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Agenda Items 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events

Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events in 2024-2025

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and
Major International Events in 2024-2025**

(As of 17 October 2024)

SECTION I

Institutional Meetings of UNEP/MAP

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2024			
Secretariat	Meeting of the Extended MCSD Steering Committee on the MSSD Update	15 October	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	CORMON (Coast and Hydrography)	17 October	Teleconference
Secretariat	Meeting of the Extended MCSD Steering Committee on the MSSD Update	12 November	Teleconference
Secretariat	96 th Meeting of the Bureau	19-20 November	Cairo, Egypt
REMPEC	2 nd Coordination Meeting on the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	21 November	Lija, Malta
Secretariat	3 rd Steering Committee Meeting of PAMEx and its Local Investment Finance Facility	November (TBC)	Online
SPA/RAC	5 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	December (TBC)	Online

2025			
SPA/RAC	6 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	21 January	Teleconference
MED POL	CORMON Meetings (Pollution and Marine Litter)	29-30 January	Teleconference
Secretariat	Ad Hoc Thematic Meeting of the MCSD on the MSSD Update	11-13 February	Istanbul, Türkiye
Secretariat/ REMPEC	5 th Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Sub-Group on Environmental Impact	19-20 February	Malta
MED POL	Progress Meeting on the development of NAPs and NBB Reports	26-27 March	Istanbul, Türkiye (TBC)
SPA/RAC	6 th Meeting of the SAPBIO Advisory Committee	End of March	Teleconference
MED POL	CORMON (Pollution and Marine Litter)	1-3 April	Athens, Greece

SPA/RAC	CORMON Meeting on Biodiversity and Fisheries	7-8 April	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	11 th Meeting of the SAPBIO National Correspondents	9-10 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	26 th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	9-10 April	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	CORMON on Coast and Hydrography	April (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Meeting of PAP/RAC Focal Points	6-7 May	Split, Croatia
REMPEC	16 th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points	13-15 May	Malta
INFO/RAC	Meeting of INFO/RAC Focal Points	20-21 May	Rome, Italy
SPA/RAC	17 th Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points & SPA/RAC 40 th anniversary	20-22 May	Istanbul, Türkiye
Plan Bleu/RAC	Meeting of Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points	27-28 May	Marseille, France
SCP/RAC	Meeting of SCP/RAC Focal Points	28-29 May	Barcelona, Spain
MED POL	Meeting of MED POL Focal Points	3-4 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	21 st Meeting of the Compliance Committee	4-5 June	Athens, Greece
UN/France	UN Ocean Conference (incl. UNEP/MAP event on 50 years of MAP and 30 years of amended BC)	9-13 June	Nice, France
Secretariat	21 st Meeting of the MCSD	17-19 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	97 th Meeting of the Bureau	24-25 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	12 th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	15 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	16-19 September	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	7 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean-AGEM	November (TBC)	Teleconference
Secretariat	24 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 24)	2-5 December	Egypt

Mediterranean Celebration/Observance Days

SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day	15 April	Teleconference + in the SPAMIs
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	Tunis, Tunisia (TBC)

SECTION II

Meetings of UNEP/MAP Internal Projects

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2024			
Secretariat	5 th Project Steering Committee Meeting of MedProgramme Child Project 1.1	15 October	Madrid, Spain
Secretariat, European Forest Institute, SilvaMed Secretariat etc.	Medforest Week	4 November (TBC)	Barcelona, Spain
SPA/RAC	Workshop on the identification and introduction of appropriate measures for the reduction of new introductions and for eradication/control of NIS in priority sites	3 December (TBC)	Italy
SPA/RAC	Workshop with relevant public institution actors on blue crab management in the Mediterranean	4 December (TBC)	Italy
Secretariat	Final Steering Committee Meeting of MedProgramme Child Project SCCF	4 December 2024	Athens, Greece

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2025			
Secretariat	2 nd Steering Committee of the SEMPA project	12 February	Athens, Greece (TBC)
MED POL	1 st Steering Committee of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED PLUS Project	25 February	Athens, Greece (TBC)
Secretariat	1 st Steering Committee of the EcAp MED PLUS project	26 February	Athens, Greece (TBC)
SPA/RAC	Workshop on nature-based technical solutions to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increasing their resilience	June (TBC)	(TBC)

