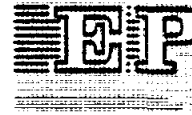




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I. Co-ordination

A. Bureau of the Contracting Parties

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in 1986 was convened in Madrid (Spain), on 11 September. All members of the Bureau were present except H.E. Mr. A. Boufettas, Minister of Housing, Morocco, who excused himself. Morocco was represented by Mr. M. Malliti.
2. The secretariat was represented by Mr. A. Manos, Co-ordinator, and Mr. I. Dharat, Programme Officer.
3. The Meeting reviewed programme developments since the last meeting of the Bureau. The main debate took place over the French request to reduce its share of contribution to Mediterranean Trust Fund. The secretariat was requested to prepare a new formula using a series of parameters (coastal line, resident population, level of pollution and pollution load). The president offered his assistance for consultation with France concerning its position.
4. During the Meeting the National Monitoring Programme for Syria was signed in the presence of the Bureau.
5. The President of the Bureau called a press conference and was interviewed on television. On both occasions he stressed the importance of the Action Plan and of the Genoa Declaration as major instruments of international co-operation that need to be better known by the public.
6. The next meeting of the Bureau is to be held in Istanbul, Turkey from 25 to 26 March 1987.

B. Host Country - Greece

7. Following the nationwide municipal elections (Oct. 1986), the Prime Minister reshuffled his 49-member Cabinet on 30 October. Mr. E. Kouloumbis retained his post as Minister of Environment, Planning and Public Works.

C. Convention and related protocols

8. In implementation of the Genoa decisions (Sept. 1985) on a protocol on the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the Continental shelf and the sea-bed and its sub-soil, the secretariat convened a meeting of experts in Athens from 22 - 26 September. Participants from Italy, EEC, UNIDO, IJO, E & P Forum as well as a consultant to UNEP took part in the meeting. A technical report was produced which was distributed to all Contracting Parties for their information and comments.

9. France and Turkey ratified the protocol on Specially Protected Areas on 2 September and 6 November 1986, respectively.
10. Status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention and its related protocols as at 31 December 1986 is contained in Annex I to this report.

D. Mediterranean Trust Fund

11. The Status of Contributions as at 31 December 1986 is contained in Annex II to this report.

E. Staff Missions

12. Mr. A. Manos attended a review meeting of the Yugoslav proposal on floating reception facilities in Rijeka, held in Brussels at EEC on 3 October. Representatives from EEC, Yugoslavia, IMO and UNEP/MAP attended the meeting. Several technical, legal and economic problems were clarified. The participants recognized the key role played by UNEP/MAP in promoting the concept of reception facilities in the MED and expressed their appreciation. The agreement which was signed between EEC and Yugoslavia stipulates that EEC should provide \$ 200,000 supplementing \$ 800,000 from Yugoslavia. The situation in respect of other MED countries was reviewed at the meeting.
13. The Co-ordinator paid a visit to Rome -Paris - Genoa on 14 - 21 October.
In Rome, together with Mr. R. Schmidt, he visited Italian officials on the subject of Friends of UNEP in Italy and the need to co-ordinate the EYE with MED initiatives.
Minister Zamberletti, Co-ordinator of Civil Defense, confirmed his attendance at PAP Meeting on Seismic Risk (Genoa, October 1986).
In Paris, the Co-ordinator met the Executive Director, Dr. Tolba, who attended the BP review meeting.
In Genoa, the Co-ordinator addressed the opening of the Day of the Sea organized at the National Boat Show in the presence of the new Minister of Environment of Italy on 18 October. He stressed the international nature of marine protection, Italy's commitments under Barcelona Convention, and the Genoa Declaration targets.
While in Genoa, Mr. Manos attended the PAP Seminar on Earthquake Zones (16-18 October), which was co-hosted by the Italian Ministries of Civil Defense and of Public Works, the Regione Liguria and the City of Genoa.
14. Mr. A. Manos attended the 4th International Meeting "Sea and Territory" organized in Agrigento, Italy, 23 - 26 October, by the Lega Navale Italiana, sponsored by the Regional Government of Sicily and co-sponsored by MAP. The theme this year was "Protection of the Marine Environment: Liability and Insurance Aspects".
The concluding round table was chaired by the MAP Co-ordinator. A motion was carried inviting greater co-operation among MED countries in the framework of UNEP.

15. The Co-ordinator was invited to address the "Symposium on marine co-operation in the Mediterranean", held in Tunis on 25-29 November. The meeting was organized by the Association of International Studies (Amb. Rachid Driss, President). The Mediterranean Unit had financed a background paper on "South-South Co-operation in the Mediterranean". It also financed five participants from Algeria, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt and Morocco. The Symposium covered a vast group of subjects. The Third Tunis Declaration was adopted. During his presence in Tunisia, the Co-ordinator participated in a Round Table on the Mediterranean, organized by Tunisian TV.
16. Mr. A. Manos attended a Mediterranean programme review meeting convened in Geneva on 15 December by the Executive Director, along with Mr. S. Keckes, and Mr. L. Jeftic. The review was carried out on the basis of a report prepared by MED Unit. The review resulted in a set of decisions concerning substantive and administrative follow-up.
17. The Co-ordinator attended a meeting of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, Paris, 16-17 December. The meeting was attended by Mr. M. Parent, President, ICOMOS, Mr. S. Antoine, Ministry of Environment (France), Mme Lapeyre, ICOMOS and a consultant to ICOMOS. A text of criteria prepared by ICOMOS on the basis of the agreement with UNEP/MAP was reviewed. A revised version would be prepared with an objective of circulating it to Contracting Parties as a working document for Athens meeting (September 87).
18. Mr. A. Manos attended the first two meetings of the drafting group for the Blue Plan held in Sophia Antipolis, 18-19 December 1986 and 19-20 February 1987 (See BP).
19. Mr. L. Jeftic visited Libya in a UNEP/IMO mission from 22 to 25 September in order to prepare terms of reference for the comprehensive plan for the environmental protection of the Libyan coast. A term of reference for the Contingency plan in the case of accidental oil pollution was prepared. It will be presented to relevant authorities and then sent to Mediterranean Unit. During the visit, Mr. Jeftic discussed several activities related to the MAP with Libyan officials, and visited the environmental laboratories and research centres in Libya. He also inspected a few beaches in the Tripoli area.
20. Mr. L. Jeftic attended the VIII ICSEM/IOC/UNEP Workshop on Mediterranean pollution as well as the session of the plankton and Marine vertebrates Committee, both convened in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 20-24 October. During his visit to Spain, he met in Madrid, with the MEDPOL Co-ordinator of Spain. Various decisions were taken concerning Spain's National Monitoring Programme, as well as other mutual activities.
21. Mr. L. Jeftic attended on behalf of UNEP the XXIV GESAMP meeting which was held in Moscow, 25-29 November 1986 and the XXVI meeting held in London, 19-23 January 1987.
22. Mr. I. Dharat, Programme Officer, attended the Bureau meeting of the Contracting Parties as part of the Secretariat, Madrid, 11 September.

23. Mr. Dharat attended the meetings of the Steering Committee of the Blue Plan, Sophia Antipolis, 21-22 October 1986 and Cairo, 9-10 March 1987. (See BP).
24. Mr. L. Saliba paid two visits to WHO/EURO, Copenhagen, 29 September - 3 October and on 27-31 October. A general review and evaluation of MED programme was undertaken.
25. Mr. L. Saliba attended the expert meeting on manual for water resources development in small islands, Split, 3-5 November.
26. Mr. L. Saliba attended the meeting with MED POL National Co-ordinator and principal investigators of Italy, Rome, 5-6 December.
27. Mr. L. Saliba attended the WHO/EURO - PAP/RAC Working Group on water and sanitation problems in big Mediterranean islands, Malta, 9-12 December.
28. Mr. G. Gabrielides, FAO Senior Fishery Officer, visited Monaco (IAEA/ILMR Laboratory) and Rome, 5 - 15 October to have discussions with the officer responsible for MED POL activities, to attend the GFCM meeting and to have discussions at Headquarters.

In Monaco 5 - 10 October, discussion was held on the reference methods in preparation, for which FAO is technically responsible, and on the organization of the planned IAEA/FAO/IOC/UNEP meeting on the determination of mercury, lead and cadmium in marine organisms and sediments.

In Rome on 9 October he briefed the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) on the MED POL activities for which FAO is technically responsible. The Council showed special interest on the research concerning health hazards of mercury due to the consumption of fish.

While in Rome, Mr. Gabrielides reviewed the whole MED POL programme including budgetary matters with officials at Headquarters.

29. Mr. G. Gabrielides attended in Palma de Mallorca the 30th Congress and Plenary Assembly of ICSEM (International Council for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean) from 19 to 24 October which was attended by a large number of Mediterranean scientists. In the course of the meeting, various contacts were held with MED POL participants to clarify and resolve with them many pending matters.
30. Mr. G. Gabrielides attended the IAEA/FAO/UNEP Workshop on the determination of mercury, lead and cadmium in marine biological tissues and sediments which was organized in the framework of MEDPOL activities and was hosted by the IAEA/ILMR at Monaco from 3 to 5 November. The workshop was attended by 14 participants from Mediterranean institutions who previously took part in the intercalibration exercise.
The workshop recommended certain modifications to a few reference methods and the preparation of a new reference methods for sediments using a simplified extraction method.

31. Mr. F.S. Civili, marine scientist, participated in the VIII ICSEM/IOC/UNEP Workshop on Mediterranean Pollution as well as the session of the Plankton and Marine Vertebrates Committee relevant to the jellyfish and the sea turtles programmes, both convened in Palma de Mallorca, 20-24 October. The workshop meeting attended by thirty one participants received a UNEP grant.

As part of the works of the Plankton Committee, a special session was held on jellyfish. UNEP was unanimously asked to continue to support this programme.

As part of the works of Marine Vertebrates Committee, a special session was held on the problem of the protection of the Mediterranean sea turtles. The meeting asked MED Unit to assist in gathering information from Contracting Parties on the presence of nesting beaches, national scientists experts in the field and on possible local initiatives aimed at the protection of the Mediterranean sea turtles.

32. Mr. F.S. Civili attended the third meeting of the legal experts on the Italo-Yugoslavian Commission for the Adriatic, Trieste, 28-29 November. The objective of the meeting was to compare the various approaches followed by different regional commissions and programmes. He described the MAP activities and summarized the approach and the major achievements of the Regional Seas Programme of UNEP. The general feeling of the meeting was that the co-operation between the Commission and MAP would be highly beneficial for both parties.
33. Mr. F.S. Civili paid a visit to Syria from 13 to 19 December, to assess the capabilities as well as the needs of the country in connection with the participation in MED POL. The National Co-ordinator for MED POL, Prof. K. Kharouf, the Minister of State for the Environment, Mr. Al-Munajed, and Dr. R. Nahhas, Scientific responsible for the monitoring, were contacted and all the institutions participating in MED POL were visited.

F. Staff matters

34. The selection of the Data Processor and the Administrative Officer was finalized. It is expected that the two officers will start work in March 1987.
35. Ms V. Papanagiotou (Greece) was appointed as FAO secretary (G-3) starting from 20 October 1986.
36. Ms K. Lepentis (Greece) was appointed as Data Processing Assistant (G-3) starting from 24 November 1986.

G. Consultants

37. A two-week consultancy with the Co-ordinating Unit was undertaken by Mr. J. McLoughlin (UK) from 22 September to 3 October 1986 to assist the secretariat in its preparation of the technical document on pollution of the Mediterranean sea resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the sea-bed and its sub-soil.
38. The contract of the Consultant in the Computer Section of MED Unit (Mr. Y. Raz) was renewed until 20 March 1987.
39. The MED Unit financed the consultancy services of Mr. Alain Piquemal, who visited Morocco, 23 November - 1 December to work with the ministerial commission on the implementation of book three of the Moroccan Maritime Code.

H. MAP Exhibition

40. So far the MAP exhibition was shown in Greece, Cyprus, Algeria, with plans for Nairobi, Morocco and Malta.

I. Calendar of meetings organized in the framework of MAP

41. The calendar of meetings to be organized in the framework of Mediterranean Action Plan during 1987 as of 31 January 1987 is contained in Annex III of this report.

. Other matters

42. MEDWAVES (Information Bulletin of the Co-ordinating Unit) No. 6 (July-September 1986) in English and French was published and distributed.
43. The Brochure on Mediterranean Action Plan was published and distributed in English, French, Arabic, Greek, Italian, Serbo-Croat, Spanish and Turkish.
44. MAP poster (Turtle), small stickers (Save Our Seas), were published and distributed.
45. Press coverage on MAP in 1986 included the (London) Times, the New York Times, newspapers and magazines in Greece, Italy, Spain, FRG, Lebanon, Norway, Australia, India, Srilanka.
46. A Mediterranean map, including a text on the Mediterranean Action Plan in four languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) was published by HALWAG/UNEP and distributed to Contracting Parties. Due to objections the Mediterranean map was subsequently withdrawn from further distribution.

II. Longterm programme for pollution monitoring and research
(MED POL Phase II)

A. MONITORING

47. Close contacts with MED POL National Co-ordinators continued through correspondence and visits. As a result, national monitoring agreements with Egypt, Libya and Syria were signed. From the countries which did not sign the monitoring agreement, France and Italy submitted data reports (1983-1985). Draft monitoring programme was submitted by France. The Spanish national monitoring programme is being prepared and it should be submitted before the end of 1986. Greece and Turkey informed the Co-ordinating Unit that they will submit programmes soon.

Through correspondence as well as during country visits, close contacts have been kept with individual institutes and scientists participating in the MED POL programme.

48. As a follow-up to each national monitoring agreement and research contracts, expendable and non-expendable equipment have been provided to individual countries. During 1986, Cyprus, Egypt, Libya, Malta, Syria and Yugoslavia have received or will receive shortly equipment and material. Purchase of equipment for Morocco and Algeria has been delayed since no details on the requested equipments had been forwarded until beginning of December, and actual purchase has been made in January 1987 which required rephasing of adequate funds. Lebanon and Israel were given cash contributions towards the implementation of their national monitoring programmes.
49. In order to make full use of the pollution data collected through MED POL and other sources, hardware and software basis of MAP data processing system were improved by purchasing hardware (IBM-compatible PC AT) and software (DBASE III plus, SPSS, PASCAL, etc.). Currently, the backlog of monitoring data is being entered. By using the existing data base, assessments of the state of the pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by petroleum hydrocarbons as well as by cadmium, copper, zinc and lead were prepared. At present, assessments are being prepared for cadmium and mercury according to the requirements of the LBS protocol.
50. Consultation meeting on health effects of methylmercury in the Mediterranean was held in Athens, 15 - 19 September. It was organized jointly with WHO, FAO and UNEP, and was attended by 23 temporary advisers from 7 Mediterranean countries and one from a non-Mediterranean country, one representative each from FAO, IOC and IAEA, 2 representatives from UNEP and four from WHO.

The meeting:

- reviewed the results of studies carried out by participating institutions as part of Phase I of the project;
- reviewed and revised draft protocol on clinical epidemiological studies on health effects of methylmercury;

- reviewed institutional arrangements for Phase II of the project, as well as extension of Phase I to other areas;
- agreed on the submission of updated reports by early 1987 to enable the formulation of appropriate recommendations on any revisions necessary to the interim Environmental Quality Criteria for mercury adopted by the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related protocols (Genoa, 9-13 September 1985).

51. A small expert consultation took place (Athens, 8-9 January 1987) in order to compare experiences of MED POL with other large-scale monitoring programmes.

52. The 20th meeting of the Inter-agency Advisory Committee on MED POL was held (Athens, 12-16 January 1987) with the representatives of UNEP, WHO, FAO, IOC/UNESCO, WMO and IAEA. On-going co-operation was reviewed and activities were suggested for the 1988-1989 biennium.

B. National Monitoring Programme (NMP)

53. The status of National Monitoring Programmes as at 31 January 1987 is as follows:

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| - Signed by National Co-ordinator and UNEP | 10 | Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Yugoslavia |
| - Under negotiation | 7 | France, Greece, Italy, Monaco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey |

(France and Italy submitted 1983-1985 Data)

Processing and quality control of MED POL data

54. The evaluation of MED POL Phase II monitoring data, concerning (a) pollution sources and (b) microbiological and related parameters in coastal waters, continued.

C. Implementation of land-based sources protocol

55. The preparation of the survey of land-based sources and amounts of pollutants reaching the Mediterranean Sea (MED POL X bis) started, but action has been delayed due to the preparation of the questionnaire and the change in the mechanism of the implementation of the survey, required by the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL (Athens, 16-20 June 1986).

56. As of December 1986, LBS protocol has been ratified by Algeria, Egypt, France, Italy, Monaco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and the EEC.

D. Maintenance and Intercalibration

57. The report of the fifth intercalibration exercise and consultation meeting on micro-biological methods for coastal water quality monitoring, held in Marseille from 18 to 23 November 1985, was issued in both English and French versions.
58. Maintenance services were provided through the IAEA Monaco laboratory to MED POL instruments in Cyprus, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Malta and Yugoslavia.

E. Research

59. In response to a reminder to all National Co-ordinators for the presentation of 1986 research proposals, ninety-two research proposals were received for 1986. According to the subject, they were distributed for analysis to the Co-operating Agencies.
60. The link between the research and monitoring components is strengthened through the publishing of final reports of research programmes (MAP Technical Reports Series, annex VII) and focussing research projects on the calendar of the LBS Protocol implementation.
61. A consultation meeting on health effects of methylmercury in the Mediterranean was held in Athens, 15-19 September 1986, to review progress in the project. A small meeting of principal investigators of activity F (oceanographic processes) was held in Nicosia, 13-18 November 1986, to review ongoing projects.

Assistance: Training and fellow-ships

62. At the request of National Co-ordinators, the Unit sponsored the participation of twenty-one scientists at meetings and seminars relevant to the MED POL programme in 1986. Thirty-one scientists were sponsored to participate at the VIII ICSEM/IOC/UNEP Workshop on Pollution of the Mediterranean (Palma de Mallorca, 20-22 October).
63. The Co-ordinating Unit financed two participants from Algeria and Cyprus in the training course on oil pollution, Copenhagen 8 September - 30 October, organized by IMO/DANIDA (Denmark).
64. The MED Unit sponsored the participation of one expert from Spain to attend a seminar on the implementation of the EEC Directive on bathing waters, Montpellier, 12 - 15 October.
65. The MED Unit sponsored the participation of nine participants from Algeria (2), Lebanon (2), Malta, Yugoslavia (4), in the training course on coastal monitoring and management held in Alexandria, 16 November - 7 December.

66. The MED Unit sponsored the participation of seven participants from Algeria, Egypt, France, Israel, Turkey, Yugoslavia and PAP/RAC, in the training course on solar energy held in Almeria (Spain), 17-28 November.
67. The Unit sponsored the participation of five participants from Algeria, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt and Morocco in the symposium on marine co-operation in the Mediterranean Sea, Tunis, 26-28 November. The Unit financed also a background paper on "South-South Co-operation in the Mediterranean".
68. In response to a decision of the Contracting Parties during their Genoa Meeting (September 1985), the MED Unit organized a Group Training Course on the Activities of the MAP. The Course was held in the Unit's premises from 27 October to 6 November. Ten participants from the Contracting Parties and PAP/RAC took part in the Course (Egypt, Israel, Italy, Malta, Spain(two), Syria, Tunisia and Yugoslavia). During first week, the participants were briefed by staff of MEDU on the four components of MAP. The second week, the participants were grouped in two teams to deal thoroughly with two subjects: Training and Mediterranean Environment Week, as well as to finalize country profiles.

III. Regional Oil Combating Center (ROCC)

69. Status of National Contingency Plans (NCP):
 - Countries with National Contingency Plans:
France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Spain, Turkey and Monaco.
 - Countries with NCP under negotiation:
Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Yugoslavia.
70. The Review meeting on ROCC was held in Malta, 23-27 February 1987. The Co-ordinator will provide an oral report.
71. ROCC Info No. 17 and 18, the Bulletin of the Centre have been published. They contain news from ROCC, information about MEDIPOL 86, the World Maritime Day 1986, Lexicon of marine Anti-pollution terminology and cases of contamination of sea turtles with Hydrocarbons, as well as information on forthcoming training course and conferences.

IV. Integrated Planning of the development and management of the resources of the Mediterranean basin

A. Blue Plan (BP)

72. The meeting with Dr. Tolba (Paris, 17 October) reviewed and agreed upon the programme and the timetable scheduled for the achievement of the second phase of the Blue Plan.
73. The meeting of the Steering Committee of the Blue Plan convened in Sophia Antipolis, 21 and 22 October. The meeting reviewed progress achieved concerning the national scenarios, action envisaged to assure the achievement of the second phase of BP and proposals for the presentation of this phase. The meeting decided to convene the NFP's meeting at Sophia Antipolis from 20 to 22 July, and the next meeting of the Steering Committee in Cairo on 10 and 11 March.
74. A drafting group of six (Abdelrahman, Antoine, Batisse, Grenon, Lesourne, Manos) met in Sophia Antipolis 18-19 December. Agreement was reached on the method of presentation, use to be made of the sectoral studies and statistical information collected, as well as on the structure, content, length and timetable of the Blue Plan main report.

The following timetable was adopted:

1 Jan. - 19 Feb. 1987	Drafting by M. Grenon
19-20 Feb. 1987	Meeting of Drafting Group at Sophia Antipolis
21 Feb. - 2 April 1987	Drafting continues
10-11 March	Cairo - Steering Committee is given a preview of the Report outline and schedule
3-4 April	Drafting Committee meets at Sophia Antipolis
15 April	First draft is completed in French
15 April - 15 May	Executive Summary drafted
15 May	French text is finalized in F and E
15 May - 30 June	Report translated into A and S for the Contracting Parties meeting
1 July	Report sent to National Focal Points
20-22 July	Meeting of National Focal Points, at Sophia Antipolis
23-31 July	Report amended with NFP comments
1 August	Report sent to Contracting Parties

It was agreed that material from National Scenaria now under preparation will be inserted as appropriate in the Report during the drafting phase.

It was requested that additional funds be contributed by MTF for the publication of separate documents (fascicules) for an in-depth treatment of individual components (e.g. agriculture, urbanization, tourism, etc.) on which extensive material was collected. Depending on unspent balances in other Chapters from 1986, the Bureau will need to approve this additional allocation for the Blue Plan exercise. The second meeting of the Drafting Group, 19-20 February 1987, took place as planned. The Co-ordinator will provide an oral report.

B. Priority Actions Programme (PAP)

75. A seminar jointly organized by PAP/RAC and WHO/EURO on Water resources management practices in small Mediterranean Islands was held in Palma de Mallorca (Spain) from 24 to 26 September. Officials from twelve countries participated in the meeting as well as representatives from UNESCO, ACSAD (Damascus) and IME (France). Fourteen technical papers including five country mission reports were presented and reviewed.
76. A consultation meeting was held in Athens, 16-17 September, with the Director of PAP/RAC and the Co-ordinator of MAP and his staff in order to review progress and budget matters of PAP/RAC.
77. A seminar on Earthquake zones was held in Genoa, 16-18 October. The seminar was co-hosted by the Italian Ministry of Civil Defense, of Public Works, the Regione Liguria and the City of Genoa. The seminar formulated recommendations concerning mitigation of seismic risks in Mediterranean region and reviewed and endorsed the Mediterranean Co-operative project proposal for seismic risk reduction and welcomed Italy's offer to host the project.
78. A consolidated meeting of experts on Environmental Impact Assessment was held in Split, 17-18 November. The meeting discussed, reviewed, amended and adopted two background documents:
 - the environmental impact assessment process in Mediterranean countries (2nd version);
 - suggested procedures and guidelines for the Mediterranean countries.

The meeting reviewed and amended terms of reference for selected case studies.

79. A working group, jointly organized by PAP/RAC - WHO on Water and sanitation on big Mediterranean Islands and isolated coastal areas was held in Malta, 9-12 December. Participants from Algeria, Cyprus, France, Greece, Egypt, Israel, Italy, Malta, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Libya, Yugoslavia and Portugal as well as representatives of UNESCO and IMO attended the working group. Sixteen documents on technical and sanitary aspects were reviewed. A manual and conclusions and recommendations were formulated.
80. A meeting of experts on Coastal/hinterland relations was held in Split, 16-18 December.
81. Upon a suggestion from the secretariat, and after consultation with the Director of PAP/RAC, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties endorsed the secretariat's proposal to convene a separate meeting of the National Focal Points of PAP in Split from 25 - 27 March 1987. Due to organizational arrangements, the new dates for the meeting are 23-25 June 1987.
82. PAP Bulletin No. 2, Vol.5 (April - June 1986) and No. 3, Vol.5 (July - September 1986) were distributed in Arabic, English and French.

C. Specially Protected Areas (SPA)

83. A joint mission of UNEP/MAP organized to be sent at the end of September was cancelled due to some unfortunate circumstances from the Tunisian side. The objectives of mission were to review with the Director and staff of the Centre progress achieved and problems encountered and to check on the arrangements for the official opening of the Centre.
84. The RAC/SPA with the co-operation of IUCN prepared drafts for:
 - Directory of marine and coastal protected areas of the Mediterranean region;
 - Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas: A guideline and criteria for selection, establishment and management of specially protected areas;
 - Case studies utilizing the draft guidelines (TUNIS - SEMBRA National park).
85. The documents were reviewed by MEDU/IUCN/OCA/PAC consultation meeting convened in Athens 12 - 13 November 1986.
86. Mr. Manos paid a visit to the SPA/RAC on 25-29 November (in the course of his attendance of the Symposium on marine co-operation in the Mediterranean held in Tunis). The Co-ordinator had meetings with the Director and staff of the MAP Centre on Specially Protected Areas. Various administrative, legal and substantive items were discussed. Other meetings were held with UNDP and UNEP representatives in Tunisia.
87. On 27 November, the Co-ordinator had a meeting with Mr. Zakaria Ben Mustafa, Minister of Cultural Affairs, who was interested to learn that the SPA Centre will also deal with underwater archaeological sites, a matter of concern to his Ministry.
88. On 28 November, the Co-ordinator met with the Deputy Director, Department of Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The discussion was centered on Tunisia's contribution to MAP, SPA Centre, and the Executive Director's note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia concerning the incident during the UNEP staff visit.
89. On the question of ratification of SPA Protocol, seven Contracting Parties have ratified the Protocol as at 31 December. According to Article 18(6), the protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the deposit of at least six instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the protocol. Thus the announcement of the entry into force of the protocol will be made soon, waiting for the official communication from the Government of Spain, which assumes the functions of Depository.
90. The official opening of the SPA Centre in Tunis took place on 13 February 1987.
91. The first meeting of the national Focal points for SPA will be held in Athens between 1 and 4 June 1987.

**STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS**
Status as at 31 December 1986

Accession	- AC
Approval	- AP
Reservation	- R

ANNEX II

Regional Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Status of Contributions as at 31 December 1986 (in United States Dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31 Dec. 1985	Pledges for 1986	Collections during 1986 for prior years	Collections in 1986 for 1986	Unpaid pledges for 1986 and prior years
Algeria	26,190	25,880	-	-	57,070
Cyprus	-	2,273	108	2,165	-
Egypt	14,407	15,127	14,407	-	15,177
France	(55,985)	1,178,472	-	1,122,487	-
Greece	72,384	76,234	72,384	-	76,234
Israel	45,799	53,341	28,660	-	70,480
Italy	190,432	722,149	-	-	912,581
Lebanon	8,605	6,384	3,386	-	11,603
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1,214	49,637	-	-	50,851
Malta	-	2,273	-	1,885	388
Monaco	388	2,273	388	2,273	-
Morocco	19,029	10,842	-	-	29,871
Spain	(15,905)	352,779	-	336,874	-
Syrian Arab Republic	4,093	6,582	-	-	10,675
Tunisia	8,634	6,582	-	-	15,216
Turkey	3,780	64,638	3,780	13.55	64,624.45
Yugoslavia	90,734	90,694	82,470	-	98,958
European Economic Community	-	578,813	-	578,813	-
Total	413,799	3,244,973	205,583	2,044,510.55	1,408,678.45

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(Annex V of document UNEP/IG.49/5). Figures, in brackets therefore, represent advance payments.
Total cumulative collections as at 31 December 1985 US\$ 16,006,562
Total collections during 1985 as at 31 December 1985 US\$ 3,568,996

Total collections during 1986 as at 31 December 1986 US\$ 2,250,093.55
Total cumulative collections as at 31 December 1986 US\$ 18,256,655.55.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

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1986				
Inter-Agency Advisory Committee for MED POL (IAAC-XIX)	13-17 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01/ Rev.11	L. Jeftic	UNEP/IAAC XIX
Consultation Meeting of UNEP/MEDU/WHO/EURO and PAP/RAC on the preparation of guidelines for monitoring of outlets	22-24 Jan. Athens	UNEP/MEDU (WHO/EURO) (PAP/RAC) ME/5102-81-01/ Rev.11	L. Jeftic	Issued by UNEP
Review meeting on Jelly fish research Programmes	27-29 Jan. Trieste	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01/ Rev.11	F.S. Civili*	UNEP/WG.145/3
Fifth meeting of Steering Committee of BP	12-13 March Sophia Antipolis	BP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-86-01/	M. Grenon I. Dharat *	Issued by BP
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	20 March Madrid	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01/ Rev.29	A. Manos* I. Dharat*	UNEP/BUR/26
Meeting of experts on monitoring of submarine outfall structures in the Mediterranean	27-28 March Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) (WHO/EURO) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.4	A. Pavasovic	PAP-7/EM.1/4

