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Provisional Annotated Agenda

Introduction

The Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (**EcAp Roadmap**), as agreed at the 18th Conference of the Parties, in Istanbul, 3-6 December, 2013 (COP18)¹ is following up on the work of experts in the three sub-clusters and as such, envisions to focus on the development of an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme during the current biennium.

As a first step towards this, the recent meeting of the Integrated Correspondence Group (**Integrated CorGest**, 17-19 February, 2014) set the key direction by agreeing on a common set of indicators and specific recommendations to the Monitoring Correspondence Groups (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/Inf.5).

During the first meetings of the Monitoring Correspondence Groups (CORMON Groups, May-July 2014) monitoring experts focus their work on these common indicators, building on the General Monitoring Guidance prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.400/3); and on the specific Monitoring Guidances prepared on Ecological Objectives basis, following and addressing the common indicators list agreed at the Integrated CorGest.

The aim of the CORMON Biodiversity and Fisheries meeting thus is to:

- (a) Discuss the options laid out in the Secretariat Monitoring Guidances, in order to find the best cost-effective and scientifically mature way of monitoring the common indicators of the biodiversity and fisheries cluster;
- (b) Follow-up on the recommendations of the Integrated CorGest Group on monitoring, targeting specifically biodiversity and fisheries;
- (c) Give specific, more detailed monitoring-related recommendations on the common indicators of the biodiversity and fisheries cluster;
- (d) Give recommendations, regarding EOs/indicators, which are not mature enough yet, but on which scientific developments and work in other International Bodies would suggest including them already in early discussions.

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Day One / Thursday 26 June 2014

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09.00-09.15)

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2-3: Scope and purpose of the meeting and election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:15-09.30)

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.400/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.400/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

¹ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/3

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance and process ahead on EcAp monitoring (09:30-10:00)

The Secretariat will present its General Monitoring Guidance under the EcAp, and provide more information on the EcAp monitoring process ahead. General comments will be addressed by the participants.

Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Biodiversity /Ecological Objective 9 (10.00-11.00)

The Secretariat will present the draft Monitoring Guidance on Ecological Objective 1, Biodiversity (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.400/4). Comments will be addressed by the participants.

Expected outcome: The CORMON Biodiversity and Fisheries Meeting will provide overarching recommendations to further the work on EO1 monitoring, specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

Agenda item 6 Monitoring Guidance in relation to Biodiversity: discussion of the draft Guidance Document on EO1, with a focus on the common indicators: Habitat distributional range and Condition of the habitat's typical species and communities (11.30-13.30)

The Secretariat will present the relevant parts of the draft Monitoring Guidance Document on EO1, which will be followed by a discussion focused on common indicators: Habitat distributional range and Condition of the habitat's typical species and communities.

Expected outcome: The CORMON Biodiversity and Fisheries meeting will provide recommendations to further the work on EO1 monitoring. It will specifically address key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps in relation to the common indicators: Habitat distributional range and Condition of the habitat's typical species and communities.

Agenda item 7: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Biodiversity: discussion of the draft Guidance Document on EO1, with a focus on the common indicators: Species distributional range, Population abundance and Population demographic characteristics (15.00-18.00)

The Secretariat will present the relevant parts of draft Monitoring Guidance Document on EO1, which will be followed by a discussion focused on common indicators: Species distributional range, Population abundance and Population demographic characteristics.

Expected outcome: The CORMON Biodiversity and Fisheries meeting will provide recommendations to further the work on EO1 monitoring. It will specifically address key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps in relation to common indicators: Species distributional range, Population abundance and Population demographic characteristics.

Day Two / Friday 27 June 2014

Agenda item 8: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance in relation to Non-Indigenous Species (09.30-10.30)

The Secretariat will present the draft Monitoring Guidance on Ecological Objective 2, Non-Indigenous Species (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.400/5). Comments will be addressed by the participants.

Expected outcome: The CORMON Biodiversity and fisheries meeting will provide overarching recommendations to further the work on EO2 monitoring, specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

Agenda item 9: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Non-Indigenous Species: discussion of the draft Guidance Document on EO2 with a focus on the common indicator: Trends in the abundance, temporal occurrence and spatial distribution of non-indigenous species, particularly invasive non indigenous species, notably in risk areas in relation to the main vectors and pathways of spreading of such species (10.30-12.00)

The Secretariat will present the Monitoring Guidance Document on EO2, which will be followed by a discussion focused on common indicator: Trends in the abundance, temporal occurrence and spatial distribution of non-indigenous species, particularly invasive non indigenous species, notably in risk areas in relation to the main vectors and pathways of spreading of such species.

Expected outcome: The CORMON Biodiversity and Fisheries meeting will provide recommendations to further the work on EO2 monitoring. It will specifically address key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps in relation to the common indicator: Trends in the abundance, temporal occurrence and spatial distribution of non-indigenous species, particularly invasive non indigenous species, notably in risk areas in relation to the main vectors and pathways of spreading of such species.

Agenda item 10 Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Biodiversity and Fisheries (14:30-17:30)

Participants will conclude their key recommendations regarding monitoring of EO1 and EO2 and will have the opportunity to address additional general monitoring recommendations, including in relation to those EOs/indicators that are not included in the current list of common indicators.

Agenda item 11: Any Other Business (17:30-18.00)

Participants will have the opportunity to raise any other relevant business.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting (18.00)

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.00 hours on 27th of June.

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Thursday, 26 June 2014	
08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00.– 09:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2-3: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda
09.30-10.00.	Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat and process ahead on Ecap monitoring
10.00-11.00	Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Biodiversity/EO1
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-13.00	Agenda item 6: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Biodiversity: discussion of the draft Guidance Document on EO1, with a focus on the common indicators: Habitat distributional range and Condition of the habitat's typical species and communities
13:30 – 15.00	Lunch Break
15.00-18.00	Agenda item 7: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Biodiversity: discussion of the draft Guidance Document on EO1, with a focus on the common indicators: Species distributional range, Population abundance and Population demographic characteristics

Friday, 27 June 2014	
09.30.– 10:30	Agenda Item 8: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance in relation to Non -Indigenous Species
10.30-11.00	Agenda item 9: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Non-Indigenous Species discussion
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.00	Agenda item 9: Continued discussions on agenda item 9: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Non-Indigenous Species discussion
12.00-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30-17.30	Agenda item 10: Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Biodiversity and fisheries
17:30 – 18.00	Agenda item 11: Any Other Business
18.00	Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting