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## STATUS OF NATIONAL PROGRAMMES OF ACTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES (NPAs)

**As of October 2005**

Geographical Region	Regional Seas Programme <sup>1</sup>	Country / Project	Status
<i>AFRICA</i>	MAP	Algeria	Draft available, being finalised; NAP <sup>2</sup> to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project <sup>3</sup>
	PERSGA; MAP	Egypt	Draft for Red Sea available, to be finalised shortly; Draft for Mediterranean being finalised, to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Libya	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Morocco	NAP to be completed by the end of October 2005; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	WACAF	Nigeria	Draft NPA available, to be finalised and approved by cabinet shortly
	EAF	Tanzania	Draft NPA available, to be finalised and approved by cabinet shortly
	MAP	Tunisia	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	EAF	GEF WIO-LaB (Addressing Land-based Activities in the Western Indian Ocean)	NPAs to be developed in 3 countries (yet to be selected); the project covers Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania
	WACAF	GEF GCLME (Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem) <sup>4</sup>	Development and implementation of 15 NPAs and one Regional Programme of Action initiated
<b>ASIA &amp; THE PACIFIC</b>	SPREP	Australia	Development of NPA finalised
	SAS	Bangladesh	Revision of NPA ongoing, draft discussed during national consultation workshop in August 2005
	NOWPAP; COBSEA	China	Preparations for development of NPA ongoing
	SAS	India	Development of NPA finalised; process to revise Indian NPA ongoing

<sup>1</sup> Some countries belong to several Regional Seas Programmes, however, only the Programme in which region the NPA is developed / implemented is referred to in this column

<sup>2</sup> In the context of the Mediterranean, the policy frameworks developed and implemented are called "National Action Plans for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities" (NAP), and are developed and implemented under the overall coordination of the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP)

<sup>3</sup> World Bank-GEF Investment Fund for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Partnership

<sup>4</sup> The project covers Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, DR Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Togo

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	SPREP	Kiribati	Consultations for identification of case study taking place; signature of MoU and start of NPA development expected shortly; overall coordination by SPREP
	SAS	Maldives	Consultations on the development of an MoU to be initiated
	--	Nepal	Development of a National Programme for the Implementation of the GPA finalised
	SAS	Pakistan	Development of NPA finalised; revision planned
	SPREP	Palau	Consultations for identification of case study taking place; signature of MoU and start of NPA development expected shortly; overall coordination by SPREP
	SAS	Sri Lanka	Development finalised, NPA launched in 2004; implementation initiated, focusing on strategic planning and domestic resource mobilisation
	SPREP	Tonga	Development of NPA initiated mid-2005, implementation of case study ongoing; overall coordination by SPREP
	SPREP	Vanuatu	Consultations for identification of case study taking place; signature of MoU and start of NPA development expected shortly; overall coordination by SPREP
<i>EUROPE</i>	MAP	Albania	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	Caspian Sea	Azerbaijan	Development of NPA planned to start in second half of 2005, supported by EU TACIS
	MAP	Bosnia / Herzegovina	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Croatia	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Cyprus	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	MAP	France (Mediterranean)	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	HELCOM	Finland	Development of NPA finalised; implementation strategy developed Summer 2005
	MAP	Greece	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	PAME	Iceland	Development of NAP finalised
	MAP	Israel	NAP to be completed by the end of October 2005; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	MAP	Italy	NAP to be completed by the end of October 2005; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	Caspian Sea	Kazakhstan	Development of NPA planned to start in second half of 2005, supported by EU TACIS
	MAP	Malta	Draft of NAP available, to be finalised shortly; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	MAP	Monaco	Development of NAP finalised, to be approved by Cabinet shortly; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	MAP	Serbia & Montenegro	NAP to be completed by the end of October 2005; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Slovenia	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action

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	MAP	Spain	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action
	Caspian Sea	Russian Federation (Caspian Sea)	Development of NPA planned to start in second half of 2005, supported by EU TACIS
	PAME	Russian Federation (Arctic Ocean)	GEF Russian Arctic NPA Project; implementation of project started in July 2005
	MAP	Turkey (Mediterranean)	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	Caspian Sea	Turkmenistan	Development of NPA planned to start in second half of 2005, supported by EU TACIS
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; THE CARIBBEAN</b>	Wider Caribbean	Bahamas	Preliminary consultations with Office of Prime Minister took place
	Wider Caribbean	Barbados	Development of NPA initiated
	--	Brazil	Development of NPA finalised, covering Upper South-West Atlantic region
	CPPS	Chile	Development of NPA nearing completion; pilot project to be implemented end of 2005 until mid-2006; overall coordination by CPPS
	CPPS; Wider Caribbean, NEP	Colombia	Development of NPA finalised, covering Pacific and Caribbean region; implementation through pilot project to take place end of 2005 until mid-2006
	Wider Caribbean	Costa Rica	Through NOAA: Introductory meeting held in January 2005; establishment of inter-ministerial committee ongoing; Through GPA: first MOU on legislation finalised; second phase (development and implementation of NPA) yet to be defined
	CPPS	Ecuador	Development of NPA nearing completion; pilot project to be implemented end of 2005 until mid-2006; overall coordination by CPPS
	Wider Caribbean	Guatemala	Development and implementation of NPA for Izabal Basin to be initiated shortly, MOU under discussion
	Wider Caribbean	Honduras	Preliminary consultations took place; inter-ministerial committee established
	Wider Caribbean	Jamaica	Development of NPA finalised; preparations for implementation ongoing, to focus on strategic planning, domestic resource mobilisation and assistance to reviewing hotspot activities
	Wider Caribbean	Mexico	Preliminary consultations took place; development and implementation of Regional Action Plan for the Yucatan Peninsula region to be initiated
	CPPS	Panama	Development of NPA for Pacific region under development; pilot project to be implemented end of 2005 until mid-2006; overall coordination by CPPS
	CPPS	Peru	Development of NPA under development; pilot project to be implemented end of 2005 until mid-2006; overall coordination by CPPS
Wider Caribbean	St. Lucia	Development of NPA under development; discussions on follow-up activities initiated, to take place through Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), to focus on strategic planning, domestic resource mobilisation and market-based instruments	
Wider Caribbean	Trinidad & Tobago	NPA development plans endorsed by cabinet; development ongoing	

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<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	PAME	Canada	Development of NPA finalised; implementation strategy developed and ongoing
<i>WEST ASIA</i>	MAP	Lebanon	NAP to be completed by the end of October 2005; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Palestinian Authority	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	MAP	Syria	Development of NAP finalised; to serve as prioritisation mechanism for national action and to be incorporated into the GEF / World Bank Mediterranean Project
	PERSGA	Yemen	Development finalised, NPA launched in 2004; preparations for implementation ongoing

**Acronyms:**

COBSEA	Coordinating Body of the Seas of East Asia
CPPS	Permanent Commission of the South Pacific
EAF	Eastern African Action Plan
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
NEP	Action Plan for the Northeast Pacific
NOWPAP	Action Plan for the Northwest Pacific
PAME	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment
PERSGA	Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
SAS	South Asian Seas Action Plan
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
WACAF	Action Plan of the West and Central African Region