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REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE  
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

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**Agenda Item 5: Progress on the implementation of Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan**

**Update on the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan, challenges identified in its implementation and those ahead and a proposal for a future way forward for the further implementation of the Plan**

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### **Note by the Secretariat**

The present document provides: 1) a short introductory overview of the key trends in oil and gas activities in the Mediterranean Sea providing the background context for the subsequent three sections; 2) update on the status of implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan; 3) challenges identified on the implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and those ahead; and 4) proposal for a future way forward for the further implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.

## **Introduction**

1 The Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (MOAP) provides for the achievement of 10 specific objectives, structured around four main components, namely (i) Governance Framework; (ii) Regional Offshore Standards and Guidelines; (iii) Monitoring and (iv) Reporting. The timeline of its implementation is 2016 to 2024.

2 The present document is composed of four parts: 1) a short introductory overview of the key trends in oil and gas activities in the Mediterranean Sea providing the background context for the subsequent three sections; 2) update on the status of implementation of the MOAP; 3) challenges identified on the implementation of the Plan and challenges to anticipate; and 4) proposals for a future way forward for the further implementation of the MOAP.

## **Overview of the offshore activities in the Mediterranean Sea**

3 In 2021 a study commissioned by REMPEC (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.4) provided a comprehensive analysis of the trends and outlook of marine pollution from ships and activities, and of maritime traffic and offshore activities in the Mediterranean Sea, including offshore oil and gas activities.

4 Since the 1990s, an overall decreasing trend has been observed in oil production in the Mediterranean Sea, including a marked variability after 2001, as compared to the substantially stable global trend since 2001. Today, the main offshore oil producers in the Mediterranean Sea are Egypt and Libya, whereas Italy, Tunisia, Greece and Spain are characterized by a decreasing trend in oil production.

5 Compared to the offshore oil production, the Mediterranean Sea plays a more significant role in gas production at the global level, with the trend in offshore gas production showing a clear and marked increase since the 1980s. Egypt is the main offshore gas producer in the Mediterranean Sea (the majority of fields are located off the Northern coast of Egypt), historically, followed by Italy. In recent years, the Italian production of offshore natural gas decreased significantly, while the production of Israel has greatly increased, in particular, owing to the discovery of, and production in, the rich Leviathan gas field. In the coming years, other Eastern Mediterranean countries are expected to enter the offshore gas market as producers.

6 The Covid-19 crisis caused a temporary decline in global oil demand as well as a reduction of the multinational oil companies (sometimes referred to as the “Majors”) exploration budget. Changes are to be anticipated in the demands of Oil/Gas following international sanctions on one of the main producer post-February 2022. This is reflected in the ‘Oil Market Reports’ of the International Energy Agency (IEA).

7 The report IEA “Oil 2021, Analysis and Forecast to 2026”, makes the distinction between the National Oil Companies (NOCs) having a tendency to be committed to hydrocarbons and Majors shifting towards transition. Indirectly, it reflects that after a certain time in production, these companies tend to sell their installations to either smaller companies or to the relevant countries.

8 The Barry Rogliano Salles (BRS) Group Annual Review for 2023<sup>1</sup> anticipates that in the conventional oil and gas sectors, the geopolitical turmoil and the on-going emphasis on energy security have further boosted exploration and development programmes. It mentions that multiple new projects were approved in 2022 by the Majors and independents. Furthermore, NOCs, including, Petrobras, Pemex, and Saudi Aramco, announced projects as they aimed to maximise national output against the backdrop of a global energy crisis. In terms of perspectives, the BRS Annual Review anticipates that in the short term the constraining factors will be supply and cost control as every aspect of the supply chain

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<sup>1</sup> Source : <https://www.brsbrokers.com/annualreview2023.html>

grapples with the sudden increase in demand. Across the medium term, and a revitalized environment, traditional oil and gas contractors will have to adapt to these new perspectives

9 The overall decreasing trend in oil production in the Mediterranean Sea, added to the current constraining factors, raise a need for specific attention to the ageing offshore infrastructures.