SECTION III*Meetings related to External Projects and Technical Meetings/Events*

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2024			
Secretariat	Capacity-building on Gender and Chemicals & Waste under the MedProgramme	9 October	Teleconference
Plan Bleu/RAC	1 st working group of the MSSD revision on ocean economy/green finance	22 October	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	1 st meeting of the WG for MSP of the MSSD revision	23 October	Marseilles, France
REMPEC, EMSA	Joint spill response exercise within the Sub-regional marine oil pollution contingency plan between Cyprus, Greece and Israel and Closure Regional Workshop	30 October-1 November	Larnaca, Cyprus
MED POL	Regional Meeting for the Implementation of Sustainable Desalination and the Application of State of Art Technologies	7-8 November	Nicosia, Cyprus
SPA/RAC	2 nd subregional training on Monk seal Monitoring and conservation methodologies	11-13 November	Mersin, Türkiye
REMPEC	Regional Workshop on the Preparation of National Action Plans for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	20 November	Lija, Malta
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Final Conference	27 November	Tel Aviv, Israel Hybrid (TBC)
REMPEC	6 th Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS)	4-5 December	Lija, Malta
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to present Coastal Management Plan for Boka Kotorska Bay, Montenegro	10-11 December	Kotor, Montenegro
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS regional/sub-regional experts' group meetings on IMAP revision preparation work	(TBC)	Online or B2B with other meetings
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS information and awareness raising workshops at regional level to promote broader stakeholders' consultation on regional IMAP update	(TBC)	Online or B2B with other meetings
Secretariat	EcAp MED PLUS workshop promoting regional synergies by sharing experiences/best practices/lessons learned/joint activities with other Regional Sea Conventions and other regional partners/Programmes	(TBC)	Teleconference

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2025			
Secretariat	11 th Informal Coordination Meeting of the Regional Seas surrounding Europe on the Implementation of Regional Action Plans on Marine Litter	14 January (TBC)	Athens, Greece
Plan Bleu/RAC	2 nd working group of the MSSD revision on ocean economy/green finance	30 January	Marseille, France
SPA/RAC	3 rd Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of the GEF “ <i>Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean</i> ” (FishEBM MED)	February (TBC)	Tunisia (TBC)
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to Present the National ICZM Strategy for Lebanon	February (TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon (TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	Permagov Steering Committee	February (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to present Coastal Plan for Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region	March (TBC)	Tangiers, Morocco
REMPEC	Regional Expert Meeting on the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NOX ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI	3-4 April (TBC)	Malta (TBC)
Secretariat	3 rd Annual Stocktaking Meeting of the MedProgramme	8-10 April	Istanbul, Türkiye
REMPEC	Sub-regional Workshop on the implementation of a Sub-regional Contingency Plan (Central or South-West Mediterranean)	June (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC-MAP, OSPAR, HELCOM, Bonn Agreement	Joint REMPEC-MAP/OSPAR/Bonn Agreement/HELCOM Conference on Ballast Water Management (BWM)	October (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Final Conference to Present Vulnerability studies for El Tarf and Mostaganem	25 October (TBC)	Algiers, Algeria (TBC)
SPA/RAC, MedPAN	Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	November/December	(TBC)

SECTION IV*Major International and Regional Events of MAP Relevance*

Organizers	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2024			
ICRI Forum	7 th International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC7)	13-18 October	Cape Town, South Africa
CBD	16 th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity	21 October-1 November	Cali, Colombia
Environmental Organisation iSea	European Elasmobranch Association Conference	22-24 October	Thessaloniki, Greece
GFCM	47 th session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)	4-8 November	Rome, Italy
UNFCCC	COP 29 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC)	11-22 November	Baku, Abseron, Azerbaijan
G20	G20 summit 2024	18-19 November	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
UN Plastic Treaty INC5	INC5 – Plastic Treaty negotiations	25 November – 1 December	Busan, Korea
UNCCD	COP 16	2-13 December	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
2025			
IMO	12 th session of the IMO's Sub Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 12)	27-31 January	London, United Kingdom
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	2–3 April	Geneva, Switzerland
IMO	83 rd session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83)	7-11 April	London, United Kingdom
IMO	Interspill Conference and Exhibition	8-10 April	London, United Kingdom
BRS Secretariat	Basel Convention COP17, Rotterdam Convention COP12, and Stockholm Convention COP12	28 April-9 May	Geneva, Switzerland
UNECA	Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	April	Uganda
WCEF	World Circular Economy Forum	13-14 May	São Paulo, Brazil
G7	G7 Summit 2025	(TBC)	Canada

UN	13 th Session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	14-18 July (under ECOSOC) and 21-24 July (Ministerial)	New York, US
IUCN	IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025	9-15 October	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
IMO	2 nd extraordinary session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee	13-17 October	London, United Kingdom
UNFCCC	COP 30 (30 th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)	10-21 November	Para, Brazil
IMO	34 th Regular Session of the IMO's Assembly (A 34)	1-5 December	London, United Kingdom
UNESCWA	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon