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**DRAFT REFERENCE LIST OF SPECIES FOR  
THE SELECTION OF SITES TO BE  
INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORIES  
OF NATURAL SITES OF CONSERVATION INTEREST**

## FOREWORD

Section 2.1 of the Mediterranean Action Plan - Phase II and Articles 3.3 and 15 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean contain provisions for the preparation of inventories of the elements of biological diversity important for its conservation and sustainable use. MAP Phase II also provides for such inventories to be prepared according to common criteria jointly established by the Contracting Parties.

In this framework, the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) was invited by the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996, to prepare common criteria and guidelines for the preparation of inventories.

Within the fulfilment of this mandate, RAC/SPA convened a Meeting of experts on criteria for the preparation of inventories of the elements of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region (Athens, 8-10 September 1997). The meeting finalized criteria for the preparation of national inventories of natural sites of conservation interest. To guide the identification of sites to be inventoried, the criteria provide *inter alia* for the establishment of a reference list of species. The criteria also indicate that the list should take into account Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean.

The criteria were subsequently adopted by the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997). At the same meeting the Contracting Parties invited RAC/SPA to work on the elaboration of the reference list of species. They also decided that the list will be finalized at the level of the meeting of the National Focal Points for SPA and adopted at the level of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Doc. UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/10, Annex IV).

With a view to elaborating a working proposal, RAC/SPA requested guidance from the Contracting Parties through the National Focal Points for SPA. On the basis of the received replies, RAC/SPA elaborated a draft list, which was submitted to the Fourth Meeting of the National Focal Points for SPA (Tunis, 12-14 April 1999).

The present document includes the draft list as it has been finalized by the 4th Meeting of the National Focal Points for SPA. It is submitted to the present Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points, with a view to being transmitted to the 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption.

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as approved by the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Focal Points for SPA (Tunis, 12-14 April 1999)

<u>Species name</u>	<u>Annex II</u>	<u>Annex III</u>
<b>Magnoliophyta</b>		
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Y	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Y	
<i>Zostera noltii</i>	Y	
<b>Chlorophyta</b>		
<i>Caulerpa ollivieri</i>	Y	
<b>Phaeophyta</b>		
<i>Cystoseira amentacea</i> (including <i>var. stricta</i> and <i>var. spicata</i> )	Y	
<i>Cystoseira mediterranea</i>	Y	
<i>Cystoseira sedoides</i>	Y	
<i>Cystoseira spinosa</i> (including <i>C. adriatica</i> )	Y	
<i>Cystoseira zosteroides</i>	Y	
<i>Laminaria rodriguezii</i>	Y	
<b>Rhodophyta</b>		
<i>Goniolithon byssoides</i>	Y	
<i>Lithophyllum lichenoides</i>	Y	
<i>Ptilophora mediterranea</i>	Y	
<i>Schimmelmannia schousboei</i>	Y	
<b>Porifera</b>		
<i>Asbestopluma hypogea</i>	Y	
<i>Aplysina sp. plur.</i>	Y	
<i>Axinella cannabina</i>	Y	
<i>Axinella polypoides</i>	Y	
<i>Geodia cydonium</i>	Y	
<i>Hippospongia communis</i>		Y
<i>Ircinia foetida</i>	Y	
<i>Ircinia pipetta</i>	Y	
<i>Petrobiona massiliana</i>	Y	
<i>Spongia agaricina</i>		Y
<i>Spongia officinalis</i>		Y
<i>Spongia zimocca</i>		Y
<i>Tethya sp. plur.</i>	Y	

\* Following its adoption by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the present reference list will be annexed to the criteria for the establishment of national inventories of natural sites of conservation interest. The list may be amended by any further meeting of the Contracting Parties

<u>Species name</u>	<u>Annex II</u>	<u>Annex III</u>
<b>Cnidaria</b>		
<i>Antipathes sp. plur.</i>		Y
<i>Astroides calycularis</i>	Y	
<i>Corallium rubrum</i>		Y
<i>Errina aspera</i>	Y	
<i>Gerardia savaglia</i>	Y	
<b>Echinodermata</b>		
<i>Asterina pancerii</i>	Y	
<i>Centrostephanus longispinus</i>	Y	
<i>Ophiodiaster ophidianus</i>	Y	
<i>Paracentrotus lividus</i>		Y
<b>Bryozoa</b>		
<i>Hornera lichenoides</i>	Y	
<b>Mollusca</b>		
<i>Ranella olearia</i> (= <i>Argobuccinum olearium</i> = <i>A. giganteum</i> )	Y	
<i>Charonia lampas</i> (= <i>Ch. rubicunda</i> = <i>Ch. nodifera</i> )	Y	
<i>Charonia tritonis</i> (= <i>Ch. sequeziae</i> )	Y	
<i>Dendropoma petraeum</i>	Y	
<i>Erosaria spurca</i>	Y	
<i>Gibbula nivosa</i>	Y	
<i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i>	Y	
<i>Luria lurida</i> (= <i>Cypraea lurida</i> )	Y	
<i>Mitra zonata</i>	Y	
<i>Patella ferruginea</i>	Y	
<i>Patella nigra</i>	Y	
<i>Pholas dactylus</i>	Y	
<i>Pinna nobilis</i>	Y	
<i>Pinna rudis</i> (= <i>P. pernula</i> )	Y	
<i>Schilderia achatidea</i>	Y	
<i>Tonna galea</i>	Y	
<i>Zonaria pyrum</i>	Y	
<b>Crustacea</b>		
<i>Homarus gammarus</i>		Y
<i>Maja squinado</i>		Y
<i>Ocypode cursor</i>	Y	
<i>Pachylasma giganteum</i>	Y	
<i>Palinurus elephas</i>		Y
<i>Scyllarides latus</i>		Y
<i>Scyllarus pigmaeus</i>		Y
<i>Scyllarus arctus</i>		Y

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<b>Pisces</b>		
<i>Acipenser naccarii</i>	Y	
<i>Acipenser sturio</i>	Y	
<i>Alosa alosa</i>		Y
<i>Alosa fallax</i>		Y
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>		Y
<i>Aphanius fasciatus</i>	Y	
<i>Aphanius iberus</i>	Y	
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Y	
<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	Y	
<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i>		Y
<i>Hippocampus ramulosus</i>	Y	
<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i>	Y	
<i>Huso huso</i>	Y	
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>		Y
<i>Lamna nasus</i>		Y
<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>		Y
<i>Lethenteron zanandreaei</i>	Y	
<i>Mobula mobular</i>	Y	
<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>		Y
<i>Pomatoschistus canestrinii</i>	Y	
<i>Pomatoschistus tortonesei</i>	Y	
<i>Prionace glauca</i>		Y
<i>Raja alba</i>		Y
<i>Sciaena umbra</i>		Y
<i>Squatina squatina</i>		Y
<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>		Y
<i>Umbrina cirrosa</i>		Y
<i>Valencia hispanica</i>	Y	
<i>Valencia letourneuxi</i>	Y	
<i>Xiphias gladius</i>		Y
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Y	
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Y	
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Y	
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Y	
<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Y	
<i>Trionyx triunguis</i>	Y	

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<b>Aves</b>		
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Y	
<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	Y	
<i>Falco eleonora</i>	Y	
<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	Y	
<i>Larus audouinii</i>	Y	
<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	Y	
<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Y	
<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	Y	
<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Y	
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Y	
<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Y	
<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	Y	
<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Y	
<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	Y	
<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Y	
<b>Mammalia</b>		
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Y	
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Y	
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Y	
<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Y	
<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Y	
<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Y	
<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Y	
<i>Kogia simus</i>	Y	
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Y	
<i>Mesoplodon densirostris</i>	Y	
<i>Monachus monachus</i>	Y	
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Y	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Y	
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Y	
<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i>	Y	
<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	Y	
<i>Steno bredanensis</i>	Y	
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Y	
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	Y	