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Agenda Items 3: Progress Report for

Compilation of Project Fiches

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MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL

Date: September 2020 – August 2023

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Marine Litter MED II
Description and main objective(s)	<p>Marine Litter MED II project’s objective is to further strengthen and support the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Building on Marine Litter MED project executed during 2016-2019, the Marine Litter MED II project will further support the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean at national, sub-regional and regional level with a particular focus on southern Mediterranean countries namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.</p> <p>The overall objective of the Marine Litter MED II project is to reduce and prevent the generation of marine litter in the Mediterranean through an expanded implementation of key reduction and prevention measures as provided for in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean. The project aims at expanding the implementation of the selected measures in terms of geographical scope and impact. The project will further contribute to the development of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 towards making it operational at country level. The project will also contribute to achieving the reduction environmental targets as agreed by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona in 2016 during COP 18 as reaffirmed during COP 21 and referred to in its Naples Ministerial Declaration.</p> <p>The Marine Litter MED II project activities will be implemented by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat and MAP Components (i.e. MED POL, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC and REMPEC) in line with their respective mandates and areas of expertise. The Marine Litter MED II project provides an important contribution to the implementation of UNEP/MAP MTS and 2020-2021 Programme of Work adopted at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention (COP), and of several other COP Decisions related to the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, Ecosystem Approach and IMAP, with focus on supporting enhanced marine litter management and a litter-free Mediterranean.</p> <p>The delivery of Marine Litter MED II project activities will be in synergy with EU MSFD and EU Single-Use Plastics Directives. The Marine Litter MED II project contributes to Sustainable Development Goal number 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and several SDG indicators.</p> <p>The project is structured in 3 Outcomes:</p> <p>Outcome 1: Enhance national capacities on monitoring and assessing marine litter addressing pressures/sources and impacts to contribute to 2023 MED QSR with quality assured data addressing pressures and effectiveness of measures in line with COP 20 Decision on 2017 MED QSR.</p> <p>Outcome 2: Scale up and expand the implementation of pilot implementation of selected marine litter reduction and prevention measures at national and local level.</p> <p>Outcome 3: Maximize synergies on marine litter actions in the Region with a focus on the collaboration with the Black Sea Commission and GFCM, and other regional partners.</p>

Main output(s)

Outcome 1: Enhance national capacities on monitoring and assessing marine litter addressing pressures/sources and impacts to contribute to 2023 MED QSR with quality assured data addressing pressures and effectiveness of measures in line with COP 20 Decision on 2017 MED QSR:

Output 1.1: Support countries to further advance and operationalize monitoring of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, with a focus on the ground implementation of the operation strategy as developed during the previous ML MED Project.

Output 1.2: Develop reporting templates, data standards and data dictionaries based on the agreed standardized monitoring protocols, including data quality assurance and quality control tools, to enable the reporting to the Secretariat of national data with regards to IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, through the IMAP (Pilots) Info System.

Output 1.3: Update Baseline Values and establish threshold values for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24.

Output 1.4: Assess and further specify the environmental reduction targets as agreed by COP 19 in 2016 and reconfirmed in Naples Ministerial Declaration of COP 21 in December 2019, including to prevent and significantly reduce plastic leakage in the Mediterranean Sea and to progressively achieve 100% plastic waste collection and recycling by 2025.

Output 1.5: Assess knowledge and data gaps for the riverine inputs of marine litter in the Mediterranean; propose relevant monitoring methodologies based on existing experience and adjust them into the Mediterranean needs; ensure synergies with the EU MSFD TGML work. This would prepare the grounds for consider expanding the marine litter common indicators of IMAP to include an indicator on riverine inputs.

Output 1.6: Assess the main uses and sources of microplastics in the Mediterranean, as well as microplastic leakages into the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean, focusing on existing studies with the aim to fill the gap for the Mediterranean and subsequently will result in proposing accordingly necessary measures as well as a protocol for microplastic monitoring coming from WWTP.

Output 1.7: Support national Governments and competent entities in building capacity through technical assistance, training and collaboration for monitoring IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, riverine inputs, and microplastic deriving from WWTP.

Outcome 2: Scale up and expand the implementation of pilot implementation of selected marine litter reduction and prevention measures at national and local level:

In line with provisions of the Marine Litter Regional Plan and based on the successful outcomes of the previous ML MED Project:

Output 2.1: Implement Adopt-a-Beach measures, with the scope to expand their geographical scope (at least 1 additional pilot per country) and related impact on further enhancing awareness raising of national/local communities.

Output 2.2: Implement Fishing-for-Litter measures (i.e. passive scheme), in at least one additional fishing port with the scope to remove existing marine litter from the marine environment; Efforts will be made to test to the extent possible the FAO voluntary guidelines on marking of fishing gear and to cooperation with GFCM towards addressing the contribution of aquaculture on marine litter and microplastic generation.

Output 2.3: Further sensitize and engage fishermen to the purpose of minimizing sea-based sources; and contribute to extent possible with data on seafloor marine litter.

Output 2.4: Phase out priority single-use marine litter items from the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment, with a focus on advancing the existing work on single-use plastic bags promoting proper and

sustainable alternatives, including on single-use plastic items intensively used, or produced during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and to further support the improvement of the legal framework for other single-use items ending up as marine litter, in line with the new EU Single-Use Plastics Directive and possibly the updated Marine Litter Regional Plan.

Output 2.5: Expand the implementation of pilots (at least one additional port and one marina for the countries participated to the first phase of the project and, where possible, one port and one marina for those countries that did not participate in the first phase of the project) related to the enhanced management of marine litter from sea-based sources in ports and marinas in the Mediterranean, with a focus on advancing the existing work on the application of charges at reasonable costs for the use of port reception facilities or, when applicable, application of the No-Special-Fee system as well to the provision of reception facilities in ports and the delivery of ship-generated wastes, and to explore and establish synergies between the Marine Litter Regional Plan and the IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships, as well as other relevant plans or initiatives.

Outcome 3: Maximize synergies on marine litter actions in the Region with a focus on the collaboration with the Black Sea Commission and GFCM, and other regional partners:

Output 3.1: Assist the development of national marine litter monitoring programmes based on BS IMAP in two countries and their implementation; update the marine litter regional assessment for the Black sea countries based on the structure of their regional and national IMAP.

Output 3.2: Implement selected reduction and prevention measures, namely “Adopt-a-beach” and “phasing out single-use plastic bags”, at pilot scale in the Black Sea based on the Mediterranean experience from the application of relevant measures.

Output 3.3: Identify and implement common actions with GFCM and ensure synergies with other European Regional Seas Conventions and Programmes, related Regional Fisheries Bodies, and the G7 and eventually G20 work on marine litter without budget implications for the project.

Output 3.4: Support the expansion of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean by supporting the participation of participants/organizations from the ML MED II Project eligible countries.

Geographical scope and countries involved	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia (Black Sea Region will benefit under Outcome 3)
Total budget (EUR)	<u>USD 1,289,955 (Total Budget)</u> USD 1,140,000 (EC Contribution) USD 149,955 (MTF Co-Financing)
Main source(s) of funding	European Commission, DG Environment: GPGC Priority Area 1 – Component 4: International environment and Climate governance
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	MED POL, SPA/RAC, SCP/RAC, REMPEC, BSC
Start/end dates	September 2020 – August 2023 (tbc) (36 months)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

<p>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</p>	<p>Executing Components for Outcome 1: UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, and SPA/RAC Executing Components for Outcome 2: UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, SCP/RAC, and REMPEC Executing Components for Outcome 3: UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, BSC and GFCM (tbc)</p>
<p>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</p>	<p>Total project budget for 2020-2023: <u>USD 1,289,955</u></p>
<p>Other MAP Components involved</p>	<p><u>MED POL</u>: Activities related to the assessment of environmental reduction targets; assess knowledge and data gaps for the riverine inputs of marine litter in the Mediterranean and propose relevant monitoring methodologies; assess the main uses and sources of microplastics in the Mediterranean and relevant leakages, and propose accordingly necessary measures and protocols; further expand the implementation of the Adopt-a-beach and Fishing-for-litter measures</p> <p><u>SPA/RAC</u>: activities related to the development and operationalization of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24;</p> <p><u>SCP/RAC</u>: activities related to phasing out priority single-use marine litter items from the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment, with a focus on advancing the existing work on single-use plastic bags promoting proper and sustainable alternatives, including on single-use plastic items intensively used, or produced during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and to further support the improvement of the legal framework for other single-use items ending up as marine litter, in line with the new EU Single-Use Plastics Directive and possibly the updated Marine Litter Regional Plan.</p> <p><u>REMPEC</u>: technical support will be provided pertinent to the expansion on the implementation of pilots related to the enhanced management of marine litter from sea-based sources in ports and marinas in the Mediterranean, with a focus on advancing the existing work on the application of charges at reasonable costs for the use of port reception facilities or, when applicable, application of the No-Special-Fee system as well to the provision of reception facilities in ports and the delivery of ship-generated wastes, and to explore and establish synergies between the Marine Litter Regional Plan and the IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships, as well as other relevant plans or initiatives.</p> <p><u>BSC</u>: activities related to the development of selected national marine litter monitoring programmes based on BS IMAP in BS countries; update the marine litter regional assessment for the Black sea countries based on the structure of their regional and national IMAP; and to the Implementation of selected reduction and prevention measures (i.e. "Adopt-a-beach" and "phasing out single-use plastic bags" measures).</p>
<p>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</p>	<p>UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW) 2020-2021 Outputs: 1.1.2, 1.3.1, 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 1.5.1, 1.6.1, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.2, 2.6.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.1</p>
<p>MTF budget allocation if applicable</p>	<p>The MTF co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2023 is: <u>USD 149,955</u> (MTF Co-Financing)</p>

Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	MAP Components will provide their technical, substantive and supervision capacities to the project in line with their specific mandates approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator Focal Points at MAP Component level: CU: Marine Litter MED II Project Officer (post to be filled) MED POL: Erol Cavus SPA/RAC: Lobna Ben Nakhla SCP/RAC: Magali Outters, Pedro Fernandez (tbc) REMPEC: Franck Lauwers

MAP Component:	Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC
Date:	1 September 2020 – August 2023

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Support to Efficient Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach-based Integrated Monitoring and Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea and Coasts and to delivery of data-based 2023 Quality Status Report in synergy with the EU MSFD (EcAp-MED III)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The objective of the EcAp MED III Project is to contribute to the assessment of the status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coasts and to the delivery of a data-based 2023 Quality Status Report (QSR) in order to measure the progress towards achieving the Good Environmental Status (GES).</p> <p>Building on the outcomes of EcAp MED I and EcAp MED II projects, EcAp MED III supports the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) and data-based QSR in line with 2023 MED QSR Roadmap milestones at national, sub-regional and regional level with a particular focus on southern Mediterranean countries, namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia.</p> <p>EcAp MED III supports the delivery of a data-based 2023 MED QSR through assistance to the implementation of national IMAPs in the respective countries; and strengthening IMAP data management through the expansion of the IMAP Info-System covering the entire scope of IMAP Common Indicators. It supports harmonized assessment at national level through the preparation of national assessment factsheets. EcAp MED III also contributes to the consolidation of the Science-Policy interface (SPI) at national and regional levels.</p> <p>The delivery of EcAp MED III activities is aligned with the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). It relates directly and contributes to Sustainable Development Goal number 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development) and several SDG indicators. It also contributes to Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, the MSFD implementation, as well as to the 2014 Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Outcome 1 – Effective ‘on -the -ground’ national IMAP implementation by the beneficiary countries providing quality-assured data that will enable the development of the quality-assured, region-wide and data-based 2023 MED QSR</p> <p><u>Output 1.1:</u> National and Joint Monitoring carried out of selected Common Indicator(s) (CIs) in beneficiary countries based on national IMAP</p> <p><u>Output 1.2:</u> Joint monitoring pilots designed and implemented</p> <p><u>Output 1.3:</u> Undertake baseline sub-regional assessments for CI 15 and support implementation of monitoring of CI 16 in at least one area per beneficiary country</p> <p><u>Output 1.4:</u> IMAP Info System expanded to include all mandatory CI of IMAP, fully operational enabling the Contracting Parties to report their monitoring data in 2020, 2021 and 2022</p>

Outcome 2: Regional scale progress and consensus for the monitoring and assessment as well as the reporting processes at national, sub-regional and regional levels

2.1: Support the work on scales of monitoring and assessments

Output 2.1.1: Analysis for each IMAP cluster on knowledge gaps, with a focus on the scales of assessment/reporting prepared/agreed and scales of monitoring for all IMAP CIs agreed/progressed

Output 2.1.2: Assessment criteria/thresholds/ baseline values proposed/updated for the 10 IMAP CIs included in the current IMAP Pilot Info System as well as one candidate indicator (Noise)

Output 2.1.3: Regular regional/sub-regional expert group meetings, i.e., expert group per sub-region per topic established and operational to address monitoring and assessment scales, monitoring protocols and assessment criteria

Output 2.1.4: Support to CORMON meetings per cluster ensuring strong participation and inputs to its work from expert networks established at sub regional level for the beneficiary countries

2.2: Boost regional cooperation and SPI including at national level

Output 2.2.1: Establish and implement a communication and visibility strategy for the MED 2023 QSR; Outreach to key partners is undertaken and relevant meetings held

Output 2.2.2: Strengthen SPI networks of scientists and policy makers for the IMAP and its implementation; Design and implement 1-2 pilots at country level

Output 2.2.3: Develop and implement a timeline for regional data sharing between partners

Output 2.2.4: Develop and Publish 2023 MED QSR in 2 languages; make it available online and present at COP 23. This should include the chapter on the assessment of fish stocks and bycatch indicators to be prepared in collaboration with GFCM

Geographical scope and countries involved	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	<u>USD 2,494,790 USD</u> USD 2,200,000 (EC Contribution) USD 294,790 (MTF Co-Financing)
Main source(s) of funding	European Commission, DG Environment: GPGC Priority Area 1 – Component 4: International environment and Climate governance
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC, PB/RAC (Plan Bleu)
Start/end dates	September 2020 – August 2023 (36 months)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>Executing Components for Outcome 1: UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and INFO/RAC</p> <p>Executing Components for Outcome 2.1: UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC</p> <p>Executing Components for Outcome 2.2 UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit, MED POL, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, INFO/RAC and PB/RAC</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	<p>Total project budget for 2020-2023: <u>USD 2,494,790 USD</u></p>
Other MAP Components involved	<p>MED POL: activities related to implementation of IMAP cluster on "Pollution and Litter";</p> <p>SPA/RAC: activities related to the biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species (NIS) component of IMAP implementation;</p> <p>PAP/RAC: activities related to the Coast and Hydrography component of IMAP implementation;</p> <p>INFO/RAC: activities related to the IMAP Info System;</p> <p>PB/RAC: activities related to the Science Policy Interface component of the project.</p>
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>It was related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 1.4, 2.4, 2.5, 3.4, 3.5m 4.4, 5.2, 5.4.</p> <p>It is related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Strategic Outputs 5.1.5, 5.2.5, 5.4.3, 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.4, 6.3.6, 7.1.1.</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	<p>The MTF co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2023 is: USD 294,790</p>
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>MAP Components provide their technical, substantive and supervision capacities to the project in line with their specific mandates approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	<p>Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator</p> <p>Focal Points at MAP Component level:</p> <p>CU: Joanne Foden</p> <p>MED POL: Jelena Knezevic</p> <p>SPA/RAC: Mehdi Aissi</p> <p>PAP/RAC: Marko Prem</p> <p>INFO/RAC: Arthur Pasquale Plan Bleu/RAC: Antoine Lafitte</p>

MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL, SCP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC
Date: 30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Reducing Pollution from Harmful Chemicals and Wastes in Mediterranean Hot Spot and Measuring Progress to Impact Child Project 1.1 (GEF ID 9684) GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The overall objective of this project is to achieve measurable reductions in levels of POPs and mercury in priority Mediterranean coastal hot spots and catchment areas.</p> <p>This objective will be achieved through a multi-focal area collaboration between the GEF Chemicals and Waste and International Waters focal areas, with two project components aiming to a) reduce land based sources of pollution (GEF Chemicals and Waste component) and b) improve monitoring capacity in order to be able to measure these and future reductions in pollution levels (GEF International Waters component).</p> <p>Component 1: Chemicals and Waste, aims to improve human health and coastal habitats, through reduction of wastes and harmful chemicals (POPs and mercury) in coastal hotspots and catchment areas. Ultimately project activities should lead to a tangible reduction of land-based pollutants in Mediterranean countries, through the disposal of over 2,000t of POPs and over 50t of Mercury waste, in line with the Chemicals and Waste Focal Area objective CW2 to “reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances”. The project will contribute to Programs 3 (Reduction and Elimination of POPs); and Program 4 (Reduction or elimination of anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury to the environment).</p> <p>Under Component 2, regional cooperation frameworks will be used and strengthened through the project interventions to identify priorities and actions that will lead to increased environmental and socioeconomic benefits in the Mediterranean. Activities will be performed to assist the Mediterranean countries to update the 2005 baseline regarding transboundary issues that affect the state of their marine and coastal environments, analyze causes and impacts of identified/ prioritized issues, and recommend areas where adequate responses are needed to ensure attainment of GES. The update will include a gender assessment and strengthen the knowledge base on several pertinent topics (such as impact of climate change on natural and socio-economic systems, impact of pollution on marine ecosystems, potential for blue economy development, etc.), looking also at trends and future scenarios. Capacities to monitor and report (referring to national, regional and global scales) will be enhanced, enabling (in conjunction with other MedProgramme projects and components) the assessment of progress towards stress reduction impacts and achievement of relevant SDG targets.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Output 1.1: Management and disposal of 2,000 Tons of POPs Output 1.2: Management and safe storage of 50 Tons of mercury Output 1.3: Long term new POPs reduction through pilot activities on</p>

	<p>new POPs alternatives</p> <p>Output 1.4: Mercury reduction through pilot activities on mercury alternatives</p> <p>Output 2.1: Updated TDA including gender assessment</p> <p>Output 2.2: Report on progress to impacts</p> <p>Output 2.3: Offshore monitoring strategy and identification of 20 locations for the offshore monitoring stations</p> <p>Output 2.4: Data sharing policy for the Mediterranean</p> <p>Output 3.1: Knowledge Management strategy shares knowledge from Child Project 1.1</p> <p>Output 3.2 Regular monitoring and evaluation of project progress and results</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia, and Turkey
Total budget (USD)	US\$14,250,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Chemical and Waste (US\$11,250,000) and International Waters (US\$3,000,000) focal Areas.
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	MED POL, SCP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 – 30 April 2025 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to Component 1 disposal and prevention of POPS and Mercury and Component 2 develop of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	<p>Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$14,250,000</p> <p>CU project budget: US\$4,348,000</p> <p>MED POL US\$8,877,000</p> <p>SCP/RAC project budget: US\$775,000</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC project Budget: US\$250,000</p>
Other MAP Components involved	<p>MED POL is coordination the technical execution of both Components 1 and 2. For Component 1 coordinating the work on POPs and Hg. For Component 2 Coordinate and support project activities (TDA, offshore monitoring, data sharing policy); provision of data and expertise, support to TDA team/ working groups, consultations through the MED POL Focal Points</p> <p>SCP/RAC is executing and providing technical support to new POPs prevention pilots.</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC is supporting the TDA update, coordinate/ conduct the preparation of selected thematic assessments (in particular for socio-economic topics); foresight scenarios; contribute to identification and prioritization of issues, causal chain analysis for TDA.</p>

Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>The project implementation is closely linked to IMAP implementation (project Component 2), to reduction of LBS of pollution (project Component 1), and to the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy.</p> <p>As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 1.1.4, 1.3.1, 1.4.3, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.2</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	<p>The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$53,146,727. In detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNEP/MAP US\$386,032 (in-kind)• SCP/RAC US\$ 4,075,718 (in-kind)• Plan Bleu/RAC US\$542,000 (in-kind)• Recipient Governments US\$48,142,977 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the protocols dealing with LBS of pollution. Moreover, the Project support the IMAP effort of the Convention through the definition of a new TDA and thematic assessments and causal chain analysis. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 2 and SDG 12.</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	<p>Mohamad Kayyal (Project Manager) and Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)</p>

MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL

Date: 30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title Mediterranean Pollution Hot Spots Investment Project
Child Project 1.2 (GEF ID 9717)
GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)

Description and main objective(s)

The overall objective of this project is to improving water security, human and ecosystem health, and climate resilience in coastal hot spots.

Child Project 1.2 will generate major innovative investments in Mediterranean coastal areas at risk of groundwater over-exploitation, loss of coastal habitats and eutrophication, in line with National Action Plans (NAPs) for the implementation of the SAP-MED on land based pollution reduction, and consistent with priorities and coastal management strategies emerging from the results of the MedPartnership. The infrastructure improvements promoted by the project will also contribute to the supply of additional, reliable sources of water that can be used in agriculture and/or forestry, thus reducing the pressure on the region's already scarce water sources. GEF funding will support the selection and design of the investments, and the capacity building related to them. The project has 2 Components.

Component 1: will identify and prepare nutrient reduction investments to support the depollution of the Mediterranean Sea and provide an additional source of water thus improving the economic situation for fisheries, agriculture/forestry and tourism in the target areas while at the same time improving the health and the environmental situation for the people living in these areas. Component 1 will focus on enabling investments in pollution reduction from domestic wastewater targeting recognized pollution hotspots (NAPs) in three Mediterranean countries: Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia. Details on the hotspots to be targeted are provided in the following sections.

Component 2 will provide for harmonization and upgrading of the existing or development of new standards for sectors and activities causing significant pressures on marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean. This will strengthen policy framework for the implementation of Component 1 investments and contribute to the overall effectiveness of environmental management in the region. The Component 2 will focus on wastewater treatment, sludge management, desalination and aquaculture. It will build upon and complement the ongoing work on the development of six new/updated pollution reduction regional plans by the MAP/ Barcelona Convention, as well as the GFCM work on further development of legal framework for sustainable aquaculture).

Main output(s)

Output 1.1 Preparatory studies finalized.

Output 1.2 Capacity-building activities to enable the national water and sanitation companies to better operate and maintain wastewater collection and treatment systems finalized.

Output 1.3 Targeted surveys and studies to enable informed decision-making and enhance the sustainability of the investments and their beneficial impacts, prepared.

	<p>Output 1.4 Public awareness raised on the benefits of proper wastewater disposal.</p> <p>Output 1.5 Gender equality mainstreamed in the wastewater sector in Egypt.</p> <p>Output 1.6 Preparatory studies, finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.7 Responsibilities defined, and operation procedures developed and submitted for adoption by relevant authorities.</p> <p>Output 1.8 Monitoring and evaluation capacity of MOEW and WEs improved.</p> <p>Output 1.9 Surveys and studies to enable informed decision-making and enhance the sustainability of the investment and of its beneficial impacts, prepared.</p> <p>Output 1.10 Gender equality mainstreamed in the wastewater sector in Lebanon.</p> <p>Output 1.11 Preparatory studies, finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.12 Capacity enhancement of ONAS to operate and maintain wastewater systems completed.</p> <p>Output 1.13 Wastewater Master Plans for the targeted regions are updated.</p> <p>Output 2.1 Regional standards on wastewater management; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.2 Regional standards on sludge management; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.3 Regional standards on desalination; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.4 Regional standards for reducing pollution from aquaculture; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	The entire Mediterranean region for Component 2 (Standards) and Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia for Component 1 on investments supported by the European Investment Bank (EIB).
Total budget (EUR)	US\$5,000,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$5,000,000) focal Areas.
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	EIB and MED POL
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 – 31 December 2026 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to Component 2 on harmonization of relevant regional standards.
Project budget for MAP	Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$5,000,000

Component's activities (EUR)	UNEP/MAP US \$ 963,250 EIB US\$4,036,750
Other MAP Components involved	MED POL is coordinating the technical execution of the Component 2
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	The project implementation contributes to the reduction of LBS of pollution (project Component 2), and to the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy. As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 2.1.1, 2.2.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2026 is US\$546,451,400. In detail: EIB and other financial institutions US\$520,000,000 (in-cash and hard loan) Recipient Governments US\$26,451,400 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the protocols dealing with LBS of pollution. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 6.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)

MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU) – PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC

Date: 30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title **Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Water Security, Climate Resilience and Habitat Protection.**

Child Project 2.1 (GEF ID 9687)

GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)

Description and main objective(s)

The overall objective of this project is to Improving water security, human and ecosystem health, and climate resilience in coastal hot spots. Child Project 2.1 will play a crucial role in achieving the desired impacts of the MedProgramme by assisting countries, coastal zone managers and populations to protect and use sustainably the available coastal freshwater supply threatened by evolving climatic conditions, pollution, and competition at the water nexus, and to adopt coastal zone management and land use policies respectful of the intrinsic vulnerabilities, carrying capacity, and cultural, social and economic functions of the Mediterranean coasts and ecosystems. The project consists of two Components:

Component 1: Coastal Zone Management aims to support the implementation of comprehensive ICZM approaches, including: 1) Preparation, adoption and support to implementation of gender sensitive National ICZM Strategies, or coastal plans, marine spatial plans and plans focused on coastal resilience to Climate Variability and Change adopting the Integrative Methodological Framework (IMF) developed under MedPartnership; 2) Translation of intrinsic environmental vulnerabilities (ecosystems, climate, and groundwater) into Coastal Zone Use Capability or suitability maps and related guidance; 3) Use of ICZM tools and instruments; and 4) Capacity building activities for ICZM, MSP and adaptation to climate variability and change (all project countries).

Component 2: Management of Coastal Aquifers and Related Ecosystems aims to implement sustainable management policies and practices in the five coastal aquifers considered of priority importance by the countries and in the coastal ecosystems related to them, while conducting sub-regional trainings and national dialogues on conjunctive surface and groundwater management solutions in coastal areas. This Component will support the implementation of actions foreseen in the two Sub-Regional Action Plans developed under the MedPartnership (Adriatic Basin; and South, Central and Levantine Basin) on the sustainable management of coastal aquifers and groundwater-related ecosystems agreed upon by the countries as part of MedPartnership.

Main output(s)

Output 1.1: Multi-stakeholders' consultations on ICZM Protocol ratification and implementation.

Output 1.2: Inter-Ministerial Coordination mechanisms for coastal management in place.

Output 1.3: ICZM Strategies/plans developed and adopted.

Output 1.4: A series of training events in ICZM, MSP and CVC adaptation developed and implemented.

Output 1.5: Raised awareness on the approaches promoted by the project (with attention to the engagement of private sector).

Output 2.1: Detailed assessments of the current state of priority coastal aquifers and related coastal ecosystems, vulnerability maps and

	<p>recommendations for land use planning addressing relevant stakeholders, including private sector, national and local water associations and water users.</p> <p>Output 2.2: National Dialogues identifying potential conjunctive management solutions, including stakeholders' training modules designed and implemented.</p> <p>Output 2.3: National Assessments of Submarine Groundwater Discharges and of Marine – Freshwater Interactions.</p> <p>Output 2.4: Priority aquifers coastal management plans produced including design and field testing of aquifer monitoring multi-purpose networks and protocols.</p> <p>Output 2.5 Facilitation of broader adoption of approaches promoted by the project with attention on long term sustainability and engagement of private sector, national and local water associations and water users.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.
Total budget (EUR)	US\$7,000,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$7,000,000) focal Areas.
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	PAP/RAC Plan Bleu/RAC UNESCO IHP GWP Med
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 – 30 April 2025 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the 2 project's components.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	<p>Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$7,000,000</p> <p>UNEP/MAP US\$1,315,000</p> <p>PAP/RAC US\$1,820,000</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC US\$360,000</p> <p>UNESCO IHP US\$2,825,000</p> <p>GWP Med US\$680,000</p>
Other MAP Components involved	<p>PAP/RAC is coordinating the technical activities on ICZM Implementation</p> <p>Plan Bleu is executing Participatory Approach for ICZM Implementation</p> <p>UNESCO-IHP is coordinating the work on the sustainable management of Coastal Aquifers.</p> <p>GWP Med is executing activities on IWRM.</p>

Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>The project implementation contributes to the implementation of the ICZM protocols and to the reduction of several stresses relevant to the Convention on water resources due to climate change assessed in cooperation with other regional interested stakeholders.</p> <p>As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 4.2.2, 4.4.2, 4.5.1, 4.7.1, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.5.1, and 5.6.1.</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	<p>The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$143,270,231. In detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP/MAP US\$158,852 (in-kind) PAP/RAC US\$5,509,509 (in kind) Plan Bleu US\$ 741,000 (in kind) UNESCO US\$ 6,000,000 (in kind) GWP Med US\$240,000 (in kind and in cash) Recipient Governments US\$129,660,870 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>The Project gives direct supports to the implementation of the ICZM protocol and support the climate change adaptation efforts of the Convention. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15.</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	<p>Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)</p>

MAP Component:	Coordinating Unit (CU)
Date:	30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	<p>Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus Child Project 2.2 (GEF ID 9685) GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)</p>
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The overall objective of this project is balancing of competing water uses in priority coastal areas through water, food, energy and ecosystems integrated governance, to enhance environmental security and sharing of benefits.</p> <p>Child Project 2.2 will be key in informing the policy and management paradigm of natural resources in the Mediterranean. It will achieve that by introducing practical assessment and consultation approaches related to Nexus striving to link these with investment development, allowing the Water and Environmental policy and management approaches at the coastal and marine area to be informed by and/or inform the Energy and Agricultural decision making. This will foster sectoral integration resulting in improved design, hence applicability, of related policies responding to the carrying capacity, structure and functions of the Mediterranean coastal and marine natural and anthropogenic environment. The project consists of four Components:</p> <p><u>Component 1</u>: Institutional Strengthening aims to: 1) Identify the level of integration among Nexus sectors' strategic documents in each country; 2) Initiate discussion and decide on a strategic document e.g. a Roadmap describing orientations, partners, capacities and steps for the introduction of Nexus approach considerations in the natural resources management frameworks; 3) Raise awareness, increase understanding and enhance capacities of institutions and stakeholders, through knowledge exchange and cross-fertilization regarding the Nexus approach.</p> <p><u>Component 2</u>: Addressing Nexus issues affecting the Mediterranean LME will: (i) facilitate integrated policy making and management in the countries of focus applying novel tools; (ii) create the basis for the replication of such activities in other countries and scales.</p> <p><u>Component 3</u>: Testing and upscaling Nexus solutions will strive to attract a range of interested financing partners, public and private (including Corporate Social Responsibility partners), since its early stages.</p> <p><u>Component 4</u>: Consultation and outreach will create the conditions for the introduction and implementation of the Nexus approach in the management of natural resources.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Output 1.1: Regional Dialogue and Capacity Building on Nexus assessment and approach.</p> <p>Output 2.1: New or existing inter-institutional bodies convening and steering the development of Nexus Assessments and strategic documents.</p> <p>Output 2.2: Water-energy-food-ecosystems Nexus Assessments and multi-stakeholder consultation dialogues in priority coastal areas.</p> <p>Output 2.3: Nexus strategies/action plans for priority coastal areas, possibly as part of other strategic documents for coastal areas.</p> <p>Output 3.1: Nexus demonstration activities.</p> <p>Output 4.1: Identified interventions, including potential sources of funding.</p>

	Output 5.1: A Stakeholders Engagement Strategy (SEG) coherent with the MedProgramme Gender Mainstreaming and Knowledge Management Strategies.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.
Total budget (EUR)	US\$3,500,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$3,500,000) focal Areas.
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	GWP Med
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 – 30 April 2025 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the 4 project's components.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (USD)	Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$3,500,000 UNEP/MAP US\$564,000 GWP Med US\$2,936,000
Other MAP Components involved	GWP Med is executing the technical activities of the entire project.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	The project implementation contributes to the sustainable use of coastal resources and to the harmonization of legal instruments and governance on water, energy, food and ecosystem. As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 4.2.2, 4.4.2, 4.5.1 and 4.7.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$11,309,871. In detail: UNEP/MAP US\$79,871 (in-kind) GWP Med US\$4,000,000 (in kind and in cash) Recipient Governments US\$7,230,000 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The Project gives direct support to the reduction of several stresses relevant to the Convention on water resources due to climate change assessed in cooperation with other regional interested stakeholders. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)

MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU), PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC

Date: 30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title Enhancing regional climate change adaptation in the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Area
SCCF Project (GEF ID 9670) - GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)

Description and main objective(s)

The overall objective of this project is enhancing the capacities of countries in the Mediterranean region to adapt to climate change with a view to influencing wider development processes in the region. The SCCF Project will contribute to the overarching goal of Component 2 of the MedProgramme to enhance sustainability and climate resilience in the coastal zone. As the only project of the MedProgramme devoted specifically to climate change adaptation, the SCCF Project is a timely and necessary response to the need to build the capacity of people and institutions to adapt to the impacts of climate change in coastal areas, which are especially vulnerable to these impacts. Through the identification of climate risks affecting the coast and the development of strategies to overcome or cope with these risks, the SCCF Project will effectively enhance both sustainability and climate resilience in the region. Technical assistance in this project will focus on two main lines of action: mainstreaming climate change adaptation strategies in coastal plans and facilitating access to climate financing to scale up adaptation measures in the region. The project consists of four Components: Component 1: Stakeholder engagement, and enhanced capacity building and cooperation aims to: i) identifying and assessing existing climate risk assessments in Montenegro and Morocco; ii) downscaling/updating/complementing existing assessments with relevant data (e.g. socio-economic and gender-related information); and iii) building stakeholders' capacities to use climate risk assessments for development planning in coastal areas. Component 2: Development of best practices for enhanced sustainability and climate resilience in the coastal zone aims to support the adaptation mainstreamed into local ICZM plans. Component 3: aims to assist partner countries in prioritizing and developing projects contributing to climate adaptation objectives in their coastal and marine zones, by enhancing preparedness to access existing and emerging finance mechanisms relevant to climate change adaptation, including international and domestic instruments. Component 4: Knowledge, management, project coordination and influencing aiming to establish synergies with other ongoing relevant GEF supported projects and initiatives in the region.

Main output(s)

Output 1.1: A gender-sensitive climate risk assessment (in at least two priority coastal hotspots areas and based on a stakeholder-led process), which provides a platform for building coastal resilience to climate change in a sustainable and inclusive manner.
Output 1.2: Interventions identified for building coastal resilience in two priority coastal areas (based on a stakeholder-led process using the participatory method "Climagine").
Output 1.3: Training provided to at least 50 technical experts and decision makers from the six project countries on climate change adaptation solutions (including ecosystem-based solutions) for coastal areas.

	<p>Output 1.4: Sub-regional consultations for International Finance Institutions, banking, insurance, private sectors in low-lying coastal areas on the financing possibilities of the adaptation priorities identified and institutional support needed for the enhanced use of coastal climate risk assessments in investment decisions.</p> <p>Output 2.1: Recommendations for adaptation measures to be mainstreamed into Morocco (Tanger Tetouan El Hoceima) and Montenegro's (Kotor Bay) local ICZM plans agreed with project stakeholders in Child Project 2.1, developed.</p> <p>Output 2.2: For at least two priority coastal areas, a report developed on the main legal, policy and institutional barriers and opportunities for implementing adaptation solutions based on stakeholder consultations in Outcome 1 and discussions with MedProgramme project stakeholders.</p> <p>Output 3.1: Methodological guidelines on preparing a financing plan for climate change adaptation in coastal areas (comprising domestic, international and private sector investments).</p> <p>Output 3.2: A proposal developed to access international financing support for climate change adaptation in coastal zone with at least two countries as participating partners.</p> <p>Output 4.1: One regional meeting to share information and knowledge on the findings and outputs of the adaptation planning processes, and to agree on an adaptation-relevant Monitoring and Evaluation framework to be applied in the MedProgramme.</p> <p>Output 4.2: Local awareness raising campaigns on climate change and adaptation opportunities conducted (one in each priority coastal area) targeting local communities, NGOs, associations, actors from the private sector and schools.</p> <p>Output 4.3: One glossy and eye-catching brochure and one scientific assessment report on environmental and climate risks in hotspot areas in the Mediterranean region (based on prepared reports and summaries for decision-makers).</p> <p>Output 4.4: One major forum in the Mediterranean region to present lessons learned from the project at the end of year 2, which strengthens the uptake of lessons learned in the MedProgramme, and other relevant initiatives such as the Union for Mediterranean Climate Change Expert Group and others.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Albania, Algeria, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.
Total budget (EUR)	US\$1,000,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Special Climate Change Funds (SCCF) (US\$1,000,000).
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	PAP/RAC; Plan Bleu/RAC; GWP Med
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 –30 April 2023 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific
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	project tasks related to the consistent execution of the 4 project's components.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	Total project budget for 2020-2023: US\$1,000,000 UNEP/MAP US\$240,000 PAP/RAC US\$310,000 Plan Bleu/RAC US\$300,000 GWP Med US\$150,000
Other MAP Components involved	PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC and GWP Med are executing the technical activities of the entire project aiming to mainstream climate change adaptation into coastal planning.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	The project implementation contributes to the sustainable use of coastal resources and to the Barcelona Convention efforts on Climate change adaptation. As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 4.2.2, 4.4.2, 4.5.1, 4.7.1, 7.2.1 and 7.3.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2023 is US\$ 5,891,894.00. In detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAP/RAC US\$1,140,000 (in-kind) • Plan Bleu/RAC US\$1,131,894 (in-kind) • GWP Med US\$520,000 (in kind and in cash) • Recipient Governments (Morocco and Montenegro) US\$2,100,000 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The Project gives direct support to reduce several stresses relevant to the Convention on water resources due to climate change assessed in cooperation with other regional interested stakeholders. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 5, 13 and 14.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)

MAP Component: Coordinating Unit (CU)

Date: 30 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Environment and Climate Regional Support Project Child Project 4.1 (GEF ID 9686) - GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9686)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The overall objective of this project is fostering the MedProgramme-wide learning and dissemination of knowledge, effective portfolio coordination and synergistic interactions among CPs, gender mainstreaming and monitoring progress to impacts.</p> <p>Child Project 4.1 will play key role within the MedProgramme as it “implements mechanisms for Programme-wide learning and dissemination of knowledge, monitoring the Programme’s progress to impacts, and fostering synergistic interactions among Child Projects”.</p> <p>The project, while ensuring coordination and monitoring of all MedProgramme’s Child Projects, will have as main focus increasing the capacity of main stakeholders to address the major environmental problems affecting the Mediterranean coastal areas and shallow marine environments: pollution, impacts of climate change, coastal zone and marine resources degradation.</p> <p>The project will develop its support function through three main lines of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Knowledge sharing and Dissemination (ii) Coordination and synergies <p>The Child Project 4.1 will support and create benefit to all the MedProgramme’s Child Projects, implementing agencies and executing partners, while benefiting from the support received, will in turn actively interact with Child Project 4.1 by contribution to the Programme’s Knowledge Management Strategy through their participation in stocktaking events, dialoguing and systematically contributing with information on progress, milestone achievements and events, environmental data and scientific advances, and issues affecting project implementation. Moreover, by ensuring integrated coordination of the eight (8) Child Projects of the MedProgramme, the Child Project 4.1 will allow for the monitoring and execution of the Programme’s Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Output 1.1: Knowledge management platform in place.</p> <p>Output 1.2: Communication, Outreach and Awareness Raising Products and Activities produced.</p> <p>Output 1.3: Mechanisms to promote the broader adoption and replication of the successful policies, practices and technologies implemented under the MedProgramme available for stakeholders of the Programme.</p> <p>Output 2.1: Monitoring mechanism of MedProgramme progress to impacts established.</p> <p>Output 2.2: Mechanisms in place to establish synergistic interactions among Child Projects and with other relevant initiatives and stakeholders, and to take stock of progress and challenges at the MedProgramme level.</p> <p>Output 2.3: Cooperation and synergy with IW: LEARN.</p> <p>Output 2.4: Monitoring mechanism to assess progress on gender actions across the MedProgramme in place.</p>

Geographical scope and countries involved	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.
Total budget (EUR)	US\$2,500,000
Main source(s) of funding	Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Chemical and Waste (US\$500,000) and International Waters (US\$2,000,000) focal Areas.
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.
Other partners	-
Start/end dates	1 May 2020 – 30 April 2025 (tbc)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination and execution of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the entire MedProgramme and its 8 Child projects.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$2,500,000 UNEP/MAP US\$2,500,000
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	The project implementation contributes to the sustainable use of coastal resources and to the Barcelona Convention resource mobilization strategy. As such it is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 1.1.2, 1.1.4, 1.3.2, 1.4.1, 1.4.4 and 7.3.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$ 6,623,920. In detail: UNEP/MAP US\$838,578 (in kind and in cash) Recipient Governments US\$5,785,342 (in-kind)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The Project gives direct supports to efforts of the Convention on producing knowledge on the marine and costal ecosystems and in mainstreaming gender into the operation of the MAP system.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)

MAP Component:	Coordinating Unit (CU) - and SPA/RAC (in cooperation with PAP/RAC and INFO/RAC on hydrography and data inputs respectively)
Date:	1 March 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Towards achieving the Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through an Ecologically Representative and Efficiently Managed and Monitored Network of Marine Protected Areas (IMAP-MPA)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The overall objective of this project is to contribute towards the achievement of Good Environmental Status (GES) in the Mediterranean Sea and along its coast. In so doing, the project proposes to consolidate, integrate and strengthen the ecosystem approach (EcAp) for Marine Protected Area (MPAs) management and their sustainable development. This will be achieved through the monitoring and assessment of environmental status in the Mediterranean Sea and its coast, including MPAs, in a comparative and integrated manner.</p> <p>The project also proposes to enhance MPA management through coordinated implementation of the MAP Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean, as well as enhance the integration of the Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) in this process. The IMAP-MPA Project is strengthening and further develop the Mediterranean network of ecologically representative, inter-connected, effectively managed and monitored MPAs. This is achieved through the improvement national biodiversity-related governance and policies; the preparation and implementation management plans for MPAs and improvement of MPA management with targeted actions.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Project Output 1.1: In depth identification at country level of the capacities required to enable IMAP implementation and facilitate the provision of reliable and quality assured data for the MED 2023 QSR.</p> <p>Project Output 1.2: Capacity building and exchange of best practices at the national, sub-regional and regional level through specific training sessions and meetings.</p> <p>Project Output 2.1: Integrated/joint monitoring in MPAs and high-pressure areas carried out in identified pilot sites for agreed common indicators.</p> <p>Project Output 3.1: Support for the development of a National MPA Network Strategy for the Egyptian coast.</p> <p>Project Output 3.2: Organization of the 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean to pave the way for the post 2020 MPA agenda process in the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Project Output 3.3: The development of a strategic document on MPAs and other effective area-based conservation measures in the Mediterranean, in line with the CBD post-2020 global biodiversity framework through a participatory process.</p> <p>Project Output 4.1: Elaboration of MPA management plans and provision of support for their effective implementation.</p> <p>Project Output 4.2: Improvement of MPA management through capacity building and initiation of management plan implementation.</p> <p>Project Output 5.1: Project management and coordination.</p>

Geographical scope and countries involved	Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, with a focus on Southern Mediterranean (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia). Jordan and Palestine, who are not Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention will only participate in the regionally scoped activities focusing on capacity building and exchange of best practices.
Total budget (EUR)	3,999,660 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU (the Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and the Green MED III: ENI South regional environment and water programme 2018-2022 financial instrument) and Mediterranean Trust Fund
Lead organization (manager)	UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit
Other partners	MED POL, SPA/RAC (in cooperation with PAP/RAC and INFO/RAC on hydrography and data inputs respectively)
Start/end dates	21 August 2019 - 20 February 2023

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to Component 1 (i.e. Promotion and supporting IMAP implementation at regional, sub-regional and national scales) and Component 2 (i.e. Improvement and support of the development of a comprehensive and coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed and monitored MPAs to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the Mediterranean).
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	Total project budget for 2019-2023: 3,999,660 EUR UNEP/MAP 1,651,025 EUR SPA/RAC 2,348,635 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	MEDPOL, PAP/RAC and INFO/RAC, responsible for pollution, hydrography and data inputs related activities (mainly outcome 1), without any specific budget allocation. SPA/RAC, responsible for Promotion and support of IMAP implementation at the regional, sub-regional and national scale for biodiversity and NIS related activities as well as Improvement and support for the development of a comprehensive and coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed and monitored MPAs to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the Mediterranean.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	The project implementation is closely linked to IMAP implementation (project outcome 1) and to strengthening the protection and the management of relevant marine and coastal sites through setting up a coherent network of well managed MPAs, including SPAMIs, to achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean (project outcome 2). As such it was related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6. It is related to UNEP/MAP POW 2022-2023 Strategic Outputs 2.2.2, 6.2.1, 6.2.2

MTF budget allocation if applicable	The co-financing of the project from the MTF, for 2020-2021 may cover some funds for the organization of CORMONS' for Pollution/Marine Litter and Biodiversity.
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The IMAP-MPA project is key to assist Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties in the implementation of the second phase of the IMAP in MPAs and high-pressure areas. It also strengthens overall efforts to enhance MPA management through coordinated implementation of the MAP Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Philippe Théou, Project Manager

MAP Component:	Plan Bleu/RAC
Date:	24 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Biodiversity Protection Community Streamlining Networking and Management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas for Enhanced Natural Conservation and Protection
Description and main objective(s)	Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community (BPC) is one of eight Horizontal Projects approved from the second call of the Interreg MED programming period 2019-2022. It builds on PANACeA, a first phase InterregMED project. The project aims at assisting relevant Mediterranean stakeholders, ensuring synergies among this community, and increasing the visibility and impacts of their projects' results towards common identified strategical targets. MBPC acts as a Science-Policy-Interface to foster the exchange of experiences and knowledge sharing and thus, influences a behavioral and policy change in the Mediterranean region.
Main output(s)	Influence a behavioral and policy change in Mediterranean Protected Areas to Enhance Natural Conservation and Protection
Geographical scope and countries involved	Euro-Mediterranean countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain IPA cooperation Area: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro
Total budget (EUR)	1,991 million EUR
Main source(s) of funding	ERDF
Lead organization (manager)	European Topic Center – University of Malaga (ETC UMA)
Other partners	Barcelona Metropolitan Area (MedCities), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism (Montenegro), LATTE CREATIVE S.R.L. (Italy), MARINE INSTITUTE (Croatia), Plan Bleu/RAC.
Start/end dates	November 2019 – June 2022 / 32 months

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Coordinate the Capitalisation work package: Coordinate the organisation of 5 capitalisation events back-to-back in collaboration with partners hosting each event; Participate to the animation of thematic working groups; Follow up the implementation of one thematic project (TUNE UP) Develop a strategy for reaching the policies targeted by the community; Participate to the elaboration of policy-oriented documents; Elaborate a technical paper based on the Modular projects' results and best practices for biodiversity protection.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	319,000 EUR

Other MAP Components involved	Associated partner: SPA/RAC
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	1.4.4 Interface between science and policy-making strengthened through enhanced cooperation with global and regional scientific institutions, knowledge sharing platforms, dialogues, exchange of good practices and publications
MTF budget allocation if applicable	11,000 EUR
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system• Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work, particularly the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).• Articulate dialogues at regional and national level with territorial approaches and local actors from modular projects, transferring field experiences and good practices.• Capitalise and sustain relevant activities focusing on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, Marine and Coastal Protected Areas. Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organisations.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Antoine Lafitte, alafitte@planbleu.org

MAP Component:	Plan Bleu/RAC
Date:	24 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Sustainable Tourism Community Maritime and Coastal Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean Region - Community building, Communication and Capitalisation
Description and main objective(s)	Built on a transnational partnership with strong knowledge and experience on integrated coastal management and sustainable tourism policies, Sustainable Tourism Community (STC) aims at supporting and ensuring synergies between the Modular projects selected under the Specific Objective 3.1 of the Interreg Med Programme 2014-2020. Specific Objective 3.1 focuses on creating a cluster of projects able to enhance jointly solutions for the protection and promotion of natural and cultural resources in the Mediterranean area, through a coherent strategy of Community Building, Communication and Capitalisation.
Main output(s)	Monitoring and community building activities aiming at collecting the main results of Modular Projects working on Sustainable Tourism and at stimulating the sharing and co-ownership of data and results among them. Processing and disseminating these results for the implementation of the policy framework regarding Coastal and Maritime sustainable tourism (MSP, ICZM, UNEP/MAP MSSD, Blue Growth Strategy, Blue Med initiative, Integrated Regional Development policies on sustainable tourism).
Geographical scope and countries involved	Euro-Mediterranean countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain IPA cooperation Area: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro
Total budget (EUR)	1,870,145 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	ERDF
Lead organization (manager)	Barcelona Provincial Council (DIBA)
Other partners	Latin Arc; Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED); University of Thessaly (UTH); Network of European Regions for a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism (NECSTouR); Adriatic and Ionian Euro-region; Regional Development Agency Green Karst Ltd 5RDA Green Karst); Plan Bleu/RAC.
Start/end dates	November 2019 – June 2022 / 32 months

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Participate in the organization of the kick-off meeting of the Interreg MED Community on Sustainable Tourism in Tarragone (Spain) Participate in the transfer and capitalisation work packages, including: - Participate in the organization of 2 community building workshops, one as a side event of the Kick-off meeting and one as a side event of the mid-term event of the project.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in the elaboration of policy-oriented documents (thematic factsheets, scientific publications and a report focusing on transferring results). - Participate in European and Mediterranean key events and bilateral meeting with relevant identified EU institutions for mainstreaming STC outcomes. - Plan Bleu is the Territorial Antenna (TA) of France. The role of TAs includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Drafting the Antenna Action Plan of France. o Organising national and regional debates. o Mapping of relevant actors and engaging stakeholders in the transferring activities of the project. Contacting and/or following-up the key actors for transferring, liaising and mainstreaming in their territory. o Reporting the progress regularly following a specific methodology (monitoring plan) and attending Modular, Horizontal and Strategic projects' meetings and events. - Plan Bleu is the Horizontal Angel (HA) of the DESTIMED+ project. The role of the HA is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To ensure that the Technical Committee continuously has updated information about the project. o To participate in the periodical meetings for restitution with the other HA and WP Transferring leader. o To contact and/or follow-up the DESTIMED+ for communications that require special attention. o Every 2 months PB will meet with DESTIMED+ to monitor the progress of their activities and report following a specific template.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	189,225 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	1.1.3. Strengthen interlinkages between Core and Cross-cutting themes and facilitate Coordination at national level across the relevant sectors.
MTF budget allocation if applicable	5,000 EUR
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system • Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work, particularly the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) • Articulate dialogues at regional and national level with territorial approaches and local actors from modular projects, transferring field experiences and good practices • Capitalise and sustain relevant activities focusing on sustainable tourism (SO3.1), in links with biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, and MPAs (SO3.2) • Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organisations <p>Further develop expertise in Stakeholder involvement and Community building</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	Gloria Lazaro, glazaro@planbleu.org

MAP Component:	Plan Bleu/RAC
Date:	24 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Blue Growth Community Horizontal Communication & Capitalization project for innovation in Blue growth at Mediterranean level
Description and main objective(s)	This project follows up on the 2016-2019 InnoBlueGrowth project. It is a horizontal project (INTERREG MED programme 2014-2020) which main objective is to ensure the communication/capitalization activities of Modular projects to increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks dealing with Blue Growth in the MED area. It proposes concrete activities – a communication strategy, community building initiatives and capitalization events, among others – to build a real community of modular Projects, dealing with Blue Growth. This project will contribute to the sustainable socio-economic development of the Mediterranean area through innovative investments in the Blue economy.
Main output(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building a thematic community dealing with Blue Growth in the Mediterranean - Helping decision-making dealing with the transnationalization of clusters and networks in the Mediterranean area
Geographical scope and countries involved	Euro-Mediterranean countries: Croatia, Crete, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain IPA cooperation area: Albania, Montenegro
Total budget (EUR)	1,470,588 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU funds
Lead organization (manager)	CONISMA (National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences) Italia
Other partners	Plan Bleu/RAC, Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), University of Montenegro, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
Start/end dates	November 2019 – June 2022 / 32 months

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intercommunity toolbox, feeding in report on lessons learned and recommendations. • Contribution to regional guidelines on cruise and recreational boating • Capitalisation report in collaboration (e.g. blue energy, circular economy in blue sectors, depending on complementary opportunities) • Capitalization events, including one on transitions • Technical events
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	258,450 EUR

Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	1.4.4. Interface between science and policy-making strengthened through enhanced cooperation with global and regional scientific institutions, knowledge sharing platforms, dialogues, exchange of good practices and publications
MTF budget allocation if applicable	11,000 EUR
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system • Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work, particularly the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) • Articulate dialogues at regional and national level with territorial approaches and local actors from modular projects, transferring field experiences and good practices • Capitalise and sustain relevant activities focusing on Blue growth (renewable energies, yachting, maritime surveillance, aquaculture...) • Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organisations
Focal Point at MAP Component	Céline Dubreuil, cdubreuil@planbleu.org

MAP Component:	Plan Bleu/RAC
Date:	25 March 2019 (updated 20 March 2020)

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Science policy interfaces and Communication of assessment results. Accompany stakeholders' adaptation to environmental and climate change in the Mediterranean by strengthening interfaces
Description and main objective(s)	<p>This project main objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen science policy interfaces • Strengthen communication with interested stakeholders, in particular on assessment outputs <p>The project supports the finalization of assessment reports in progress, in interaction with policy makers (i.e. State of the Environment and Development Report 2019 and MedECC report on the impacts and risks of climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean). It also supports the strengthening and diversification of communication activities to more efficiently convey assessment results.</p>
Main output(s)	Communication activities include, among others, outputs on climate change adaptation, and sustainable cruise and recreational boating.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Mediterranean Basin, all Contracting Parties
Total budget (EUR)	234, 800 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	ADEME; MTES (French Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition); various co-funding on PoW activities
Lead organization (manager)	Plan Bleu/RAC
Other partners	MedECC
Start/end dates	October 2018 – October 2020

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Preparation of the State of the Environment and Development Report; communication products (strengthening of the Website, infographics, video); Plan Bleu Note on climate change adaptation innovative projects; Plan Bleu Note on sustainable tourism; etc.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	ADEME: 174,800 EUR; MTES: 60,000 EUR (in addition to 60,000 EUR in broader communication activities); various co-funding already included in the PoW
Other MAP Components involved	Close cooperation with all MAP components, in particular on PoW activities 1.1.3.2. and 1.4.1.1.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	Various PoW outcomes and activities, including:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1.1.3.2. Continue to work on regional tools, including possible guidelines, on sustainable tourism with a particular focus on nautical activities, pleasure boating including cruises;- 1.4.1.1. Organise the preparation of the State of the Environment and Development Report 2019 (SoED)- 1.4.4.1. Implement, sustain, and strengthen the mechanism to assist Barcelona Convention with scientific institutions.- 1.6. Raised awareness and outreach
MTF budget allocation if applicable	Activities already included in the 2018-2019 PoW. Some cofunding to be confirmed in 2020-2021.
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	This project has been conceived to support activities in the PoW listed above, in particular activities 1.4.1.1 (Organise the preparation of the State of the Environment and Development Report 2019 (SoED)) and 1.4.4.1. (Implement, sustain, and strengthen the mechanism to assist Barcelona Convention with scientific institutions)
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MAP Component: Plan Bleu/RAC, SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC

Date: 31 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title **Support Mediterranean Member States towards the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive new GES Decision and programmes of measures and contribute to regional/subregional cooperation (MEDREGION)**

Description and main objective(s)

The purpose of the project is to support the competent authorities of the Mediterranean Member States by addressing their cooperation needs to implement the MSFD. By its close articulation with EcAp, the project will also contribute to fulfill EcAp objectives, thus benefiting the whole basin.

The main objectives are to:

- Complete gaps in monitoring data in the Mediterranean region/subregions (with a focus on assessing the distribution, intensity and effects of the key pressures), by improving the data/information collection for the regional GES assessment and for the updated monitoring programmes, to be aligned and coherent to the IMAP process.
- Support the development and operational implementation of (sub)regional indicators, lists of elements, threshold values, to implement the GES Decision, in line with the main gaps identified in the EcAp project and with GES Decision requirements, in order to lead to updated, improved and more complete (sub)regional assessments.
 - Focus on biodiversity descriptors and indicators based on criteria according to the new GES decision (EC 2017)
 - Link pollution pressures (D5, D8, D10) with biodiversity
- Support to the development of effective regional measures with a special focus on biodiversity in relation to pressures exerted on it and to coordinated measures to protect species and habitats
- Pave the ground for a coherent and consistent implementation of the provisions of the new Commission Decision performing pilot studies in Mediterranean areas, aiming to testing the applicability and effectiveness of approaches developed within the above mentioned activities of the project, using data derived by the MSFD monitoring projects.

Main output(s)

Project Activity 1: Coordination, Outreach and Stakeholder engagement;
Project Activity 2: Addressing cooperation needs of Member States' competent authorities in their implementation of the Directive;
Project Activity 3: Effective and coordinated regional measures for biodiversity (D1, D3, D4, D6);
Project Activity 4: Improve data collection to fill the gaps in monitoring data
Project Activity 5: Implementation of the new GES Decision - Biodiversity
Project Activity 6: Implementation of the new GES Decision – Pollution
Project Activity 7: Operational assessment of GES setting at sub regional level: Pilot analyses of processes, alternatives and implications

Geographical scope and countries involved

Mediterranean Sea, Regional Scale

Total budget (EUR)	998,997 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU DG ENV (GPGC funding instrument under the EC-UNEP framework agreement)
Lead organization (manager)	HELLENIC CENTRE FOR MARINE RESEARCH (HCMR)
Other partners	IFREMER, ISPRA, AZTI, IEO (Instituto Español de Oceanografía), IzVRS (Inštitut za vode Republike Slovenije / Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia), NIB (National Institute of Biology in Slovenia), IOF (Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries), NKUA (Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon), MATTM - DPNM (Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea - Directorate - General for Nature and Sea Protection), MOP (Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor Republike Slovenije/Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Republic of Slovenia), MEE (Ministry of Environment and Energy, Croatia), SSW (Special Secretariat for Water), Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, CORILA (Consortio per il coordinamento delle ricerche inerenti al sistema lagunare di Venezia), University of Salento, University of Venezia, Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale.
Start/end dates	February 2019 - January 2021

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>Plan Bleu/RAC participates in the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1. Build the information base for a more coherent and comparable implementation of measures in the Mediterranean - 3.2. Upgrade effectiveness assessment methodology. <p>Plan Bleu/RAC is responsible for leading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 3.2.2: Supporting the identification and monitoring of effects of PoWs on human activities and well-being <p>SPA/RAC participates in the following tasks: Implementation of the new GES Decision - Biodiversity Selection of criteria of Descriptors (D1, D6) according Commission Decision (EC, 2017).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of previous work on indicators/criteria, as from DEVOTES, PERSEUS, etc., and other regional projects (e.g. ActionMed, MEDCIS, etc.), as well as in ICES, OSPAR, HELCOM and UNEP studies. • Set reference conditions and thresholds (i.e. boundary between good and moderate status). <p>INFO/RAC coordinates and participates in the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of Mediterranean countries on the monitoring planned activities • Data Catalogue of data available • First release of Info System implemented available • Final release of Info System implemented available • Data collection and Data models definition • Info System technical and non-functional requirements • Report of the analyses of the links between monitoring and pressures for all relevant descriptors • Info System Implementation and functionalities
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	<p>Plan Bleu/RAC: 43,750 EUR SPA/RAC: 35,952 EUR</p>

	INFO/RAC: 82,450 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	Plan Bleu/RAC; INFO/RAC; SPA/RAC
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	Various PoW outcome(s), including 3.4. Monitoring, inventory and assessment of biodiversity
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The project builds on UNEP/MAP involvement in ActionMed. It will also draw on the results of the Socio-economic evaluation of reduction and prevention measure of single use plastic bags and bottles (2018-2019) It will contribute to the implementation of IMAP, to the evaluation of the current PoM and the preparation of future regional measures
Focal Point at MAP Component	Plan Bleu/RAC: Lina Tode, ltode@planbleu.org SPA/RAC: Mehdi Aissi, mehdi.aissi@spa-rac.org INFO/RAC: Carlo Cipolloni, carlo.cipolloni@info-rac.org

MAP Component:	Plan Bleu/RAC, SPA/RAC
Date:	1 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Support Coherent and coordinated assessment of biodiversity and measures across the Mediterranean for the next 6-year cycle of the MSFD implementation (ABIOMMED)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The purpose of the project is to support the competent authorities of the Mediterranean region, as well as UNEP/MAP for a (sub) regional cooperation for the preparation of the next 6-year cycle of the MSFD implementation through marine strategies, by setting up working arrangements, meetings, workshops, experts platforms and synergies with other projects and initiatives and to ensure feedback from EU and UNEP/MAP relevant working and technical groups.</p> <p>The main objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the (sub)regional assessment of the extent to which GES has been achieved focusing on implementation of the 2017 GES Decision through practical delivery of Article 8 on assessments (i.e. defining lists of elements, thresholds values and integration rules, as part of the process to prepare the assessments) for the following specific topics: • D1: coordinated (regional) assessments especially of highly mobile species groups (taking into account their broad distributional range) and of under reported groups (e.g. cetaceans, sharks and other non-commercial fish species); support when relevant the work of the MSFD Expert networks (all regions) ; • D1C6 and D6: identification of ecologically relevant scales and areas for assessment of pelagic and benthic (broad) habitat types, taking account of work by TG Seabed; EUSeaMap modelling approaches and Copernicus data (particularly NE Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea); • Coordination and delivery of Article 8 (sub)regional assessments for specific descriptors, contributing to 2023 MED QSR and complementing the EcAp MED 3 project for south Mediterranean countries. • Support quantification of the effect of the PoMs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the ex-post assessment of programmes and measures adopted under UNEP/MAP, with a specific focus on their costs and benefits, and on cross border aspects that involve both the EU and non-EU contexts; • Support the establishment of new (sub)regionally coordinated measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the development of effective regional measures to reduce the levels of physical disturbance to the seafloor from fisheries and other relevant activities, taking account of work by TG

	seabed (all regions). The project will focus on D1/EO1 (Biodiversity), D1C6 & D6/EO6 (Seafloor integrity) and the following biodiversity elements: plankton, benthos and cetaceans.
Main output(s)	Project Activity 1: Coordination/Management, Dissemination-Stakeholder engagement and competent authorities; Project Activity 2: Pelagic Habitats: using the plankton communities to address properly the status of pelagic habitat and relevant pressures. Project Activity 3: Towards ecologically relevant scales and areas for assessment of benthic habitat and effective measures to reduce physical disturbance to the seafloor in the Mediterranean Sea Project Activity 4: Streamlining Descriptor's D1 selected criteria regarding mammals' species groups (small-toothed cetaceans, deep diving toothed cetaceans and baleen whales), towards coordinated monitoring and assessment in the Mediterranean region Project Activity 5: socio-economic analysis of measures Project Activity 6: Integrating GES biodiversity assessment in a pan-Mediterranean scale
Geographical scope and countries involved	Mediterranean Sea, Regional Scale
Total budget (EUR)	996,585 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU DG ENV
Lead organization (manager)	HELLENIC CENTRE FOR MARINE RESEARCH (HCMR)
Other partners	ISPRA, CNR, Plan Bleu, SPA/RAC, AZTI, IzVRS (Inštitut za vode Republike Slovenije / Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia), NIB (National Institute of Biology in Slovenia), IOF (Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries), NKUA (Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon), CSIC-ICM (Spain), ACCOBAMS, Thétys TRI (Italy), EcoOCEAN EOI (France), CoNISMA (Italy)
Start/end dates	July 2021 - June 2023

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	Plan Bleu/RAC is responsible for leading: - Activity 5: Socio-economic analysis of measures SPA/RAC participates in the following tasks: - 2.3.A step toward the determination of GES for the pelagic habitat based on phytoplankton and zooplankton components - 3.1 Enhancing consistency in subregional and regional approaches to benthic habitats and scales in the Mediterranean Sea - 3.2. Harmonizing the approaches to identify key physical
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	<p>pressures on benthic habitats and relative role at subregional and regional level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.3. Assessment and implications of alternative measures for reducing physical disturbance from fisheries and other key pressures under scenarios <p>SPA/RAC is responsible for leading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - activity 6: Integrating GES biodiversity assessment in a pan-Mediterranean scale
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	<p>Plan Bleu/RAC: 120,750 EUR (Total) SPA/RAC: 113.859 EUR (Total)</p>
Other MAP Components involved	<p>Plan Bleu/RAC; SPA/RAC</p>
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>Various PoW (2022-2023) outcome(s), including 6.2.4. Deliver 2023 MED QSR</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	<p>-</p>
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>The project will contribute to the implementation of IMAP, to the establishment of new (sub)regionally coordinated measures</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	<p>Plan Bleu/RAC: Lina Tode, ltode@planbleu.org SPA/RAC: Asma Yahyaoui, asma.yahyaoui@spa-rac.org</p>

MAP Component:	PAP/RAC
Date:	14 May 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Coastal wetlands in the Mediterranean
Description and main objective(s)	<p>Coastal and island wetlands in the Mediterranean is a project composed of several sub-projects with the main objective to ensure the long-term protection and sustainable development of Mediterranean coastal wetlands. The constant growth of the coastal population threatens coastal wetlands with unsustainable development caused by tourism, urbanisation and industrial projects. Climate change also causes a serious threat that makes even more urgent effective wetland conservation to mitigate its impacts. The main objectives are: a) to significantly reduce the impacts of water abstraction in four demonstration coastal wetland sites: Oristano (Sardinia, Italy), Buna delta (Albania), Ulcinj salina (Montenegro) and Ghar el Melah (Tunisia)and, b) to reduce to negligible levels or eliminate development threats that affect coastal wetlands and related marine habitats in three demonstration sites. The work conducted at the demonstration sites will be strongly linked to a list of overarching activities that aim to (a) give cohesion to the projects implemented in the different geographies; (b) promote replication and dissemination of the results; and (c) allow exchanges and communication among the project partners.</p> <p>Building on the work done and the lessons learnt during Phase I, the policy advocacy, communications and governance work during Phase II will focus on supporting the creation of the first initiative ever taken to implement coastal wetlands restoration and protection at the EU and Mediterranean levels.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The main outputs include the establishment of a strong Med partnership for coastal wetlands that will continue work of MAVA after it has been phased out. Resource management plan for the Ghar el Melh area, the Management Plan for the Oristano six wetland lagoons; revision of the Management Plan and implementation of a small grant scheme in Buna protected landscape; capitalizing on governance handbook in other Med wetlands, capacity building and awareness increasing, as well as advocacy and policy development for wetlands. The two overarching activities are crosscutting and will assist in communication and policy campaign activities.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	<p>Ghar el Melh (Tunisia), Buna Delta (Albania), Oristano (Sardinia, Italy), Ulcinj salina (Montenegro), activities related to training and governance will involve 20 protected wetlands (most of Med countries).</p>
Total budget (EUR)	5.400.000 €

