



United Nations Environment Programme  
Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP)  
Barcelona Convention



## **For a Marine litter free Mediterranean**

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# What is UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention?

- Governance framework -22 Contracting Parties
- First UNEP Regional Seas Programme -1975
- Goal: protect Mediterranean marine and coastal environment and promote SD
- Catalyzer of regional and national action through:
  - *Periodic assessments of status and threats*
  - *Strategies/Programmes/Measures*
  - *Integrated Monitoring*
- Activity Centres to support implementation

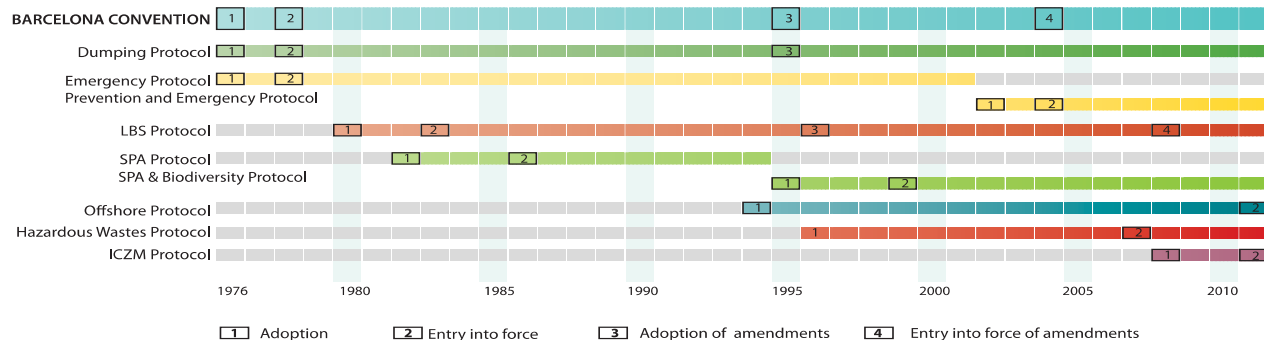


# UNEP-MAP Barcelona Convention

## Advanced environmental legal framework



### Timeline of Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

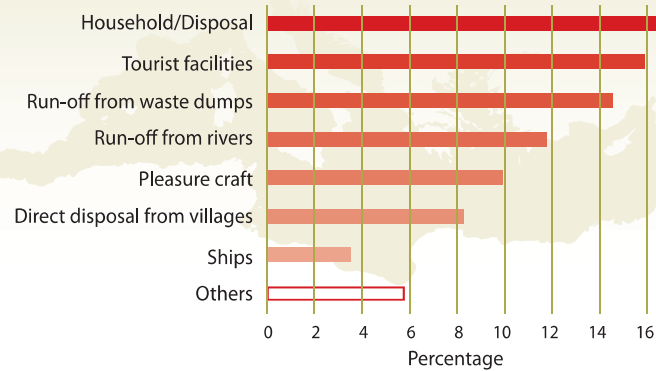


Source: UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)



# Marine litter a continuous challenge

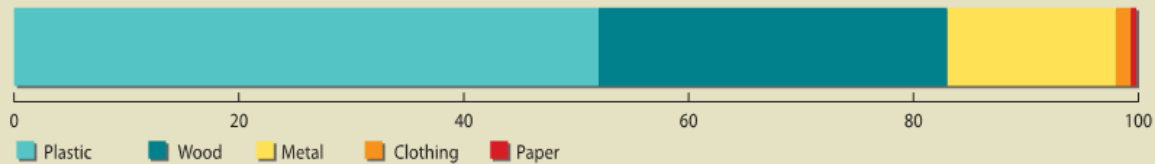
## Sources of marine litter



Source: UNEP/MAP - BP/RAC, 2009.

## Major types of marine litter in the Mediterranean

Percentage



Source: UNEP/MAP, MEDPOL, *Assessment of the Status of Marine Litter in the Mediterranean*, 2011.



# CoP 18 – Renewed emphasis

## ***Adoption Regional Action Plan (RAP)***

### ***Objectives***

- *Prevent* ML Generation
- *Reduce* ML to minimum & impacts
- *Remove* existing ML to the extent possible
- *Manage* ML accepted international and regional standards and approaches
- *Enhance* knowledge ML sources, quantities and impacts



# ML RAP-Measures & obligations

- *Pollution* Control Measures
- *Pollution* Prevention Measures
- *SCP Measures* Widely agreed
- *Existing* ML removal
- *Strict* Timetables
- Implementation Flexibility
- *Reporting* Obligations
- *Cooperation* With regional Partners a must



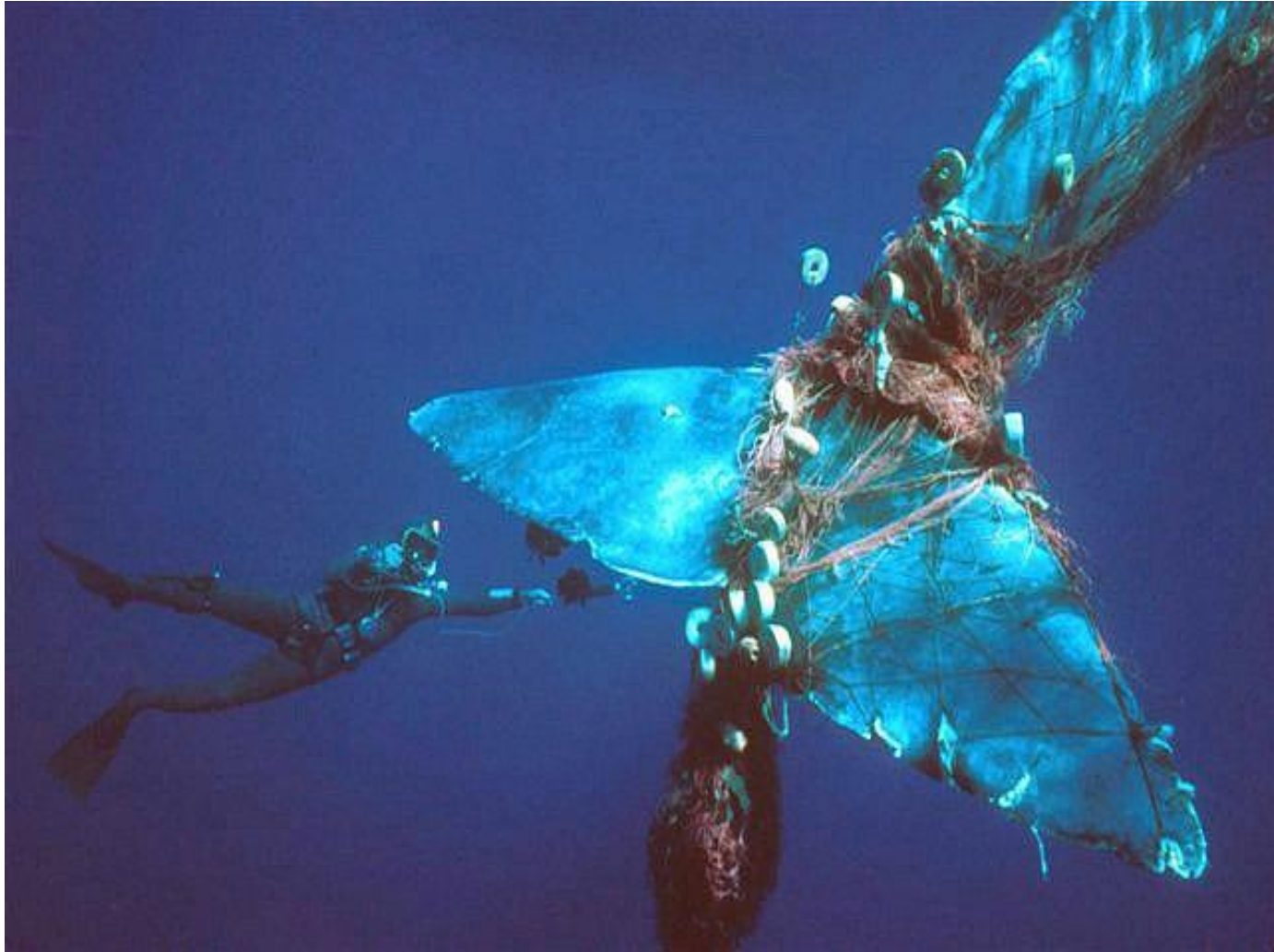




# RAP- Assessment & Monitoring

- ❖ Part of Integrated Regional Monitoring Programme BC Ecosystem Approach – Assess status every 6 years
  
- ❖ Targets:
  - Decreased # items in coast
  - Decreased # items in water surface & seafloor
  - Decreased # items in the stomach content of sentinel species
  
- ❖ Goal: Regional Data Bank by 2016









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