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Introduction

1. This report covers the activities and outputs carried out in the period between January 2012 and August 2013.
2. The progress report is composed of a narrative part that highlights results and progress achieved during this period under the 6 themes and detailed information on legal, policy, financial and administrative matters. The report is complemented by Annexes on status of ratification and budgetary information.

1. Governance

1.1. MAP Policy Making and Technical Bodies

3. During this biennium, three meetings of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties were held in Paris (France) in July 2012, in Algiers (Algeria) in February 2013 and in Ankara (Turkey) in July 2013. As mandated by COP17, the Bureau at each meeting considered the financial situation of MAP and on the basis of the proposals from the Coordinating Unit provided guidance in the reallocation of available funding, where appropriate. The Bureau also discussed and provided recommendations and guidance on, *inter alia*, cooperation agreements, Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) implementation; RIO+20 outcomes and its relevance in the Mediterranean, Agreement on UNEP Secretariat Services; Financial rules and regulations; the Extended Functional Review; relations with IMO; and other administrative and financial matters.
4. It was envisaged to have two MAP Focal Points in this biennium. The first MAP Focal Points meeting was held in April 2013 in Athens (Greece). It discussed and sought areas of consensus regarding the Extended Functional Review of UNEP MAP system. The second meeting of MAP Focal Points is taking place in September 2013.
5. The Fifteenth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) was held in Valetta (Malta) in June 2013 and opened by the Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change of Malta. It addressed the global processes following RIO+20 and its implications on MSSD revision; the need to develop a Road Map to implement SCP measures and objectives; and, MCSD reform. Successful sustainable development case studies were also presented. The new Steering Committee of the MCSD was selected and had their first meeting immediately after the closure of the 15th MCSD meeting. It has worked on the Draft Decisions on MCSD Reform and the Revision of MSSD. (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/15 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/16)
6. The joint MED POL and CP/RAC Focal Points Meeting was held in Barcelona (Spain) in June 2013. The meeting of the MED POL Focal Points reviewed and discussed policy issues related to the implementation of LBS, Dumping, Hazardous Wastes Protocols, Regional Plans and EcAp; reviewed the proposed Programme of Work for the next biennium; and agreed on a revised version of the Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter and recommended its submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/11). The CP/RAC Focal Points requested CP/RAC to prepare a draft decision to be submitted for the consideration of the MAP NFPs on the implementation of a SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/14). The detailed reports of both meetings are provided as Information Documents (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18).
7. SPA/RAC Focal Points Meeting was held in Rabat (Morocco) in July 2013. It discussed the status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected

Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; the evaluation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO); the extension, strengthening and effective management of the marine and coastal protected areas network, including areas beyond national jurisdiction; conservation and management of species and habitats. Feedback was also received on Programme of Work for 2014-2015. Three draft decisions were agreed to be presented to the consideration of MAP Focal Points. (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/8, 9 and 10)

8. The sixth and seventh meetings of the Compliance Committee were held in Athens in January 2013 and June 2013. The meetings addressed substantive and procedural issues including: a thematic evaluation of the Emergency, Land Based Sources and Hazardous Wastes Protocols; the issue of the non-submission of reports; advice to Contracting Parties on how to implement legally binding measures in accordance with article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol; amendments to the Procedures and Mechanisms of compliance with a view to recognize the initiative of the committee to examine compliance difficulties based in all relevant sources of information.(Decision IG 17/2); and necessary changes to the Rules and Procedures for the Compliance Committee (Decision IG. 19/ 1) were also discussed. For the first time, in-depth consideration of submitted country reports was made. The third meeting during this biennium is planned for October 2013.

1.2. Legal Achievements

Status of Ratifications

9. During this biennium, the Kingdom of Morocco has become the second Contracting Party to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols to ratify the full set of legal instruments adopted in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Morocco has assumed this status following the ratification of the ICZM Protocol on 21 October 2012. Also in October 2012, the Parliament of Croatia adopted the Law on Ratification of the ICZM Protocol. This brings to 23% the extension of the Mediterranean coastline covered by the Protocol. Furthermore, the EU Council adopted the Offshore Protocol on 17 December 2012, bringing it to one third of the number of Contracting Parties that have ratified this unique Protocol. The overall situation is as follows:
 - *20 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Convention, 1995;*
 - *15 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Dumping Protocol, 1995;*
 - *13 Contracting Parties have ratified the new Prevention and Emergency Protocol, 2002;*
 - *17 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the LBS Protocol, 1996;*
 - *18 Contracting Parties have ratified the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol, 1995;*
 - *7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Hazardous Waste Protocol, 1996;*
 - *7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, 1994;*
 - *9 Contracting Parties have ratified ICZM Protocol, 2008.*
10. Detailed information on the status of ratification and entry into force is presented in Annex I.

11. The Secretariat has engaged with several countries at ministerial and technical levels with a view to explore possibilities for reaching universal acceptance of the modified Barcelona Convention and the entry into force of the Dumping Protocol.

Reporting on implementation

12. The Secretariat has offered assistance to eligible Contracting Parties in the preparation of the reports on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols during the 2012-2013 biennium, as per art 26 of the Convention. It has also sent reminders with a view to continue increasing the number of reports submitted, as well as to ensure a much earlier and more complete submission of reports.
13. As at 1 August 2013, twelve Contracting Parties had officially submitted their reports on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the Biennium 2010-2011. Other Contracting Parties' work is in progress for on-line submission and should be accelerated to facilitate consideration by the Compliance Committee before COP18. A table explaining the status of National Reports is provided in UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/4.
14. The reporting format on the legal and institutional aspects of the implementation of the ICZM Protocol was prepared for submission to COP18 together with the relevant decision. (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/5)

1.3. Institutional Reform

Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties

15. Operational paragraph 1 of Governance Decision IG.20/13 adopted at the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties "requested the Bureau with the support of the Coordinating Unit to start a process of reviewing the terms of reference of the Bureau for the consideration of the 18th Contracting Parties". For the purposes of assessing the opportunity of changes, the Secretariat compared composition, mandate and tasks, periodicity of meetings, agenda preparation, emergency situations, reporting and some other processes of different institutional modalities of six global and regional conventions' governance structures with the current terms of reference of the Bureau. The proposal was discussed and finalized at the 77th Bureau Meeting. Changes proposed in new ToR (Annex I in UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/17) clarify composition of the Bureau; elaborate on its general mandate including an enhanced definition of its role; and, consolidate many of the non-written practices related to agenda setting and proceedings, organization of meetings, organizations and tenure.

Financial Rules and Procedures of the Barcelona Convention

16. Operational Paragraph 31 of Decision IG 20/14 on Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium "requests the Coordinating Unit in consultation with UNEP and UNON to develop for consideration by COP 18, financial rules for the Barcelona Convention as foreseen in Article 24.2". Following this request, a preliminary version of the draft Financial Rules was discussed during the 75th Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in July 2012 and a more advanced version during its 76th Meeting in February 2013. Based on the comments provided during the 76th Bureau Meeting, and the Secretariat consultations with UNEP Office for Operations (OfO), UNEP/DEPI and UNON, a more advanced draft was presented to the Bureau by the Director of OfO, which subject to additional amendments recommended submission to COP18. UNEP's final revised version of the Barcelona

Convention Financial Rules and Procedures is provided as a draft decision in document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 387/20.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and UNEP concerning Secretariat Services to and support of the Barcelona Convention

17. Operational Paragraph 11 of Decision IG. 20/13 on Governance adopted by the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention “requests UNEP to work during the next biennium with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties on finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Secretariat Services to and support of the Convention”. Following this request, the draft MoU has been prepared by relevant UNEP services based on existing agreements with global Conventions and on the preliminary discussion held at the 76th Bureau and the more in-depth exchanges between the Director of the Office of Operations (OfO) of UNEP and the Bureau at its 77th session. Particular recognition is made of the links between this Agreement and the discussions at the UNEP Governing Council on UNEP relations with Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). UNEP’s revised version of this document on this topic is included for consideration as Annex IV to UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/17.

Functional Review

a) Functional Review of Coordinating Unit and MED POL

18. Decision IG.20/14 on MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the 2012-2013 biennium (Annex III, UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 20/8) adopted during the 17th meeting of the COP of the Barcelona Convention: “Approves and endorses the technical results of the functional review, and asks the Coordinating Unit to implement its results and in the process smoothen its implications”. Based on this decision the recommendations of the Functional Review on the structure of UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL have been implemented as of July 2012, resulting in EUR 180,000 savings per year.

b) Extended Functional Review

19. Following the commitment in the Paris Declaration (2012) to “pursuing governance reforms....taking into account in particular the results of the functional review and drawn up in close cooperation with the Contracting Parties” the Secretariat after consultation with the 75th Bureau launched an independent “Extended Functional Review” based on the TOR agreed at COP 17 and through a participatory process, which was tendered by UNEP/Evaluation Unit in accordance with UN procurement procedures. The Bureau also endorsed the TOR proposed by the Secretariat for a Contact Group to support implementation of the Extended Functional Review and agreed on its members: Mr. David Johnson (Then Executive Secretary to the OSPAR Commission based in London and Emeritus Professor of Coastal Management at Southampton Solent University) and Mr. Segbedzi Norgbey, Chief of Evaluation Office as the representative of UNEP Evaluation Unit.
20. The selected consultancy Company, Dalberg Global Development Advisors conducted visits to the Coordinating Unit and all RACs and sought views of Parties and Partners through a questionnaire. A draft Extended Functional Review report was presented to the 76th Bureau meeting. The contact Group stated that: the review was consistent with international best practice; the methodology used and the description of the issues to be addressed appropriate; the logic behind it robust; and, its recommendations could enhance the coordination and cohesion of MAP. The Bureau made recommendations based on which a revised draft report was prepared and

circulated to MAP Focal Points for written comments (provided by 4 countries) and discussion at their April 2013 Meeting. The meeting of the MAP Focal Points discussed the Extended Functional Review and pointed to the need of practical measures to ensure a more efficient system such as greater flexibility in strategic planning; improving alignment between funding allocations and strategy; strengthening delivery capacity as well as enhancing coordination and cooperation throughout the system. While providing a useful exchange on Parties perspectives, discussions were inconclusive. At the Secretariat's request 4 additional countries provided written comments. The Secretariat prepared the relevant draft decision based on this process which has also been reflected in the 4 PoW and Budget options presented for consideration to this meeting (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.387/20).

c) Secretariat to Barcelona Convention

21. In the context of discussions on ways to improve the efficiency and strengthening the governance of the Barcelona Convention/MAP and the Secretariat, the UNEP/Secretariat developed the note UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG 376/Inf.5 of 18 April 2013 in response to the consultants proposals under the report of the Extended Functional Review of the UNEP/MAP system (UNEP (DEPI)/MED/WG.376/Inf.3) presented to the Meeting of Focal Points held in April 2013 (Athens, Greece). UNEP's note states that it is the view of UNEP that a critical mass of Secretariat staff to serve the Barcelona Convention is required for a healthy and sustainable delivery of the priorities as identified by the Parties. At the request of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 76th meeting, the Secretariat has prepared the Secretariat's Structure for consideration by the MAP Focal Points under Annex III of UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/17:

d) Relations with IMO regarding REMPEC

22. Dialogue between IMO, UNEP, Government of Malta and the Contracting Parties regarding the REMPEC Center has taken place. The IMO asked to participate at the meeting of the 75th Bureau of the Contracting Parties in July 2012 and organized an informal meeting in September 2012 with IMO Mediterranean States on the issue. The Executive Secretary and Coordinator explored possible solutions with the Maltese authorities during her visits to Malta in 2012 and 2013 and held an informal consultation meeting between the Government of Malta, IMO and the Secretariat in April 2013, with a view to explore options for the future sustainability of the Center based on the results of the Extended Functional Review. Discussions are going on between IMO and the Secretariat, as requested by the Bureau at its 77th meeting (Ankara, July 2013), to provide a clear and comprehensive joint state of the play by 15 November 2013 with, to the extent possible, alternative operational scenarios including but not limited to the Extended Functional Review and fully costed proposals as well as information on the process and cost of transition.

e) Note on Staff Contracts

23. As per operational paragraph 7 of the 17th CoP decision on Governance (IG.20/13), the Coordinating Unit was urged "to develop a common policy for all MAP components, to be submitted to the COP, on the costs of administration and staff". The Secretariat engaged in consultations with UNEP Central Services following to which a clarification of types of personnel engaged by the Barcelona Convention / MAP system was provided. The analysis made by the Secretariat and its implications was presented in the Specific Issues Report of the 77th Meeting of the Bureau (UNEP/BUR/77/4).

f) The Host Country Agreements

24. Annex I to Decision IG. 20/13 includes a model agreement approved by UNEP Legal Unit and the UN Office of Legal Affairs which proposes Regional Activity Centers to be national centers with a regional vocation. COP 17 also approved the following four minimum common requirements as proposed by the 70th Bureau meeting held in 2010 (Morocco): host country and MAP Coordinating Unit engagement in the Center's governance including participation in its Steering Committee or similar governance arrangements; functional operational autonomy to implement MAP's Programme of Work; selection and appointment procedures for RAC Directors ensuring their highest professionalism and competence through a Committee in which a representative of the Coordinating Unit participates; and, management of funds to be done in accordance with the highest criteria and periodic submission of reports by an independent and reputable audit firm.
25. Dialogue and exchange have taken place between the Secretariat and the countries hosting the RACs with a view to progress in finalizing the host country agreements as requested by Decision IG. 20/13. Negotiations are on-going with Croatia, France, Italy, Spain and Tunisia.

1.4. Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach

26. Operational Paragraph 6 of decision IG.20/4, "Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives (EOs), Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap" adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 17th meeting in Paris, decided to establish an EcAp Coordination Group (EcAp CG) consisting of MAP focal points, the Coordinating Unit, the MAP components and MAP partners to oversee the implementation of the ecosystem approach, identifying progress and gaps in the implementation of the road map and finding feasible solutions for the advancement of the EcAp agenda.
27. The first two meetings of the EcAp CG were held on 29-30 May 2012 and on 24 April 2013, in Athens, Greece. The first meeting provided guidance to the Secretariat on the Barcelona Convention/MAP governance mechanism to oversee and implement the EcAp process, as well as recommendations for the process of determination of Good Environment Status (GES) and Targets. The second meeting discussed progress on the work carried out since the first EcAp CG meeting. It provided its views and recommendations to the Secretariat on the first draft list of GES descriptions and targets developed in three meetings of Correspondence Group – GES and Targets Clusters; and, on the activities to be undertaken to achieve expected outcomes in Decision IG.20/4 and, decided on the revised timeline on the priorities for the future. The third EcAp CG Meeting (9 September 2013) will discuss the Decision on EcAp to be presented to COP18 as well as the cooperation between the EU and the Parties to the Barcelona Convention in the implementation of Barcelona Convention/MAP EcAp and EU MSFD.
28. Good Environmental Status and Targets - The Correspondence Group on GES and Targets (COR-GEST) is composed of national experts designated by the Contracting Parties, and coordinated by the Secretariat in cooperation with relevant MAP components. It works to ensure efficient coverage and in-depth discussions and analysis of all EOs and is 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) Coast and Hydrography related EOs (EOs 7 and 8). A Regional Thematic Expert was assigned to each cluster to ensure coordination and provide technical assistance.

29. The first round of meetings of these three clusters was as follows:
- *The COR-GEST Pollution and Litter Cluster, met in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 29-30 October 2012;*
 - *The COR-GEST Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster (organized in close cooperation with GFCM) met in Rome, Italy on 7-8 February 2013; and,*
 - *The COR-GEST Coast and Hydrography Cluster met in Ankara, Turkey on 12-13 March 2013.*
30. Additionally, two discussions took place back to back to the meetings of Focal Points to MED POL and SPA/RAC, and an online consultation with Coast and Hydrography cluster participants and a UNEP/MAP EcAp Task Force meeting on integration in Athens (July 2013). The outcome of this process is submitted to the endorsement of MAP Focal Points.
31. The outcomes of the meetings of three Clusters of COR-GEST, i.e. first set of GES and targets for the review and consideration of the EcAp CG, are explained in details in the UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.387/Inf.8 and Inf.9. As requested by the second meeting of EcAp CG, the Secretariat prepared a consolidated list of GES and targets, after internal consultations of the UNEP/MAP EcAp Task Force, which is composed of representatives of UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit and the components (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/7).
32. Integrated Monitoring Programme & Integrated Assessment Policy – As adopted in Decision IG.20/4 two important steps of the EcAP implementation have been the establishment of the integrated policy on assessments for UNEP/MAP, as well as a regional integrated monitoring system. The initial work towards achieving these steps was carried out and overarching principles of UNEP/MAP Integrated Monitoring Programme and Integrated Assessment Policy were identified and submitted to MAP Focal Points' endorsement (Annex II to UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/7). An outlined process and timeline (included in an integrated manner in the updated EcAp timeline) was also developed, which aims to achieve an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme by COP19 in 2015 and a Quality Status Report (QSR), covering all agreed Ecological Objectives by the third EcAp Cycle in 2023. The QSR will be developed in close consultation with the Contracting Parties and the scientific community, using the existing governance structure.
33. The Correspondence Group on Economic and Social Analysis (COR ESA) met in Sophia Antipolis on 11-12 April 2013, and reviewed the proposal of the Plan Bleu regarding the Economic and Social Assessment in the Mediterranean Region. The meeting agreed on the priority to mainstream socioeconomic issues into work on GES and targets, monitoring and development/revision of measures. The meeting recommended "Marine Water Accounts Approach" to assess human uses of the marine ecosystem and socioeconomic benefits of it. It was agreed that the cost of degradation studies should consider cost of remediation and the pressures on habitats for endangered species. The Analysis will be ready in December 2013.
34. A 3-year project supported by EU was developed and approved by EU and started in June 2012 which was the major financial resource for carrying out core EcAp related activities in UNEP/MAP's Programme of Work. In particular, it mobilizes the capacity of the Coordinating Unit, the MAP components and that of its partners to achieve the mandates received in Decision IG.20/4 on "Implementing MAP Ecosystem Approach Roadmap".

1.5. Regional Plans and Strategies

35. Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD)- The 14th MCSD meeting requested to develop a more detailed programme of work around the implementation of the MSSD including related activities such as the adaptation to climate change framework, SCP, ICZM and other actions related to the MSSD. Based on the roadmap and proposals prepared by the Plan Bleu/RAC, the issue was discussed by the 15th Meeting of the MCSD. Members recommended that the MSSD be revised taking into consideration Rio+20 outcomes, while building on past experiences and practices. They also agreed that the new MSSD be both more action oriented and include a better monitoring and review system.
36. SAP/MED and NAPs - Progress was made in the SAP/MED and NAPs assessment during the biennium. The overall assessment of the policy, legal and capacity building components was carried out by MED POL, while EIB and UfM are evaluating the investment portfolio within the framework of H2020. The whole process is coordinated by UNEP/MAP (MED POL). This exercise is implemented in the framework of the Land Based Sources Protocol. It is a complex process involving all Contracting Parties and close coordination with the UfM Secretariat and the H2020 initiative are needed so as to enhance existing and potential synergies and cooperation. The NAPs will be updated in order to take into account the 2025 SAP targets, the seven regional Plans adopted in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS protocol as well as the adopted GES and targets under EcAp for EO 5, 9 and 10. The state of play of NAP implementation carried out during this biennium will be the basis to build the NAP update. The preliminary results were shared with MED POL FP meeting in July 2013 in Barcelona.
37. SAP BIO evaluation was finalized and new strategic orientations submitted to SPA/RAC Focal Points Meeting in July 2013. It is proposed that the SAP BIO be oriented during the period 2013-2020 towards achieving the five Strategic Goals of the Aichi Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 adopted within the framework of the CBD; the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives, the EcAp Roadmap and the work done at Mediterranean level for the identification of the Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs).
38. Marine Litter - The preparation of the regional plan in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol as decided by COP17 in Paris, 2012 was carried out. In the spirit of Decision IG 20/9 of COP 17, Paris, France, 2012, the process for preparing the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management was participatory and several regional and global partners were invited to provide active feedback and contribution such as UNEP/GPA, OSPAR, ACCOBAMS, EC, GFCM, MSFD sub group on marine litter, and the concerned UNEP/MAP components. A consultation meeting was held at UNEP/MAP Secretariat premises in Athens on 26 March 2013 to discuss the first draft. The draft Regional Plan was reviewed by an Expert Group, nominated by the Contracting Parties, on 17-18 May 2013, Barcelona, Spain and endorsed by the MEDPOL FP meeting in June 2013 for consideration by the MAP FP meeting in September 2013.
39. Offshore Protocol - The Secretariat and REMPEC have launched the process of preparing an Action Plan to support the implementation of the Offshore Protocol. The 1st Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting was organized in Valletta (Malta) on 13-14 June 2013. The participants encouraged the involvement of the OSPAR Commission, the European Offshore Oil and Gas Authorities Group and other fora with a view to harmonize the Mediterranean approach with internationally recognized best practices, and the creation of synergies with other related Programmes (e.g. MED POL), MAP approaches and other Contracting Parties' Decisions (e.g.

Ecosystem Approach for the Management of Human Activities in the Mediterranean (EcAp)). They further recognized the added value of representatives from the oil and gas industry for their technical input and underlined the need to involve them in future activities. The Meeting emphasized the need to gather relevant and detailed legal and technical information on the current situation. In this regards, the Countries have been requested to send this information to REMPEC by 15 September 2013. A tender procedure was launched to assist REMPEC and the Secretariat to draft the Action Plan and the company is expected to start its activity shortly.

1.6. Global and Regional Processes and Events

40. CBD - Based on Operational Paragraph 8 of decision IG.20/7 on Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 17th meeting in Paris, the Secretariat transmitted the work carried out regarding “Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas” (EBSAs) to CBD Secretariat. UNEP/MAP presented the work regarding EBSAs at the 16th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 16) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held in April 2012. The SBSTTA recommendation on EBSAs included a preamble paragraph relating to the Mediterranean work and the description of the areas that could meet EBSAs criteria in the Mediterranean region was included in the summary report. Decision 17 of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP XI, India October 2012) noted decision IG.20/7 of the Barcelona Convention COP 17(Paris, February 2012) regarding the conservation of sites of particular interest in the Mediterranean. It also requested the Executive Secretary of CBD to include the summary reports on the descriptions of areas that meet the EBSAs criteria in the repository and to submit them to the General Assembly, Parties, Governments and all other relevant International Organizations while taking note of the particular need for a regional workshop in the Mediterranean region to finalize the description of EBSAs. UNEP/MAP Secretariat consulted with the CBD Secretariat and interested Parties on ways to follow up on this decision. Due to the lack of resources, the workshop will tentatively take place in early 2014.
41. World Oceans Assessment – Regarding The United Nations process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, both current and foreseeable, building on existing regional assessments, as agreed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (2002), UNEP/MAP disseminated information to Parties to Barcelona Convention and actively participated in the first workshop on the World Oceans Assessment (previously known as UN Regular Process) aiming to inform the first cycle of the Regular Process for European Seas and the Atlantic, which was organized by Belgium in June 2012. Discussions have taken place for a Capacity Building workshop regarding the Assessment in the Mediterranean to ensure broader presence of the countries that are Parties to Barcelona Convention. At the global level, the Assessment’s table of content was agreed and recognition that delays may further the release of the report to one year later (2015).
42. UNEP “Regional Sea Strategic Directions for 2013-2016” were developed and adopted at the annual meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, to which UNEP/MAP- Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary participated (October 2013). The Strategic Directions acknowledged the role of the 18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAP) in assessing the state of the marine environment; addressing key developments that interact with the marine environment; and, agreeing on appropriate responses in terms of strategies, policies, management tools and protocols. The strategic directions are meant to increase the effectiveness and outreach of RSCAP during the period of 2013-2016, through increasing country

ownership, promoting the incorporation of the Convention and/or Action Plan and their protocols into national legislation, promoting compliance and enforcement mechanisms, involving civil society and the private sector, building capacities, strengthening coordination and partnerships to improve global knowledge, funding and implementation, developing assessment and monitoring procedures, as well as supporting the provision of tools to decouple economic growth from environmental pressures.

43. Rio+20 - During the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (RIO+20), a side event on “Challenges and Opportunities for a Mediterranean Green Growth” was co-organized by Mediterranean organizations including UNEP/MAP, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat, the Commission of the European Union (DG Environment), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med), MIO-ECSDE and Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco.
44. The Malta Declaration concluding the second meeting of heads of state and government of the ten countries bordering the Western Mediterranean Basin held on 5th October 2012 renewed the group’s commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and to prepare the post-2015 agenda in the framework of the Barcelona Convention.

1.7. The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report

45. The State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report was finalized and published. It is based on the First Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Ecosystem endorsed at COP17 (Paris 2012) and provides information on the overall nature of the Mediterranean Ecosystem, defines recurrent and new pressures, presents regional regulatory responses and identifies knowledge gaps as well as next steps. The Report can be accessed at www.unepmap.org.
46. The official regional launching took place in Ankara, Turkey on 16 January 2013, in cooperation with UNDP Turkey under the auspices of the T.R. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. The meeting was attended by representatives of relevant Ministries’ experts from Turkish Government, MAP partner NGOs, UN organizations and media.
47. A second launching was made on the World Environment Day (5th June 2013) in Athens in cooperation with Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, followed by a presentation to the Committee on Water Resources at the Greek Parliament.
48. The Report (in English and French) has been sent to all Ministers of Environment in the Region. The Arabic version is being prepared and will be published soon.

1.8. Cooperation and partnerships

49. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) was signed on 14th May 2012 at the opening of the 36th session of the GFCM in Marrakech, Morocco. The MoU aims to facilitate collaboration between UNEP/MAP and GFCM to further shared goals and objectives regarding the conservation of marine ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine living resources in their respective fields of competence. Two operational meetings took place in July 2012 and February 2013. The following implementation priorities have been identified: the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp); synergies in criteria for establishing protected areas under both regimes, ie. Fisheries Protected Areas and

Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and species protection related issues; and fishing for litter. UNEP/MAP and GFCM jointly organized the meeting of the Correspondence Group Cluster on Biodiversity and Fisheries in FAO Headquarters (February 2013), collaborated on the elaboration of the synthesis document for the meeting, and identified a case study for the application of EcAp, and MSFD. The third operational meeting between the Secretariat and the GFCM will be held in late September 2013.

50. Following Decision IG.20/13 requesting the Secretariat to collaborate with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), and after consultations with MAP Components, initial discussion was held between UNEP/MAP and UfM, led by the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and the Deputy Secretary General of the UfM for Environment and Water. The results of these discussions were shared with the 75th Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in Paris (France) in July 2012 and reflected in a revised version of the MoU which was shared with the Bureau members in November 2012. The Secretariat has continued consultations with the broader UfM Secretariat including the Energy, Transport and Urban Development as well as the Environment and Water Divisions. Their suggestions were further discussed with MAP Components and captured in a draft which was subject of a final coordination meeting between the Secretary General of the UfM and the Deputy Secretary General for Environment and Water and the UNEP/MAP Coordinator in May 2013. Substantively, the main difference with the previous version lays in enlarging the scope of the MoU to include all MAP activities and clarify the areas of cooperation in a more precise manner. The draft MoU was discussed with the Bureau and is brought to the endorsement of the MAP Focal Points, before it is signed at COP18. (Annex I of UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/19).
51. Following Decision IG.20/13 requesting the Secretariat to also prepare formal collaboration with IUCN and further to consultations with Regional Activity Centers (RACs), efforts have been made to bring the relations to a more strategic level. As discussed during a bi-lateral working session between UNEP/MAP and IUCN, this would be best achieved by putting at the service of the Barcelona Convention the IUCN global and regional networks in the selected areas of cooperation with a view to strengthen the scientific and policy basis of relevant work under the Convention. The format of the cooperation is proposed to be a concrete programme of work in the context of the existing overall MoU between IUCN and UNEP. It is expected that the cooperation agreement (Annex II of UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 387/19) will be signed during COP18.
52. The annual EU Commission and UNEP/MAP Coordination Meetings took place on 29 March 2012 and 10 July 2013. Policy discussions focused around EU-UNEP process for environmental projects, environmental policy, governance of UNEP/MAP system, Ecosystem Approach and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). With a view to continue ensuring synergies between the application of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean and MSFD, relevant UNEP/MAP staff participated in the discussions at the EU implementation structure levels, including the participation by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator to Marine Directors Meeting in May 2013.
53. The UNEP/MAP/MED POL cooperated closely with UfM Secretariat and EIB with regard to the evaluation of NAP/SAP investment portfolio and H2020 projects. It contributed to the three working/steering groups (capacity building, information and investments) in order to align H2020 efforts and enhance synergies as appropriate to support the implementation of SAP/NAPs and achievement of their targets. In the context of the capacity building component, MED POL has contributed to the preparation of the new programme of work 2014-2018 ensuring the Barcelona Convention/MAP priorities and country needs were fully taken into account. The

activities include, inter-alia, organization of an ad hoc regional training course in the field of industrial pollution monitoring; mid-term evaluation of H2020 CB/MEP (2009-2014), and, H2020 monitoring and assessment through the identification and population of 6 indicators. EEA and MED POL also continue cooperation to prepare the first assessment report of H2020 progress as called by the roadmap of the Cairo Declaration.

54. With regard to ballast water management, the on-going cooperation sustained with HELCOM and OSPAR on the finalization of a Notice to Shipping on the "General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by vessels operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea" which was communicated to IMO for circulation to IMO Member States.
55. In the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution, as in recent years, REMPEC continued to cooperate with the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) which co-financed with IMO the organization of a National Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management and the Sub-regional Workshop on Claims Management for Arab Speaking Countries and the Technical Session on Assistance support cost and reimbursement.
56. UNEP/MAP GEF MedPartnership Project
 - *The external evaluation of the project was conducted from October to December 2012 and the Project was evaluated as moderately successful. The joint execution continued through MAP components (MED POL, CP/RAC, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC), UNESCO-IHP, FAO/GFCM, UNIDO, and WWF-MedPO, GWP-MED, MIO-ECSDE. A joint integrated methodology for coastal zone and water (including groundwater and aquifer) management has been developed by UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med and PAP/RAC, and applied in two areas, the Buna/Bojana (Albania/Montenegro) and the Reghaia (Algeria) coastal zones. In addition, the replication strategy has been expanded to join with EC projects, the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWIM) and Horizon 2020 in order to adopt one approach to the promotion of best practices, as well as combining resources and expertise to be more strategic and cost effective. The first replication activities were conducted within the MedPartnership in support of the Mediterranean Marine Protected Area (MPA) Forum, held in Antalya in November 2012, on enhancing management and the creation of new MPA's.*
 - *In January 2012, the GEF CEO approved a parallel project "Integration of Climate Variability and Change into National Strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol (Climate Variability project). It provides a unique opportunity to integrate climate variability aspects into the ongoing work of the MedPartnership. The assessments, tools, revised ICZM plans and ultimately a Climate Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean will be finalized for consideration by the 2015 meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.*
57. UNEP/MAP participated actively in the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative Workshop, where the Government of Croatia and the European Commission jointly launched the Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, on 6th December 2012 at a conference in Zagreb. The new strategy is part of the overall Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) of the EU, which already includes maritime strategies for the Baltic and the Atlantic Seas. During the parallel working groups meetings, information on the Ecosystem Approach implementation in the Mediterranean was shared with the participants. In parallel,

dialogue continued with the World Bank on an Adriatic GEF Project, under which UNEP/MAP will support developing EcAp targets in the sub-region.

58. As part of the ENRTP Cooperation between UNEP and EU, two projects - "Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) in the Mediterranean (EcAp-MED)" and the "SWITCH MED" with the aim to facilitate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns and the green economy in the Mediterranean were approved in April 2012 and started as of June 2012. Additional funding from EU was secured to extend the EcAp-MED project with a Marine Litter component.
59. In the field of prevention of pollution from ships, REMPEC cooperated with the European Commission (EC) and with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) as well as with IMO in the implementation of the SafeMed II Project.
60. NGO/Civil Society (POSOW Project), private sector (MOIG joint activities) and academic/research institutions (MEDESS-4MS Project) involvement in REMPEC activities were secured.
61. MAP Partners - The operational paragraph 4 of Governance Decision IG.20/3 "requests the Secretariat to complete the review of the current list of MAP partners on the basis of the criteria established in Decision 19/6 on "MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership" and submit the list for consideration and approval by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties during next biennium and submit it for endorsement by the meeting of the Contracting Parties". On 19 March 2012, the Secretariat asked the MAP Partners appearing on the list in document UNEP(DEPI) MED IG 20/11 (Directory of MAP Partners) to complete as soon as possible the application form responding to criteria in Annex II for the status of MAP observer/partner. The Secretariat has carried out a detailed assessment of the 29 responses received out of 84 in the list. Based on the lists of criteria for accreditation, as defined in Annex II to Decision GI. 19/6, the Secretariat considered that all 29 organizations comply with the above criteria for accreditation. The Secretariat has also received and assessed three new applications for accreditation from organizations working in the field of protection of the environment in coastal areas of the Mediterranean, which also comply with the criteria for accreditation.

1.9. Financial, Personnel and Administrative Matters

62. Thanks to a rigorous and conservative approach in fund management and spending adopted by the Secretariat and supported by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and a higher contribution rate by Parties for 2012, the MTF regained its healthy position within the year. The final UNEP account has shown a positive USD 1.2 million MTF fund balance as of December 2012 recovering from the deficit of US\$ 1.7 million in 2011. While full deficit recovery seems achievable within the target of 2015 set by the Secretariat or even earlier, delays on payment of contributions and remaining arrears and the prevailing difficult regional situation may hinder the prospect of restoring the financial situation as expected.
63. The contribution rate in 2012 reached 99.7%, the highest level in recent years. Arrears have also been significantly reduced. However, in spite of the Secretariat efforts, the collection rate remains at 62% as of August 2013, which seems again to be lagging behind and is a matter of concern.

Financial Matters

64. The status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund as at 31 July 2013 stood as follows:
- *Total unpaid pledges as of 31/7/2013: EUR 2,159,281.*
 - *Total pledges of ordinary contributions for 2013: EUR 5,540,569.*
 - *Total collections during 2013: EUR 3,377,711.*
 - *Total unpaid contributions as of 31/7/2013 are EUR 2,839,712*
65. An additional contribution has been received from the EU (EUR 598,569 being the voluntary contribution for 2013).
66. With regards to Consultancy, efforts continued to minimize hiring consultants from the MTF/EU Voluntary funding. This was strictly complied with by all the Components. The percentage of consultancies funded by MTF/EU Voluntary funding remains at a low level of 13 percent.

Personnel matters

67. The information regarding the new posts is as follows:
- *P3 MED POL Programme Officer (Post No: MEL-2322-2F93-2664-1102): The Post was unfrozen following the validation at the 1st MAP Focal Points' Meeting held in April 2013. The reclassification of the post to P3 level is underway and will be followed by advertisement in the United Nations recruitment system INSPIRA.*
 - *G5 Programme Assistant (Governance) (Post No: MEL-2322-2F91-2664-1306): The Post was unfrozen following the validation at the 1st MAP Focal Points' Meeting held in April 2013. The post has been advertised in the United Nations recruitment system INSPIRA for 30 days. The selection process is underway.*
 - *P3 SWITCH-Med Project Officer (Post No: EC/6030-12-19-1102): The recruitment process is completed and Mr. Driss Haboudane (Moroccan national) reported on duty at UNEP/MAP on 1st July 2013.*
 - *P3 ECAP-Med Project Officer (Post No: EC/6030-12-14-1102): The recruitment process is completed and Ms. Gyorgyi Gurban (EU citizen) assumed her functions at UNEP/MAP on 22 April 2013.*
 - *P4 MedPartnership Project Manager (Post No: GFL-2322-2731-4A05-1101): The selection process is completed. Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati (Italian national) has been selected for the post and is expected to report on duty on 4 September 2013.*
 - *P3, Information Officer, MedPartnership Project (Post No: GFL-2322-4A05-2731-1109). Ms Hoda El-Turk (Lebanese national) has been selected for the position and started working on January 2013.*
 - *G6 GEF Administrative Assistant (Post No: MEL-2322-2B41-2664-1310): The post was advertised in the United Nations recruitment system INSPIRA for 30 days. A total of 101 applications were received and reviewed. Six candidates were shortlisted and interviewed. The selection process is being finalized.*
 - *P3 Economic Affairs Officer (Post No: GFL-2322-4A05-2731-1110): The position was advertised in the United Nations recruitment system INSPIRA for 60 days. The selection process is currently underway.*

Resource Mobilization

68. The Secretariat has been successful in mobilizing external resources, which permitted the Secretariat to implement priority activities identified in the programme of work. The detailed information regarding the resource mobilization is as follows:

- *GEF supported project “Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean” Implementing partners Plan Bleu – USD 780,000, PAP/RAC – USD 770,000, and Coordinating Unit – USD 408,545.*
- *“Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) in the Mediterranean (EcAp-MED)” funded by EU with a budget of 1,716,000 €, for 3 years. Implementing partners Plan Bleu -100,000 €, SPA/RAC – 200,000 €, MED POL – 400,000 €, Coordinating Unit – 846,000 €, and REMPEC - 170,000 €*
- *“Towards sustainable consumption and production patterns in the Mediterranean (SWITCH-Med Policy Component)”, funded by EU with a budget of 3,100,000 € (with co-financing 3,715,000 €). CP/RAC will receive 1,086,000 € and the Coordinating Unit 800,000 € in total for three years.*
- *PERSEUS (Policy-orientated marine Environmental Research for the Southern European Seas), EU FP7 Project, Plan Bleu mobilized 323,000 € for the period 2012-2015.*
- *Shared Environment Information System (SEIS) in the context of European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) (ENPI/SEIS) Project, funded by EU, INFO/RAC will receive 196,000 €, MED POL will receive 276,000 € and Plan Bleu 116,000 €.*
- *People for Ecosystem-based Governance in Assessing Sustainable development of Ocean and coast Project (PEGASO), EU FP7 Project, PAP/RAC will receive 450,000 € and Plan Bleu 430,000 €.*
- *Shaping an Holistic Approach to Protect the Adriatic Environment between coast and sea Project (SHAPE), funded by EU, PAP/RAC share totals 398,000 €.*
- *IMO Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP), REMPEC received 249,139 €.*
- *The Preparedness for Oil-polluted Shoreline cleanup and Oiled Wildlife interventions – POSOW Project, funded by EU, coordinated by REMPEC with a budget of 205,526 €.*
- *The Mediterranean Decision Support System for Marine Safety – MEDESS-4MS, funded by EU European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) MED Programme Funding, REMPEC will receive 243,480 €.*
- *ReGoKo (Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project), funded by GEF, Plan Bleu will receive USD 412,000 and REMPEC USD 39,400.*
- *GEF-UNDP-IMO GloBallast Project, REMPEC received 9,752 € for the development of Ballast Water Management national legislation and economic assessment in Turkey and Croatia respectively.*
- *Memorandum of Understanding signed between SPA/RAC and CP/RAC for the development of activities in the framework of CAMP Montenegro, with special regard to the assessment of the potential development of eco-tourism in Kotor bay.*

1.10. Communications and Dissemination Activities, Information systems

69. The 2012 Mediterranean Coast Day celebration was organised in Split, Croatia, by PAP/RAC and the Secretariat, and hosted by the Croatian Minister of Environmental and Nature Protection. The event was attended by high-level representatives of Croatian authorities, as well as a number of National Focal Points for PAP, representatives of UNEP and UNDP, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of local authorities and institutions, NGOs and the civil society. The 2013 Mediterranean Coast Day will be celebrated in Rimini, Italy, on 25 September 2013.
70. The Plan Bleu prepared a note on "Twenty years of Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean", which was disseminated during RIO+20. Additionally, preparation of State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment Report is at its final stage and planned to be finalized this summer.
71. REMPEC finalized the French version of the Mediterranean Oil Spill Waste Management Guidelines and the Decision Support Tool as well as the Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea in the Mediterranean region.
72. UNEP/MAP organized a side-event in the GFCM's 36th Session in Marrakech on Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean; Plan Bleu activities on fisheries: Long term trends in small pelagic and bottom fisheries in the Mediterranean; analysis of economic activities in the Mediterranean: Fishery and aquaculture sectors; and, the Open seas, including deep seas, and protected species.
73. UNEP/MAP participated in events presenting the Barcelona Convention, including the EU Green Week, in May 2012.
74. The final Conference on the CAMP Levante de Almeria was held in Spain in February 2013 with the participation of State Secretary of Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs and high-level representatives of the Andalusian region. A short video on the CAMP Levante de Almeria prepared and put on the PAP/RAC web site.
75. The final event of the BAT4MED project was held on June 27th, 2013, in the Dead Sea area in Jordan. This event, entitled "Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control in the Mediterranean region", gathered national and regional stakeholders in order to discuss the potential of IPPC in the region, based on the project results on the identification of specific BAT and BEP for the Textile and Dairy sectors of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.
76. Plan Bleu produced the notes on Monitoring the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development: Key indicators - update 2013; Anticipation of water stress in the Mediterranean: a decision support tool for better management of water resources; and Greening the Mediterranean fisheries: an attempt to assess the margin of economic manoeuvre.
77. REMPEC produced four manuals on oiled shoreline assessment, oiled shoreline clean-up, oiled wildlife response and oil spill volunteer management.
78. SPA/RAC produced the Note on the establishment of Marine Protected Areas beyond national jurisdiction; Best practice guidelines for Aquaculture and sustainable management in Mediterranean coastal wetlands; and, Guidelines for management and monitoring of threatened population of marine and coastal bird species and their important areas in the Mediterranean.

79. According to Article 26 (Reports) of the Barcelona Convention the Contracting Parties should submit reports on the legal, administrative or other measures taken by them for the implementation of the Convention or its Protocols. To facilitate this task, the Barcelona Convention Reporting System is officially operational since January 2013. The main objective of the Reporting system is to collect, store, manage and process compliance reporting data regarding the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. A methodological guide has been created by the Info/RAC.
80. An online platform for the MedOpenSeas project based on Seasketch, which facilitates planning of SPAMIs in areas within and beyond national jurisdictions, was set up (SPA/RAC).
81. The online database on marine invasive species in the Mediterranean sea (MAMIAS, www.mamias.org) is operational, which gives information on invasive non-indigenous species in the Mediterranean (list of alien species, list of marine invasive species, list of vectors, etc...) and allows the use of different filters to find required data and the making of different statistics at regional and national level about alien and invasive species (SPA/RAC).
82. A draft Strategy for data collection in the framework of the implementation of Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol) was developed and presented during the 11th SPA FPs meeting (SPA/RAC)

2. Status of implementation by Priority Themes in the 5 Year Programme of Work

83. The Secretariat together with MAP Components has carried out an internal exercise to determine the progress in the implementation of the current biennium POW. The result of this exercise was organized around the themes and outcomes of the Five Year Programme of Work (2010-2014) agreed by COP16 in Marrakesh (2009). It summarizes results achieved or if still in progress some of the activities carried out in the implementation of the Five Year POW (2010-2014) in the last 20 months.

2.1. Integrated Coastal Zone Management (THEME II)

Output 2.1	Coastal zone management achieves effective balance between development and protection (sustainable development of coastal zone)
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84. Two national ICZM strategies in Algeria and Montenegro in preparation (PAP/RAC).
85. CAMP Almeria (Spain) - "Defining an integrated governance model inclusive of local, regional and national governments as well as stakeholders" finalised and CAMP Montenegro - "Implementing the ICZM approach in preparing the physical plan for the Montenegro coastal area, in close relation with the national ICZM strategy" in preparation (PAP/RAC).
86. Two coastal plans in preparation (Reghaia area plan as a support to the Algerian national ICZM strategy and the transboundary plan for Buna/Bojana river in Albania/Montenegro merging the coastal and water management planning) (PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC).
87. An Integrative Methodological Framework drafted jointly by PAP/RAC, GWP-Med and UNESCO-IHP to explain the modality of integration between ICZM and IWRM (PAP/RAC).

88. Explanatory report on institutional coordination (Art.7 of the ICZM Protocol) and Explanatory report on the setback implementation (Art.8 of the ICZM Protocol) finalised (PAP/RAC).
89. National and synthesis reports taking-stock on legal and institutional aspects of ICZM completed and will be submitted to PAP NFPs during the Mediterranean Coast Day in September 2013 (PAP/RAC).
90. Report on the interpretation of the legal aspects of the ICZM Protocol as well as two studies of the Croatian legal framework (general screening and setback) in relation with ICZM Protocol prepared and presented at a regional workshop (PAP/RAC).
91. Guidelines for the preparation of National ICZM Strategies prepared (PAP/RAC).
92. A Conceptual Framework for the implementation of ICZM based on the review of current issues drafted by the PEGASO team shared with PAP/RAC NFPs through the NFPs Corner (PAP/RAC), together with the Progress Report on PAP/RAC activities in 2012-2013
93. A pilot activity was organised by REMPEC in 2012 in co-operation with IMO ITCP, the Port Authority of Antwerp and the Waste Agency of Flanders on best practices for port reception facilities and the management of ship waste (REMPEC).

2.2. Biodiversity (THEME III)

Output 3.1	Ecosystem services provided by the marine and coastal environment identified and valued
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94. "Analysis of Mediterranean marine environment protection: the case of the Pelagos Sanctuary" published and support to national consultants making the studies on MPAs' socio-economic impacts provided (Plan Bleu).

Output 3.2	Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic vision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species
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Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

95. Implementation of the Marine Turtles AP: technical support to the Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon) to implement satellite tracking of two sea turtles and the set up of rescue center; support the nesting monitoring campaign in Kuriat Island (Tunisia) (SPA/RAC).
96. Census of water birds wintering in Tunisia helped to build capacity in Libya and Tunisia to survey wintering habitats of bird species in Annex II to the Protocol; and to strengthen the collaboration between SPA/RAC, EGA (Libya) and AAO (Tunisia) (SPA/RAC).
97. Continued implementation of capacity building activities in the field of ballast water management in Tunisia, Morocco and Israel financed through IMO's ITCP and SafeMed II Project. An awareness raising seminar is planned in Algeria in October 2013 financed by IMO's ITCP (REMPEC).
98. Two regional training workshops on Mediterranean Monk seal monitoring; and, on coralligenous mapping techniques (SPA/RAC).

Output 3.3	Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), extended, strengthened and effectively managed
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Conservation efforts

99. National and sub-regional consultation on joint SPAMIs promotion in the Mediterranean being prepared. (SPA/RAC).
100. 3 SPAMIs evaluated in Italy and Algeria (SPA/RAC).
101. Country assistance in view of the creation and planning for management of eight new MPAs: Porto Palermo Bay (Albania), Réghaïa (Algeria), Sallum (Egypt), El-Kouf National Park and Ain Al-Ghazala & Bomba Gulf (Libya), Kotor Bay (Montenegro), Cap des Trois Fourches (Morocco), and Kuriat Islands (Tunisia) (SPA/RAC).
102. Assistance to five Mediterranean countries (Croatia, Lebanon, Montenegro, Morocco, and Syria) in the evaluation of potential sites for MPA creation along their coasts (SPA/RAC).
103. Guidelines to improve the implementation of the Mediterranean network and connectivity between SPAs finalized. (SPA/RAC).
104. A roadmap towards a comprehensive ecologically representative, effectively connected and efficiently managed network of Mediterranean Protected areas network by 2020 will be submitted for discussion and adoption for the 11th SPA FPs meeting (SPA/RAC).

Development of new and revision of existing Strategies and Action Plans

105. "General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by vessels operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea" applied in cooperation with OSPAR and HELCOM (REMPEC).
106. To be presented to COP18 - A Mediterranean strategy for the management of monk seal; evaluation of the progress made within the implementation of marine turtles, cartilaginous fishes and bird species Action Plans; draft Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean dark assemblages; and, methodology note on the Identification and Reference List of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea (SPA/RAC).

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

107. Support to management effectiveness of marine protected areas in Montenegro for the implementation of a CAMP in Kotor Bay, Montenegro (SPA/RAC).
108. Technical assistance: sustainable tourism and visitor management in MPAs, Albania and Montenegro (SPA/RAC).
109. Capacity building to establish and improve management of marine and coastal protected areas (SPA/RAC):
 - *Regional Training on Ecological Monitoring in MPAs (CIMAR, Santa Pola and the Marine Reserve of Nueva Tabarca (Spain)*
 - *Workshop on GIS use for Libyan MPA managers and practitioners (Bizerta)*

- *Workshop on socio-economic assessments in MPAs for Libyan MPA managers and practitioners (Tunis)*
- *Training on Participatory process and stakeholders engagement in MPAs for Libyan MPA managers (Akyaka)*

110. Forum on Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (Antalya, November 2012) organized in collaboration with the MedPAN Secretariat, UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey (SPA/RAC).

2.3. Pollution Control and Prevention (THEME IV)

Output 4.1 Early warning of pollution (spills, dangerous/hazardous substances)

Pollution assessments

111. Assessment of nutrient from rivers finalized, maps produced, publication in process.
112. Support Mediterranean laboratories with data quality assurance, using the services of the Marine Environmental Studies Laboratory (MESL) and of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
113. A model of correlation between ELV (Emission Limit Values) and EQS (Environmental Quality Standards) finalized. Software and guidelines under preparation.
114. Monitoring data provided by 13 countries: The submitted monitoring data uploaded on the MED POL database
115. Six indicators agreed with the EEA and endorsed by the SEIS WG on Indicators to track H2020 progress. Work ongoing to populate the agreed indicators. (in cooperation with EEA and Plan Bleu).
116. 6 National Workshops held in Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco supporting countries to populate H2020 indicators
117. Tracking trends in pollution inputs finalized based on 2003 and 2008 NBB data; summarized fact sheets prepared for 20 Contracting Parties.

Regional Policies Implementation

118. Assessment of nutrient from rivers finalized, maps produced (MED POL).
119. Mediterranean Oil Spill Waste Management Guidelines and a related online Decision Support Tool finalized (REMPEC).
120. Guidelines for the use of dispersants for combating oil pollution at sea finalized (REMPEC).
121. Support Mediterranean laboratories with data quality assurance, using the services of the Marine Environmental Studies Laboratory (MESL) and of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (MED POL).
122. A model of correlation between ELV (Emission Limit Values) and EQS (Environmental Quality Standards) finalized. A web based tools and guidelines to be finished by 2013 (MED POL).

123. Since 2012, monitoring data provided by 11 countries: Algeria (2011), Bosnia & Herzegovina (river loads, 2009), France (2006-2009), Israel (2009), Italy (2006 and 2009), Morocco (2011), Slovenia (2011) Turkey (2011), Montenegro and uploaded on the MED POL database (MED POL).

Technical Assistance and Capacity building

124. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Croatia supported to formulate and implement the trend and compliance of national monitoring programmes (MED POL).
125. Version 3 of REMPEC's MIDSIS-TROCS, a desktop and online decision support tool aimed at assisting decision-makers to select measures to be taken related to plausible hazardous material marine spills, was upgraded and made available (REMPEC).
126. Two introductory videos on "oil spill waste management decision support tool" and "MIDSIS TROCS" were developed in-house and uploaded on the Centre's website (REMPEC).
127. Marine pollution contingency plan of Albania and Montenegro adopted, Cyprus plan is under revision (REMPEC).
128. Oil Spill Waste Management Workshop in Tunisia organized in collaboration with the Agency of Environmental Protection (ANPE) and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) (REMPEC).
129. Sub-regional Workshop on Claims Management for Arab Speaking Countries and Technical Session on Assistance support cost and reimbursement organized in Morocco as a follow up to the framework of the Sub-Regional Agreement between Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (REMPEC).
130. The level of preparedness of REMPEC's Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) for assisting the CPs in case of emergency is maintained by, inter alia, renewing the MAU Agreements with CEDRE, FEDERCHIMICA and ISPRA (formerly ICRAM) for their participation in the MAU. A new MAU Agreement with the Sea Alarm Foundation was signed in May 2011 (REMPEC).
131. REMPEC participated in a number of national and sub-regional Alert Exercises aimed at testing and improving the response network's reaction capacity, and providing recommendations for improvements (REMPEC).
132. A set of training material on shoreline clean-up assessment, clean-up techniques, management of volunteers and oiled wildlife response (Manuals, Power Point Presentations, Instructor Manual and Posters) have been developed through the POSOW Project, whilst two train the trainer courses for EU Mediterranean Member States, also financed through the POSOW Project, were organised in May 2013 (REMPEC).
133. Memorandum of Understanding signed between REMPEC, the Department of Merchant Shipping of Cyprus (DMS) and the major Italian oil company Eni S.p.A (ENI) which shares with the Project MEDESS-4MS, a set of GIS sensitivity maps for the entire region and the related databases including environmental and socio-economic data with a view to develop an integrated decision support tool (REMPEC).
134. At the end of June 2013, REMPEC and Plan Bleu convened a meeting on the establishment of a network of law enforcement officials relating to MARPOL in the

Mediterranean Sea (MENELAS). The meeting, which was held in Spain and organised with the financial support of the Government of France, was also financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) "Regional Governance and Knowledge Generation Project" (ReGoKo Project) being implemented by Plan Bleu. Operational and judicial officials from 14 countries and territories in the Mediterranean responsible for investigating and sanctioning marine pollution offences participated in the meeting aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and experience amongst these officials. The meeting discussed and endorsed the terms of reference of the proposed network and recommended the establishment of the network and the adoption of its terms of reference by the Contracting Parties.

135. Important progress has been achieved under SEIS project implemented by EEA and UNEP/MAP with regards to assessing the progress of H2020 initiative implementation through a set of 6 aggregated indicators as well as supporting the establishment of relevant data flow.

Output 4.2 Lower levels of pollution in the Mediterranean marine and coastal environments

Regional Policies Implementation

136. Support to NAP priorities in four industrial sectors provided to 4 countries (Algeria, Syria (stopped in 2012), Tunisia and Turkey):
- *Support to NIP implementation in the electricity sector provided to 4 countries (Albania, BH, Egypt and Turkey) to ensure ESM and disposal of PCB (Polychlorinated biphenyls) in accordance with SAP and Stockholm convention(in cooperation with CP/RAC).*
 - *PRTR: Support in process to Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia, Palestine, Algeria; finalized in Turkey. One national workshop held in Egypt. Other countries in process.*
 - *Guidelines on BEPs for the environmentally sound management of Mercury contaminated sites (in cooperation with CP/RAC) prepared and submitted to MED POL FPs meeting.*
 - *Regional Training Workshop on the implementation of Regional Plan on mercury (in cooperation with CP/RAC).*
 - *Identification of BAT and BEP and creation of corresponding database for dairy and textile industrial sectors of Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt (CP/RAC).*
137. Capacity building on pollution reduction and sustainable management in areas listed in Annex I of LBS Protocol in Bosnia and Herzegovina (food sector), Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (industrial cities, subregional), Egypt (industrial SMEs) and Israel (industrial effluents) (CP/RAC).
138. Regional Seminar on the policy, technical and legal aspects of BOD reduction from Food Sector. (CP/RAC and MED POL in the framework of H2020).
139. Format of REMPEC's Regional Information System (RIS) harmonized (REMPEC).
140. REMPEC's database on alerts and accidents in the Mediterranean Sea is regularly updated and is also accessible online on REMPEC's website (REMPEC).

141. REMPEC's online country profile including 24H contact point for pollution notification and response means is regularly updated (REMPEC).
142. Review of the response equipment inventory carried out in the framework of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) and the EU Project MEDESS-4MS (REMPEC).
143. Updated assessment report on wastewater treatment plants of coastal cities and of those in cities that discharge their effluents in rivers which end up in the Mediterranean. Includes information and trends between 2003 and 2010, covering cities with more than 2000 inhabitants (MED POL).

Technical Assistance and Capacity building

144. NAP priorities in industrial sector: Support provided to 6 countries (Albania, BH, Algeria, Egypt, Turkey and Tunisia) to address the sound management of waste such as lub oils, batteries, PCBs, Chromium, BOD from tanneries, metals from fertilizers (MED POL).
145. PRTR: Support provided to Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestinian Authority, Algeria; finalized in Turkey (MED POL).
146. Regional Training Workshop on Sound management of Mercury and development of Guidelines on BEPs for the environmentally sound management of Mercury contaminated sites (MED POL and CP/RAC).
147. Implementation of the objectives of the Regional Plan on POPs: Algeria and Morocco (control and monitoring), Egypt (alternatives and prevention), Albania (Medical waste management), Israel (preparation of the NIP under the Stockholm Convention) (CP/RAC).
148. Identification of BAT and BEP and creation of corresponding database for dairy and textile industrial sectors of Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt (CP/RAC).
149. Capacity building on pollution reduction and sustainable management in areas listed in Annex I of LBS Protocol in Bosnia and Herzegovina (food sector), Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (sustainable management of industrial areas, subregional), Egypt (pollution-intensive industrial SMEs in coastal areas) and Israel (industrial effluents and waste water discharged to water bodies) (CP/RAC).
150. Regional seminar on best environmental practices in olive mill waste management and new technologies (University of Athens and CP/RAC).
151. Dedicated software (MedRules) and associated laptops delivered to more than 300 Port State Control Officers (REMPEC).
152. 58 Vessel traffic System (VTS) operators were IALA certified, 20 were VTS Supervisors IALA certified and 10 were successfully certified as "on the job trainers" as per IALA standards (REMPEC).
153. National Workshop on the AFS Convention was held in Turkey, financed by IMO's ITCP (REMPEC).
154. Training programs on waste water treatment in Montenegro and Syria held (MED POL).

155. Regional training on the Hazardous Noxious Substances (HNS) 2010 Protocol held in Malta, financed by SafeMed II Project (REMPEC).
156. Capacity Building on the Control of New POPs Listed under the Stockholm Convention for customs agents in Algeria (CP/RAC)
157. Training program on PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) management in Istanbul (Turkey), under the subcomponent 2.3 of the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership) www.themedpartnership.org (CP/RAC and MED POL)
158. Workshops carried out to build capacities to implement the regional plans and guidelines developed on mercury sites decontamination (MED POL & CP/RAC).

2.4. Sustainable consumption and production (THEME V)

Output 5.1 Drivers affecting ecosystems addressed: economic activities, patterns of consumption, infrastructure and spatial development more sustainable
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Assessments

159. Addressing the drivers of the Mediterranean ecosystem degradation: The SCP approach in the application of the Ecosystem Approach to the management of human activities in the Mediterranean (CP/RAC).
160. Identification of SCP national priorities and mapping of national stakeholders to be involved in the development of national processes to mainstream SCP in development policies in Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan and Palestine (CP/RAC-UNEP/DTIE scoping missions developed in those countries).
161. Baseline Report on SCP anchoring in the measures and objectives contained in the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

162. Capacity building on SCP emerging issues: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) (Israel), CSR/National Pact on SD with the private sector (Tunisia), Green Banking (Tunisia and Turkey), Green Public Procurement (Montenegro), Eco-innovation and resource efficiency (Israel), Green Economy and SCP (Morocco, Egypt and Jordan) and Green Jobs (Regional) (CP/RAC).
163. Launching of ConsumpediaMed 2.0 (www.consumpediamed.org), first online platform for sustainable consumption and lifestyles in the Mediterranean Region (CP/RAC).
164. Training methodology on Green Entrepreneurship & Eco-Design (CP/RAC).
165. Green entrepreneurs and Eco-design support and training programme delivered in Turkey, Montenegro, Lebanon, Spain, Tunisia and Morocco; collection of other 40 green case studies, to be added to the list of 25 collected in the previous PoW 2010-2011, from Italy, Tunisia, Spain, Morocco, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro (CP/RAC).
166. Training kit on SCP education for youth developed and published (English) (CP/RAC).

167. Capacity Building on SCP in Bosnia & Herzegovina for 60 Mediterranean members of Red Cross and Red Crescent (CP/RAC).
168. Technical assistance on Green Public Procurement (GPP) to the University of Malta through the delivery of two capacity building workshops and support in the drafting of the university's GPP Policy and Action Plan (CP/RAC).
169. Awareness raising on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) at the Public Procurement Administration in Montenegro (CP/RAC).
170. Plan Bleu produced following papers:
 - More efficient water use in the Mediterranean; and,
 - Towards an observatory and a "quality label" for sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean.
171. Capacity building on mechanisms to finance green technologies and new sustainable businesses (Algeria-Morocco-Tunisia, Egypt-Jordan-Lebanon-Palestine) (CP/RAC).
172. SCP Methodology/toolkit to support countries in mainstreaming SCP in the existing national policy framework (CP/RAC).
173. SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean (Secretariat and CP/RAC).
174. Moroccan Delegation study visit in Europe on sustainable industrial areas.
175. SCP Methodology/toolkit to support countries in mainstreaming SCP in national development policies (in progress, CP/RAC).
176. SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean preparation process started (Secretariat and CP/RAC).

2.5. Climate Change (THEME VI)

Output 6.1 Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential impacts and ecological vulnerabilities

Assessments

177. Availability of surface water resources in river basins in 2025 and 2050 estimated (Plan Bleu).

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

178. Potential effects of Climate Change on POPs in the environment through awareness raising workshops (CP/RAC and PAP/RAC).
179. Provisions made to reinforce the Algerian and Montenegro ICZM Strategies by integrating climate variability and change issues (PAP/RAC).
180. ICZM plan with special focus on climate change and variability launched for Sibenik-Knin County in Croatia. The Inception Report prepared and the kick-off meeting of the project held together with the first Plan Bleu/RAC "Imagine" workshop (PAP/RAC).
181. Indicators standardized for the monitoring of climate change in the Mediterranean MPAs elaborated in collaboration with IUCN- Med (SPA/RAC).

Output 6.3. Assess and provide information to reduce adverse environmental impacts of mitigation and adaptation strategies & technologies (e.g. Wind farms, ocean energy, carbon capture and storage)

182. Establishment of a Mediterranean Regional Expert Group on desalination to assess sector impact in the marine environment and the update of UNEP/ MAP MED POL guidelines on desalination plants to be carried out in cooperation with Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) initiative (MED POL).
183. Assessment of potential cumulative environmental impacts of mega desalination plants conglomerating around the Mediterranean (SWIM & MED POL).
184. Assessment of Best Available Technologies for Desalination in Rural areas - a tool for decision makers for selecting the most suited technologies that fit their rural settings (MED POL).
185. A framework assessment of risks from potential carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) activities in the Mediterranean (Gov. of Spain & MED POL).
186. Plan Bleu prepared two notes:
 - *“Treated wastewater reuse in the Mediterranean: lessons learned and tools for project development “; and,*
 - *“Sea water desalination: to what extent is it a freshwater solution in the Mediterranean”.*
187. Regional Expert Group on desalination established to assess sector impact in the marine environment and update as appropriate UNEP/MAP MED POL guidelines on desalination plants (in the framework of the Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) project):
 - *Assessment report of Best Available Technologies for Desalination in Rural areas - a tool for decision makers for selecting the most suited technologies that fit their rural settings prepared in the framework of the Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) project)*
 - *A framework assessment of risks from potential carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) activities in the Mediterranean prepared (led by Gov. of Spain) and submitted to the contact group established for this purpose. Consultation ongoing.*

ANNEX I

Status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols as at 17th April 2013

Contracting Parties	1976 Barcelona Convention 1/				1976 Dumping Protocol 2/			1976 Emergency Protocol 3/		
	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1995 Amendments	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	09.07.04	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria		16.02.81/AC	09.06-04	09.07.04	-	16.03.81/AC	-	-	16.03.81/AC	15.04.81
Bosnia and Herzegovina		22.10.94(SUC)	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia		12.06.92(SUC)	03.05.99	09.07.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	03.05.99	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	09.07.04	16.02.76	19.11.79	18.07.03	16.02.76	19.11.79	19.12.79
European Union	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	09.07.04	13.09.76	16.03.78/AP	12.11.99	13.09.76	12.08.81/AP	11.09.81
Egypt	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	09.07.04	16.02.76	24.08.78/AP	11.02.00	16.02.76	24.08.78/AC	23.09.78
France	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	09.07.04	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	29.03.01	16.02.76	11.03.78/AP	10.04.78
Greece	16.02.76	03.01.79	10.03.03	09.07.04	11.02.77	03.01.79	-	16.02.76	03.01.79	02.02.79
Israel	16.02.76	03.03.78	29.09.05	29.10.05	16.02.76	01.03.84	-	16.02.76	03.03.78	02.04.78
Italy	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	03.02.79	07.09.99	16.02.76	03.02.79	05.03.79
Lebanon	-	08.11.77/AC	*	*	-	08.11.77/AC	-	-	08.11.77/AC	12.02.78
Libya	31.01.77	31.01.79	12.01.09	11.02.09	31.01.77	31.01.79	-	31.01.77	31.01.79	02.03.79
Malta	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	30.12.77	28.10.99	16.02.76	30.12.77	12.02.78
Monaco	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	09.07.04	16.02.76	20.09.77	11.04.97	16.02.76	20.09.77	12.02.78
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	16.02.76	15.01.80	07.12.04	06.01.05	16.02.76	15.01.80	05.12.97	16.02.76	15.01.80	15.02.80
Slovenia	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	09.07.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	09.07.04	16.02.76	17.12.76	17.02.99	16.02.76	17.12.76	12.02.78
Syria	-	26.12.78/AC	10.10.03	09.07.04	-	26.12.78/AC	11.04.08	-	26.12.78/AC	25.01.79
Tunisia	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	09.07.04	25.05.76	30.07.77	01.06.98	25.05.76	30.07.77	12.02.78
Turkey	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	09.07.04	16.02.76	06.04.81	18.09.02	16.02.76	06.04.81	06.05.81

Accession = AC

Approval = AP

Succession = SUC

* pending notification from Depository country

Contracting Parties	2002 Emergency Protocol 4/			1980 Land-Based Sources Protocol 5/				1982 Specially Protected Areas Protocol 6/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Acceptance of 1996 Amendments	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	-	-	-	-	30.05.90/AC	26.07.01	11.05.08	-	30.05.90/AC	29.06.90
Algeria	25.01.02	-	-	-	02.05.83/AC	-	-	-	16.05.85/AC	23.03.86
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	-	-	-	22.10.94/SUC	01.03.92
Croatia	25.01.02	01.10.03	17.03.04	-	12.06.92/SUC	11.10.06	11.05.08	-	12.06.92/SUC	08.10.91
Cyprus	25.01.02	19.12.07	18.01.08	17.05.80	28.06.88	18.07.03	11.05.08	-	28.06.88/AC	28.07.88
European Union	25.01.02	26.05.04	25.06.04	17.05.80	07.10.83/AP	12.11.99	11.05.08	30.03.83	30.06.84/AP	23.03.86
Egypt	-	-	-	-	18.05.83/AC	-	-	16.02.83	08.07.83	23.03.86
France	25.01.02	02.07.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	13.07.82/AP	29.03.01(AP)	11.05.08	03.04.82	02.09.86/AP	02.10.86
Greece	25.01.02	27.11.06	27.12.06	17.05.80	26.01.87	10.03.03	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.01.87	25.02.87
Israel	22.01.03	-	-	17.05.80	21.02.91	19.06.09	19.07.09	03.04.82	28.10.87	27.11.87
Italy	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	04.07.85	07.09.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	04.07.85	23.03.86
Lebanon	-	-	-	17.05.80	27.12.94	-	-	-	27.12.94/AC	26.01.95
Libya	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	06.06.89/AP	-	-	-	06.06.89/AC	06.07.89
Malta	25.01.02	18.02.03	17.03.04	17.05.80	02.03.89	28.10.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	11.01.88	10.02.88
Monaco	25.01.02	03.04.02	17.03.04	17.05.80	12.01.83	26.11.96	11.05.08	03.04.82	29.05.89	28.06.89
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	19.11.07(AC)	19.11.07	11.05.08	-	-	-
Morocco	25.01.02	26.04.11	26.05.11	17.05.80	09.02.87	02.10.96	11.05.08	02.04.83	22.06.90	22.07.90
Slovenia	25.01.02	16.02.04	17.03.04	-	16.09.93/AC	08.01.03	11.05.08	-	16.09.93/AC	15.03.94
Spain	25.01.02	10.07.07	09.08.07	17.05.80	06.06.84	17.02.99	11.05.08	03.04.82	22.12.87	21.01.88
Syria	25.01.02	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	01.12.93/AC	11.04.08	11.05.08	-	11.09.92/AC	11.10.92
Tunisia	25.01.02	-	-	17.05.80	29.10.81	01.06.98	11.05.08	03.04.82	26.05.83	23.03.86
Turkey	-	03.06.03	17.03.04	-	21.02.83/AC	18.09.02	11.05.08	-	06.11.86/AC	06.12.86

Accession = AC

Approval = AP

Succession = SUC

Contracting Parties	1995 SPA & Biodiversity Protocol* 7/			1994 Offshore Protocol 8/			1996 Hazardous Wastes Protocol 9/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania	10.06.95	26.07.01	25.08.01	-	26.07.01	24.03.11	-	26.07.01	18.01.08
Algeria	10.06.95	14.03.07	13.04.07	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	10.06.95	12.04.02	12.05.02	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	10.06.95	18.07.03	17.08.03	14.10.94	16.05.06	24.03.11	-	-	-
European Union	10.06.95	12.11.99	12.12.99	17.12.12/AC.	27.02.13	29.03.13	-	-	-
Egypt	10.06.95	11.02.00	12.03.00	-	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
France	10.06.95	16.04.01	16.05.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Israel	10.06.95	-	-	14.10.94	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	10.06.95	07.09.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Lebanon	-	22.04.09	22.05.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-	-	16.06.05	24.03.11	01.10.96	-	-
Malta	10.06.95	28.10.99	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	28.10.99	18.01.08
Monaco	10.06.95	03.06.97	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Montenegro	-	19.11.07	19.12.07	-	-	-	-	19.11.07	18.01.08
Morocco	10.06.95	24.04.09	25.05.09	-	01.07.99	24.03.11	20.03.97	01.07.99	18.01.08
Slovenia	-	08.01.03	07.02.03	10.10.95	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	10.06.95	23.12.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	-	-	01.10.96	-	-
Syria	-	10.10.03	09.11.03	20.09.95	22.02.11	24.03.11	-	22.02.11	24.03.11
Tunisia	10.06.95	01.06.98	12.12.99	14.10.94	01.06.98	24.03.11	01.10.96	01.06.98	18.01.08
Turkey	-	18.09.02	18.10.02	-	-	-	01.10.96	03.04.04	18.01.08

* Annex II (List of endangered or threatened species) and Annex III (List of species whose exploitation is regulated) of the SPA & Biodiversity Protocol were adopted in 1996 and amended by Decision IG.19/12 "Amendments of the list of Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean" of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Marrakesh, Morocco, 2009. The amendments entered into force on 13 February 2011.

Contracting Parties	2008 Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol 10/		
	Signature	Ratification	Entered into force
Albania		04.05.2010/AD	24.03.11
Algeria	21.01.08	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-
Croatia	21.01.08	29.01.2013/R	28.02.2013
Cyprus	-	-	-
European Union	16.01.2009-	29.09.10/AP	24.03.11
Egypt.	-	-	-
France	21.01.08	29.10.09/AP	24.03.11
Greece	21.01.08	-	-
Israel	21.01.08	-	-
Italy	21.01.08	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-
Libya	-	-	-
Malta	21.01.08	-	-
Monaco	21.01.08	-	-
Montenegro	21.01.08	09.01.12/R-	08.02.12-
Morocco	21.01.08	21.09.12/R	21.10.12-
Slovenia	21.01.08	01.12.09/R	24.03.11
Spain	21.01.08	22.06.10/R	24.03.11
Syria	21.01.08	22.02.2011	24.03.11
Tunisia	21.01.08	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-

Adhesion= AD

Approval = AP

Ratification = R

STATUS OF ENTRY INTO FORCE

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment	Entry into force of amendments
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, <i>amended as</i> Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	9 July 2004
The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol), <i>amended as</i> The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Dumping Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
	—	—	10 June 1995, Barcelona	Not yet in force
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (Emergency Protocol)	16 February 1976, Barcelona	12 February 1978	—	—
The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (Prevention and Emergency Protocol)*	25 January 2002, Malta	17 March 2004	—	—

* According to paragraph 2 of Article 25, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (17 March 2004) shall replace the Emergency Protocol (of 1976) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Legal instruments	Place and date of Adoption	Entry into force date	Place and date of adoption of amendment, if any	Entry into force of amendments
The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources, amended as The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol)	17 May 1980, Athens	17 June 1983	—	—
	—	—	7 March 1996, Syracuse	11 May 2008
The Protocol Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (SPA Protocol)	3 April 1982, Geneva		Not applicable	Not applicable
The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA & Biodiversity Protocol)**	10 June 1995, Barcelona	12 December 1999	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol)	14 October 1994, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Hazardous Wastes Protocol)	1 October 1996, Izmir	18 January 2008	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM Protocol)	21 January 2008, Madrid	24 March 2011	Not applicable	Not applicable

** According to paragraph 2 of Article 32, this Protocol as from the date of its entry into force (12 December 1999) shall replace the SPA Protocol (of 1982) in the relations between the Parties to both instruments.

Annex II

Status of Contributions as at 31 July 2013

Country	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 and Prior years	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2013 for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Albania	(3,577)	3,877	300	0
Algeria	0	58,163		58,163
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	16,619	16,619	0
Croatia	0	53,730	53,730	0
Cyprus	0	7,755		7,755
Egypt	0	27,143	27,143	0
European Union	0	138,483	138,483	0
France	0	2,103,262	2,103,262	0
Greece	155,653	155,653		155,653
Israel	0	81,427		81,427
Italy	0	1,737,670	892,860	844,810
Lebanon	4,068	3,877		3,877
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	493,859	109,124		109,124
Malta	0	3,877	3,877	0
Monaco	0	3,877	3,877	0
Montenegro	0	1,294	1,294	0
Morocco	4	15,511		15,511
Slovenia	0	37,113		37,113
Spain	0	830,337		830,337
Syrian Arab Republic	30,424	15,511		15,511
Tunisia	0	11,632	11,632	0
Turkey	0	124,634	124,634	0
TOTAL	680,431	5,540,569	3,377,711	2,159,281

Additional Contributions for information only

	Expected contribution	Received contribution
European commission	598,569	598,569

	Deficit in CAL account 31/12/2012	Expected contribution	Received contribution
Greece	359,800	280,800	