Main source(s) of funding	MAVA Foundation
Lead organization (manager)	Each sub-project has its own lead partner. Tour du Valat, Bird Life International, WWF Spain and MedWet
Other partners	MedSea, PAP/RAC, WWF Greece, MedINA, EuroNatur, IUCN ECARO, WWF North Africa
Start/end dates	October 2020 – June 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>PAP/RAC is the partner with MedWet for the implementation of the Communication and Governance project components, a partner to WWF Africa for the Ghar el Melh pilot site and a partner to IUCN ECARO for the Buna Delta project. For the governance and stakeholder participation training for 20 wetland managers will be organized based on the governance Handbook prepared in Phase I as well as assistance will be provided to conduct assessment of governance in respective protected wetlands. PAP/RAC will contribute to the Partnership component as well by development of its structure, tasks and organisation aspects. In Buna protected wetland PAP/RAC will assist the preparation of the revised management plan, training activities as well as the implementation of the small grant scheme for the sustainable entrepreneurs in wetland related economic sectors. In Ghar el Melh the Centre will be responsible for the preparation of the Integrated Resource Management Plan for the wetland and in particular for the establishment of governance mechanisms with a strong stakeholder participation.</p> <p>Within the Communication overarching project PAP/RAC will assist all local partners in organizing local Coast Day events.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	141,500 €
Other MAP Components involved	n.a.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>Output 4.1.1: CPs assisted in identifying, implementing and evaluating specific measures and tools to reduce pressures on coastal and marine areas (e.g. coastal setback, land policy measures, zoning)</p> <p>Output 1.6.1: The UNEP/MAP communication strategy updated and implemented (Coast Day)</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	n.a.
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's	The results of the project could be of multiple use for the overall MAP system as they:

**involvement and added
value to MAP system**

- contribute to the implementation of the 2019-2 PoW (and beyond) and Mid-Term Strategy;
- comply fully with the implementation of ICZM Protocol (Article 10 Specific Coastal Ecosystems para 1 Coastal Wetlands and estuaries in particular) and its Common Regional Framework;
- support the implementation of MSSD.

**Focal Point at MAP
Component**

Marko Prem

MAP Component: SPA/RAC
Date: 23 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	OPERATING A NETWORK OF INTEGRATED OBSERVATORY SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (ODYSSEA)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The project ODYSSEA aims to develop, operate and demonstrate an interoperable and cost-effective platform that fully integrates networks of observing and forecasting systems across the Mediterranean basin, addressing both the open sea and the coastal zone. The platform will collect its data from the many databases maintained by agencies, public authorities, and institutions of Mediterranean EU and non-EU countries, integrating existing earth observation facilities and networks in the Mediterranean Sea building on key initiatives such as Copernicus, GEOSS, GOOS, EMODNet, ESFRI, Lifewatch, Med-OBIS, GBIF, AquaMaps, Marine IBA e-atlas, MAPAMED and others with marine and maritime links. Thanks to ODYSSEA's end- users centered approach, various groups of end-users and stakeholders, within and external to the Consortium, will be involved from Day 1 of the project to identify gaps, needs, ways of data collection and accessibility, the partners will achieve the design and the development of a tailored and user-friendly platform. High priority gaps will be filled through multiple approaches that include developing a network of coastal observatories, deploying novel in-situ sensors at sea (a.o. microplastic sensors), oceanographic modelling and integrating existing mobile applications for citizen scientist networks. Applying advanced algorithms to organize, homogenize and fuse the large quantities of data in common standard type and format as well as other types of formats, the ODYSSEA platform will provide both primary data and on-demand derived data services, including forecasts, from ALL Mediterranean countries through a SINGLE PUBLIC PORTAL to various end-user groups and stakeholders. End-user requirements will drive the creation of secondary data sets which the platform will provide as new and packaged services matching the specialized information needs of users. ODYSSEA will improve accessibility to existing data as well as increase the temporal and geographic coverage of observational data in the Mediterranean.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Nine proposed observatories will add a component to established global observing systems, by increasing the temporal and geographic coverage of observational data in the Mediterranean Sea, targeting also the coastal zone. It will provide qualified data for a variety of applications related to coastal environment and will contribute to improvement of cost effectiveness of data collection. The proposed work will improve the knowledge base as it relates to climate change, natural resources and regional issues; also, it will provide the required knowledge base needed to support policy decisions towards the sustainable growth of the EU Mediterranean marine and maritime economy. Through workshops and capacity building, it will improve the professional skills and competences of those working and being trained to work within the blue economy.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	The whole Mediterranean Sea DE, DZ, EG, ES, FR, GR, IL, IT, MA, NL, PT, TR, TN, UK

Total budget (EUR)	8,398,716 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU Horizon 2020
Lead organization (manager)	1. DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE
Other partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELLAS 3. TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 4. INSTITUTO PORTUARIO DE ESTUDIOS Y COOPERACION DE LA COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA (VPORTS) 5. UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA LA SAPIENZA 6. WCMC/UNEP (World Conservation Monitoring Center) 7. Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas 8. BLUE LOBSTER IT LIMITED 9. DELTARES (NL) 10. ALSEAMAR (FR) 11. ACONDICIONAMIENTO TARRASENSE ASSOCIACION (LEITAT) 12. Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources (AGIR/MA) 13. Nord Sud Ventures (NSV, Algeria) 14. ANDDCVS (TN) 15. Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED, EGY) 16. ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY 17. HELLENIC CENTRE FOR MARINE RESEARCH 18. HIDROMOD MODELACAO EM ENGENHARIA LDA 19. ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITA DI BOLOGNA 20. DEVELOGIC GMBH 21. GTD SISTEMAS DE INFORMACION SA 22. ASSOCIATION ECO OCEAN 23. SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE IN ISRAEL (SPNI) 24. ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (AUTH) 25. Collecte Localisation Satellite (CLS) 26. THALES SA 27. EDISOFT SOFTWARE SA 28. AGORA PARTNERS
Start/end dates	Start: 1 June 2017 / End: 30 November 2021

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>Within ODYSSEA, SPA/RAC is mainly involved in Capacity Building Activities (Work Package 10): Capacity Building in North Africa: In order to operate the interoperable and cost-effective ODYSSEA platform and its Model Observatories across the entire Mediterranean basin, it is imperative that sufficient capacity will be built. This is true in general and in the North African countries, in particular. A number of activities, have been planned to start building operational capacity especially in North Africa. Firstly, workshops to train (future) managers and operators of the Model Observatories are been provided in order to enable them to operate the observatories and benefit from the data collected (. The training workshop are conducted by project partners and invited experts alike. Secondly, networking activities are organized in order to build individual, institutional and infrastructure capacity, including exchanges between North African and European scientists and the setting up and operation of the Model Observatories. Thirdly, national workshops, have been organized in Tunisia (2018) and Morocco (2019). National workshop in Egypt is planned to present the main results to local stakeholders and end-users and webinar training is planned starting at national level with Tunisia in October 2020,</p>
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	<p>followed by a regional one before end 2020. Furthermore, Technical trainings dedicated to in-situ data collection equipment (Glider and static devices) have been provided in 2019 within the premises of 2 technological partners: Alseamar and Develogic.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	305,000 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	SPA/RAC aim is to optimize eventual synergies (i.e. data exchanges) through MAP Coordinating Unit and related exchanges with INFO/RAC.
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	<p>3.4.1 Monitoring programs for key species and habitats as well as invasive species, as provided for in the IMAP are developed and implemented, including on the effectiveness of marine and coastal protected areas, and on climate change impacts.</p> <p>3.4.2 Biodiversity conservation assessment tools (in-depth thematic assessment, maps and indicator fact sheets) developed and updated to show trends at national, sub-regional and regional levels, and measure the effectiveness of the SAP BIO NAPs and Regional Action Plans implementation.</p> <p>3.5.1 Capacity-building programmes related to the development and management of marine and coastal observatories and protected areas, to the conservation and monitoring of endangered and threatened coastal and marine species and key habitats, and to monitoring issues dealing with climate change and biodiversity developed and implemented, including pilots to support efforts aimed at MPA/SPAMI establishment and implementation.</p> <p>4.2.1 Tools and guidelines for environmental assessments developed and applied (e.g. EIA, cumulative assessments, SEA).</p> <p>4.4.1 Mapping of interaction mechanisms on coastal and marine environment at regional and local levels developed, including assessment of the risks of sea level rise and coastal erosion, and their impacts on coastal environment and communities.</p> <p>4.5.1 Capacity building for the application of tools for assessing interactions on coastal and marine environment and integrating them in planning/management of coastal and marine environment implemented.</p> <p>7.4.1 Climate Change vulnerability issues considered in existing monitoring programmes.</p>
MTF budget allocation if applicable	Not mandatory by project donor requirements.
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The participation of SPA/RAC is important in the project because its expertise in capacity building, especially in countries located in the Southern Mediterranean.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Daniel Cebrian. SAP BIO Coordinator

MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	23 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Empowering the legacy: Scaling up co-managed and financially sustainable No-Take Zones/Marine Protected Areas – MPA/ No-Take Zones Project
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The project will deploy a strong investment in the field by directly working with coastal communities and small-scale fishers (SSF) in 30 coastal and marine areas of 10 countries (Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey) to rebuild the fish biomass and protect key habitats (i.e. seagrass meadows and coralligenous). To make the difference, the project will focus on the creation of new NTZs and deliver a set of solutions to improve the management and governance of existing NTZ and MPAs. Each site will showcase specific approaches and tools to address recurrent issues in terms of governance, design, financing, and enforcement and enable inspiration and potential replication. In each of the project sites, fishers -together with other key stakeholders- will be empowered through participation. As part of the decision-making process, fishers will develop their management solutions that ensure profitable fisheries for the future and ensure the willingness to maintain their engagement beyond the end of the project.</p> <p>The project is designed to ensure the impact far into the future. The financial sustainability of the local initiatives will be guaranteed by building financial skills at local level, testing and implementing financing mechanisms, and attracting new investors. Project results will be scaled-up at regional level by supporting capacity building, disseminating and exchanging lessons learned, promoting networking in order to amplify the impact and increase the potential of replication by inspiring and involving other MPAs and fishers of the Mediterranean countries and beyond.</p> <p>By applying complementary approaches and strategies, Partners will advocate to national, European, Mediterranean policy- and decision-makers to scale up and sustain local solutions, accelerate effective implementation of existing legal tools. In particular, Partners will work to propose for adoption a stronger biodiversity framework for the Mediterranean by developing the Post-2020 SAP BIO within the Barcelona Convention. Based on a bottom-up approach, the Post-2020 SAP BIO should include several innovative and more ambitious measures to protect Mediterranean biodiversity - including ones related no-take zones and MPA management effectiveness and sustainability - and improved mechanisms to ensure effective implementation to be adopted and implemented by the Mediterranean countries starting from 2022. Being in line with the UNEP/MAP 2016-2021 Mid-Term Strategy and 2020-2021 Programme of Work, the MAVA project will contribute to gather the input from the MPA community for the development of the Post-2020 SAP BIO.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Strategy 1: Prove effectiveness of MPAs and no take zone</p> <p>Participatory process and fishery co-management are facilitated and promoted in selected sites of the Alboran Sea, Strait of Sicily and Tunisian Plateau, Northern Adriatic/Northern Ionian, and Central Aegean Sea basin to create new no-take zones (NTZ) and to improve the effectiveness of existing MPAs which have a great demonstration potential.</p>

	<p>Strategy 2: Scaling-up at Mediterranean level The strategy 2 will enable to scale-up local results on MPAs, no-take zones and co-management (based in particular on strategy 1 / pilot sites) at Mediterranean level, by supporting capacity building, exchange of lessons learned, future replication of good practices, and networking between MPAs and fishers. The main expected result is to amplify the impact of pilot sites at a larger level. This strategy is targeting MPA managers and fishers and will make them aware of good practices, solutions, up-to-date knowledge and will reinforce their capacities to replicate and advocate (link with Strategy 3). The strategy will also aim at supporting networking and trust building among MPAs and fishers as well as with other key actors to facilitate governance, co-management and efficiency improvement in MPAs and no-take zones at Mediterranean scale.</p> <p>Strategy 3: Targeted policy and advocacy actions to ensure adequate regulatory framework and effective implementation Through a combination of complementary approaches, policy advocacy is carried out to encourage governments and decision-makers of all subregions (Alboran Sea, Sicily Strait, Tunisian Plateau, Aegean/Levantine, Adriatic/Northern Ionian Sea) in scaling up and effectively implementing successful local solutions, accelerate the implementation of current legislation and ensuring sustainability of solutions, influence European and Mediterranean policies as well as key international processes on MPAs. Plus, the Strategy will contribute to develop a stronger biodiversity framework for the Mediterranean within the Barcelona Convention, through a Post-2020 SAP/BIO the plan that would include ambitious measures to protect Mediterranean biodiversity, including ones related no-take zones and MPA management effectiveness and sustainability.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	30 coastal and marine areas of 10 countries (Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey)
Total budget (EUR)	5.943.266 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA Foundation (3.498.520 EUR)
Lead organization (manager)	WWF Mediterranean
Other partners	Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources (AGIR), BlueSeeds/Vertigo Lab, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE), Network of Marine Protected Areas Managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN), Notre Grand Bleu (NGB)
Start/end dates	July 2020- October 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SPA/RAC is mainly contributing to strategy 1, 2 and 3. Under strategy 1, SPA/RAC is supporting the relevant national authorities of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey, through a participatory approach, in updating, developing and implementing management plans for pilot MPAs, to reduce the impact of fishing activities on species and habitats, based on the results of the MAVA-funded MedKeyHabitats I and II projects. Supporting national and local authorities in implementing MPA management plans will involve several types of activities going from surveillance, monitoring, engaging local stakeholders, and establishing sustainable financing mechanisms to information, communication,
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awareness-raising, capacity-building, networking and exchange of experience, through twinning programmes, scientific events and stakeholder workshops. Under Strategy 2, SPA/RAC is producing and disseminate technical manuals and process reliable cartographic data and disseminate it through the Barcelona Convention's Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform, and other national data platforms, as relevant. SPA/RAC will also organize the 2022 edition of the Mediterranean Symposium on Marine Habitats Conservation, involving the whole Mediterranean scientific community, and co-organize, with MedPAN and WWF, the 2020 Forum on MPAs in the Mediterranean, involving the whole Mediterranean MPA community. Under Strategy 3, the concerned national authorities are supported in elaborating and adopting National Actions Plans for the conservation of marine vegetation and coralligenous habitats. Based on a bottom-up approach, the Post-2020 SAP BIO has developed several dedicated, innovative, and more ambitious measures to protect Mediterranean biodiversity, including ones related to MPAs and fisheries, to be adopted and implemented by the Mediterranean countries starting from 2022. Being in line with the UNEP/MAP 2016-2021 Mid-Term Strategy and 2020-2021 Programme of Work, the MAVA project has contributed to gather the input from the MPA community for the development of the Post-2020 SAP BIO. Thus, the Post-2020 SAP BIO is among the strongest regional governance tools including measures aiming to guarantee the sustainability of national biodiversity conservation efforts by the 2030 horizon. Indeed, by adopting the Post-2020 SAP BIO at their COP 22 (2021), the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention will agree to implement the Post-2020 SAP BIO strategic priorities and actions, and to provide the needed technical, human and financial resources for its successful implementation.

Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)

1.193.205EUR

Other MAP Components involved

Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)

MTF budget allocation if applicable

253 772 EUR

Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system

The activities planned are in line with the mission of SPA/RAC which is the assistance of the contracting Parties to Barcelona Convention to fulfil their obligation under the SPA/DB Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity (SAP BIO) in the Mediterranean Region and the Regional Action Plans for the conservation of the marine key habitats.

Focal Point at MAP Component

Yassine Ramzi Sghaier, Project Officer - Habitats / Deep Sea
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MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Conservation of marine Turtles in the Mediterranean Sea (Phase 2)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The project concentrates on the group of marine turtles in the Mediterranean which are protected under national legislations and international and regional instruments such as Bern convention (Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats), Bonn Convention (Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals) and Barcelona Convention and its protocol concerning specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol). Within the EU (Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC), the loggerhead turtle is a priority species whose conservation requires the designation of special areas of conservation and all three species of marine turtles are considered species of community interest in need of strict protection. In order to protect marine turtles in the Mediterranean, the project aims to achieve the MAVA Outcome M7: Human induced direct mortality species has been minimized or eliminated at Mediterranean level. Furthermore, the Activities and results of the outcomes M3 by the strategy of reduction of the coastal development threats and M4 by the strategy of reduction of the interaction with fisheries will also contribute to the achievement of the outcome M7.</p> <p>The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the effective and sustainable protection of the Mediterranean marine turtles and their habitats, mainly the Loggerhead turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) and the Green turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Systematic sea turtles nesting monitoring programme is put in place according to the IMAP guidelines.</p> <p>Data on nesting areas is included in the Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform.</p> <p>National Stranding networks is reinforced in many Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>Indicative map of the important Sea Turtle Areas identified.</p> <p>Relevant partners have capacities and resources for addressing sea turtles' conservation (incl. practitioners in the Western Med).</p> <p>Adequate legal frameworks are established, and NAPs developed, approved and implemented.</p> <p>sustainable sea turtles monitoring schemes established.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Mediterranean Basin: Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Albania, Spain, Morocco, and Algeria
Total budget (EUR)	1,200,000 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA Foundation
Lead organization (manager)	SPA/RAC

Other partners	Archelon, Dekamer, IUCN-Med, MEDASSET, MEDPAN, NMPZ WWF Turkey, WWF Greece, WWF North Africa
Start/end dates	July 2020-October 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>The project is contributing to the implementation of the following four strategies:</p> <p>Strategy 1: Partnership Sustainability and Coordination: SPA/RAC is contributing to lead the partnership coordination between the partners and MAVA Foundation. The coordinating team will gather, prepare and share partner project results and lessons learnt at international for a (such as Mediterranean Marine Turtles Conference, MedPAN regional workshop, international sea turtles symposium, SPA focal Points meetings, IUCN congress).</p> <p>Strategy 2: Increasing Knowledge to Create Baseline for Effective Conservation Strategies: During phase 1 research programmes, essential data was collected, adequate to provide a snapshot on population status, inform on the importance of some key and outlying nesting areas and marine habitats etc. But due to the long-life cycles and breeding periodicity of sea turtles (typically 3-5 years of breeding intervals), longer-term data collection will provide more meaningful information about the population status and behaviour of Mediterranean Sea turtles, leading to better informed conservation strategies. Synchronous and systematic data collection has provided some new and important knowledge about the Mediterranean Sea turtles.</p> <p>Strategy 3: Securing long-term buy-in for sea turtle conservation To enhance the impact of Strategy 2 "Research and Monitoring" and to increase the knowledge gained within it, there is a necessity to achieve its transferability to the target audiences, both regional and national. This strategy is a support to achieve the identified objectives through: 1. awareness: the target audiences will be informed and sensitised via campaign, digital media posts as well as through partners' participation in meetings; 2. The development and/or implementation of National Action Plans. Lobbying activities will take place so that the NAP is finalised, adopted, implemented and updated; 3. adequate legal framework & political will be achieved by disseminating and enforcing the existing legislation.</p> <p>Strategy 4: Scaling up Site Protection To contribute to the effective and sustainable protection of the Mediterranean Sea turtles and their habitats, transferable tools, knowledge and expertise developed in phase 1 will be applied to other sites in phase 2. Particular attention will be given to improve site management protection by reducing degradation and disturbance of sea turtle nesting sites and more broadly of Important Marine Turtle Area (IMTA). Attention will also be given to networking approach at Mediterranean scale to address marine turtle conservation key challenges.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	283,245 EUR

Other MAP Components involved

Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s) 3.2.1.1,3.4.1.1, 3.5.1.1

MTF budget allocation if applicable 277, 200 (in kind + cash)

Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system The activities planned are in line with the mission of SPA/RAC which is the assistance of the contracting Parties to Barcelona Convention to fulfil their obligation under the SPA/DB Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity (SAP BIO) in the Mediterranean Region, the Regional Action Plan for the conservation of the marine turtles in the Mediterranean and the EcAp/IMAP.

Focal Point at MAP Component Lobna Ben Nakhla, SPA/RAC Programme Officer

MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Support mechanism for Filling key knowledge gaps for vulnerable and highly mobile species impacted by fisheries in the Mediterranean
Description and main objective(s)	<p>To tackle the issue of bycatch, especially that of the highly mobile and vulnerable species, it is vital that: 1) fisheries operating within the Mediterranean, are well understood, 2) movement and hotspots of these species are finely identified, 3) the two layers of information on fishing and species are overlaid in space and time to identify key areas to focus future bycatch mitigation measures and management. Information on fishing activity and the specific issue of bycatch (including solutions) is currently being addressed in the MAVA funded project 'Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation- a collaborative approach (& the parallel Cyprus project). On the other hand, the Species Project is collecting detailed information on the presence and movements of vulnerable species in selected areas of the Mediterranean. This data will then be used to build a more comprehensive picture of the overlap (temporally and spatially) with fisheries posing a bycatch risk.</p> <p>The main aim of this project is to expand the state of knowledge of these vulnerable species' distribution, range, migratory routes, habitat use. The project had compiled the existing data on these vulnerable species and integrated them into a gap analysis; once this was done, a call for proposal was launched to address these gaps. Currently they are compiling new data that will later be used in identifying new important areas for biodiversity for each species (potential KBAs, IMMAs, IBAS, EBSAs, CCHs, etc.). This work will further complement the data and analysis being acquired through other MAVA funded bycatch/species project.</p>
Main output(s)	The compilation, synthesis and archiving of information on species movements and hotspots linked to the fishing activity and methods (different gears, fishing effort etc.) will be used together for the development of the bycatch strategy (2020-2030) in the 'Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation- a collaborative approach' project. It will form the basis for identifying future priority areas for bycatch data collection and mitigation work.
Geographical scope and countries involved	
Total budget (EUR)	697,000 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA Foundation
Lead organization (manager)	SPA/RAC
Other partners	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), The Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET), Birdlife

Start/end dates	International, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Centre of Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN –Med) January 2018-October 2022
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INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SPA/RAC has set up a steering committee that includes members from the indirect partners and the MAVVA foundation. Based on a call of proposals to grant funds for strategic field work, targeting the data collection of movements and distribution of vulnerable species in the geographic areas of focus (Alboran Sea, Sicily Channel, Central Aegean & Levantine Basin) 9 small projects have been selected and are under coordination and monitoring by SPA/RAC in collaboration with the steering committee to make sure that they reach their goals.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	111,375 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	3.2.1.1, 3.3.1.2, 3.4.1.1, 3.6.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	In kind
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The activities planned are in line with the mission of SPA/RAC which is assisting the contracting Parties to Barcelona Convention and its Protocols to fulfil their obligations under the SPA/DB Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity (SAP BIO) in the Mediterranean Region and the Regional Action Plans for the conservation of threatened species (monk seal, cetaceans, Cartilaginous fishes, marine turtles and seabirds).
Focal Point at MAP Component	Lobna Ben Nakhla, SPA/RAC Programme Officer Ibrahim BEN AMER, Project Consultant

MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation - a collaborative approach (Phase 2)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The bycatch of vulnerable species in fishing gear remains a key conservation issue in the Mediterranean for several taxonomic groups. This issue was addressed during Phase 1 of the MedBycatch project with the elaboration of the first regional review on bycatch of vulnerable species, the development of a standardised methodology for data collection, the establishment of data collection programmes in Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey and the development of a bycatch Database. The relationships established and developed with decision-makers and fishers have been essential for the successes achieved to-date. The policy and advocacy engagement at national and regional (EU and GFCM) levels has resulted in positive momentum on this issue. For Phase 2 the geographical scope of the project is expanded to include Croatia and Italy, and enlarged the Partnership through the addition of WWF to capitalize on its ongoing work on bycatch in these countries.</p> <p>Phase 2 will build on the successes and momentum from Phase 1 and focus principally on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collecting bycatch data through the observation programme ● Conducting trials of technical solutions/mitigation measures that are effective in reducing the impact of bycatch on vulnerable species. ● Conducting trials of technical solutions/mitigation measures that are effective in reducing the impact of bycatch on vulnerable species. ● Informing and influencing policy developments related to the bycatch of vulnerable species at national and regional (EU and GFCM) level. ● Building the capacity and support of fishers for measures to address the bycatch of vulnerable species. ● Promoting the project approach, deliverables and results to encourage replication across the Mediterranean.
Main output(s)	<p>Bycatch Observer programme implemented in Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey focusing on the impacts of demersal trawl, gillnets, longlines, purse seine fishing gears on vulnerable species and habitats and involving several National fisheries stakeholders</p> <p>Bycatch Mitigation trials implemented in Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey</p> <p>Relevant actors skilled to implement Monitoring, Control and Surveillance related to bycatch</p> <p>Bycatch Mitigations measures identified in Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey</p> <p>National Bycatch strategies elaborated and proposed</p> <p>2020-2030 Mediterranean Strategy/ Action Plan for reduced incidental catches of vulnerable species jointly elaborated by the bycatch and the species projects partners</p> <p>Contribution to the Elaboration of the Post-2020 SAPBIO on fisheries related issues</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Mediterranean Sea: Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey

Total budget (EUR)	3 976 087.29 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA foundation
Lead organization (manager)	BirdLife Europe and Central Asia (coordinating partner)
Other partners	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas of the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (SPA/RAC), IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med) and The Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET), WWF
Start/end dates	July 2020 - October 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>The SPA/RAC will still lead the implementation of the project activities in Tunisia, in coordination with INSTM (Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de la Mer), DGPA (Direction Générale de la Pêche et de l'Aquaculture), the BirdLife/ECA local partner AAO/BirdLife en Tunisie (Association Les Amis des Oiseaux), WWF local office partner, WWF North Africa and the Ministry of Environnement of Tunisia.</p> <p>SPA/RAC will also ensure continuous synergies, promotion and linkages between the MedBycatch project outputs and the outputs and activities of ongoing SPA/RAC regional activities planned under its 2020-2021 Programme of Work and related to the EcAp process and MPA management.</p> <p>SPA/RAC will ensure synergies and complementarity between the MedBycatch project and other projects, mainly within the IMAP-MPA and EcAp Med III projects.</p> <p>SPA/RAC will focus its approach in Tunisia on integrating both environmental and fisheries stakeholders (managers, decision-makers, civil society, fishers, scientists,) and considering other marine threats as pollution and unsustainable marine and coastal activities. This will help to design better national strategies to mitigate the bycatch impact on the vulnerable species. The good collaboration and concertation achieved during the phase 1 between environmental and fisheries stakeholders in Tunisia will be supported to scale up the results of the project and to adopt the mitigation measures at national level.</p> <p>Within the MedBycatch project, SPA/RAC will support the national partners to continue the collection of bycatch data on the four fishing gears (bottom trawling, gillnets, longlines and purse-seiner). It will also coordinate with direct and local partners in order to support the link between the bycatch data collection and the national stranding network in Tunisia; and define and test measures to mitigate bycatch for the fishing gears having the highest impact and in important areas identified in phase I.</p> <p>Based on the collected data, the mitigation trials, and the regional strategy, SPA/RAC will support the development of elements to be proposed within the framework of a national strategy on the bycatch of</p>
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	<p>vulnerable species, including the assessment of socio-economic aspects following the applicability/test of the mitigation measures.</p> <p>The communication and awareness activities will be aligned with both the project regional strategy and the objectives of the local partners, particularly the fisheries authorities' strategies and MPA management programmes.</p> <p>The project is also supporting the elaboration of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAP BIO). Within this context, SPA/RAC will base its approach on its good and continuous collaboration with the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and the advanced knowledge, data and information gathered within the MedBycatch project.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	622 259,38EUR
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	PoW 2020-2021 3.2.2.1; 3.3.1.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	104 000 EUR (in kind+cash)
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>The project objectives will contribute to the priorities of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO), the Mediterranean Action Plans for the conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, Marine Birds, Cartilaginous Fishes, Monk Seals, Cetaceans, Marine Vegetation, Coralligenous and other Calcareous Bio-concretions, and the regional strategy on marine protected areas.</p> <p>The project is also supporting the elaboration of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAP BIO)</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	<p>Anis Zarrouk, MedBycatch Project Officer (SPA/RAC)</p> <p>Daniel Cebrian, SAP/BIO Coordinator (SPA/RAC)</p> <p>Lobna BEN NAKHLA. Species Programme officer (SPA/RAC)</p>

MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Experiences & knowledge sharing for building strong relations and maintaining collaborations between fishery observers and the fishing community
Description and main objective(s)	<p>Fundamental to the MedBycatch data collection programme, is the collaboration between the observers and the fishing community, to enable the collection of robust data. It is reliant on the observers building strong relations with individual fishers and the fishing community to inform and test mitigation for its subsequent uptake by the fishers and directing national policies. Therefore, directly contributing to the success of the MAVA OAP 'Reducing fishing impacts and pressures on marine habitats and species'. The experiences and knowledge obtained by the observers working and sustaining the collaborations with fishers for a number of years, is invaluable to ensuring the continuation, replication and scaling up of observer programmes to the next generation of researchers and implementation to new countries. Furthermore, the involvement of fishers in this Learning & Sharing Project, provides an opportunity for fishers to input their perspectives on the project, their involvement and what they consider to be fundamental in forming strong collaborations.</p> <p>The sharing & learning activities will occur between the observers and fishers during two focused workshops, (National and regional), and to the wider audience through the production of an infographic, video, showcasing success stories of strong collaborations and Ambassador workshops.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>(1) An Infographic to be produced from the experiences and of the observers and fishers involved in the MEDBycatch project outlining how to create strong maintainable collaborations. Final product to be available freely online and in multiple languages.</p> <p>(2) Video portraying fishers and observers from Mediterranean countries involved in the Medbycatch observation programme, to share their experiences and perceptions on working together and building collaborations in the field.</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Mediterranean Sea: Turkey, Tunisia, Croatia, Morocco
Total budget (EUR)	45 000 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA foundation
Lead organization (manager)	MEDASSET (coordinating partner)
Other partners	DEKAMER; TUDAV; Doga Dernegi; WWF Turkey; SPA/RAC; AAO; WWF_MED; ACCOBAMS; INRH; BLI
Start/end dates	June 2021 - June 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	The SPA/RAC will still lead the implementation of the project activities related to the production of an infographic video showcasing success stories of strong collaborations between fishers and bycatch observers within the MedBycatch project in close collaboration with the project regional and national partners.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	11 000 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	PoW 2020-2021 3.2.2.1; 3.3.1.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	NA
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The project objectives will contribute to the priorities of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO), the Mediterranean Action Plans for the conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles, Marine Birds, Cartilaginous Fishes, Monk Seals, Cetaceans, Marine Vegetation, Coralligenous and other Calcareous Bio-concretions, and the regional strategy on marine protected areas.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Anis Zarrouk, MedBycatch Project Officer (SPA/RAC) Dorra Maaoui (Communication assistant)

MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Joint programme for GES assessment on D11-11 noise in the Mediterranean marine region (QUIETMED 2)
Description and main objective(s)	QUIETMED 2 project aims to support Member States Competent Authorities in the assessment of the extent to which GES on D11 has been achieved in the Mediterranean Region to get an updated, improved and more complete regional assessment by providing practical outcomes to implement the 2017/848 Decisions.
Main output(s)	Main expected results of the project are: i) a joint proposal of a candidate for an impulsive noise indicator in the Mediterranean Region , ii) a common methodology for Competent Authorities to establish threshold values, together with associated lists of elements and integration rules; iii) a data and information tool to support the implementation of the monitoring programmes of impact of impulsive noise based on the current ACCOBAMS joint register which will be demonstrated on iv) an operational pilot of the tool and v) several activities to boost current regional cooperation efforts of Barcelona Convention developing new Mediterranean Region cooperation measures. These expected results of the project will serve to elaborate two Specific Guidances for competent authorities from MS, the first one addressed to better implement the new GES decision (D7.2.) and the second one to stablish new regionally-coordinated measures (tools, methods and results). Both guidelines will be presented and transferred to Competent Authorities in two training sessions.
Geographical scope and countries involved	EU Member states
Total budget (EUR)	739.055 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	DG ENV
Lead organization (manager)	Centro Tecnológico Naval del mar (CTN)
Other partners	ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat, IZVRS, HCMR, IOF, UM, Polmi-DIG, SSW, ICES
Start/end dates	February 2019 – 2021

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>SPA/RAC is contributing to the implementation of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promote the ACCOBAMS joint register of impulsive underwater noise developed within QUITMED project and foster its use for noise pressure data collection in the Mediterranean Marine region. -Joint proposal of a candidate for an impulsive noise impact indicator in the Mediterranean region.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Assessment on existing guideline and tools on biodiversity protection developed by different regional bodies, next to UN/MAP.-Joint proposal of a methodology to establish thresholds in MED region.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	37 400 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	3.2.1/3.3.2:3.4.3/3.5.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	In kind
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The activities planned are in line with the implementation of the updating Action plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean and the development of IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27 related to noise from human activities.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Lobna BEN NAKHLA. Programme Officer (SPA/RAC)

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	March 2019

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	SwitchMed II
Description and main objective(s)	The SwitchMed initiative aims to stimulate the creation of new greater business opportunities and decent employment while reducing the environmental footprint of existing economic activities in the Southern Mediterranean. SwitchMed II will build upon the results of the first phase in order to further support and scale up the transition towards Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices which contribute to a green and circular economy in the region. The project is structured with three main components: 1) Direct support to the private sector; 2) Creation of an enabling policy environment; 3) Coordination, networking and communication.
Main output(s)	<p>Within SwitchMed II, SCP/RAC is responsible for achieving the following expected Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 2: Support for the Creation and Development of Circular and Green Businesses. • Output 3: Improved regional policy framework under the Barcelona Convention for the development of circular and green economy businesses. • Output 5: Networking Facility.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	16,430,000 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU budget contribution: 15,000,000 EUR Catalan Waste Agency: 1,430,000 EUR
Lead organization (manager)	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
Other partners	SCP/RAC-UNEP/MAP UN Environment, Economy Division
Start/end dates	20 December 2018 – 19 December 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 2: Support for the Creation and Development of Circular and Green Businesses: National partnerships of Business Development Service Providers (BDSP) aimed at supporting green business development in the target countries will be established. The BDSP will benefit of the transfer of the methodologies developed and the knowledge gathered from the first phase of SwitchMed and will be supported in providing Green Business Development's services to Green Entrepreneurs and circular businesses. Financial deals between Green Entrepreneurs and financial actors will be promoted.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 3: Improved regional policy framework under the Barcelona Convention for the development of circular and green economy businesses: SCP/RAC-UNEP/MAP will build on the needs identified during the first phase of SwitchMed to support at regional level the creation and development of circular and green businesses. The activities to be developed under the framework of the Barcelona Convention include the preparation of a specific decision and the organisation of a business award. • Output 5: Networking Facility: The Networking Facility will provide visibility to the achievements of the Programme’s components and facilitating exchange of lessons learned within the community as well as with relevant stakeholders and initiatives in the region. The NF will continue to manage the SwitchMed website, the Switchers website, the newsletters and the social media channels. The NF will also organise two regional SwitchMed Connect events.
Project budget for MAP Component’s activities (EUR)	For the achievement of Outputs 2, 3 and 5 of SwitchMed II, SCP/RAC will count with a total budget of 6,352,000 EUR.
Other MAP Components involved	MAP CU (member of the Steering Committee)
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	2.6.2, 6.2.1, 6.3.1, 6.4.1, 6.4.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component’s involvement and added value to MAP system	The involvement of SCP/RAC in the SwitchMed Programme allows SCP/RAC to fulfill its SCP mandate, comply with SCP activities under UNEP/MAP PoW and to support Mediterranean countries to fulfill their commitment in promoting SCP in the region. It also supports the implementation of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
Focal Point at MAP Component	For output 2: Giorgio Mosangini, for output 3: Magali Outters, for Output 5: Burçu Tuncer

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	10 September 2018

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Plastic Busters MPAs (INTERREG Med)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>Plastic Busters MPAs aims to contribute to maintaining biodiversity and preserving natural ecosystems in pelagic and coastal MPAs by consolidating Mediterranean efforts to curb marine litter.</p> <p>The project entails actions that address the whole management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation, as well as actions to strengthen networking between and among pelagic and coastal MPAs in the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Plastic Busters MPAs brings together 15 implementing partners and 17 associated partners from 8 countries, namely Albania, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Italy, Greece, Spain and Slovenia.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The expected results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative and qualitative diagnosis of the impacts of marine litter in Med MPAs and on marine biodiversity including endangered species - Enhanced protection of biodiversity and ecosystems in pelagic and coastal MPAs through targeted prevention and mitigation actions biodiversity - Accelerated knowledge transfer to Med MPAs and scaling-up of best practices to tackle marine litter through enhanced institutional uptake of project results.
Geographical scope and countries involved	European Mediterranean Countries + Albania and Montenegro
Total budget (EUR)	5,055 million, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance Fund
Main source(s) of funding	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
Lead organization (manager)	Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)
Other partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The main partners are: •Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) – Lead partner •University of Siena, Department of Physical Sciences, Earth and Environment (UNISI) •Corsican Agency for Environment (OEC) •Regional Government of the Balearic Islands. Department of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries •Management Agency of Zakynthos National Marine Park (NMPZ) •Tuscan Archipelago National Park (PNAT) •Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) •Spanish Oceanographic Institute, Balearic Center of Oceanography (IEO-COB) •Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Institute of Oceanography (HCMR) •French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea, Department of Oceanography and Ecosystem Dynamics (IFREMER)

- Catalan Waste Agency - Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARC-SCP/RAC)
- Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, Special Secretariat for Water
- Albanian Ministry of Environment- Directorate of Biodiversity and Protected Areas
- Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection of Croatia
- University of Split, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy

The associated partners of the project are:

- Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Directorate-General for Nature and Sea Protection
- UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan
- Tuscany Region, Direction Environment and Energy, Section Protection of nature and the sea
- Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment
- University of Bologna, Alma Mater Studiorum
- Tethys Research Institute
- ISOTECH LIMITED
- International Federation for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Mediterranean-Black Sea (FISPMED)
- NOVAMONT
- Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
- WWF Italy
- Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
- Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)
- The Nature Conservancy
- Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation
- IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
- Legambiente

Start/end dates

1 February 2018 – 31 January 2022 (4-year duration)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is the leader of the Communication Work package. It will also be responsible for the implementation of pilot actions for the prevention of Marine Litter in MPAs, supporting the implementation of the MPAs action plans developed in the framework of ACT4LITTER project. Furthermore SCP/RAC participates in the project's core group of partners.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	Total budget for SCP/RAC: 400,349.28€ UNEP/MAP CU and PAP/RAC have no budget as associated partners but their participation to some of the project's meetings will be covered.
Other MAP Components involved	UNEP/MAP CU and PAP/RAC as associated partner
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	3.2.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	N/A
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's	The proposed project will concretely and substantially contribute to the key legislative frameworks related to Marine Litter in the involved territories: the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (D10) and the

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Barcelona Convention Regional Plan on Marine Litter management in the Mediterranean. Specifically, the project's studied and tested Marine Litter harmonized surveillance approaches are expected to be taken up by the institutional partners which will progressively factor them into their national Monitoring Programs, foreseen under the aforementioned policy frameworks. The demo projects will effectively support the prioritization of Marine Litter prevention and mitigation measures and promote their uptake within the national Programmes of Measures of the partner countries. Furthermore, the project is expected to strengthen the implementation of the aforementioned policy frameworks by building synergies with relevant projects, initiatives and processes. Through advocacy work the project results will feed into the work of the MSFD TG10, the Marine Strategy Coordination Group, the Barcelona Convention CORMON, etc. The project's Joint Governance Plan will provide a common framework for Marine Litter actions for Med MPAs and decision makers at local, national and regional level that will further strengthen the implementation of the aforementioned legislative frameworks in the Med countries. The networking, capitalization and capacity building activities will provide a unique opportunity to Med MPAs to exchange information on the common Marine Litter threat and effective ways to generate targeted responses, thus leading to a strengthened implementation of the Habitats and Birds Directives and the Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs. The project through its well-framed policy recommendations will clearly define how its outputs can provide strategic inputs and feed into other relevant strategies and policies such as the Circular Economy Package and the upcoming Plastics Strategy, the etc. It will also support the implementation of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean.

Focal Point at MAP Component

Magali Outters, moutters@scprac.org

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	9 March 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Green Impact Mediterranean (GIMED)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support entrepreneurs and early stage companies in 5 Mediterranean countries to better access finance and markets, creating jobs and helping to stimulate the region's green economy. • To support young and women ideation stage eco-entrepreneurs to build capacity in order to secure investment and successfully take an innovative product or service to market. • To support youth and women led existing early stage green ventures to better access finance and to grow their share of the market for green products and services. <p>To collaborate with investors, public administrations and businesses to offer entrepreneurs increased investment, B2B opportunities and better support to protect IPR.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The main outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building workshops, coaching sessions for access to finance and markets for young and women <u>ideation stage eco-entrepreneurs</u> • Capacity building workshops, coaching sessions for access to finance and markets for <u>early stage green ventures</u> • Introduction and networking events for financiers and for ideation and early stage entrepreneurs • Sub-grants to consolidate business creation and business development • Green investment roundtables for financiers Cross-border B2B meetings for early stage ventures • Policy recommendations paper • Green Entrepreneurship Standard <p>Green Incubation programme in Lebanon IPR handbook and focus sessions for public</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Palestine, Spain, Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	Total direct eligible costs: 2.633.106,29 €
Main source(s) of funding	EU (DG NEAR ENI CBC Programme)
Lead organization (manager)	ARC-SCP/RAC
Other partners	Lebanon Berytech Foundation Palestine Leaders Organisation Tunisia Conect Egypt Alexandria Business Association Italy Fondazione di Communita di Messina
Start/end dates	September 2019 – August 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	The SCP/RAC is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the project. The SCP/RAC will particularly manage the development of the tools for the capacity building workshops, coaching sessions for access to finance and markets. The partners will be putting the tools into implementation in the target countries. The SCP/RAC will also coordinate the GE Standard, the Green Investment Roundtables and the policy recommendations paper.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	The ARC-SCPRAC budget share in the project is 465.524,90 €
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	2.6.2, 6.2.1, 6.3.1, 6.4.1, 6.4.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The involvement of SCP/RAC in the SwitchMed Programme allows SCP/RAC to fulfill its SCP mandate, comply with SCP activities under UNEP/MAP PoW and to support Mediterranean countries to fulfill their commitment in promoting SCP in the region. It also supports the implementation of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean adopted at the COP 19 by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Burcu Tunçer and Giorgio Mosangini.

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	11 March 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Water and Environment Support Programme in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood (WES)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The EU funded Water and Environment Support Programme in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood (WES) is a regional programme that aims at protecting the common Mediterranean environment and improving the management of scarce water resources, by addressing critical Environmental and Water issues on which important regional political bodies such as the UfM and the Barcelona Convention have developed policies and strategies to address them.</p> <p>WES capitalizes on previous regional projects (H2020 CB/MEP, SWIM I and II, SWIM-H2020 SM) and will be implemented in synergy with other EU supported regional projects such as SwitchMed II, Plastic Busters MPAs, COMMON, Marine Litter Med II, ECAPMed III, IMAP-MPA and many other projects and processes (Blue-Green MedCS, GWP-Med, etc.) and with systematic efforts to complement, to the degree possible relevant bilateral EU-PC projects.</p> <p>The project includes five (5) components: Four (4) “vertical”, where three (3) types of tools (dimensions) referring to technical assistance, various capacity building interventions and enhancement of the enabling environment/conditions are used for operation in the following areas of: Pollution Prevention (Component 1), Efficient use of water (Component 2), Monitoring & Supporting DEMO projects (Component 3) (the latter are implemented separately but their outputs will be utilized in enhancing the learning processes of WES) and Support to the UfM Water and Environment Agenda (Component 4), while the 5th Component is horizontal and refers to the Capitalization, Sharing of Knowledge and Securing good Visibility of the project and dissemination/use of its results.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The project aims to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide solutions with regard to plastic pollution and water use efficiency.• Increase capacities of stakeholders and beneficiaries, which include amongst other authorities, CSOs and research institutes so they can deal efficiently with issues of environment and water resources.• Safeguard the continuity of the previous SWIM-H2020 SM project and further build on its achievements;• Sustain a beneficial balance between the regional activities and the demand-driven national activities, which maximises the expected impact towards regional integration;• Seek and advance coordination and synergy with bilateral and other interventions supported by IFIs and other sources;• Support multi-level dialogue and the fulfilment of the national commitments, addressing regional needs as identified by different instruments and actors (e.g. UfM, Barcelona Convention, H2020;• and its follow-up), EU aspirations (e.g. ENP and ENI strategies), and international provisions (e.g. SDGs);

	Strengthen the level of commitment and ownership by the PCs.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Libya, Palestine and Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	7.917.200 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	EU (DG NEAR)
Lead organization (manager)	LDK Consultants Engineers and Planners S.A. Greece
Other partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED). Egypt • Association of Cities & Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+). Belgium • Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC). Spain • Haskoning DHV Nederland B.V. Netherlands • LDK Consultants Europe S.A. Belgium • Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE). Greece • CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari) • Gopa Infra GmbH • Ramboll Denmark A/S
Start/end dates	May 2019 – May 2023 (48 months)

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>SCP/RAC is involved in the Pollution Prevention Component 1 of the project, and the topics: 1: Curbing Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter / 2: Promotion of Mechanisms, Tools and Conditions for shifting to a Circular Economy /Topic 3: Prevention and Reduction of Pollution reaching the Mediterranean from specific Industrial sectors.</p> <p>The SCPRAC will provide tailored and targeted technical assistance at national level based on partners' requests through an Expert Facility; organize regional (or sub-regional) events, peer-to-peer seminars and webinars; conduct on-site training courses and study tours; and capitalize on the lessons learnt, good practices and success stories.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	192,500 EUR
Other MAP Components involved	MED POL – member of the SC Meeting
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	2.1.1, 2.3.1, 2.5.1, 2.6.2 (based on Draft MP PoW 2020/2021)
MTF budget allocation if applicable	N/A

**Justification/Comments on
MAP Component's
involvement and added value
to MAP system**

The WES constitutes an essential opportunity through which the countries are able to request technical support to effectively implement their commitments under the Barcelona Convention, in particular the ones related to the LBS Protocol (and its regional plans on Marine Litter, SCP, reduction of BOD from the food sector, POPs), the Hazardous Wastes Protocol, and ICZM protocol. WES is working in line with the (i) the UNEP/MAP MTS 2016-2021; (ii) the update of the NAPs for the implementation of the SAP-MED, the long-term policy framework to combat pollution from LBS sources affecting the marine environment in the Mediterranean; and (iii) the implementation of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean.

Focal Point at MAP Component

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MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	28 September 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Sustainable Textile Action for Networking and Development of circular economy business ventures in the Mediterranean. (STAND Up!)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>STAND Up! will support eco-innovative entrepreneurs and enterprises within the textiles and clothing sector. The pressing need for the sector to transition to an environmentally and socially responsible circular model is widely voiced and accepted across industry and policy at all levels. In addition, it is a sector that closely links the regions bordering the Mediterranean as textiles and clothing traverse the sea basin from textile manufacturing to clothing production to consumption and finally for re-use and recycle. The solution to transitioning this economy is innovative entrepreneurialism, which, in addition to its positive environmental benefits, will generate much needed employment in the region.</p> <p><i>Key project Objectives.</i></p> <p><u>Impact:</u> To foster an inclusive youth- and women-led Circular Economy and sustainable job creation in the Mediterranean regions of Barcelona, Beirut, Ash Sharquiyah, Tunis and Prato</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> To enhance scalable, replicable and inclusive circular economy ventures in the Mediterranean by developing an ecosystem of business support, innovation, and technology transfer.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The main outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative start up enterprises having a cross-border dimension, managed by youths (between 24 and 35 years old) and/or women (all ages) sustainably grow their share in traditional and non-traditional sectors - Increased share of youth/women staff in managerial positions in companies recently established (since 2011) that access and develop innovative markets domestically and/or in other MED countries - Increased capacity of public authorities to facilitate access to and protect Intellectual Property Rights and commercial contracts of youths and women entrepreneurs
Geographical scope and countries involved	Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	Total direct eligible costs: 3.693.986,68 €
Main source(s) of funding	EU (DG NEAR ENI CBC Programme)
Lead organization (manager)	ARC-SCP/RAC
Other partners	<p>TEXFOR - Textile Industry Association (Spain)</p> <p>Berytech Foundation (Lebanon)</p> <p>SEKEM Development Foundation (Egypt)</p> <p>Textile Technical Centre (Tunisia)</p> <p>Prato Textile Museum Foundation (Italy)</p> <p>Tunis International Center for Environmental Technologies (Tunisia)</p>
Start/end dates	July 2020 – December 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	<p>SCP/RAC is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the action, supporting the project consortium to deliver business development services to green start-ups and facilitating the policy uptake of relevant results.</p> <p>SCP/RAC will lead the harmonization of business development methodologies ensuring circular economy principle and eco-innovation. It will also promote networking with national green eco-systems, liaising with local authorities and key private stakeholders.</p>
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	The ARC-SCPRAC budget share in the project is 570.984 €.
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	6.3; 6.4
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	<p>Under the MAP's mandate, SCP/RAC will enhance technical support to sustainable business national ecosystems, aligning them to the SCP Regional Action Plan to provide with more effective services to green entrepreneurs. SCP/RAC will fast-track eco-innovation and access to funding for early and growth start-ups, responding to pressing environmental needs in the textiles value chain, which is cross-border by structure and presents important hotspots in terms of pollution drivers.</p>
Focal Point at MAP Component	Alessandro Miraglia (amiraglia@scprac.org), Team Leader Networking and Communication Facility

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	December 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	JUST2CE
Description and main objective(s)	<p>JUST2CE aims at understanding, in a critical and thoughtful way, under which conditions a responsible, inclusive and socially just transition to a circular economy is possible and desirable, what technical, geopolitical and social factors can enable or hamper such transformation and how these aspects can contribute to the development of transitional policy measures. The project will identify enablers and barriers to CE in a number of key strategic sectors –selected among those indicated by the EU Action Plan for Circular Economy –such as food production and waste, water management, critical raw materials and production in complex global supply chains. The results of this analysis will be used to develop a decision support system and macroeconomics analytical tools to design new or improve existing CE practices.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>Objective 1: To understand the current state of transition towards a Circular Economy in order to highlight the existence of differences in theoretical frameworks and ideological (political, cultural and gender) assumptions in different contexts</p> <p>Objective 2: To understand how geopolitical –North / South and Centre / Periphery –and class/gender relations enable or thwart the implementation and success of Circular Economy practices in selected cases</p> <p>Objective 3: To develop a framework to design and evaluate Circular Economy practices based on sustainability, social and economic indicators but also on the principles of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), civic participation and participatory governance.</p> <p>Objective 4: To develop systemic models for aiding policy design and evaluation at a meso-and macro-level</p>
Geographical scope and countries involved	EU and African Countries
Total budget (EUR)	3,6 M€
Main source(s) of funding	EU (Horizon)
Lead organization (manager)	UAB – Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona
Other partners	<p>SCP/RAC UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI PARTHENOPE CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS SOCIAIS UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS</p>

	<p>UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN Kentro Erevnon Notioanatolikis Evropis Astiki Mi Kerdoskopiki Etaireia [SEERC] ETHIOPIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEKELLE [EIT-M] KUMASI HIVE Scientific and Industrial Research and Development Centre [SIRDC] AFRICAN CIRCULAR ECONOMY NETWORK [ACEN] Energy@Work</p>
Start/end dates	September 2021 – August 2024

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is responsible for the implementation of the Work Package 6 "Dissemination and Knowledge Transfer" and will ensure the uptake of the project results at the policy level
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	383.000 €
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	6.1 (6.1.1) and 6.3 (6.3.1)
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The project will further strengthen policy evidences about the nexus between an inclusive Circular Economy transition and the protection of the environment. A Decision Support System will be developed to support policy makers, communities and SMEs to better devise systemic solutions to address the transition to more sustainable consumption and production patterns.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Magali Outters moutters@scprac.org Alessandro Miraglia , amiraglia@scprac.org

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	December 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	MAVA's Nature-Based Solutions Capitalization Plan (Short Assignment)
Description and main objective(s)	The assignment aims to identify the Nature-based Solutions (NBS) developed by MAVA's partners and the Switchers in Spain, Morocco, Tunisia and Greece by applying the IUCN Global Standard for NBS and self-assessment tool ³ , describe each NBS with a set of descriptors, and elaborate a set of capitalisation recommendations and priority actions to ensure these NBS can effectively deliver the expected societal and environmental benefits amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The assignment will also draw key recommendations to systemise and scale these experiences and make them a central part of the policy and recovery agenda in the Mediterranean.
Main output(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a knowledge base on NBS, including lessons learned, best practices and the COVID-19 crisis impacts so far • Ensuring that NBS are properly addressed in the main regional policy frameworks and process (e.g., the Barcelona Convention and the Union for the Mediterranean -UfM), by including for example NBS in the decision on regional framework for green circular economy at the Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention at the end of 2021 • Providing a set of "bankable" NBS that could help MAVA's partners and the Switchers leverage new investments, particularly from identified COVID-related funding opportunities • Enhancing cross-sectorial collaboration between nature conservation organisations and the Switchers community of green entrepreneurs and changemakers.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Morocco, Tunisia, Spain, Greece and Italy
Total budget (EUR)	45.000 €
Main source(s) of funding	MAVA Foundation
Lead organization (manager)	SCP/RAC
Other partners	IUCN
Start/end dates	February 2021 – January 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is responsible for the whole implementation of the assignment
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Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	100%
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	6.1 and 6.4
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	This assignment is a service offered to MAVA Foundation to identify and capitalize on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) best practices, strengthening their sustainability via ad hoc investment plans. Both sustainable business models and NbS will be assessed using the IUCN NbS Standard
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MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	December 2020

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Capitalising BeMed initiative to reduce plastic pollution in Mediterranean Islands (CapiMed-Islands)
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The purpose of the project is to achieve a long-term impact on the reduction of marine litter by capitalizing the collaborative achievements of plastics prevention Mediterranean island projects supported by Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed). Recently, BeMed granted five projects in Mediterranean islands with the objective to prevent plastic pollution. In this regard, the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes the collaboration among BeMed projects and beyond, and particularly by facilitating the application of existing harmonized approaches and guidelines to tackle plastic pollution. • Transfers the results, lessons learnt and know-how generated by the BeMed projects to other islands, allowing for cross-border cooperation, increased replicability and the pooling of education and training efforts. • Brings the BeMed community and outcomes into regional processes to maximizing their impact in the long-term.
Main output(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Component 1: Establishment of a BeMed-Islands community: Synergies among projects maximized in terms of timing, methods, tools and communication activities; harmonized methods applied • Component 2: Transfer of results and lessons learnt to a network of small islands and partners active in the Mediterranean, Europe and beyond, including through collaboration with other capitalization processes in the region • Component 3: Major Mediterranean stakeholders related to marine litter/plastics topic are acquainted with achievements of BeMed projects and integrate them into their policy making and initiatives
Geographical scope and countries involved	All Mediterranean countries, particularly islands
Total budget (EUR)	109.570 €
Main source(s) of funding	Beyond Plastic Med association
Lead organization (manager)	SCP/RAC
Start/end dates	December 2021 – November 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is responsible for the implementation of Components 1 and 2, as well as overall management
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	40,7%
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	2.1.1.2; 2.3.3.1; 2.5.2.1; 3.2.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	This capitalization process allows the MAP system to follow up developments in islands related to the prevention of plastic pollution, as well as ensuring that MAP priorities and tools are promoted across the BeMed supported projects. Likewise, the MAP system can benefit in terms of bringing on board lessons learnt and consider them into strategic processes
Focal Point at MAP Component	Magali Outters, moutters@scprac.org

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	8 th October 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	INPLASTICS: A set of interactive, innovative educational and communications tools to raise awareness and build capacity on toxic additives in plastics in the Mediterranean region
Description and main objective(s)	<p>SCP/RAC, as regional centre of both the Barcelona Convention and Stockholm Convention, has envisaged an educational and communications programme on plastic's toxic additives that will lay out the intricacies of this issue in a clear manner and the ways in which different target groups can be an active part of the solution. As such, the project aims to gather up to date information and case studies that will be shaped/adapted and delivered to young professionals for them to act when moving forward in their professional life, to policymakers for them to be able to design and enact better regulations, to consumers for them to make informed decisions when purchasing plastic items, and to businesses for them to increase transparency and operate to reduce the use of toxic constituents in plastics and/or switch to safer alternatives.</p> <p><i>Key project Objectives.</i></p> <p><u>Impact:</u> To foster educational and communication activities that increase awareness and capacity of future professionals, businesses, and policymakers of the Mediterranean region.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Improved access to information and awareness on safe alternatives to toxic chemicals associated with the use, production and end-of-life treatment of plastics by gathering up to date information from a range of experts and providing the environment to maximize its outreach (<i>to wide target audience</i>).</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The main outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Technical Brief / report with up-to-date data on toxic additives in plastics developed and approved by the Scientific Committee and ready to be used to inform the project activities; - A master's module on the challenges and opportunities of plastics in a circular economy within the Erasmus+ MehMed project; - 2 (two) webinars developed and delivered following the recommendations of the 2020 "Plastic's Toxic Additives and the Circular Economy" SCP/RAC publication; - A communication plan developed, various communication materials prepared and disseminated; - Project monitoring report.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Spain
Total budget (EUR)	Total direct eligible costs: 80.711 € (93.850 USD)
Main source(s) of funding	Small Grant Programme on Plastic Waste managed by the BRS Secretariat
Lead organization (manager)	ARC-SCP/RAC

Other partners	<p>MEHMed project - Mediterranean Environmental Change Management Master Study and Ecosystem Building” managed by the University of Girona (Spain) and co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, financed by the European Union.</p> <p>Partner Universities:</p> <p>University de Sousse, Tunisia</p> <p>University de Monastir, Tunisia</p> <p>University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Maroc</p> <p>University of Abdelmalek Essaadi, Maroc</p> <p>University Mohammed Premier Oujda, Maroc</p> <p>University of Mostaganem, Algeria</p> <p>University Mohamed El Bachir El Ibrahimi de Bordj Bou Arréridj, Algeria</p> <p>University OF Constantine 1, Algeria</p>
Start/end dates	October 2021 – July 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT’S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is the responsible for all the project’s output. The centre manages 100% of the budget and activities.
Project budget for MAP Component’s activities (EUR)	The ARC-SCPRAC budget share in the project is 80.711 €.
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	1.2
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component’s involvement and added value to MAP system	<i>Through this project, SCP/RAC will contribute to the implementation of outcome 1.2, and in particular of activity 1.2.7 of the 2022-2023 PoW focusing on increasing access to information on chemicals in products. It will also foster synergies between the stockholm/Basel global Conventions and Barcelona Convention.</i>
Focal Point at MAP Component	Magali Outters (moutters@scprac.org), Team Leader Policy Area

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	February 2022

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	<p>RESET - REsults Enabling Transitions: mapping, synthesising and mainstreaming sustainable, green and circular business support achievements in the MED region, for replication and policy-making.</p>
Description and main objective(s)	<p>In recognition of the region's accelerating employment and environmental crises, there are various calls for action to create a 'sustainable and inclusive economy that works for everyone'. As the region works towards developing and implementing measures for a 'sustainable green transition,' RESET aims to facilitate economic and social development via supporting the creation of sustainable and green businesses.</p> <p>RESET will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gather, analyse and synthesise learnings regarding 'what works' within the field of sustainable and green business support, and work to upstream this knowledge effectively. • It will support local, national and regional stakeholders to use this knowledge to create strategies, policies and regulation to stimulate the green economy. • It will also support recently-funded EU projects to directly capitalise the knowledge generated by the ENI CBC Med Fund, ensuring results of previous projects are woven into the methodologies of ongoing projects. <p>Delivered by a consortium of partners in Spain, Italy, Lebanon, Tunisia and Palestine with breadth and depth of experience across sustainable, green and circular business creation; green investment; local, national and regional policy making related to the green economy; and EU project delivery, especially within the ENI CBC fund.</p> <p>RESET will target Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Tunisia and work across the whole enabling eco-system – from EU projects, local initiatives and policies to national and regional policy and regulation – to capitalise knowledge related to training, advice, networking services, access to funding and markets, as well as IPR protection, for sustainable and green entrepreneurs and startups, with a focus on women and youth inclusion. RESET aims to create a sustainable business support sector that makes better use of impact data and learnings, and a policy and regulatory ecosystem that is better informed and encouraged to act.</p>
Main output(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 capitalisation framework • 1 capitalisation lab • 1 project capitalisation clinic • Local and national capitalisation strategies • Local and national capitalisation clinic • Direct support and capacity building to local and national stakeholders • Barcelona convention Regional Policy Guidelines • Virtual community of practice

Geographical scope and countries involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESET edition of the WeMed Award <p>RESET will target Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Tunisia</p> <p>The project will be delivered by a consortium of partners in Spain, Italy, Lebanon, Tunisia and Palestine</p>
Total budget (EUR)	1.092.197,15€
Main source(s) of funding	EU (through ENI CBC Med)
Lead organization (manager)	SCP/RAC
Other partners	<p>Beyond Reform and Development/ Irada Group SAL, Lebanon</p> <p>PIN S.c.r.l. Scientific and Educational Services for the University of Florence, Italy</p> <p>Leaders Organisation, Palestine</p> <p>INJAZ Tunisia, Tunisia</p>
Start/end dates	December 2021 – December 2023

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC the coordinator of the project. The center is also highly involved in the communication activities and coordinate the Work Package related to Regional Dissemination and Capitalisation.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	28%
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	4.2.5 and 7.1.5
MTF budget allocation if applicable	-
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	This capitalization process allows the MAP system to integrate the findings and best practices of around 15 EU-funded projects related to green business development within the permanent framework of the Barcelona Convention. It will also contribute to the implementation of the COP22 Decision on a Set of Regional Measures to support the development of green and circular businesses in the Mediterranean
Focal Point at MAP Component	Magali Outters, moutters@scprac.org

MAP Component:	SCP/RAC
Date:	May 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	Support for the creation of circular economy enterprises at the local level in Tunisia
Description and main objective(s)	<p>The project will capitalize on the results of the green entrepreneurship support program developed by SCP/RAC in Tunisia, extending the capacities to support the creation of sustainable and circular enterprises to the local level, through a training of trainers programme and supporting services for green entrepreneurs.</p> <p><i>Key project Objectives.</i></p> <p><u>Impact:</u> To reduce environmental impacts of production and consumption models in Tunisia</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u> Stimulating the creation of eco-innovative businesses at the local level in Tunisia.</p>
Main output(s)	<p>The main outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Capacities and services to support the creation of sustainable businesses at the local level in Tunisia have been strengthened. -Promoted green and circular business models that provide solutions to local environmental challenges in Tunisia.
Geographical scope and countries involved	Tunisia
Total budget (EUR)	203,000.00 €
Main source(s) of funding	Catalan Agency for Development for Development Cooperation (ACCD)
Lead organization (manager)	ARC-SCP/RAC
Other partners	Tunis International Center for Environmental Technologies (CITET)
Start/end dates	December 2020 – November 2022

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SCP/RAC is responsible of the implementation of the whole project and will engage CITET as main local partner.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	203,000.00 €
Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	6.3.1; 6.4.1

MTF budget allocation if applicable

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Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system

Under the MAP's mandate, SCP/RAC will enhance technical support to sustainable business national ecosystems, aligning them to the SCP Regional Action Plan to provide with more effective services to green entrepreneurs.

Focal Point at MAP Component

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MAP Component:	SPA/RAC
Date:	22 July 2021

GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

Title	« Assisting (sub) regional cooperation for the practical implementation of the MSFD second cycle by providing methods and tools for D11 (underwater noise) » (QUIETSEA)
Description and main objective(s)	QUIETSEA aims to support the practical development of the second implementation cycle under the MSFD by providing methods and tools for D11 (underwater noise)
Main output(s)	Main expected results of the project are: i) Identifying specific impact indicators (for sensitive species-marine mammals) to enable D11C2 risk-based assessment, ii) Promoting the consolidation of pressure and impact indicators for D11C1, iii) Providing common methodologies to facilitate the implementation of assessment frameworks and setting thresholds values, iv) Delivering two tools for effective risk-based management of D11C1 and D11C2 to assist regional and subregional cooperation for the GES assessment; v) Assessing the effectiveness of potential coordinated measures to reduce the pressure caused by the opportunistic slowdown of the maritime traffic during COVID-19 and vi) Building capacities to ensure knowledge transfer, capitalization of results beyond the life of the project and results that align with and support MSFD.
Geographical scope and countries involved	EU Member states
Total budget (EUR)	739.055 EUR
Main source(s) of funding	DG ENV
Lead organization (manager)	Centro Tecnológico Naval del mar (CTN)
Other partners	ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat, SHOM, POLIMI-DICA, HCMR, IzVRS, Maritime Hydrographic Directorate (MHD), DFMR, ICES
Start/end dates	February 2019 – 2021

INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible	SPA/RAC is contributing to the Capacity building activities in collaboration with ACCOBAMS throughout: -Boosting regional coherence with standards set in Barcelona Convention in the EcAp process. - Training session with Competent Authorities from EU and non-EU countries and RSC representatives on: assessment methodology, how to collect and share noise data.
Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)	37 400 EUR

Other MAP Components involved	-
Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)	3.2.1/3.3.2:3.4.3/3.5.1
MTF budget allocation if applicable	In kind
Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system	The activities planned are in line with the implementation of the updating Action plan for the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean and the development of IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27 related to noise from human activities.
Focal Point at MAP Component	Lobna BEN NAKHLA Programme Officer (SPA/RAC)