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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME  
COVERING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL 1986

Between January and April 1986, the activities of PAP were focussed on the following:

- preparation of working papers and documents, and for meetings and seminars planned until September 1986 (expert meetings on tourism and EIA; seminars on integrated planning of Mediterranean coastal zones, on seismic risk reduction, on water resources management, and on aquaculture);
- editing and publishing of three Directories of experts and institutions;
- preparation and organization of PAP/RAC-WHO/EURO-UNEP/MAP expert meeting on monitoring of selected submarine outfalls;
- preparation and organization of a seminar on experiences in the protection and rehabilitation of selected Mediterranean historic settlements;
- finalization and promotion of co-operative project proposals in seismic risk reduction, environmental management of aquaculture, and soil protection;
- harmonization of the Programme with other components of MAP, with UN agencies, and with other relevant international organizations;
- preparation of documents for the Joint Meeting of National Focal Points for the Blue Plan and PAP.

The following brief survey deals with each priority action separately.

1. Directories of Institutions and Experts in Human Settlements, Soil Protection, and Tourism

The final text of Directories was edited, published and dispatched to all PAP National Focal Points.

2. Water Resources Management

Results of the missions effectuated in 1985 were processed; a mission to Malta completed; and a mission to Cyprus prepared. Also, proposals for action relative to water resources management in big Mediterranean islands were formulated and addressed to interested countries. Preparatory activities were completed jointly with WHO/EURO for a seminar scheduled in September (Palma de Mallorca, Spain).

3. Integrated Planning and Management of Mediterranean Coastal Zones

Activities and papers relative to the preparation of case studies, and all necessary preparations for a seminar to be held in June (Athens) were completed.

4. Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Mediterranean Historic Settlements

Seminar on the experiences in the protection and rehabilitation of selected Mediterranean historic settlements was prepared and held in Split, on 16-19 April.

5. Land-Use Planning in Earthquake Zones

Terms of reference were formulated and case studies commissioned in accordance with the thematic framework defined at the 1985 seminar, as well as necessary actions undertaken for the organization of a seminar to be held in Genoa in July. Also, together with UNDR0 and UNCHS a project proposal for seismic risk reduction in the Mediterranean was finalized and submitted for discussion to the BP/PAP Focal Points Meeting.

6. Solid and Liquid Waste Management

A PAP/RAC-WHO/EURO-UNEP/MAP expert meeting on monitoring of submarine outfall structures in the Mediterranean was held in Split on 27-28 March. The meeting report was distributed to PAP National Focal Points. Also, together with WHO/EURO, terms of reference for the preparation of guidelines for liquid waste management were completed.

7. Soil Protection

Terms of reference were prepared for several demonstration studies which would be presented at a seminar envisaged in Fall this year. Contacts were made with ACSAD and FAD; and basic elements determined for a co-operative project proposal on water run-off erosion monitoring.

8. Development of Mediterranean Tourism Harmonized with Environment

Necessary contacts and preparatory activities were made for an expert meeting envisaged in May to review national reports. Also, PAP/RAC had a discussion with WTD on the harmonization of activities and for launching possible joint ones in 1986 and 1987.

9. Aquaculture

The document "Aquaculture and Coastal Planning in the Mediterranean" was finalized; a synthesis of "Ecological, Social and Environmental Aspects of Aquaculture" made; and the PAP/RAC-MEDRAP co-operative project proposal drafted (unabridged and abridged version). All the documents were dispatched to PAP National Focal Points, and the abridged version of the project proposal submitted to the BP/PAP Focal Points Meeting. Also, invitation for implementation of the project was addressed for approval to those Mediterranean countries whose sites had been selected for monitoring.

10. Renewable Sources of Energy

A case study entitled "Application of Solar Energy in Greenhouses and Solar Crop Drying" (Italy) was completed and the remaining studies commissioned. They would be considered and discussed by a seminar planned at the end of 1987.

11. Environmental Impact Assessment

Following the expert meeting on EIA held in Split in December 1985, all Mediterranean countries were invited to nominate a national contact point for EIA and to infill a questionnaire on the state of EIA practice.

12. General Support to PAP/RAC

Two quarterly Bulletins (No.4, 1985 and No.1, 1986) were prepared in English, French and, for the first time, in Arabic; PAP/RAC organized visits by representatives of Algerian and French PAP Focal Point; and co-ordinating meetings were convened with the Co-ordinator of MAP and with the Scientific Director of the Blue Plan.

In the first quarter of the year PAP/RAC had concrete discussions with the representatives of UNESCO and WHO/EURO respectively, with a view to harmonizing activities of common interest. Also, maintaining a regular practice, PAP/RAC had intensive contacts with a majority of National Focal Points of the Contracting Parties concerning the on-going activities in PAP-related priority areas, and the preparation of seminars and expert meetings.