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Meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets
Coast and Hydrography Cluster

Ankara (Turkey), 12-13 March 2013

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Delegates are kindly requested to bring their documents to the meeting

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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 third meeting, following the Pollution and Litter Cluster meeting in Sarajevo in October 2012 and Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster meeting in Rome in February 2013, it is expected to discuss methodologies and approaches for setting 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 on Mediterranean coast and hydrography.

The meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets – Coast and Hydrography Cluster will take place on 12-13 March 2013 in Ankara, Turkey, with the following agenda.

DAY 1: Tuesday, 12 March 2013

1. 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)

2. The Meeting will be opened by the representative of the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias.
3. Simultaneous translation in English, French and Turkish will be provided during the Meeting.
4. The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

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

5. The flow of the meeting will be explained by the Secretariat.

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

6. The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the process of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap and expected results during the biennium and beyond.
7. The Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will give a presentation on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean (ICZM) in the Mediterranean and ICZM Protocol.
8. The Secretariat will present:
 - Approaches for definition of GES and setting targets for the “coast and hydrography” related Ecological Objectives in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach, (EO 7 (Hydrography) and EO 8 (Coastal ecosystems and landscape)); and,
 - Existing targets of relevance for the Mediterranean Sea regarding hydrography and coast.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.374/3 “Approaches for definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and setting targets for the Ecological Objective (EO) 7 “Hydrography” and EO8 “Coastal ecosystems and landscape” in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach”.

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.374/Inf.3 “Existing targets of relevance for the Mediterranean Sea regarding the following Ecological Objectives (EO) in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach:EO7 (Hydrography) and EO8 (Coastal Ecosystems and Landscape)”.

Coffee break: 11:00 -11:30

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

Coffee break: 15.30-16:00

9. In this session, it is aimed to:
 - Discuss methodologies and approaches for setting 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,
 - Identify first draft list of targets and corresponding GES; on
 - Hydrography
 - Coastal ecosystems and landscapes

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.374/3 “Approaches for definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and setting targets for the Ecological Objective (EO) 7 “Hydrography” and EO8 “Coastal ecosystems and landscape” in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach”.

DAY 2: Wednesday, 13 March 2013

Agenda Item 4: Plenary – Discussions session (09:30 – 11:30) (cont'd)

Agenda Item 5: Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes (11:30 – 12:30)

10. The Secretariat will present the outcomes of the discussion sessions.

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

11. 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.

12. 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 its adoption.

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

13. The next steps of the process will be agreed upon and the Meeting is expected to be closed at 17:00 hours on Wednesday 13 March 2013.

Note:

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

Lunch breaks: 12:30 -14:00 hrs

TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 12 March 2013		
09:30-09:45	1. Welcome and opening of the meeting	Working Document/s UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.374/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.374/2
09:45-10:00	2. Introduction to the workshop programme, organization of the days	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.374/2
10:00 – 11:00	3. Introductory Presentations	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.374/3 & 374/Inf.3
11:00 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00	4. Plenary – Discussions session	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 & 373/Inf.3
17:00	End of the day	
Wednesday, 13 March 2013		
09:30 – 11:30	4. Plenary – Discussions session (cont'd)	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.374/3 & 374/Inf.3
11:30 – 12:30	5. Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.374/3 & 374/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	