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Meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets
Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster

Rome (Italy), 7 -8 February 2013

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Introduction and meeting objectives

The First Meeting of Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group agreed on a road-map on the activities to be undertaken by MAP under the EcAp process during this biennium. The Meeting also agreed to establish three Correspondence Groups on Good Environmental Status (GES) and Targets, Monitoring and on Economic and Social Analysis in the process of application of EcAp in the Mediterranean and to support EcAP Coordination Group.

The Correspondence Group on GES and Targets will be composed of national experts nominated by the Contracting Parties, and will be coordinated by the UNEP/MAP components and the Coordinating Unit. It will work to ensure efficient coverage and in-depth discussions and analysis of all Ecological Objectives (EOs) and it will be made up of 3 clusters: 1) Pollution and litter related EOs (EOs 5, 9, 10 and 11); 2) Biodiversity and Fisheries related EOs (EOs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6); and 3) ICZM and Hydrological Conditions related EOs (EOs 7 and 8). The expected outcome of the group is defining the methodology for Mediterranean targets, as well as identifying GES and targets through a participatory process involving contracting parties, stakeholders and MAP components, which once cleared by the EcAp Coordination Group will be submitted to COP 18.

In this second meeting, following the Pollution and Litter cluster meeting in Sarajevo in October 2012, it is expected to discuss methodologies and approaches for setting targets (as qualitative and quantitative elements of the determination of GES); consider relevant existing targets and underlying methodologies and discuss their suitability for use within the context of Barcelona Convention; and, take initial steps in identifying draft list of targets and corresponding GES on biodiversity and fisheries.

The meeting of the Correspondence Group on GES and Targets – Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster will take place on 7-8 February 2013 in UN-FAO premises, Rome, Italy, with the following agenda.

DAY 1: Thursday, 7 February 2013

1. Registration of participants will take place from 08.45 and delegates are kindly asked to arrive to the security control of FAO building early enough to be in the Conference Room 15 minutes before the session starts.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and opening of the Meeting, adoption of the agenda (09:30-09:45)

2. The Meeting will be opened by the representative of the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, Mr. Oliviero Montanaro, Head of Unit of Marine and Coastal Environment Protection, Mr. Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary of the GFCM and by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias.
3. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.373/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.373/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.
4. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.
5. The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction to the meeting programme, organization of the days (09:45-10:00)

6. The flow of the meeting will be explained by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 3: Introductory Presentations (10:00 – 11:00)

7. The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the process of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap and expected results during the biennium and beyond,
8. The Secretariat will present:
- Approaches for definition of GES and setting targets for the “biodiversity and fisheries” related Ecological Objectives in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach, (EO 1(Biodiversity), EO 2(Non-indigenous species), EO 3 (Harvest of commercially exploited fish and shellfish), EO 4 (Marine food webs) and EO 6 (Sea-floor integrity)); and,
 - Existing targets of relevance for the Mediterranean Sea regarding Biodiversity and Fisheries.

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 “Approaches for definition of Good Environmental Status and setting targets for the following Ecological Objectives (EO) in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach: EO 1(Biodiversity), EO 2(Non-indigenous species), EO 3 (Harvest of commercially exploited fish and shellfish), EO 4 (Marine food webs) and EO 6 (Sea-floor integrity)”

Information document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.373/Inf.3 “Existing targets of relevance for the Mediterranean Sea regarding Biodiversity and Fisheries”

9. A presentation will be given by GFCM regarding the on-going related initiatives particularly on fisheries management in the Mediterranean
10. A presentation will be given by the DG Environment, European Commission (Mr. David Connor) on the work undertaken under the HELCOM and OSPAR Conventions on biodiversity indicators and target setting

Coffee break: 11:00 -11:30

Agenda Item 4: Plenary – Discussions session (11:30 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00)
Coffee break: 15.30-16:00

11. In this session, it is aimed to:
- Discuss methodologies and approaches for setting targets (as qualitative and quantitative elements of the determination of GES);
 - Consider relevant existing targets and underlying methodologies and discuss their suitability for use within the context of Barcelona Convention
 - Identify first draft list of targets and corresponding GES

on below themes:

1. Biodiversity
2. Non-indigenous species
3. Harvest of commercially exploited fish and shellfish

4. Marine food webs
5. Seafloor integrity

Working document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 "Approaches for definition of Good Environmental Status and setting targets for the following Ecological Objectives (EO) in the framework of the Ecosystem Approach: EO 1(Biodiversity), EO 2(Non-indigenous species), EO 3 (Harvest of commercially exploited fish and shellfish), EO 4 (Marine food webs) and EO 6 (Sea-floor integrity)"

DAY 2: Friday, 8 February 2013

Agenda Item 4: Plenary – Discussions session (09:30 – 11:30) (cont'd)

Agenda Item 5: Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes (11:30 – 12:30)

12. The Secretariat will present the outcomes of the discussion sessions.

Agenda Item 6: Adoption of outcomes, recommendations and conclusions (14:00-16:30)

13. The Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt the outcomes, conclusions and recommendations which came out of the discussion sessions and presented by the Secretariat.

14. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and circulated to all participants for review and amendments as appropriate for its adoption.

Agenda Item 7: Identifying potential way forward and closure of the meeting (16:30 – 17:00)

15. The next steps of the process will be agreed upon and the Meeting is expected to be closed at 17:00 hours on Friday 8 February 2013.

Note:

Coffee breaks: 10.30-10:45 and 15:45-16.00 hrs

Lunch breaks: 12:30 -14:00 hrs

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 7 February 2013		
09:30-09:45	1. Welcome and opening of the meeting, adoption of the Agenda	Working Document/s UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.373/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.373/2
09:45-10:00	2. Introduction to the workshop programme, organization of the days	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/2
10:00 – 11:00	3. Introductory Presentations	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 & 373/Inf.3
11:00 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 17:00	4. Plenary – Discussions session	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 & 373/Inf.3
17:00	End of the day	
Friday, 8 February 2013		
09:30 – 11:30	4. Plenary – Discussions session (cont'd)	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 & 373/Inf.3
11:30 – 12:30	5. Plenary – Presentation of the outcomes	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.373/3 & 373/Inf.3
14:00-16:30	6. Adoption of outcomes, recommendations and conclusions	
16:30 – 17:00	7. Identifying potential way forward and closure of the meeting	