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8th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group

Videoconference, 9 September 2021

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1.   In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2020-2021 adopted by the 21st
Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Naples,
Italy, 2-5 December 2019, the Secretariat is organizing the 8th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach
Coordination Group, on 9 September 2021, via videoconference.

2.   The main objectives of the Meeting are to:

  (i)   Provide updated information on the status of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach
         roadmap since the 7th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, Athens,
         Greece, 9 September 2019;
  (ii)   Take stock of the progress made related to the implementation of the Roadmap and the
         delivery of the 2023 MED QSR;
  (iii)   Review and endorse as appropriate the proposed 2023 MED QSR methodology, outline,
         structure and contents, and the 2023 MED QSR Communication and Visibility Strategy; and
  (iv)   Provide guidance, and endorse as appropriate, proposals by the CORMONs and/or MAP
         Component Focal Points related to technical aspects of IMAP implementation.

3.   The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist
the Meetings in their deliberations.

Agenda Item 1:   Opening of the Meeting

4.   The Meeting will be opened at 10:30 on 9 September 2021 by Ms. Tatjana Hema,
Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention.

Agenda Item 2:   Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/1
	UNEP/MED WG.514/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.1

        a)   *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group*

5.   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 Meetings (UNEP/IG.43/6,
Annex XI).

        b)   *Election of Officers*

6.   Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meetings will elect a
President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting
Parties.

        c)   *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

7.   Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda
appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.514/1 and annotated in the present document will be
reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting, including the proposed timetable contained in the
present document.

> *d)* *Organization of Work*

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the Meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Working Documents will be in English and French. The Working and Information documents of the meeting can be downloaded through a link that will be shared at a later stage.

10. Sessions are scheduled from 10:30-12:30, 13:00-14:30, and 16:00-18:00. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 18:00 on 9 September 2021 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 3: **Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.3
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.4
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.5
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.6
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.15

11. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present the document "Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap" (UNEP/MED WG.514/3), providing an update on the progress in the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap.

12. This document contains an Annex describing elements on possible ways and approaches to strengthen the governance mechanism established to guide and contribute to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap.

13. The Meeting is expected to review and take note of the progress achieved and provide guidance on the way forward.

Agenda Item 4: **Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/4
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.7
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.8

14. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present the document "Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap" (UNEP/MED WG.514/4), providing an update on the implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap, and on the progress towards the preparation of the 2023 MED QSR.

15. The Meeting is expected to review the progress achieved and provide guidance on the way forward.

Agenda Item 5: **2023 MED QSR Development Approach and Structure, and Communication and Visibility Strategy**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/5
	UNEP/MED WG.514/6

16. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present two documents:

- "2023 MED QSR methodology, outline, structure and contents" (UNEP/MED WG.514/5), upon which basis the 2023 MED QSR will be prepared and delivered according to the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap; and
- "2023 MED QSR Communication and Visibility Strategy" (UNEP/MED WG.514/6). This document, prepared by the Secretariat based on the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap, is a fundamental means to ensure visibility and outreach of the whole process of preparation and delivery of the 2023 MED QSR.

17.   The Meeting is expected to endorse the two documents as appropriate.

Agenda Item 6:   **Technical Guiding Elements on IMAP Implementation: Assessment Criteria and Scales, Thresholds, Baseline Values**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/7
	UNEP/MED WG.514/8
	UNEP/MED WG.514/9
	UNEP/MED WG.514/10
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.9
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.10
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.11
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.12
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.13
	UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.14

18.   Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the following documents discussed in depth and agreed by the CORMON Pollution, CORMON Marine Litter, and the MED POL Focal Points Meeting as evolving documents (March, May, and July 2021):
- "Updated Baseline Values and Proposal for Threshold Values for CI 22" (UNEP/MED WG.514/7);
- "Background (Assessment) Concentrations (BC/BAC) for CI 17 and Upgraded Approach for Environmental Assessment Criteria (EAC) for CIs 17, 18 and 20" (UNEP/MED WG.514/8, supported by UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.9);
- "Assessment Criteria Methodology for IMAP Common Indicator 13: Pilot Application in Adriatic Sub-region" (UNEP/MED WG.514/9, supported by UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.10).

19.   Under this Agenda Item the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will present the main findings on the ongoing work related to assessment scales for marine mammals and turtles (UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.11 and UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.12).

20.   Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will present the document "Revised Guidance Fact Sheets for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to Non-Indigenous Species" (UNEP/MED WG.514/10), which was discussed in depth and agreed by the CORMON Biodiversity Meeting and SPA/RAC Focal Points Meeting (June 2021).

21.   The Meeting is expected to undertake a general discussion, endorse as appropriate the proposals presented in the Working Documents and provide guidance to the CORMON and the Secretariat on the next steps.

Agenda Item 7:   **IMAP Data Policy**

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.514/11

22.   Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will present the document "Elements for IMAP Data Policy" (UNEP/MED WG.514/11).

23.   The Meeting is expected to endorse the document.

Agenda Item 8:   Any Other Business

24.   Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda Item 9:   Conclusions and Recommendations

25.   Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 10:   Closure of the Meeting

26.   The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Thursday, 9 September 2021, at 18:00.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Thursday, 9 September 2021		
Time (EET, Athens time)	**Agenda Item**	**Documents**
10:00 – 10:30	Registration	
10:30 – 10:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.514/1 UNEP/MED WG.514/2 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.1
10:45 – 12:00	Agenda Item 3: Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap	UNEP/MED WG.514/3 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.15
	Agenda Item 4: Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap	UNEP/MED WG.514/4 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.8
12:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 5: 2023 MED QSR Development Approach and Structure, and Communication and Visibility Strategy	UNEP/MED WG.514/5 UNEP/MED WG.514/6
12:30 – 13:00	*Coffee break*	
13:00 – 14:30	Agenda Item 6: Technical guiding elements on IMAP implementation: assessment criteria and scales, thresholds, baseline values	UNEP/MED WG.514/7 UNEP/MED WG.514/8 UNEP/MED WG.514/9 UNEP/MED WG.514/10 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.14
14:30 – 16:00	*Lunch break*	
16:00 – 16:30	Agenda Item 6 (*continued*): Technical guiding elements on IMAP implementation: assessment criteria and scales, thresholds, baseline values	UNEP/MED WG.514/7 UNEP/MED WG.514/8 UNEP/MED WG.514/9 UNEP/MED WG.514/10 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.514/Inf.14
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda Item 7: IMAP Data Policy	UNEP/MED WG.514/11
17:00 – 17:15	Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business	
17:15 – 18:00	Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations	

| 18:00 | Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting | |