-30 October 2012 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the following agenda.

DAY 1: Monday, 29 October 2012

Registration of participants will take place from 08.45 and delegates are kindly asked to be in the Conference Room 15 minutes before the session starts.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and opening of the Meeting, adoption of the agenda (09:30-09:45)

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias. The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI). The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.372/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.372/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction to the workshop programme, organization of the days (09:45-10:00)

The flow of the workshop will be explained by MED POL officers.

Agenda Item 3: Introductory Presentations (10:00 – 11:30)

The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the process of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap and expected results during the biennium and beyond,

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.372/2 “Approaches for definition of GES and setting targets for the “pollution” related Ecological Objectives in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach - (EO5: Eutrophication, EP9: Contaminants, EP10: Marine Litter, EO11: Noise)”

MED POL officers will present:

- Approaches for definition of GES and setting targets for the “pollution” related Ecological Objectives in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach, (EO5: Eutrophication, EP9: Contaminants, EP10: Marine Litter, EO11: Noise); and,
- Existing targets and Environmental Quality Standards in the Mediterranean with regard to pollution.

Information document: “Existing targets and EQO regarding pollution in the framework of UNEP/MAP MEDPOL Programme

Agenda Item 4: Plenary – Discussions session (11:30 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00)

In this session, it is aimed to:

- Discuss methodologies and approaches for setting state targets (as qualitative and quantitative elements of the determination of GES);
- Consider relevant existing targets and underlying methodologies and discuss their suitability for use within the context of Barcelona Convention
- Identify first draft list of targets and corresponding GES

on 4 themes:

1. Eutrophication
2. Contaminants
3. Litter
4. Noise

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.372/2 “Approaches for definition of GES and setting targets for the “pollution” related Ecological Objectives in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach - (EO5: Eutrophication, EP9: Contaminants, EP10: Marine Litter, EO11: Noise)”

DAY 2: Tuesday, 30 October 2012

Agenda Item 4: Plenary – Discussions session (09:30 – 10:30) (cont'd)

Agenda Item 5: Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes (10:45 – 12:30)

The Secretariat will present the outcomes of the discussion sessions.

Agenda Item 6: Adoption of outcomes, recommendations and conclusions (14:00-16:30)

The Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt the outcomes, conclusions and recommendations which came out of the discussion sessions and presented by the Secretariat.

The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and circulated to all participants for review and amendments as appropriate for adoption.

Agenda Item 7: Identifying potential way forward and closure of the meeting (16:30 – 17:00)

The next steps of the process will be agreed upon and the Meeting will be closed at 17:00 hours on Tuesday 30 October 2012.

Note:

Coffee breaks: 10.30-10:45 and 15:45-16.00 hrs

Lunch breaks: 12:30 -14:00 hrs

TIMETABLE

Monday, 29 October 2012		
09:30-09:45	1. Welcome and opening of the meeting, adoption of the Agenda	Working Document/s UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.372/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.372/2
09:45-10:00	2. Introduction to the workshop programme, organization of the days	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.372/2
10:00 – 11:30	3. Introductory Presentations	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.372/3 & 372/Inf.3
11:30 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00	4. Plenary – Discussions session	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.372/3 & 372/Inf.3
17:00	End of the day	
Tuesday, 30 October 2012		
09:30 – 10:30	4. Plenary – Discussions session (cont'd)	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.372/3 & 372/Inf.3
10:45 – 12:30	5. Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.372/3 & 372/Inf.3
14:00-16:30	6. Adoption of outcomes, recommendations and conclusions	
16:30 – 17:00	7. Identifying potential way forward and closure of the meeting	