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PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH ROADMAP IN SYNERGY WITH MSFD

Proposed timeline for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap by MAP

At the second meeting of experts on ecosystem approach, the Secretariat shared a number of criteria on the basis of which the ecosystem approach timeframe/timeline may be defined.

- a) Priority to be given to the delivery of regional outcomes such as the ecological and operational objectives, indicators and targets and regional monitoring programmes including the update of some related regional policies, in particular of the SAP/BIO;
- b) Establishing effective synergies with other relevant regional and global processes, in particular in the framework of the EU MSFD with a view to optimizing the outcome and the timeframe, as appropriate, arisen from both processes; and,
- c) Introducing the periodical review of progress achieved towards the environmental targets every 4/6 years after the establishment of ecological objectives, operational objectives and environmental targets.

Based on the above criteria, the proposed UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach road map timeframe outlines what and how Contracting Parties should do with regard to coordination and cooperation for implementing Decision IG 15/6 on application of ecosystem approach by MAP taking account of their national obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and where appropriate MSFD.

If regularly updated, the roadmap timeframe will serve as an effective tool to help countries toward implementation of ecosystem approach at MAP and Contracting Party levels.

The proposed road map timetable looks beyond 2011 until 2019 regarding activities for establishing coordinated monitoring programmes, programmes of measures, and reviews of all the ecosystem approach roadmap steps implementation every 4/6 years thereafter.

The major outputs may be delivered as presented in the Annex to this document.

The Annex contains also MSFD implementation projected outputs.

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UNEP/MAP projected outputs

Preparing assessment report for four sub regions and on Mediterranean wide commonalities
Preparing a pan-med regional study on ecosystem services in the Mediterranean
Identification of priority issues and actions

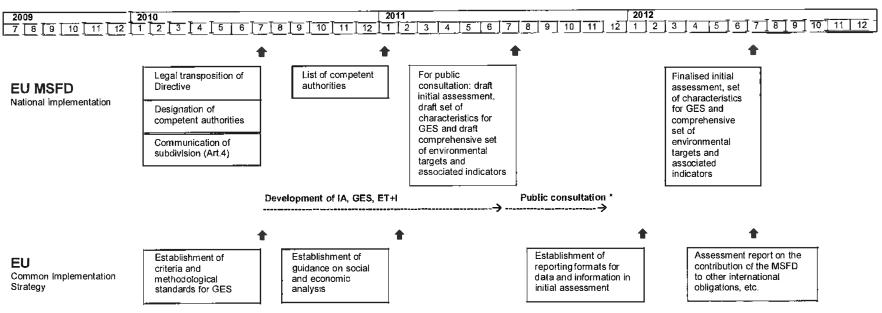
Draft coordinated ecological objectives for the Mediterranean set of operational objectives and indicators for GES Approach paper on how to go about targets Pilot started

Expected decision by the parties on ecological objectives operational objectives and indicators for GES -Assessment report adopted and priority issues agreed - SoE report based on the EA assessment Work to establish coordinated comprehensive set of environmental targets and indicators ongoing Oceanographic study implemented (if resources become available)

Revision of the regional monitoring programme Follow up work on socio economic analysis and ecosystem services if resources become available Pilot finalised to support definition of environmental targets

MAP assessment policy with a view to define the multiple MAP needs for thematic and integrated assessment in the framework of ecosystem approach

Updating SAP BIO including a review for established SPA/SPMIs to adjust their management plans with the view to reflect EO, OO and Environmental targets, as appropriate.



^{*} National consultation procedures vary from country to country (e.g. 6-12 weeks). The timeline only indicates the period within which consultation should take place in order to enable finalisation of national procedures for the establishment of a product required in the MSFD and international coordination activities on such products.

