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to the Convention for the Protection
of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
and its Protocols

Malta, 27-30 October 1999

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES
APPROVED FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999**

Introduction

In conformity with the request of the Meeting of MAP National Focal Points (Athens, 6-9 September 1999), that “every effort would be made to present a statement of accounts for the current biennium during the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Malta”, the Secretariat of MAP Coordinating Unit, together with all concerned Regional Activity Centres (RACs), has prepared the attached “Status of Implementation of Activities Approved for the Biennium 1998-1999”. The related tables have been prepared for each MAP component and for each of the activities approved by the Contracting Parties in Tunis, 1997. The following are indicated:

- C amount of budget approved (adding MTF and EC);
- C amount of budget actually spent or committed as of September/October 1999;
- C activities (being) undertaken and achievements/outputs;
- C further activities to be committed by 31 December 1999 and implemented by 30 June 2000.

Regarding the last column on “further activities”, it is important to note that:

- C because of the spreading-out of the payment of contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund, the period of effective implementation for the biennium activities extends from April of the first year until March (or June) of the third year;
- C however, budget related to activities to be implemented until 30 June 2000 should be committed before the end of 1999, thus requiring an adequate programming and management of remaining funds and related activities;
- C therefore, and as from October 1999, an implementation period of about eight months is still left for some activities to be still implemented and finalised by MEDU and the RACs.

Considering the above elements, it would be very difficult, if ever possible, for the Secretariat to present an accurate statement of accounts for any current biennium during the meeting of the Contracting Parties. However, for the next Contracting Parties Meetings, the status of implementation of activities with related statement of accounts, including operating costs, could be provided for the previous biennium with a “tentative” status of implementation for the current biennium.

With the present exercise and related document, the Secretariat has tried to cope with the National Focal Points’ request in the very short period between the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties Meeting. Such an exercise will be improved for the next meetings of Contracting Parties.

1998-1999 BUDGET EXPENDITURE, RESULTS AND FURTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

COORDINATING UNIT MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MEDU):

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US \$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
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11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to review and approve the 2000-1 programme budget	MEDU	115,000	135,000	Meeting to be held in Malta 27-30 October 1999. Programme budget for the biennium prepared to be reviewed and adopted together with several documents	Relevant documents to be finalised in November 1999, as approved in Malta
Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points to consider the progress of the Action Plan and prepare the 2000-1 programme budget	MEDU	100,000	91,780	Meeting was held 6-9 September 1999 in Athens. Programme budget and other relevant documents reviewed.	Extra funds not spent will be shifted to cover the Contracting Parties Meeting (expected increase mainly due to almost doubling of DSA for Malta).
Fourth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)	MEDU	-	1,372	Meeting was held 20-22 October 1998 in Monaco. All expenses were covered by the Principality of Monaco.	
Fifth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)	MEDU	-	-	Meeting was held 1-3 July 1999 in Rome. All expenses were covered by the Municipality of Rome.	
Follow-up of the recommendations of the MCSD	MEDU	20,000	17,500	Two case studies on implementation of MCSD recommendations on Sustainable Management of Coastal Regions are being undertaken.	A case study on follow-up of MCSD recommendations of water demand to be undertaken.
Meetings of the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (one per year)	MEDU	40,000	13,065	Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development held 8-9 March 1999 in Tunis.	Third Meeting of the Steering Committee to be held in December 1999, mainly to review the preparation of the "Strategic review for the year 2000".

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Meetings of the Bureau (two per year) to review the progress of the Action Plan, advise the Secretariat on matters arisen since the meeting of Contracting Parties, and decide on programme/ budget adjustments	MEDU	80,000	37,733	Three Meetings were held (Tunis, March 1998; Tripoli, November 1998; and Athens, April 1999).	Extra funds not spent will be shifted to cover the Contracting Parties Meeting (expected increase mainly due to almost doubling of DSA for Malta).
Meeting of the Regional Activity Centres' Directors and the Coordinating Unit for programming and coordination of MAP activities	MEDU	20,000	6,885	Three Meetings were held (Athens, January 1998; Cairo, June 1998; and Athens, January 1999).	Following the Contracting Parties requests for better coordination and for a clearer presentation of expenses versus activities/results, a technical meeting is planned between MEDU and the RACs concerned staff.
Training of national officials at MED Unit on MAP programmes and procedures	MEDU	20,000	4,246	Three persons were trained at MED Unit, two Bosnian nationals and one Egyptian.	Other national officials could benefit of this activity in the next period (usually interest is expressed through the Focal Points)
Second Meeting of Mediterranean Government designated experts on Liability and Compensation	MEDU	20,000	8,000	Meeting was not held. However, as requested by the Bureau Meeting (Tunis, March 1998), a MAP/NGO working group was organised and produced, among other things, the recommendations for cooperation (Annex V of UNEP(OCA)/MED. IG.12/3).	
Presentation Conferences for CAMP projects	MEDU	60,000	16,947	Due to delays in the implementation of CAMPs and preparation of new ones; Only two Presentation Conferences were undertaken (Tunisian CAMP Sfax, closed; Egyptian CAMP/Fuka Matrouh, closed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel CAMP to be closed; - Malta CAMP to be launched; - Algeria CAMP to be launched.
Support to countries to apply the participation approach in the process of decision-making related to Sustainable Development at the national and local levels	MEDU	10,000	9,985	Upon request from the Bureau Meeting (November 1998), a Working Group on MAP Information Strategy was organised in Athens, April 1998, that reviewed the relevant document as in Annex IV of UNEP(OCA) MED IG.12/3.	

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Support to non-governmental organisations and other major actors	MEDU	62,100	41,000	Support was provided to several Mediterranean NGOs for activities and meetings in coherence with MAP activities (8 MOUs were signed)	Additional support to be provided upon request from NGOs.
Publication and dissemination of MAP Technical Reports	MEDU	30,000	6,752	Until now, the MAP Technical Series Reports were produced in-house. MTS Reports produced No. 119 (English/French) No. 120 (English) No. 121 (French) No. 122 (English) No. 123 (English) No. 124 (English/French) No. 125 (English/French) No. 126 (English/French)	Efforts are being made in order to improve the quality, editing and presentation with outside technical assistance.
Library services	MEDU	40,000	33,718	Librarian consultant with a major input in preparation of MAP Technical Reports Series and Web home page, in addition to normal librarian/documentation activities	
Preparation, translation, printing and dissemination of MEDWAVES (Arabic, English and French)	MEDU	80,000	54,848	MEDWAVES issues produced: No. 35-36 (WINTER 1997/1998) No. 37 (SUMMER 1998) No. 38 (WINTER 1998/1999) New issue no. 39 (to be finalised for the CP Meeting).	MEDWAVES No. 40 to be issued by early 2000.
Support to public awareness campaigns	MEDU	40,000	27,630	Preparation and printing of MAP Leaflet "The Mediterranean Action Plan - A contribution to sustainable development in the Med. Region" and MAP CAMP manual (under printing), together with support to countries in increasing public awareness	Information kit on MAP activities to be prepared.

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Support to MCSD on information and participation	MEDU	20,000	20,000	Support was provided for the Task Manager for the preparation of background document and organisation of a working group meeting. Among other outputs are the recommendations in Annex I of UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.12/3.	
Preparation, editing and translation of MAP brochures and reports	MEDU	40,000	41,925	Translations of all necessary MEDU reports and meeting documents (i.e. Bureau, MCSD, NFP, CP, etc..)	Additional translations to be done (and to be paid from budget line just below).
Printing and dissemination of brochures and reports, including the use of the Internet	MEDU	40,000	24,000	Assistance provided for printing and dissemination of newsletters in the Arab region.	
Legal assistance to the Secretariat	MEDU	30,000	34,940	Legal consultant to the Secretariat	
Assistance to countries to develop their national legislation and national enforcement of control mechanisms in line with the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the adopted protection measures	MEDU	30,000	3,446	Little assistance has been given as this was based on requests from countries	In order to assist countries in developing their national legislation and national enforcement of control mechanisms in line with the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the adopted protection measures, a technical/legal meeting will be organised.
Implementation of CAMPs in Morocco, Israel, Malta, Algeria, Lebanon and Slovenia	MEDU	110,000	57,080	Level of expenses due to delays in the preparation of new CAMPs	Preparation and launching of CAMP in Lebanon; Preparation and launching of CAMP in Slovenia; Review of CAMP for Morocco.
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	MEDU	1,007,100	687,852		

MEDPOL:

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US \$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
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<u>Action Plans</u> Formulation of Action Plans for the reduction of pollution	MEDPOL	80,000	-	Activity postponed to 2000 in view of the approved GEF Project (funds assigned to direct assistance for monitoring activities)	
Identification and assessment of Hot Spots	MEDPOL	70,000	55,000	Document on pollution hot spots and sensitive areas prepared	Revision of document on waste water treatment plants; Expert Meeting planned on the prioritization of hot spots
Identification of policies and implementation strategies for the elimination of TPBs, for waste water management, and for prevention and control of releases of nutrients	MEDPOL	120,000	-	Activity postponed to 2000 in view of the approved GEF Project (funds assigned to direct assistance for monitoring activities)	
Target-oriented research	MEDPOL	70,000	70,000	8 research projects finalised (WMO, IAEA and IOC)	
<u>Enforcement</u> Compliance and enforcement of legislation including capacity building for systems of inspection	MEDPOL	90,000	75,000	Meeting on compliance and enforcement held; Document on remedial action for pollution mitigation and rehabilitation prepared.	Revision of the document on remedial action planned
Design and implementation of national compliance monitoring including data quality assurance	MEDPOL	97,411	86,000	DQA programme implemented (IAEA); assessment prepared of capabilities for microbiological monitoring in Albania and Turkey	Updating of criteria and standards for bathing waters planned
Enhanced direct assistance for selected countries (capacity-building programmes)	MEDPOL	90,000	85,500	2 Regional training courses and 1 national training course held	One national training course planned
<u>Implementation and Control</u> Assistance for implementation of adopted action plans	MEDPOL	40,000	-	Activity postponed to 2000 in view of the approved GEF Project (funds assigned to direct assistance for monitoring activities)	
Design and implementation of trend and biological effects monitoring	MEDPOL	110,000	80,000	Negotiations for inclusion of biomonitoring in national monitoring programmes	Assistance being provided to four countries

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Enhanced direct assistance for selected countries (capacity-building programmes)	MEDPOL	225,000	450,000	Assistance to countries for the preparation of monitoring programmes: 2 Agreements signed 13 Agreements being finalised including financial assistance	Finalisation of monitoring agreements
Capacity building (training and fellowships) and data quality assurance	MEDPOL	120,000	111,000	DQA Programme implemented (IAEA); Training and fellowships organised	Training and fellowships planned
Target oriented research	MEDPOL	40,000	25,000	4 research projects implemented (WHO)	One contract being finalised
<u>Coordination</u> Meeting of MED POL National Coordinators	MEDPOL	20,000	48,500	Meeting of National Coordinators held	
<u>Dumping Protocol</u> Assistance for implementation of the Dumping Protocol	MEDPOL	20,000	-	Legal advice was provided to a number of countries on the implementation of the Protocol	
<u>Hazardous Wastes and Offshore Protocols</u> Assistance for implementation of the Hazardous Wastes and Offshore Protocols	MEDPOL	20,000	-	No activities were implemented	
Pollution assessment and control in CAMPs areas	MEDPOL	20,000	10,000	Contract as part of CAMP Malta for tourist risk and health	Implementation of specific activities as part of the CAMP
<u>Support activities to MCSDD priority subjects</u> Industry and sustainable development	MEDPOL	50,000	15,000	Meetings on Industry held in Trieste and Massa Carrara	preparation of docs for industry; meeting in Catania for revision of Emergency Protocol
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	MEDPOL	1,282,411	1,111,000		

REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC):

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US \$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
		Approved MTF/EC	Spent/ Committed MTF/EC		
<u>Prevention of, response to and cooperation in cases of accidental marine pollution (Emergency Protocol)</u> Assistance to States in developing their national system for preparedness and response	REMPEC	20,000	15,000	- Syrian workshop for decision makers on preparedness and response to oil pollution incident. - Preparation of the draft proposal for the revision of the Emergency Protocol	- Finalization of the revision process of the Emergency Protocol - Seminar on the preparation of the Operational Contingency Plan in Albania - Workshop for decision makers (Lebanon)
Assistance to States in developing port emergency response system	REMPEC	16,000	9,000	Meetings in Ankara (Turkey) and Koper (Slovenia) in relation to the LIFE and PHARE projects for the ports of Mersin, Iskenderun and Koper.	- Training courses on packaged dangerous goods for ports personnel, on request, at national level.
Development of the Regional Information System	REMPEC	10,000	8,000	Informatization of the R.I.S. and library.	- Finalization of development process of Centre's web site
Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points combined with Meeting of legal experts	REMPEC	65,000	70,000	REMPEC's Focal Points Meeting	
Regional training courses	REMPEC	150,000	65,000	One regional training course on crisis management related to accidental regional pollution in Tunis	- One regional training course on new techniques to cope with shoreline pollution (oil/chemical)
Development of REMPEC maritime transport oriented database TROCS	REMPEC	20,000	15,000	Re-engineering of TROCS on a modern PC platform	- Addition of new diagnostic tools of preparedness for and response to marine accidental pollution
Technical assistance to States in the organisation of national training courses	REMPEC	16,000	9,000	Two national training courses: - a bilateral one Croatia/ Slovenia in Dubrovnik - in Libya	- National training general course on oil/chemical pollution in Morocco
Assistance to States in case of emergency (Mediterranean Assistance Unit)	REMPEC	16,000	10,000	Purchase of equipment for the Mediterranean Assistance Unit	The Centre is ready on a 24 hours/day basis to intervene and to mobilize on request the Mediterranean Assistance Unit
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	REMPEC	313,000	201,000		

BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US\$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
		Approved MTF/EC	Spent/ Committed MTF/EC		
Contribution to CAMP activities through systemic and prospective analysis, actors strategy, management tools at local and national levels	BP/RAC	60,000	24,426	Most of the funds were spent on the Algerian CAMP, which still awaits signature, and on Sfax CAMP, which is finalised.	It all depends on Contracting Parties decision. The Blue Plan is ready to start activities on the Algerian, Maltese and Lebanese CAMPs.
<u>Systemic and Prospective Activities:</u> Overall Mediterranean prospective analysis, training in prospective approaches and preparation of fascicules	BP/RAC	60,000	58,826	The frame studies on the demographic situation in Mediterranean countries have started, results are expected soon. Two fascicules, one on water issues and the other on forests are under preparation.	Publication of these works will begin soon.
Management of water resources and water demand: Specific studies related to MCSD recommendations on issues concerning policies, losses and wastes, also in connection with land use	BP/RAC	40,000	37,433	The presence of MAP in most activities concerning water resources and uses in the Mediterranean Region has been assured. In particular, the Blue Plan has been designated to prepare the Mediterranean Vision by the Global Water Partnership/MEDTAC.	Several publications are under way.
Mediterranean Environment and Development Observatory: Data Base, statistics and Indicators, Institutional analysis/country profiles, socio-economic and environment thematic studies, assistance to national observatories, mainly seed money to maintain activity	BP/RAC	120,000	72,556	Two country profiles have been published and two other will be published soon (in English and French). Four national observatories are established or under preparation.	The publication and distribution of three outstanding country profiles will necessitate funds. A regional meeting of mediterranean national observatories will be held in November. A feasibility study for the Albanian and Algerian observatories are to be started.

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<u>Support activities to MCSD priority subjects:</u> Analytical reports, strategic and policy recommendations and organization of working groups and workshops (seed money) jointly with concerned Task Managers: Sustainable Development indicators	BP/RAC	60,000	49,387	The sustainable indicators activity of the MCSD has been supported, through expert group meetings, consultancies, etc. Two workshop were organised. A common set of 130 indicators for sustainable development has been adopted by the MCSD which made important proposals to the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.	Publication of a book on indicators for sustainable development will be undertaken soon.
<u>Support activities to MCSD priority subjects:</u> Sustainable Tourism	BP/RAC	40,000	42,043	A workshop was held in Antalya, preceded and followed by several expert group meetings. A MAP Technical Report has been published and MCSD made important proposals to the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.	The Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention will be assisted in the follow-up of the MCSD recommendations.
<u>Support activities to MCSD priority subjects:</u> Management of urban/rural development and seed money for trade and environment	BP/RAC	60,000	92,687	An extensive programme on free trade and the environment has been launched, with the financial support of the EC and French authorities. On rural urban development, a programme of activities has been undertaken, and several reports of consultants prepared.	Several consultants are to be recruited, to work on thematic issues related to free trade impacts. This will be done mainly on outside funds. The report of the work on urbanisation, undertaken on the basis of the Geopolis database, is to be published.
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	BP/RAC	440,000	377,358		

PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC):

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US \$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
		Approved MTF/EC	Spent/ Committed MTF/EC		
Implementation of CAMPs (consultants, consultations, meetings, training, sub-contracts)	PAP/RAC	301,079	119,774	, CAMP Sfax completed in December 1998 , CAMP Fuka completed in June 1999 , CAMP Israel near completion , CAMP Malta initiated, Terms of reference prepared , CAMP Lebanon initiated, feasibility study prepared C Draft Manual for MAP CAMPs prepared	, Finalizing CAMP Israel , Signing CAMP Malta Agreement, start of activities , Signing CAMP Lebanon Agreement, start of activities , Finalizing and disseminating Manual for CAMPs
<u>Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM):</u> Development of policies and strategies for coastal planning and sustainable management of coastal areas including carrying-capacity studies and training courses	PAP/RAC	134,000	91,026	- National Training Course on the Preparation of CCA for Tourism Development (Tartous, February 1998; 24 national trainees) - National Training Course on ICAM with an Emphasis on Use of Public Maritime Domain (Split, February 1998; 30 national trainees) - Expert Meeting on the Guidelines for Preparation of National Legislation for Coastal Area Management (Nicosia, March 1998) - MAP/METAP Workshop on ICAM in the Mediterranean (Cairo, June 1998; 30 participants) - First Expert Meeting on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Split, January 1999) - National Training Course on Environmental Information Systems Analysis (Izmir, February 1999; 44 national trainees) - National Training Course on the application of the Guidelines for CCA in tourism (Tripoli, March 1999; 14 trainees) C "Assessment of ICAM initiatives in the Mediterranean: Experiences from METAP and MAP (1988-1996)" C "Strategic Environmental Assessment – International Experience and its Potential in Support of the MAP" C "Conceptual Framework and Planning Guidelines for ICARM (draft)"	, Implementation of Demonstration Project on ICARM (Cetina River Basin and Coastal Area in Croatia) , Implementation of MAP-EC project "Introduction of Strategic Environmental Assessment in planning system of Mediterranean Countries" - Workshop to revise and adopt the Conceptual Framework and Planning Guidelines for ICARM C "Conceptual Framework and Planning Guidelines for ICARM" – final version

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<u>Support to the MCSD Activities:</u> Sustainable Management of coastal zones: good practices guides and regional guidelines	PAP/RAC	60,000	42,758	- MCSD Working Group meeting on Urban and Rural Management (coorganized with BP/RAC, Split, April 1999) C "City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) – Management of Urban Development" C "Cost Recovery, Public/Private Partnership and Financing of Municipal Actions" C "Analysis of Ten MEDCITIES' Towns' Environment Audits and Strategies"	- Workshop to assess the state-of-art of national legislation for ICAM in the Mediterranean C "Survey of national legislation for ICAM in the Mediterranean"
<u>Water Resources Management</u> Development of DSS for water resources management including organisation of expert meetings	PAP/RAC	66,000	25,843	- Regional Training Course on the Integrated Approach to Development, Management and Use of Water Resources (Tunis, March 1998; 22 French-speaking trainees) C "Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in the Mediterranean (draft)" C "Directives pour l'approche intégrée au développement, à la gestion et à l'utilisation des ressources en eau"	- Workshop to revise and adopt the "Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in the Mediterranean" (Malta, 25-27 November 1999) C "Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in the Mediterranean" – final version
Support to MCSD activities related to water demand management in urban areas	PAP/RAC	20,000	18,530	C Expert Working Group Meeting on the Development of Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in Mediterranean Coastal Areas" C "Town of Bou Merdes, Tunisia – Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Pre-Feasibility Study"	
<u>Soil Protection</u> Expert meeting and assistance to countries	PAP/RAC	45,000	42,697	- National Training Course on Erosion Mapping for Improved Land Use (Malta, June 1998; 13 trainees) C "Guidelines for Mapping and Measurement of Rainfall-Induced Erosion Processes in Mediterranean Coastal Areas" (in English and in French) C National reports on problems and practices of erosion control management (Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey)	, Implementation of MAP-EC project "Capacity Building for Desertification / Erosion Control Management in the Mediterranean Region" C Synthesis of national reports on problems and practices of erosion control management in the Mediterranean

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<u>Support activities to MCSD priority subjects</u> Sustainable Tourism	PAP/RAC	25,000	25,845	-	MCSD Working Group meeting on Tourism (coorganized with BP/RAC, Split, May 1999)
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	PAP/RAC	651,079	366,473		

- , Projects
- Expert meetings, workshops, training courses,
- C Documents

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC):

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Budget 1998-1999 (in US \$)		Results	Further activities to be committed by 31/12/99 and implemented by 30/6/2000
		Approved MTF/EC	Spent/ Committed MTF/EC		
<u>Legal Measures</u> Assistance to countries in the setting up and enforcement of their national legislation in the field of sites and species conservation	SPA/RAC	20,000	17,943	- Two Contracting Parties assisted in setting-up their legislation. - Editing an illustrated document containing the texts of the new SPA Protocol - Draft guidelines for the re-introduction of marine species	- Assistance to Egyptian authorities in reviewing and improving the national legislation. - Elaborating guidelines for the establishing of legislation for marine turtles conservation .
<u>Planning and Management</u> Expert Meeting to evaluate the three action plans for the conservation of species adopted within MAP	SPA/RAC	40,000	38,237	- Two expert meetings organized with contribution from Greek Ministry of Environment. - Set of recommendations proposed to Contracting Parties to further implement the Actions Plans. - Revision of Action Plan on the Marine turtles finalized at expert level.	
Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation	SPA/RAC	45,000	(¹)16,363	- Draft Action Plan adopted at the expert meeting level.	- Up dating of the information sheets on marine vegetation species listed in the annexes of the SPA Protocol - Preliminary work for the organization of the 1 st Mediterranean Symposium on marine vegetation suggested by the Action Plan.
Implementation of the Action Plans for the conservation of the Mediterranean Marine Turtles, Cetaceans and management of the Monk Seal	SPA/RAC	30,000	13,177	- Elaboration of a report on Marine turtle status - Awareness activities on cetaceans in Slovenia	- Assistance in the implementation of the Actions Plans : Libya, Tunisia. - Preparation of training and awareness module targeting fishermen to reduce the incidental capture of marines turtles - organization of the training workshop on cetacean stranding as recommendation by the C.P.
Assistance for the implementation of CAMPs	SPA/RAC	20,000	(²)15,000	- Field study within CAMP Malta project	Preliminary study within CAMP Algeria

(¹) The organization of the expert meeting in conjunction with the NFP for SPA meeting allowed to save funds on this budget line

(²) The SPA/RAC activities on CAMP Fuka and CAMP Sfax were carried out during the biennium by the SPA/RAC staff members without budget expenditures .

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Assistance to countries for the establishment and management of SPAs	SPA/RAC	40,000	17,601	Three countries assisted to improve the management of their SPAs	Assistance to Egypt, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina ,Croatia and Syria. Contacts are underway to launch these activities by the end of November 99
Assistance to countries in the setting up and implementation of national strategies in the field of biodiversity conservation	SPA/RAC	40,000	39,056	- Two countries assisted in the elaboration and implementation of their national strategies in the field of biodiversity - RAC/SPA Contribution to SAP -BIO	
<u>Exchange of experience and strengthening of national capabilities</u> Training sessions on the scientific and technical aspects of the conservation of the natural common heritage	SPA/RAC	70,000	73,921	- Fifty two participants (designated by the NFP for SPA) trained in the fields of cetacean and Marine Turtles conservation and SPA management - Organization of cetacean stranding workshop (to be held in January /February 99, organization is underway)	- Training session on marine parks. - Training session on marine habitats cartography .
Meeting on endangered species in the Mediterranean	SPA/RAC	10,000	⁽³⁾ 24,754	Experts meeting on priority actions on the conservation of Marine turtles , 18-20 February 1999	
SPA National Focal Points Meeting	SPA/RAC	40,000	28,437	National Focal Points for SPA meeting , 12-14 April 1999.	
<u>Data Collection and Periodic Assessment</u> 'Collection of data and assistance to countries for the preparation of inventories of species and sites	SPA/RAC	70,000	29,983	- Assistance to countries in data collection and elaboration of national data bases including GIS. - RAC/SPA WEB site: www.car-asp.org.tn	- Assistance to countries for the inventory of marine habitats species (Libya, Albania, Tunisia)

⁽³⁾ Following the cancellation by the council of Europe of the meeting on Mediterranean endangered species to which an amount of 10000US was allocated as MAP contribution, RAC/SPA transferred the amount to organize the meeting of experts as approved by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Tripoli, 16-17 Nov.1998). MEDU contributed by an amount of 12000 US .

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<u>Public Information</u> Production of specific material for public awareness and information (movable exposition) on the value and conservation of biological diversity	SPA/RAC	40,000	22,076	Elaboration of movable exposition : 28 posters on Mediterranean Marine biodiversity.	The second movable exposition is being elaborated.
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	SPA/RAC	465,000	336,548		

ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC):

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<p><u>Remote Sensing</u> Devising and monitoring activities supported by remote-sensing for the surveillance and control of oil pollution</p>	ERS/RAC	20,000	15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forum in Malta (50%) - Inventory of projects and programmes, based on the integrated use of RS and GIS techniques, in particular with reference to the monitoring programme of the LBS protocol, to the trend monitoring programme (MED POL) and to the assessment of sea pollution. 	Editing and issuing of the document reporting inventory results
<p>Implementation of CAMPs (Technical assistance to local counterparts, consultations, meetings)</p>	ERS/RAC	20,000	20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation to the Final presentation Meeting of the CAMP for Sfax (Tunisia) - Completion of the activities in the framework of the CAMP for Israel (RESSAC Project) - Issuing of the Document "RESSAC-Remote-Sensing - Support for the Analysis of Coasts" (Palermo, April 1999) - Participation to the Final Presentation Meeting of the CAMP for Fuka-Mathrou (Egypt) - Editing of the Document "Assessment of Natural Resources and Soil Conservation Issues in the Coastal area of Fuka-Matrouh" (June 1999) 	

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<p><u>Capacity Building</u> Preparation of meetings with Mediterranean countries' planners and decision-makers as well as with representatives from remote-sensing centres aimed at demonstrating the effective contribution given by Information Systems based on Earth Observation data to the countries decision making processes</p>	ERS/RAC	25,000	20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation into the Internet of the STEPINMED (Space Techniques-based Environmental Projects and Programmes in the Mediterranean) database (http://www.ctmnet.it/stepinmed) - ERS/RAC- CEDARE cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional training course in Morocco (5-6/10/98) - Regional Workshop on the Use of RS in EIS applications (Rome, 21-23 July 1999) - Issuing of the document "Support to the Thematic Works of the MCSD" (June 1999) - Forum in Malta, 6 July 1999 (50%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuing of the document "Support of Remote Sensing Techniques to Planning and Decision Making Processes for Sustainable Development in Malta" (October 1999) - Arrangement of the one-day Forum in Lebanon to be held on 14 October 1999 - Issuing of the document "Support of Remote Sensing Techniques to Planning and Decision Making Processes for Sustainable Development in Lebanon" (December 1999)
<p>Implementation of a multidisciplinary approach for the assessment of land resources in arid lands (water, soil, vegetation) and of their suitability to proper exploitation</p>	ERS/RAC	10,000	7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory of on-going and planned cooperation programmes and projects to combat and control desertification phenomena - Meetings with Italian Ministry for the Environment with reference to the United Nation Convention to Combat desertification" 	<p>Editing and issuing of the document reporting inventory results and an analysis on the different multidisciplinary approaches adopted within the reviewed projects.</p>
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	ERS/RAC	75,000	62,000		