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## MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Coast and Hydrography

Athens (Greece), 28 May 2014

### Provisional Annotated Agenda



## Introduction

The Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (**EcAp Roadmap**), as agreed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, in Istanbul, 3-6 December, 2013 (COP18)<sup>1</sup> is following up on the hard work of experts in the three sub-clusters and as such, envisions the current biennium to focus on the development of an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme.

As a first step towards this, the Integrated Correspondence Group (**Integrated CorGest**, 17-19 February, 2014) set the key direction by agreeing on a common set of indicators and specific recommendations to the Monitoring Correspondence Groups.

The aim of the CORMON Coast and Hydrography meeting, building on the above, is to

- (a) Discuss the options laid out in the Secretariat Monitoring Guidances, in order to find the best cost-effective and scientifically mature way of monitoring the common indicators of the coast and hydrography cluster;
- (b) follow-up on the recommendations of the Integrated CorGest Group on monitoring, targeting specifically coast and hydrography;
- (c) to give specific, more detailed monitoring related recommendations on the common indicators of the coast and hydrography cluster;
- (d) Give recommendations, regarding EOs/indicators, which are not mature enough yet, but on which scientific developments would suggest to include them already in early discussions.

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### **28 May**

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09.00-09.15)**

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

#### **Agenda item 2-3: Scope and purpose of the meeting and election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:15-09.30)**

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG 395/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.395/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

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

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

#### **Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance and process ahead on EcAp monitoring, with a specific focus on coast and hydrography (09:30-10:00)**

The Secretariat will present its General Monitoring Guidance on common indicators, as well

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/9

as the specific coast and hydrography monitoring guidance and will provide more information on the EcAp monitoring process ahead.

General comments will be addressed by the participants.

**Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Coast (10.00-11.30)**

The Secretariat's draft Monitoring Guidance on Coast will be addressed by the participants. In addition, the representative of PAP/RAC will present its analysis on the possibility of development of a common indicator on land use change and this will be followed up by a discussion of the topic by the participants

**Expected outcome:** The CORMON Coast and Hydrography meeting will provide recommendations for further the work on coast monitoring, with specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps, as well as the possible further development of a common indicator on land use change.

**Agenda item 6. Monitoring Guidance in relation to Hydrography (14.30-16.00)**

The Secretariat will present the draft Monitoring Guidance on Hydrography. Comments will be addressed by the participants.

**Expected outcome:** The CORMON Coast and Hydrography meeting will provide recommendations for further the work on hydrography monitoring. It will specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

**Agenda item 7: Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Coast and Hydrography (16:30-17.30)**

Participants will summarize their key recommendations regarding coast and hydrography monitoring.

**Agenda item 8: Any Other Business (17.30-18.00)**

Participants will have the opportunity to raise any other relevant business.

**Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting (18.00)**

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.00 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

**DRAFT TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, May 8 2014</b>	
08.30 – 09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00.– 09:30	<b>Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2-3: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda</b>
09.30-10.00.	<b>Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat and process ahead on Ecap monitoring, with a specific focus on coast and hydrography</b>
10.00-11.30	<b>Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Coast</b>
11.30-12.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12.00-13.00	<b>Agenda item 5: Continued monitoring guidance discussions in relation to the Coast (EO8)</b>
13:00 – 14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14.30-16.00	<b>Agenda Item 6: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Hydrography</b>
16.00-16.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
16.30-17.30	<b>Agenda item 7: Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Coast and Hydrography</b>
17:30 – 18.00	<b>Agenda item 8: AOB</b>
18.00	<b>Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting</b>