Adoption by the CP meeting in 2013 of environmental targets
Adoption by the CPs meeting in 2013 of the integrated monitoring programme
CPs requested to update and adjust as of 2014 their national monitoring
programmes accordingly in line with the integrated monitoring programme
Information and GIS system established
MAP assessment policy adopted by the CPs;
SAP BIO update adopted by the CPs
Adjustment needs for established SPA/SPMIs of their management plans

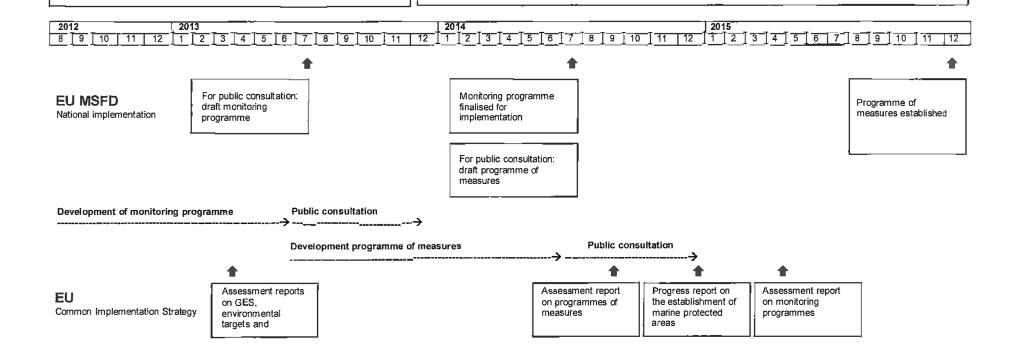
identified

Contracting Parties to formulate and implement as appropriate national monitoring programme in line with the integrated regional one with support from the Secretariat

New regional plans based on LBS protocol idientified and developed, regional plans on endangered species, updated or new ones developed as appropriate etc; taking into account the agreed environmental targets

Contracting parties to update as appropriate and implement their NAPs (LBS) and NAPs (SAP BIO) to reflect the environmental targets and commitments under the regional plans

Management plans of selected SPA and SPAMIs, adjusted to reflect the EO, OO and environmental targets agreed, other requirements under the Barcelona convention and its protocols as well as commitment under the regional plans Establish new protected areas, as appropriate and implement their management plans



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Contracting Parties to implement national monitoring programme in line with the integrated regional one with support from the Secretariat : Ongoing

New regional plans based on LBS protocol identified and developed, regional plans on endangered species, updated or new ones developed as appropriate etc; taking into account the agreed environmental targets. Ongoing

Contracting parties to update as appropriate and implement their NAPs (LBS) and NAPs (SAP BIO) to reflect the environmental targets and commitments under the regional plans: Ongoing

Management plans of selected SPA and SPAMIs, adjusted to reflect the EO, OO and environmental targets agreed, other requirements under the Barcelona convention and its protocols as well as commitment under the regional plans: Ongoing

Establish new protected areas, as appropriate and implement their management plans: ongoing

Development of first review IA, GES, ET+I

SoE report finalised in the form of quality status report and submitted to the CPs meeting

Coordinated assistance to implement revised monitoring programmes

Preparing Regional Actions Plans ongoing

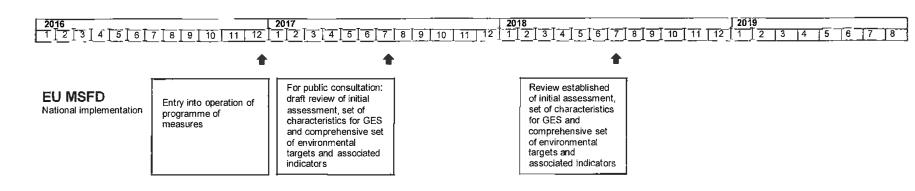
Evaluation of implementation of regional action plans and measures

Assistance to countries to implement the regional action plans

Coordinated review of national initial assessment where appropriate

Review process

Review progress achieved towards EO, OO and environmental targets Suggest the necessary policy adjustment as appropriate to the meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2019 with regard to, EO, OO, environmental targets and monitoring programme



Public consultation

EU Common Implementation Strategy First evaluation report of the implementation of the MSFD (by 2019 at the latest)

