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First Meeting of the National Focal Points
for Specially Protected Areas in the
Mediterranean

Athens 1-4 June 1987

Annotated Provisional Agenda

INTRODUCTION

The Protocol Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas was adopted in Geneva on 3 April 1982 and came into force on 23 March 1986.

This Protocol states in Article 14, paragraph 2. "The Parties shall designate persons responsible for protected areas. Those persons shall meet at least once every two years to discuss matters of joint interest and especially to propose recommendations concerning scientific, administrative and legal information as well as the standardization and processing of data". This meeting of National Focal Points for Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas is the first to be held pursuant to Article 14 of the Protocol.

The recommendations of this meeting will be presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, scheduled to be convened in Athens from 7 to 11 September 1987.

The following annotations were prepared by UNEP in order to assist the participants of the meeting in their deliberations.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the representative of the Executive Director of UNEP.

Agenda item 2. Rules of procedure

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution and its related protocols will apoply mutatis mutandis for the Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Agenda item 3. Election of officers

The meeting will be invited to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda. The provisional agenda has been circulated as document UNEP/WG.163/1.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

The meeting will work in plenary sessions with the support of ad hoc working groups which may be established during the meeting.

The working languages of the meeting will be English and French, with simultaneous translation.

Agenda item 5. Review of the Report of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas, 1985-1986

The Director of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) will present the report on the activities of the Centre since its establishment (UNEP/WG.163/3).

The meeting will be invited to review and take note of the report.

Agenda item 6. Progress report on the Directory of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Mediterranean Region.

The secretariat will present a progress report and draft Directory of Marine and Coastal Protected areas of the Mediterranean Region (UNEP/WG.163/4) as called for in Article 8, paragraph 2 of the Protocol. A map showing Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas (UNEP/WG.163/5) will also be presented to the meeting.

The meeting will be invited to review the progress report, directory and map, to consider any steps which may be necessary to complete information available, to provide to the centre any corrections or supplementary information, and to make recommendations concerning the publication of the directory.

Agenda item 7. Consideration of the Draft Guidelines for the Selection, Establishment and Management of Protected areas in the Mediterranean.

The secretariat will present the draft Guidelines for the Selection, Establishment and Management of Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (UNEP/WG.163/6) as called for in Article 4 of the Protocol.

The meeting will be invited to review and make recommendations concerning the guidelines and to recommend their adoption by the meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 8. Consideration of the Draft Action Plan for the Conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal

A draft Action Plan for the Conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal has been circulated (UNEP/WP.163/7). This draft Action Plan will be reviewed by the Joint IUCN/UNEP Expert Consultation on the Management of the Mediterranean Monk Seal immediately prior to this meeting (Athens, 28-29 May 1987) and the amended version will be presented by the secretariat at the meeting.

The meeting will be invited to review the Action Plan and to make recommendations concerning its implementation to the meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 9. Consideration of the Draft Work Plan and Budget for the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas for 1988-1989.

The Director of the Centre will present the proposed work plan and budget for the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas for 1988-1989 (UNEP/WP.163/8).

The meeting will be invited to review the proposed work plan and budget and recommend its adoption by the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 10. Other business

The participants in the meeting will be invited to raise any other matter related to the subject of the meeting which has not been considered under previous agenda items.

Agenda item 11. Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur will present the report of the meeting and the meeting will be invited to adopt it as the record of its deliberations.

Agenda item 12. Closure of the meeting

The meeting will be closed by the representative of the Executive Director and by the chairman of the meeting.

Annex

Proposed Timetable

Day	Session	Agenda
Monday, 1 June	Morning Afternoon	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 5 (con'd), 6
Tuesday, 2 June	Morning Afternoon	6 (cont'd), 7 7
Wednesday, 3 June	Morning Afternoon	8, 9 9 (cont'd), 10
Thursday, 4 June	Morning Afternoon	No meeting 11, 12

Note. Sessions schedule.

09.30 to 12.30 (Morning)
14.30 to 17.30 (Afternoon)

Coffee break at 11.00 and at 16.00 hours