





## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Introduction and meeting objectives

During the current biennium, the work for applying Decision UNEP(MED)IG 17/6 'On the implementation of the ecosystem approach by MAP to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment, adopted by the 15th Contracting parties meeting in January 2008 ( Almeria, Spain) has progressed in a substantive manner.

The first meeting of the government-designated expert (GDE) mandated by the Contacting parties to guide the work of the Secretariat for the implementation of the ecosystem approach *roadmap* was held in Athens in July 2008.

Three technical meetings were convened respectively in April 2010 (Rome, Italy), July 2010 (Barcelona, Spain) and March 2011 (Istanbul, Turkey) to review the work carried out for the preparation of the initial integrated assessment report as well as the proposals regarding ecological objectives with its associated set of operational objectives and indicators.

The purpose of the present GDE meeting is to review and discuss the progress achieved with a particular focus on the initial integrated assessment report; draft ecological, operational objectives and indicators and the proposed timetable for further implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap.

The meeting will take place on 2-3 June 2011 in Durres, Albania at the kind invitation of the National Environmental and Forestry Agency of Albania.

### DAY 1: THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2011

Registration of participants will take place from 08.30 and delegates are kindly asked to be in the Conference Room 15 minutes before the session starts.

#### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09:00-09.30)**

The Meeting will be opened by the representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration of Albania and by the Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:00-09.30)**

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.360/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.360/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

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

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

**Agenda Item 3: Progress in implementing the Ecosystem Approach roadmap**  
(09:30-10:00)

The Secretariat will provide an update on the progress made on implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap since the meeting of Government-designated experts held in Athens in July 2008.

*Working document: "Ecosystem Approach Application Progress report" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.360/3*

**Agenda Item 4: The Initial Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea as reviewed by GESAMP** (11:00 – 13:00)

The Secretariat will present the main outcomes of the Initial Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea. The Secretariat will also report on the review comments received from GESAMP.

The meeting is expected to discuss and provide its views and recommendations as appropriate.

*Working document "Draft Initial Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea: Fulfilling Step 3 of the Ecosystem Approach Process" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 360/5*

**Agenda Item 5: Proposed Mediterranean ecological objectives associated with its operational objectives and indicators** (16:30 – 18:00)

The Secretariat will present the draft proposed ecological objectives associated with its operational objectives and indicators that were discussed in depth and agreed at the third technical expert meeting as amended after consultation with GFCM and at national level as suggested by the technical meeting..

The meeting is expected to embark in a general discussion of the proposal and review the proposed ecological objectives, operational objectives and indicators with the view to their endorsement for submission to the Meeting of MAP focal points in September.

*Working document: "Ecological Objectives, Operational Objectives and Indicators for the Application the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean Sea" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.360/4- corrigendum.*

**DAY 2: FRIDAY, 3 JUNE 2011**

**Agenda Item 6: Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD** (11:00-13:00)

The Secretariat will present a proposed timeline for implementing the Roadmap approved in Almeria in January 2008 for the gradual application of the ecosystem approach by UNEP/MAP.

The meeting is expected to discuss the proposed major outcomes and timetable and endorse them for their transmission to the meeting of MAP Focal points meeting.

*Working document: "Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.360/6*

**Agenda Item 7: Draft decision on the further application of the ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean** (15:00-16:00)

Based on discussions held at the meeting, the Secretariat will prepare on the spot and submit for discussion a draft decision on the further application of the ecosystem approach

The Meeting is expected to provide substantive feedback for the finalization of the draft decision and approve its transmission to the MAP focal points meeting

**Agenda Item 8: Adoption of recommendations and conclusions (16:30-18:00)**

The Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt a set of draft conclusions and recommendations which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

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 adoption.

**Agenda Item 9: Closure of the meeting (18:00)**

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.00 hours on Friday 3 June 2011.

**Note:**

*Coffee breaks: 10.30-11.00 and 16.00-16.30 hrs*

*Lunch breaks: 13.00-15.00 hrs*

**TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, 2 June 2011</b>			
09:00 – 09:30	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	Executive Secretary and Coordinator	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.360/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.360/2
09:30 – 10:30	3. Progress in implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap	Secretariat	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.360/3
11:00 – 13:00 15:00 - 16:00	4. The Initial Integrated Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea as reviewed by GESAMP	Secretariat Consultant	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.360/5
16:30 – 18:00	5. Proposed Mediterranean ecological objectives associated with its operational objectives and indicators	Secretariat Consultant	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.360/4
<b>Friday, 3 June 2011</b>			
09:00 – 11:00	5. Continued.	Secretariat Consultant	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.360/4
11:00 – 13:00	6. Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP Ecosystem Approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD	Secretariat	<b>Working Document/s</b> UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.360/6
15.00 – 16.00	7. Draft decision on the further application of the ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean	Participants	Draft decision (in session)
15.00 – 18.00	8. Adoption of recommendations and conclusions	Participants	Draft recommendations and conclusions (in session)
18.00	9. Closure of the meeting	Chairperson	