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**Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on
Coast and Hydrography**

Rome, Italy; 21-22 May 2019

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting and Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Tirana, Albania, 17-21 December 2017), PAP/RAC and the Coordinating Unit of UNEP/MAP are organizing a Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Coast and Hydrography Monitoring.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:
 - (i) Discuss and agree on amendments related to indicator guidance factsheets for the EO7 and EO8 common indicators (CI 15 and CI16) as well as EO8 candidate indicator “(CCI25);
 - (ii) Discuss and provide guidance on data standards and data dictionaries for IMAP Common Indicators related to coast and hydrography;
 - (iii) Exchange information on the status of implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) at national level with regards to EO7 and EO8, and address identified challenges; and
 - (iv) Discuss and provide guidance on cross-cutting issues of regional importance for Coast and Hydrography Cluster of IMAP implementation.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the organizers to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

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- a) The Meeting will be opened by the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit and PAP/RAC.
 - b) *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on IMAP Implementation: Best Practices, Gaps and Common Challenges*
4. The rules of procedure 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).
 - c) *Election of Officers*
5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.
 - d) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*
6. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.463/1 and annotated in the present

document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

e) Organization of Work

7. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.
8. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
9. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 16:30 on 22 May 2019 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 2
EO7 Hydrography

Common Indicator 15 “Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by hydrographic alterations”

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2.1 Indicator guidance factsheet: Integration perspectives and cross cutting issues with other EOs/indicators (EO1 Habitats component)

10. *The List of habitats that has to be taken into account when monitoring impacts of hydrographic alterations has to be harmonised with the List of habitats that are monitored under EO1. The meeting is expected to agree on the proposed List of habitats relevant for EO7.*

2.2 Presentation of the updated proposal for Data Standards (DS) and Data Dictionaries (DD)

11. *Based on the indicator guidance factsheet adopted at COP the final draft of the DSs and DDs will be presented by Info/RAC and a discussion will follow. The meeting is expected to discuss and acknowledge the proposed DSs and DDs.*

2.3 Presentation of an „alternative“ (simplified) indicator guidance factsheet

12. *Some CPs, at several occasions, such as at the PAP/RAC FPs meetings, at Sub-regional meeting on Coast and Hydrography (Dec 2017), in comments on QSR assessment factsheets and in particular at 6th EcAp Coordination Group meeting (Sep 2017), asked for simplified version of the indicator guidance factsheet for EO7 Hydrography, since they believe that this indicator is too complex and not mature enough/feasible to be implemented. PAP/RAC has prepared the draft ‘alternative’ indicator guidance factsheet in collaboration with expert from France. The meeting is expected to provide the opinion on an alternative factsheet and recommendations for future steps.*

2.4 Discussion on potential DSs and DDs adapted to new, “alternative” factsheet.

Agenda item 3
EO8 Coastal ecosystems and landscapes

Common Indicator 16 “Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of manmade structures”

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3.1 Proposal of the amendments to the indicator guidance factsheet

13. *It is not possible to establish a unique target and GES for all countries due to strong socio-economic, historic and cultural dimensions in addition to specific geomorphological and geographical conditions. Additional criteria should be taken into account for the definition of the GES, targets, measures and interpretation of results (especially where the trends are high). These elements should be defined by the countries themselves, taking legal obligation of the Barcelona Convention into account, such as ICZM Protocol.*
14. *Several CPs have requested that monitoring of artificial structures (contributing to impervious areas) within 100 m belt from the coastline gets omitted due to overlapping with the candidate common indicator “Land Use Change”. The meeting is expected to result in an opinion on the proposed amendments. In addition, the term “manmade structures” is proposed to be replaced with “human-made structures”.*

3.2 Presentation of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries

15. *Based on the indicator guidance factsheet the final updated draft proposal of the DS and DD will be presented by Info/RAC and a discussion will follow. The meeting is expected to discuss and acknowledge the proposed DSs and DDs.*

Agenda item 4
Candidate Common Indicator 25: “Land-use change”

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4.1 Presentation of the draft indicator guidance factsheet

16. *The CPs to several meetings (such as the CORMON 2017 in Madrid, PAP/RAC NFPs meetings 2015 and 2017) concluded that the Land use change indicator is a very useful and appropriate tool to detect changes in coastal areas. Thus, it would bring more objectivity into reporting on the state and evolution of their coastal zones (as requested by the ICZM Protocol). However, with regard to GES and interpretation of results it requires to build-in the flexibility to reflect countries’ local socio-economic, historic and cultural specificities in addition to specific geomorphological and geographical conditions for the management purposes.*
17. *The draft indicator guidance factsheet will be presented by PAP/RAC and the discussion to promote the Land-use change indicator as a common indicator, possible change of the indicator title to Land cover change, availability of remote data (Sentinel satellite) and on the definition of GES will follow. The meeting is expected to provide an opinion on Land use change with a view to becoming a common indicator.*

4.2 Presentation of the report “Evolution of built-up area in coastal zones of Mediterranean countries between 1975 to 2015” – prepared by UNEP GRID in co-operation with PAP/RAC.

18. PAP/RAC will present the above-mentioned report.

End of 1st day meeting: 17.30

Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Agenda item 5 Status of implementation of the IMAP for coast and hydrography at national level

19. Representatives from the Contracting Parties will have the opportunity to present their progress on the implementation of IMAP with regard to the Coast and Hydrography indicators (such as the national monitoring programme, monitoring of related indicators, results, gaps, challenges, cross-cutting issues, needs and alike). Brief presentation should last not more than 10 minutes and could be supported by a PPT.

Agenda item 6 Cross-Cutting issues and common challenges

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20. Interlinkages between activities/pressure/impacts and integration and aggregation among different relevant Ecological Objectives towards integrated marine and coastal assessments will be presented by the Co-ordinating unit. The participants will get an overall picture of relations between the indicators that should enable integrated assessments.

21. Draft Data Sharing policy

Info/RAC will present the first draft of the Draft Data Sharing policy document and a discussion will follow.

Agenda item 7 Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting

22. The meeting participants will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 8 Closure of the meeting

23. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 16:30 on Wednesday, 22 May 2019.

TIMETABLE
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Tuesday, 21 May 2019		Relevant documents
9.00 – 9.30	Registration of participants	
9.30 – 10.00	Agenda item 1 Opening of the Meeting and Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.471/1 UNEP/MED WG. 471/2 UNEP/MED WG. 471/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG. 471/Inf.2
10.00 – 11.30	Agenda item 2 EO7 Hydrography Common Indicator 15 “<i>Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by hydrographic alterations</i>” 2.1 and 2.2	UNEP/MED WG.471/3
11.30 – 11.50	Coffee break	
11.50 – 13.30	Common Indicator 15 “<i>Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by hydrographic alterations</i>” 2.3 and 2.4	UNEP/MED WG.471/3
13.30 – 14.45	Lunch break	
14.45 – 16.00	Agenda item 3 EO8 Coastal ecosystems and landscapes Common Indicator 16 “<i>Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of manmade structures</i>”	UNEP/MED WG.471/4
16.00 – 16.20	Coffee break	
16.20 - 17.30	Agenda item 4 Candidate Common Indicator 25: “<i>Land-use change</i>”	UNEP/MED WG. 471/5 UNEP/MED WG.471/Inf.3
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9.30 – 11.30	Agenda item 5 Status of implementation of the IMAP for coast and hydrography at national level	
11.30 – 11.50	Coffee break	
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