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**RATIONALE AND WORK PLAN FOR DEFINING TASKS/RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE SECRETARIAT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ICZM AND OFFSHORE PROTOCOLS**

Rationale and work plan for defining tasks and responsibilities of the Secretariat tasks regarding the implementation of the ICZM and Offshore Protocols

Rationale: Several provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its 7 Protocols assign important tasks to the Organization (UNEP/Coordinating Unit) as well as to the Regional Activity Centres of MAP. While for the largest number of the MAP legal instruments, there are indications of the role of each of MAP components in their implementation, the newly adopted ICZM Protocol (2008) and the expected to enter into force Offshore Protocol (adopted in 1994) contain complex provisions which implementation needs to be carefully analysed and responsibilities shared between the Coordinating Unit and the respective MAP components.

For this purpose, during the negotiation of the ICZM Protocol, the Contracting Parties requested the Coordinating Unit to share a number of tasks assigned to the Organization (Coordinating Unit), to the respective RACs/MAP components on the basis of their respective mandates and competencies.

In addition, the additional session of the MAP Focal Points meeting, held in Cairo, in September 2009, clearly requested the Coordinating Unit to submit to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in its first meeting in 2010, a Proposal addressing the role of the Coordinating Unit and the RACs in assisting the Contracting Parties to implement the "Offshore" Protocol.

Objective: To propose a comprehensive and clear share of tasks/responsibilities of MAP components regarding the implementation of both protocols for submission by the Coordinating Unit to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties.

Tasks: The main tasks are:

- a) undertake a desk analysis of the legal provisions of the Barcelona Convention and the two protocols, major related technical and institutional decisions of the Contracting Parties namely:
 - *Analysis of the institutional aspects of the Barcelona Convention and its seven Protocols; in depth analysis of the Offshore and ICZM Protocols;*
 - *Analysis of reports of the 5 Meetings of the Working Group on the ICZM (2006-2008);*
 - *Analysis of reports of MAP Focal Points Meeting (July and September 2009);*
 - *Analysis of the MAP Five-Year Programme of Work and the biannual programme of work 2010-2011;*
 - *Analysis of the decision IG 19/5 on the mandates of the MAP components, November 2009;*
- b) undertake a proactive consultation with the Coordinating Unit and the MAP Components during the process;
- c) produce the final report and recommendations to the Coordinating Unit.

Working Plan

Main tasks	January	February	March	April	May
Review of main documents as indicated above					
Submission of the first report to the Coordinating Unit					
Elaboration of the proposals and consultation with the Coordinating Unit and MAP components					
Submission of the final report to the Coordinating Unit					
Submission by the Coordinating Unit of proposed recommendations to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties					