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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and
Major International Events in 2022-2023¹**

(As of 31 October 2022)

SECTION I

Legenda:

	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance Meetings</i>
	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Bodies' Meetings</i>

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2022			
Secretariat	MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting	2-3 November	Athens, Greece
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Steering Committee Meeting and SwitchMed Connect 22	9-10 November	Rimini, Italy
Secretariat	3 rd Steering Committee of EcAp Med III project	29 November	Thessaloniki, Greece
Secretariat	93 rd Meeting of the Bureau	30 November-1 December	Thessaloniki, Greece
REMPEC	1 st Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	29 November-1 December	Floriana, Malta
Secretariat	3 rd Steering Committee for the TDA (MedProgramme)	13 December	Teleconference
Secretariat	24 th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	14-15 December	Athens, Greece
2023			
MedProgramme	MedProgramme: CP 1.2 Steering Committee Meeting	17 January	Teleconference
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	18-19 January (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	SAPBIO Advisory Committee Meeting	23 or 24 January (1 day TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	PAMEx regional meeting	24-25 January	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	SAPBIO National Correspondents Meeting	Between 15 and 17 February (1 day TBC)	(TBC: a northern Mediterranean country)
Secretariat	Consultation Meeting with Contracting Parties on the Procedures and Mechanisms for Compliance	31 January	Teleconference

¹ UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events are being affected by the measures taken to contain the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Known changes have been incorporated to the extent possible in this calendar.

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
MED POL	Meeting to Review Updated Guidelines on Uncontaminated Inert Materials and Sharing Best Practices to Support Implementation of Dumping Protocol	13-14 February	Teleconference
Secretariat	Extended Regional TDA Steering Committee Meeting	15 February	Teleconference
Secretariat	Kick- off meeting for the FishEBM Med project	February	Athens, Greece
MED POL	2 nd Meeting of the Working Groups of Designated Experts for Developing the Regional Plans on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Urban Stormwater Management in the Mediterranean	February-March (TBC)	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	5 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	February -March (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries	End of February-March (TBC)	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Social and Economic Analysis (COR ESA)	February-March (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	5 th meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS)	February-March (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Coast and Hydrography	March (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL	2 nd Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMONS) on Pollution Monitoring and Marine Litter	1-3 March	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	Policymaker and Donor Conference for Biodiversity and Area-based Conservation in the Mediterranean	Between 13 and 17 March (1.5 days TBC)	Maison de l'Océan Paris, France (TBC)
MedProgramme	MedProgramme: CP 1.1 Steering Committee Meeting	14-15 March	Bosnia and Herzegovina
MedProgramme	MedProgramme: CP 4.1 Steering Committee Meeting	16 March	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	25 April	(TBC)
MED POL	6 th Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean	26-27 April	Athens, Greece
MedProgramme	MedProgramme: CPs 2.1 and SCCF Steering Committee Meeting	15-16 May	Morocco or Montenegro
Secretariat	Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project	17 May	Morocco (TBC)

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
Secretariat / REMPEC	4 th Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group	17-18 May	Athens, Greece
MED POL	2 nd WG Meeting for the Three Regional Plans	22-23 May	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	23-24 May	Split, Croatia (TBC)
SPA/RAC	16 th Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points	23-25 May	(TBC)
MED POL	Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points	24-26 May	Athens, Greece
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	7-8 June	Rome, Italy
Plan Bleu/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting	29-30 May (TBC)	Marseille, France (TBC)
SCP/RAC	SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	May/June (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Final TDA Steering Committee Meeting	June - 1 day	Teleconference
REMPEC	15 th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	13-14 June	Malta
Secretariat	20 th Meeting of the MCSD	14-16 June	Marseille, France
MED POL	4 th Steering Committee EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project	20 June	Teleconference
Secretariat	94 th Meeting of the Bureau	20-21 June	Slovenia
Secretariat	4 th Steering Committee of EcAp Med III Project	22 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project	27 June-28 June (TBC)	Morocco (TBC)
Secretariat	Integrated CORMONs meeting	28-29 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	19 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee	4-5 July	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Steering Committee of Marine Litter Med II Project	6 July	(TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project	11 July	Morocco (TBC)
Secretariat	IMAP-MPA Best Practices Meeting	12-13 July	Morocco (TBC)
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	10 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	10 th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	11 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	12-15 September	Athens, Greece
MedProgramme	MedProgramme SCCF Regional meeting/Forum	22 September	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	(TBC)

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
MED POL	Meeting on Best Practices on application of estimation techniques for agriculture and aquaculture and disposal of PCBs.	26-27 September	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	6 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	October (TBC)	(TBC)
MedProgramme	MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting	14-15 November	Lebanon or Tunisia
Secretariat	23 rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23)	4-8 December	Isola, Slovenia

SECTION II

Legenda:

Coordinating Unit's and MAP Components' Technical Meetings/events

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2022			
SPA/RAC	Training course on “Socio-economic Sustainability of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas”	13-18 November	Türkiye
SCP/RAC	WeMed Award Ceremony	21 November	Barcelona, Spain and Teleconference
MED POL	Meeting to review regional standards for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and showcase best practices; regional standards on desalination; and standards on pre-treatment of industrial effluents for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems	22-23 November	Ankara, Türkiye
Plan Bleu/RAC (Interreg Communities)	Final event of the MBPC, Sustainable Tourism and Blue Growth projects	October/November	(TBC)
REMPEC	1 st Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	8-9 November	Durres, Albania
SCP/RAC	BeMed-Islands: Final capitalization event (Frioul Islands)	9-11 November	Marseille, France
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect 2022 (Ecomondo)	9-10 November	Rimini, Italy
Plan Bleu/RAC (MED 2050)	MED 2050 Steering Committee meeting	End November	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	Training Course on MSP for the GEF-eligible Countries	November	Teleconference
Plan Bleu/RAC (MED 2050)	MED 2050 workshop on the Mediterranean Sea	November	Teleconference
SCP/RAC and MEDPOL	Country Mission CP 1.1 to Lebanon (MedProgramme)	14-16 November	Beirut, Lebanon
MED POL	Meeting to review updated guidelines on uncontaminated inert materials and sharing best practices to support implementation of dumping protocol guidelines on artificial reefs	8 December	Teleconference
SCP/RAC	RESET Steering Committee Meeting	19-20 December	Prato, Italy
2023			
Plan Bleu/RAC	Regional workshop on MED 2050 scenarios	January (TBC)	Alexandria, Egypt

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PAP/RAC	Inception Workshop of CAMP Israel	January (TBC)	Tel Aviv, Israel (TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	National workshop on MED 2050 scenarios	February (TBC)	Rabat, Morocco
SPA/RAC	Meeting of the multidisciplinary group of experts on the elaboration of the List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea	January (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	Regional Workshop on the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention and Regional Expert Meeting on the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the BWM Convention	20-23 March (TBC)	Kappara, Malta (TBC)
CU	1 st Sub-regional “train the trainers” workshops for pollution and marine litter (IMAP-MPA)	22-23 March (TBC)	(TBC)
CU	2 nd Sub-regional “train the trainers” workshops for pollution and marine litter (IMAP-MPA)	28-29 March (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	Meeting of Teleconference Working Groups on EO1	Spring (TBC)	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day	15 April	Teleconference
REMPEC	2 nd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	16-18 May	Opatija, Croatia (TBC)
MED POL	Meeting to share (a) best practices on implementation of NBB guidelines on diffuse and point sources and development of related indicators on aquaculture; and (b) best practices for management of obsolete/in stock chemicals (focus on PCBs, POPs, mercury), including on compliance and enforcement	7-8 June	In Person/ Teleconference (TBC)
SPA/RAC	Regional Training session/workshop on the inventory and monitoring of marine caves	July (TBC)	(TBC)
CU	Regional best practices exchange (IMAP-MPA)	11-12 July (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Regional Workshop – Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award	September/October (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting	October (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	Tabletop Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel	October/November (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	3 rd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	November	Italy
SCP/RC	SwitchMed Connect	November	(TBC)

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
PAP/RAC	CAMP Otranto Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting	13 December	(TBC)

SECTION III

	<i>Major International and Regional Events of MAP Relevance</i>
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Organizers	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2022			
UNFCCC	COP27 of UNFCCC (UN Climate Change Conference)	7-18 November	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
GFCM	45 th GFCM Session	14-18 November	Albania
European Commission	Water Directors meeting	20-22 November	Prague, Czech Republic
Vienna Convention / Montreal Protocol	34 th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention	31 October – 4 November 2022	Montreal, Canada
BRS Secretariat	3 rd meeting of the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership working group	23-25 November	Punta del Este, Uruguay
UNEA	1 st session of the INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	28 November-2 December	Punta del Este, Uruguay
UN CBD	15 th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15)	7-19 December	Montreal, Canada
Région Sud, France	Méditerranée du Futur	5-6 December	Marseille, France
IMO	79 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79)	12-16 December	London, U.K.
2023			
IUCN, Government of Canada	5 th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 5)	3-9 February	Vancouver, Canada
UNECA	8 th Session of Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-8)	3-5 March	Kigali, Rwanda
BRS Secretariat	Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	1-12 May	Geneva, Switzerland
G7	G7 Japan Hiroshima Summit 2023	19-21 May	Japan
IMO	80 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80)	3-7 July	London, U.K.
G20	G20 Summit	9-10 September	New Delhi, India
UN	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	10-14 July	New York, U.S.A.

UNESCWA	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	Geneva, Switzerland
UNGA	2 nd “SDG Summit”	September	New York, U.S.A.