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Actions	Activities for the implementation of the Action plan	Deadline	Observations
1- Ratification of the new SPA Protocol	Ratification by the Parties that have not yet done so	As quickly as possible	Process under way since 2000
2- Mediterranean Symposium	Organise the Mediterranean Symposium every 2 or 3 years	From 2006 on	Process under way since 2000
3- Guidelines for impact studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Encourage countries to create procedures for environmental impact studies and help those which have them to integrate these guidelines in them ✓ Revise regularly the guidelines taking account of all new data 	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>Every two years from 2006</p>	
4- Mediterranean Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Make the existing database accessible ✓ Ensure it is regularly updated in coordination with different partners ✓ Set up systems for the collection and exchange of data between partners 	<p>At once</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>From 2006 on</p>	
5- Directory of specialists, laboratories and organisations concerned by marine vegetation in the Mediterranean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete and revise the directory of specialists, laboratories, institutions and organisations concerned ✓ Enrich the directory with references and fields of competences of the specialists 	<p>Every two years from 2006</p> <p>2006</p>	
6- Launching of the procedures for legal protection of species nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Urge countries to take legal protection measures ✓ Help those countries with legal protection to make it operational and efficient 	As quickly as possible	Process under way
7- Elaboration of national plans for the conservation of marine vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Urge countries which have not done so to develop short, medium and long term action plans in accordance with national and regional priorities ✓ Assist countries in the implementation of action plans 	<p>As quickly as possible</p> <p>From 2006 on</p>	Process under way
8- Inventory of sea grass meadows and other marine vegetal assemblages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collect and make available on the RAC/SPA website existing data ✓ Increase the number of training sessions on SDF use ✓ Harmonise the SDF with pertinent inventory systems 	<p>2006</p> <p>Yearly</p> <p>As quickly as possible</p>	<p>Process under way (Natura 2000 or other programmes)</p> <p>Action under way</p>

that could be considered natural monuments			
9- Preparation of management plans for protected areas	✓ Strengthen the protection of marine vegetation by creating a representative network of protected marine areas		
10- Preliminary inventory of species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish a programme for creating national inventories on species of Macrophyte, with staggered planning in accordance with regional priorities ✓ Implement the project for the initiative to develop the taxonomy of Mediterranean flora 	<p>From 2006 on</p> <p>From 2006 on</p>	Process under way
11- Setting up of networks for the monitoring of marine vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish a programme to set up networks for the monitoring of marine vegetation nationally and regionally ✓ Help countries to identify and implement tools that can enable efficient monitoring of marine vegetation ✓ Set up and/or extend monitoring networks in the Mediterranean 	<p>2006</p> <p>From 2007 on</p> <p>From 2008 on</p>	<p>Training and assistance</p> <p>Process under way</p>
12- Mapping of sea grass meadows and other vegetal assemblages of importance for the marine environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish a programme for mapping outstanding sites ✓ Help countries to implement tools that can enable the appropriate mapping of marine vegetation ✓ Harmonise mapping data and facilitate the accessibility nationally and regionally 	<p>From 2006 on</p> <p>2006-2008</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>	<p>Process under way</p> <p>Training and assistance</p>