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General Training Course on oil pollution combating MEDIPOL 86	8-18 April Malta	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06/ Rev. 18	M. Voirin	Issued by ROCC
Seminar on the Experiences in the Protection and Rehabilitation of selected MED Historic Settlements	16-19 April Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.4	A. Pavasovic	PAP-5/SM.2/1
MEDRAP/PAP Seminar on Environmental aspects of Aquaculture	21-30 April Patras, Greece	MEDRAP (UNEP-MEDU/ PAP) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.4	P. Ferlin*	Issued by MEDRAP
Joint meeting of BP/PAP national focal points	28-30 April Athens	UNEP-MEDU (BP/PAP) ME/5102-75-01/ Rev. 29	A. Manos M. Grenon* A. Pavasovic* I. Dharat	UNEP/WG.143/8
Meeting of Experts on Tourism harmonized with the environment	21-23 May Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.4	A. Pavasovic	PAP-9/EM.1/1
General Training Course on prevention and control of Marine Pollution accidents - INFO POL 86	12-17 June Paris, Brest and Marseille	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06/ Rev.18	M. Voirin*	Issued by ROCC

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Fourth Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL	16-20 June Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-84-04/ Rev. 4	L. Jeftic	UNEP/WG.144/13
National Seminar on Marine Oil Pollution	21 June-1 July Alexandria	ROCC (UNEP-MED) ME/5102-76-06/ Rev. 18	D. Domovic*	Issued by ROCC
Seminar on Integrated Planning and management of Mediterranean coastal zones	25-27 June Athens	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev. 5	A. Pavasovic* I. Dharat	PAP-4/SM.1/1
BP Study Group on Mediterranean scenarios	30 June-1 July Sophia Antipolis	BP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-86-01	M. Grenon	Issued by BP
AD-HOC meeting of experts to review the methodology and guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	7-9 July Split	PAP/RAC-WHO-EURO (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.5	A. Pavasovic L. Jeftic*	PAP-12/EM.2/1
Practical training Course on combating oil pollution on sea shore MEDEXPOL 86	8-12 Sept. Brest	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06/ Rev.18	M. Voirin*	Issued by ROCC

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Meeting of experts on the preparation of workshop dealing with basic mathematical elements, tools and techniques for integrated planning and management of coastal zones	8-10 Sept. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	Issued by PAP
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	11 Sept. Madrid	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01/ Rev.29	A. Manos* I. Dharat*	UNEP/BUR.27
Consultation Meeting on health effects of Methylmercury in the Mediterranean (Activity D)	15-19 Sept Athens	WHO/EURO (FAO) (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5120-81-01/ Rev.11	L. Saliba	ICP/CEH 054
Technical Consultation on pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the Continental shelf and the sea-bed and its sub-soil	22-26 Sept. Athens	UNEP/MEDU ME/5102-75-01 Rev. 29	A. Manos I. Dharat	UNEP/WG.155/1
Seminar on Water and sanitation in small Mediterranean islands and isolated coastal areas	24-26 Sept. Palma de Mallorca	PAP/RAC-WHO/EURO (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev. 5	A. Pavasovic*	PAP-3/SM.1/1
Intercalibration exercise for reference methods dealing with Petroleum Hydrocarbons Determination (Activity A)	9-18 Oct. Barcelona	IOC (UNEP/MEDU) ME/5102-81-01/ Rev.11	G. Kullenberg*	To be issued by IOC
Seminar on Earthquake zones (case studies and the project proposal)	16-18 Oct. Genoa	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev. 5	A. Pavasovic* A. Manos*	PAP-6/SM.2/1

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VIII ICSEM/IOC/UNEP Workshop on marine Pollution of the Mediterranean	20-22 Oct. Palma de Mallorca,	ICSEM UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01/ Rev.11	L. Jeftic* G. Gabrielides* S. Civili*	
Sixth meeting of Steering Committee of the Blue Plan	21-22 Oct. Sophia Antipolis	BP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-86-01	M. Grenon I. Dharat*	issued by BP
Training course for Govern- ment officials on MAP activities	27 Oct.-6 Nov. Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01 Rev. 29	A. Manos I. Dharat	UNEP/WG.162/1
Determination of Mercury, Lead and Cadmium in Marine Sediments and Organisms (Activity A)	3-6 Nov. Monaco	IAEA (FAO) (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-81-01/ Rev. 11	S. Aston G. Gabrielides*	To be issued by IAEA
Consolidation Meeting of experts on Environmental Impact Assessment	17-18 Nov. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	PAP-12/EM.3/1
Joint training courses:		UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01/		
1. Coastal Monitoring and management	16 Nov-7 Dec. Alexandria (Egypt)	Rev. 29	-	
2. Solar energy	17-28 Nov. Almeria, (Spain)		-	
3. Youth for Environment	21-24 Nov. Athens (Greece)		A. Manos	
4. Symposium on marine co-operation in Med Sea	26-28 Nov. Tunis (Tunisia)		A. Manos	

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Meeting of experts on water resources management practices in large Mediterranean islands	9-12 Dec. Malta	PAP/RAC-WHO/EURO (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05/ Rev.5	A. Pavasovic* L. Saliba*	to be issued by PAP
Meeting on coastal/ Hinterland relations	16-17 Dec. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05 Rev.5	A. Pavasovic	to be issued by PAP
Consultation on training course for modelling	18-19 Dec. Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-84-04	L. Jeftic	issued by MEDU
<u>1987</u>				
Consultation Meeting on measures to propose for prevention of pollution of mercury and cadmium	7 January Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	L. Jeftic	issued by MEDU
Consultation on assessment of Mediterranean Moni- toring and Research programme (MED POL)	8-9 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-84-04	L. Jeftic	issued by MEDU
Inter-Agency Advisory Committee for MED POL (IAAC-XX)	12-16 Jan. Athens	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	L. Jeftic	UNEP/IAAC-XX
Consultation on Aquaculture	2-4 Febr. Rome	FAO/MEDRAP/PAP (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	

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ROCC Review Meeting	23-27 Feb. Malta	ROCC/IMO (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin A. Manos*	
Meeting of Experts on water resources management - guidelines	2-3 March Split (tentative)	PAP/RAC (UNEP/MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Meeting on appropriate methods for eutrophication assessment and identification of markedly eutrophied areas	2-6 March Bologna	UNESCO (FAO) (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-81-01/	S. Morcos G. Gabrielides* L. Jeftic*	
Seventh meeting of steering Committee of BP	10-11 March Cairo	BP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-86-01	M. Grenon* I. Dharat*	
Meeting of Experts on solid and liquid waste	11-13 March Split(tentat.)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Meeting of the Bureau	25-26 March Istanbul	UNEP/MEDU ME/5102-75-01	A. Manos* I. Dharat*	
Workshop on historic settlements - methodology	18-20 March Marseille	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	
Seminar of the Federation of Arab sea ports	end of March Lattakia (tentative)	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin*	

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Experts meeting on solid waste management - manual	1-3 April Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Fifth Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL	6-10 April Athens	UNEP/MEDU ME/5102-84-04	L. Jeftic	
Seminar on soil protection	15-17 April Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Meeting on the contribution of bilateral and multilateral aid programmes to the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan	22-24 April Malaga (Tent.)	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01	A. Manos * I. Dharat*	
General training course in Marine pollution combating (MEDIPOL 87)	April/May	ROCC Malta (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin	
Workshop on integrated Planning- Elements of common Mediterranean Methodology	6-8 May Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Seminar on renewable sources of energy	20-22 May Almeria-Spain (Tent.)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	

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Joint Expert Consultation on the Management of the Mediterranean Monk Seal	29-30 May Athens	UNEP/IUCN (UNEP-MEDU)	A. Manos B. Nielsen* D. Elder*	
Ad-hoc Meeting on Organotin compound	May/June to be decided	FAO-IAEA UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	G. Gabrielides L. Jeftic	
Meeting of NFPS for Specially Protected Areas	1-4 June Athens	SPA/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-84-02	Hadj A. Salem* I. Dharat	
Prevention and control of accidental marine pollution (INFOPOL 87)	4-19 June Paris, Brest and Marseille	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin*	
Consultation meeting on correlation between coastal water quality (recreational and shellfish growing waters) and health effects	June/July Italy	WHO/UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	L. Saliba* L. Jeftic*	
Ad-hoc Meeting on data processing	June or Nov. to be decided	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	L. Jeftic	
Workshop on planning tools	10-13 June Lyon (tentat.)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	

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Meeting of National focal points of PAP	23-25 June Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Test training course on EIA	6-10 July Split-Athens (Tentative)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) me/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Meeting of the National Focal Points of Blue Plan	20-22 July Sophia Antipolis	BP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-86-01	M. Grenon	
Workshop on offshore protocol (legal)	July Athens/Rome	UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-75-01	A. Manos	
Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	7-11 Sept. Athens	UNEP/MEDU ME/5102-75-01	A. Manos	
Seminar on tourism	22-25 Sep. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	
Experts meeting on liquid waste-manual	5-7 Oct. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic	

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Subregional training course in EIA	26-30 Oct. Algeria (Tentative)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	
Ad-hoc Meeting on Organosporous	October to be decided	FAO-IAEA UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	G. Gabrielides L. Jeftic	
Training course on modelling of dispersion of substances released through coastal outfalls	October Athens	UNEP-MEDU/IOC ME/5102-81-01	L. Jeftic Kullenberg	
Consultation Meeting to assess the results of monitoring the pollutants from LBS, including the effectiveness of presently used methodology and sampling strategies	Oct./Nov. Athens	WHO/UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	L. Saliba L. Jeftic	
Workshop to review preli- minary results of a pilot project and relevant research on airborne pollution in the Mediterranean region	Nov. Yugoslavia	WMO/UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	Soudine* L. Jeftic*	

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Workshop on reuse of treated urban waste	18-20 Nov. Split	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	
Ad-hoc Meeting on floating/ sinking litter	November to be decided	IOC-FAO- UNEP-MEDU ME/5102-81-01	Kullenberg G. Gabrielides L. Jeftic	
Training course in renewable energies	7-11 Dec. Almeria (Spain) (Tentative)	PAP/RAC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-83-05	A. Pavasovic*	
Expert meeting to review results of ongoing research projects on work of trans- port of pollutants by sedimentation	Dec. Villefranche	IAEA-IOC- MEDU ME/5102-81-01	Kullenberg* L. Jeftic*	
<u>Dates to be decided</u>				
National Seminar on prevention and control of Marine oil pollution	First half of 1987 Tunisia (Tentative)	ROCC (UNEP/MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin*	
Practical training course on combating oil pollution (MEDEXPOL 87)	second half of 1987	ROCC (UNEP-MEDU) ME/5102-76-06	M. Voirin	

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