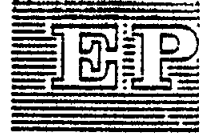




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First Meeting of the National Focal Points
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Draft Workplan and Budget for the
Regional Activity Centre for Specially
Protected Areas for 1988-1989

THE LONG TERM OBJECTIVES OF THE CENTRE

1. The permanent, long term objectives of the Centre must be in conformity with the initial decisions contained in the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and with the guidelines that may have been adopted during the September 1987 Meeting of the Contracting Parties, after decision and proposal by the Focal Points in June 1987.
2. For the long term, it can be proposed that the permanent activities of the Centre be based on the following 4 broad objectives:

Objective A: Creation, extension and constant improvement of the data bank and especially of the inventory of the Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (existing, proposed and potential).

Objective B: Inventory and selection of sites for the establishment of a network of the Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas.

Objective C: Research, Classification, Monitoring.

Objective D: Knowledge, Information, Education, Training.
3. To these long-term objectives, one could add other objectives covering special activities (limited in time) aimed at safeguarding species of regional importance, mainly:

Objective E: Safeguarding of the Mediterranean Monk Seal Monachus Monachus.

Objective F: Safeguarding of the Mediterranean sea turtles.
4. Objective A: Creation, extension and constant improvement of the Inventory of the Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (existing, proposed and potential). The improvement of the data bank should be a continuous process, follow strictly defined standards and cover areas proposed and potential. All information gathered will be placed at the disposal of countries and interested bodies.
5. Objective B: Inventory and selection of sites for the establishment of a network of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas. The methodology for making the inventories and for selecting the Mediterranean Protected Areas is being developed (cf UNEP/WG.163/ Inf.3) and it needs the support of a group of experts from all Mediterranean countries. This group has begun its work by holding a meeting on selection criteria (Arles, February 1987).
6. Objective C: Research, classification and monitoring. The standardization of methods of classification and monitoring and the implementation of common research programmes to meet the objectives stated in the Protocol will be based on several working groups, each covering a particular area, and also on the previously described Mediterranean group of experts: the latter will act as the Board of the Centre for all its activities.
7. Objective D: Knowledge, information, co-ordination, training. One aspect of the activities of the Centre will concern the following: to store and make available relevant information on existing documents (bibliography), to put together synthesis reports on special topics, to draw up lists of experts and centres that concern themselves with specially protected areas, also lists of educational material and inventories of possible sites for training courses.

8. **Objective E: Safeguarding the Mediterranean Monk Seal.**
Work has already begun in this area, due to the urgency of the matter. It will be fully developed in the Action Plan for the Conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal which will be the object of a meeting of experts (28 and 29 May 1987) immediately preceding the meeting of Focal Points (cf. IUCN/UNEP/MM-IC and UNEP/WG.163/7).

INTERIM WORKPLAN 1987
PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAMMES 1988-1989

9. The first phase of the 1987 programme continues and concludes the activities scheduled for 1985-1986. The new activities which can be initiated will be carried out in close collaboration with the National Focal Points and with the assistance and support of national and international centres and experts. Due to the time given over to the completion of the 1985-1986 activities, the new activities should continue within the framework of the 1988-89 programme. Among them we can note here:
10. Within the framework of Objective A: Improvement of the data bank, more particularly:
- Improvement and extension of the programme Data Base III.
 - Preparation of a document concerning the bibliography of the Mediterranean Protected Areas (Ecosystems, species etc.)
 - Preparation of an annual report on the projects of each country concerning protected areas and the protection of the environment in general.
 - Preparation of a document on the proposed areas on the basis of available studies.
 - Preparation of a computer programme to store and treat data on inventorying and selection of marine and coastal protected areas in agreement with other international programmes.
 - Establishment of a network and preparation of a list of experts on marine and coastal protected areas in connection with National Focal Points, the Research Centres and International Organisations.
11. Within the framework of Objectives B and C: Assistance to the countries, especially in the following areas:
- Inventorying and selection: Assistance to the countries to inventory and select marine and coastal areas (application of selection methods, identification of consultants, field studies, preparation of reports).
 - Establishment: To prepare a general document on the legislation governing the Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas.
 - Management: To prepare models of planning and management (Management programmes of protected areas, ecosystems, species and of cultural resources).
12. Within the framework of Objective D: Training, Information, Education. Focus on the following activities:
- Preparation of technical guides for training and education, especially on the study and management of the protected areas, ecosystems and species, the creation and utilization of data banks etc.

- Assessment of the needs of the Mediterranean countries in training personnel for the management of protected areas and study of the possibilities to organize training courses (place, subject, external financial support).
 - Consolidation of the means of the Regional Activity Centre/Specially Protected Areas in equipment and personnel.
 - Participation in conferences and seminars for the presentation of the work carried out and the results obtained by the Centre, for making contacts and collecting data.
 - Consolidation of activities aiming at protecting marine and coastal areas and species.
 - Improvement of dissemination of information, especially in collaboration with the Focal Points, the other MAP Centres and International Bodies.
 - Making available the data on protected areas (experts, bibliographical lists, special topics etc.).
 - Acquisition, inventorying and dissemination to the general public of material on the protected marine and coastal protected areas (audiovisual material, brochures etc.).
13. The draft budget required for the permanent running of the Centre RAC/SPA (Objectives A, B, C and D) can be found in Annex I).
14. Within the framework of Objective E: Safeguarding of the Mediterranean Monk Seal Monachus Monachus. A number of proposals which form the Action Plan for the safeguarding of the Mediterranean Monk Seal, elaborated during the meeting of experts on the 28 and 29 May 1987, should be included in the programmes of the Centre (cf. documents IUCN/UNEP/MM-IC and UNEP/WG. 163/X).
15. The draft budget required for the implementation of Objective E must be discussed by the same experts and will be submitted to the Focal Points for their consideration. It already appears clear that the presence at the Centre of a Protected Areas specialist responsible for this programme is indispensable.

ANNEXE 1

BUDGET - SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS

	m/m	1988	m/m	1989
1. PERSONNEL				
a. Experts/Consultants				
- Expert	12	50,000	12	55,000
- Data-Researcher	12	40,000	12	45,000
- Consultants		60,000		70,000
b. Administrative support				
- Secretary	12	8,000	12	10,000
- Driver	12	5,000	12	6,000
2. TRAVEL		20,000		25,000
3. SUB-CONTRACTS		10,000		15,000
4. MEETINGS (experts, focal points)		15,000		30,000
5. EQUIPMENT				
- Non-expendable (car, vidéo))		8,000		5,000
- Expendable		2,000		3,000
6. RENTAL & MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES	host country		host country	
7. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		5,000		10,000
8. REPORTING COSTS		15,000		18,000
9. SUNDRY				
- Communication, postage, freight		12,000		14,000
- Hospitality		2,000		2,000
- Miscellaneous		3,000		4,000
TOTAL		255,000		313,000