10 At the global level, discussions are on-going in regards to the evolution of other offshore activities, such as, windfarms, Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), and Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS).

### **Status of implementation of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan**

11 The update of the status of implementation of the MOAP is based on information available to the Secretariat and on the National Implementation Reports submitted by the Contracting Parties (CPs) through the Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS) for the last three biennia (2016-2017; 2018-2019; 2020-2021) shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 Overview of the national reporting on the Offshore Protocol**

Contracting Party	Reporting on Offshore Protocol on BCRS		
	2016-2017	2018-2019	2020-2021
Albania <sup>#</sup>	Y	No envelope	No envelope
Algeria	Empty envelope	No envelope	No envelope
Bosnia Herzegovina	Y	Y	Y
Croatia <sup>*#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Cyprus <sup>*#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Egypt <sup>#</sup>	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
France	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
Greece <sup>#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Israel <sup>#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Italy <sup>#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Lebanon <sup>#</sup>	Empty form	Empty form	Empty form
Libya <sup>*#</sup>	Empty envelope	No envelope	No envelope
Malta	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
Monaco	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
Montenegro	Y	Y	Y
Morocco <sup>*</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Slovenia	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
Spain <sup>#</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Syria	Empty form	No envelope	No envelope
Tunisia <sup>*#</sup>	Empty envelope	No envelope	No envelope
Türkiye <sup>#</sup>	Incomplete	No envelope	No envelope
European Community <sup>*</sup>	Y	Y	Y

\* / Color code green : Contracting Parties that have ratified the Offshore Protocol,

# : Contracting Parties exerting oil and gas activities in the Mediterranean Sea (see Annex I)

Y : reporting completed – Incomplete : very few data in the reporting form - Empty Form : reporting form opened but no data – Empty Envelope : Envelope for reporting created but no reporting form inside - No Envelope : no reporting envelope created.

Source: <https://idc.info-rac.org/>

12 It should be noted that the assessment of the implementation of the MOAP at national level is based on available information provided and might not reflect the exact situation in the whole region.

13 Table 2 provides a summary of the status of implementation per Specific Objective of the MOAP which is based on a Table presented at the Third OFOG Meeting in 2021 (EP/MED WG.498/5) and additional information available at the Secretariat. Annex II provides more detailed references of the data used to develop Table 2.

**Table 2.** Summary of the status of implementation per Specific Objective of the MOAP, based on EP/MED WG.498/5

Specific Objective	Overall Implementation Status	
<b>1. To ratify the Offshore Protocol</b>	<p><b>Not on track and/or lack of information</b></p> <p>To date, 8 Contracting Parties (CPs) have ratified the Offshore protocol. No new ratifications have taken place since 2018.</p>	NoT
<b>2. To designate Contracting Parties' Representatives to participate in the regional governing bodies</b>	<p><b>On track – Ongoing</b></p> <p>A call for updating the List of Offshore Protocol Focal Points is regularly launched.</p>	OT
<b>3. To establish a technical cooperation and capacity building programme</b>	<p><b>Ongoing – Not on track</b></p> <p>Discussions taking place with industrial partners, regional organizations etc. on designing and delivering the technical cooperation and capacity building programme. The proposed updates and revisions of the technical cooperation and capacity building programme, as well as the Reviewed Comprehensive Plan of Actions, and POW 2024-2025 including updated resource mobilization strategy are discussed under agenda items 7 and 8 respectively.</p> <p><u>Particular achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Online training workshop on “The application of Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings” held on 30 November 2021, funded by the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) (Report available on the website of REMPEC).</li> </ul>	OG
<b>4. To mobilise resources for the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	<p><b>Not on track – Ongoing</b></p> <p>Some MTF funds for the implementation of the PoW Activities relevant to the Offshore Protocol implementation were allocated whilst negotiations were ongoing for additional support for activities to be implemented in 2022-2023, including, human resources to ensure continuity in the implementation of the MOAP. This is elaborated further in paragraphs 16 to 21 below.</p> <p>As part of achieving this specific objective, the Comprehensive Plan of Actions, including resource mobilization strategy has been defined. Potential resources and operation modalities are identified, nevertheless, as mentioned in this document (paragraphs 16 to 21 ) the resource mobilization strategy need to be mobilized and secured. Agenda item 8 introduces a Reviewed Comprehensive Plan of Actions.</p>	NoT

<b>5. To promote access to information and public participation in decision-making</b>	<p><b>Ongoing – Not on track</b></p> <p>MEDGIS-MAR platform upgraded and maintained</p> <p>Relevant information compiled and published in the recent study commissioned by REMPEC (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.4)</p> <p>Regional inventory of installations to be updated based on reported information.</p> <p>Regional system for reporting on discharges and emissions to be developed</p>	OG
<b>6. To enhance the regional transfer of technology</b>	<p><b>Not on track and/or lack of information</b></p> <p>Implementation has not yet started and there is lack of sufficient information. Additional efforts are required for the implementation of this Specific Objective. Proposals to enhance regional transfer of technology are found in the Comprehensive Plan of Actions to achieve the 10 Specific Objectives of the MOAP</p>	NoT
<b>7. To develop and adopt regional offshore standards</b>	<p><b>Ongoing – Not on track</b></p> <p>The development of other standards and guidelines has been envisaged in the PoW 2024-2025.</p>	OG
<b>8. To develop and adopt regional offshore guidelines</b>	<p>An Intersessional Correspondence Group (ICG) had been launched in November 2022 for the development of regional offshore standards and guidelines on the removal (decommissioning) of installations and the related financial aspects.</p> <p><u>Particular achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional offshore standards and guidelines on the disposal of oil and oily mixtures and use and disposal of drilling fluids and cuttings, and the establishment of special restrictions or conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) adopted by COP 21 (Decision IG.24/9).</li> <li>- Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) adopted by COP 22 (IG.25/15).</li> </ul>	
<b>9. To establish regional offshore monitoring procedures and programme</b>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Some progress has been achieved under this Specific Objective, through the further consolidation of the set of 19 Quality Indicators presented at 1st OFOG meeting in 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.434/6) to 8 common indicators directly relevant to the potential impact and effects of oil and gas operations (REMPEC/WG.45/INF/16).</p> <p>Further work is on-going in the biennium 2022-2023.</p> <p>Under the UNEP/MAP-GEF Med Programme, a draft report for the ‘Offshore Protocol – IMAP Monitoring Programme and Strategy’ is expected.</p>	OT
	<b>Ongoing</b>	OG

<b>10. To report on the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	The implementation of this Specific Objective is ensured through the submission of National Implementation Reports for the Offshore Protocol under the BCRS	
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(NoT/red, implementation Not on Track – OG/yellow, implementation OnGoing – OT/green, implementation On Track)

14 Table 3 intends to present the activities which are still expected, from a Secretariat's perspective, in order to implement the MOAP. This compilation is based on the Comprehensive Plan of Actions for the biennium 2022-2023, presented in EP/MED WG.498/6, during the Third OFOG meeting in 2021. Annex II provides more detailed references of the data used to develop Table 3.

**Table 3.** Summary of activities which are still expected for the implementation of the MOAP, from a Secretariat's perspective, based on the Comprehensive Plan of Actions for the biennium 2022-2023 (EP/MED WG.498/6)

Specific Objective	Outputs / Actions / Key milestones	status
<b>1. To ratify the Offshore Protocol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secure fixed-term position dedicated to the Offshore Protocol at the Secretariat;</li> <li>- Encourage participation of representatives from other relevant parties;</li> </ul>	
<b>2. To designate Contracting Parties' Representatives to participate in the regional governing bodies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage participation of representatives from other relevant organizations;</li> <li>- Establish cooperation with other organizations and associations, including EMSA and EOSCA;</li> <li>- Update National Offshore Focal Point and OFOG Sub-Group Focal Points list on a yearly basis;</li> <li>- Integration of the technical cooperation and capacity building programme in the cycle of UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy.</li> </ul>	Ongoing, Not on track
<b>3. To establish a technical cooperation and capacity building programme</b>	<p><u>TC for the development of Standards and Guidelines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material;</li> <li>b) Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting;</li> <li>c) Minimum standards of qualifications for professionals and crews;</li> <li>d) Granting of authorizations;</li> <li>e) Inspection/sanctions(Installation/Discharge/Competent manning)</li> </ul>	Ongoing, Not on track  <i>a) possibly in biennium 2024-2025.</i>  <i>b), c), and d) not planned.</i>  <i>e) has seen some discussions</i>
	<p><u>Trainings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Training A (<i>Introduction to the Offshore Protocol, Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings, Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) and Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</i>);</li> <li>b) Training B (<i>Removal of installations</i>);</li> <li>c) Training C (<i>To be selected based on prioritization by Contracting Parties</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Note: According to the Plans of Actions, the following topics should be addressed at one stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring;</li> <li>- Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material;</li> <li>- Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting;</li> <li>- Minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews;</li> <li>- Granting of authorizations;</li> <li>- Inspection/sanctions (Installation/Discharge/Competent manning).</li> </ul>	Ongoing, Not on track  <i>a) possibly in biennium 2022-2023. Discussions on-going.</i>

<b>4. To mobilise resources for the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement RMS. Evaluate the implementation of RMS and potential updates;</li> <li>- Secure fixed-term position dedicated to the Offshore Protocol at the Secretariat;</li> <li>- Mobilize support from national technical experts, industry partners and international organizations.</li> </ul>	Not on track, Ongoing
<b>5. To promote access to information and public participation in decision-making</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compile links to national websites that provide public access to information Template for public information at the regional level in biennium 2022-2023</li> <li>- Develop online regional system for public information sharing;</li> <li>- Harmonize reporting on the inventory of installations in BCRS with MEDGIS-MAR platform</li> <li>- Further update of the inventory subject to reporting by CPs under Specific Objective 5 b)</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>6. To enhance the regional transfer of technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compile an inventory of R&amp;D activities and research needs e.g. through a dedicated questionnaire</li> <li>- Disseminate and enhance the exchange of information related to R&amp;D results e.g. publication on website</li> <li>- Disseminate and enhance the exchange of information related to R&amp;D results</li> </ul>	Not on track and/or lack of information
<b>7. To develop and adopt regional offshore standards</b>	<p>According to the MOAP, the following topics should be addressed at one stage (parallel with the specific objective 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring;</li> <li>- Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material;</li> <li>- Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting;</li> </ul>	Not on track, Ongoing
<b>8. To develop and adopt regional offshore guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews;</li> <li>- Granting of authorizations;</li> <li>- Inspection/sanctions (Installation/Discharge/Competent manning).</li> </ul>	
<b>9. To establish regional offshore monitoring procedures and programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop and adopt a set of indicators to complement IMAP addressing offshore activities</li> <li>- Establish the Mediterranean Regional Offshore Monitoring Programme as part of IMAP</li> <li>- Streamline offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with Info-MAP data management system</li> <li>- Develop regional system for reporting of discharges and emissions</li> <li>- Update and publication subject to regular reporting by CPs as part of Specific Objective 5c)</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>10. To report on the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide guidelines to CPs to compile and report information presented to the Secretariat;</li> <li>- Organize a biennial OFOG meeting;</li> <li>- Present biennial progress updates at the OFOG, MAP and COP meetings.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

### **Present and future Challenges in the implementation of the Offshore Protocol and its MOAP**

15 On the basis of the information available, shown in Table 2 and 3, as well as with the information set out in Annex II, it can be concluded, that despite efforts made by the CPs , the Secretariat and its Components, and also while most of the expected outputs have started to be implemented, limited progress has been achieved since the last status update.

16 The challenges identified by the Third OFOG Sub-Group Meeting on Environmental Impact on the implementation of the MOAP still apply and are listed hereunder.

- .1 while implementation of most of the outputs has started, limited progress has been achieved in particular on objectives related to the ratification of the Offshore Protocol, the provision of technical support and capacity building and the regional transfer of technology;
- .2 despite efforts made by the CPs the Secretariat and the Components, limited financial and human resources are amongst the main challenges that hinder progress in the implementation; and
- .3 the current financial contributions do not provide sufficient resources to fully meet the requirements and targets set in the MOAP. Additional external resources (financial and in-kind) are required to ensure that the Offshore Protocol is effectively implemented and yields tangible results, and that activities are supported through a robust governance and cooperation framework.

17 There is no doubt that a shift is required in the operational modality, one that relies on the leadership, engagement and proactive contribution of the CPs with the dedicated support of the Secretariat, international organizations and other partners. Taking into consideration that some of the MOAP outputs have not started, its effective and successful implementation will not be possible without substantial changes in the implementation modalities (EP/MED WG.498/5 ).

18 Efforts have been made by the CPs and the Secretariat to address these challenges. Funding from the MTF for strengthening the human resources capacity of the Secretariat was allocated for the first time through a consultant position in 2021, but this was not sustained. MTF has also been allocated to specific key activities, notably the organization of the biennial OFOG Sub-Group Meeting on Environmental Impact. Other than this minimal support, there is nothing else to rely on.

19 Among the other substantial challenges that can be envisaged are :

- .1 Development of all the Standards/Guidelines identified in the MOAP (Specific Objectives 7 and 8) within the defined implementation period. Over a seven year-period, three sets of Standards/Guidelines have been defined, and two are expected by the end of this year. According to the MOAP, five more are expected; and
- .2 Development of a training Programme (Specific Objective 3). Over a seven-year period, one online training has been done. One training might be implemented by the end of 2023. One other has been defined but will not be implemented this year. Two to three training activities should follow to backstop the practical implementation of the above-mentioned Standards/Guidelines;

20 Against the background of the above-mentioned challenges, namely, a substantial proportion of the current MOAP has yet to be completed and a lack of resources to support its implementation, are

new challenges that might arise in the exploitation and exploration of the Mediterranean seabed as well as timelines of different action plans which overlap or expire, namely:

- .1 a MOAP whose current time horizon expires in 2024;
- .2 the Reviewed Comprehensive Plan of Actions whose time horizon period is 2022-2025;
- .3 the 2024-2025 Programme of Work for the Barcelona Convention system to be adopted at COP 23 in December 2023; and
- .4 the 2022-2027 cycle of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) to guide the path of MAP in protecting the marine Environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean region and contribute to sustainable development of the region for this period.

#### **Actions to be taken as a proposed way forward**

21 As a way forward, the Meeting might wish to request COP 23 for an extension of one year of the current MOAP for it to expire in 2025. This will bring it in line with the timeline of PoW for the biennium 2024-2025 to be submitted for adoption at COP 23, as well as in line with the Comprehensive Plan of Action which also expires in 2025.

22 During this period, more progress can be achieved in the implementation of the current MOAP. In addition, during this period, a gap analysis can be undertaken to take stock of the implementation of the MOAP and a revision of the MOAP can be undertaken to ensure that the MOAP is fit for purpose to meet any new challenges in the exploitation and exploration of the Mediterranean seabed. The Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) could be entrusted with this exercise with a view that the revised/new MOAP is submitted for adoption to COP24.

23 Dedicated support would still need to be defined in accordance with the expected level of implementation of the MOAP.

#### **Actions requested by the Meeting**

24 **The Meeting is invited to:**

- .1 **take note** of the information provided,
- .2 further update the information, if need be, and
- .3 take action, as appropriate.

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## Annex 1

## Contracting Parties exerting oil and gas activities in the Mediterranean Sea

Table A.1 Number of oil and gas offshore fields for each Mediterranean country

Country	Marine area*	Gas fields	Oil Fields	Oil and Gas Fields	Total
Albania	Adriatic Sea	1	0	0	1
Croatia	Adriatic Sea	9	0	0	9
Cyprus	Eastern Mediterranean	4	0	0	4
Egypt	Gulf of Suez	0	66	12	78
Egypt	Eastern Mediterranean	90	3	3	96
France	Atlantic coast	0	4	0	4
Greece	Aegean Sea	2	6	0	8
Greece	Ionian Sea	0	0	1	1
Israel	Eastern Mediterranean	14	0	1	15
Italy	Adriatic Sea	92	7	4	103
Italy	Ionian Sea	4	0	0	4
Italy	Central Mediterranean	3	6	1	10
Lebanon	Eastern Mediterranean	1	0	0	1
Libya	Central Mediterranean	15	7	3	25
Morocco	Atlantic coast	1	3	0	4
Spain	Atlantic coast	2	0	0	2
Spain	Western Mediterranean	1	12	0	13
Tunisia	Central Mediterranean	7	19	5	31
Türkiye	Black Sea	10	0	0	10
Türkiye	Marmara Sea	1	0	0	1
Türkiye	Eastern Mediterranean	0	2	0	2
<b>Total in the Mediterranean Sea</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>257</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>422</b>

\*Mediterranean locations highlighted in orange

Note that some of the countries own fields which are located outside the Mediterranean; related numbers are provided for completeness of the information. The total number of Mediterranean fields consider those located within the basin (marine areas highlighted in orange/shaded).

Data source: Clarksons Research Offshore Intelligent Network, data retrieved on 08.06.2020. Figures retrieved from EP/MED WG.498/Inf.4.



## Annex 2

## Status of implementation of Outputs

Table A.2 Status of implementation of Outputs relating to the Contracting Parties

Specific Objective	Outputs	Link to the Protocol	Means required	Status of Implementation to Date
<b>1. To ratify the Offshore Protocol</b>	a) Ratification by all CPs of the Offshore Protocol, transposition of the Offshore Protocol into national law, and cooperation through the Secretariat to ensure compliance with its provisions	Art. 32	CPs time	Ongoing – Not on track  8 CPs ratified <sup>2</sup> No new ratifications since 2018
	b) Review of the effectiveness of the Offshore Protocol	Art. 30	CPs time	Ongoing – Not on track  Through the biennial assessment of National Reports on the implementation of the Offshore Protocol (in BCRS) and present overview
<b>2. To designate CPs' Representatives to participate to the regional governing bodies</b>	a) Nomination of the National Offshore Focal Point designated by all MAP Focal Points to coordinate at national level activities carried out in the framework of the Action Plan and actively participate in the OFOG Group	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	CPtime	Ongoing  Call to update the list of National Offshore Focal Points launched in early 2021 and present adjustments
	b) Designation, upon request by the Secretariat, through their National Offshore Focal Point, of the appropriate national entities and/or officials as contact points for each OFOG Sub- Group	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Nomination	Ongoing  10 CPs participated in the 1 <sup>st</sup> OFOG meeting in April 2017;  13 CPs participated in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> OFOG meeting in June 2019;  11 CPs participated in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> OFOG meeting in June 2021
	c) Leadership, on a voluntary basis, of the established Sub-Groups to coordinate with the support of the Secretariat the work assigned to the Sub-Groups	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Volunteering	Started  Was proposed as a key operational modality in the Comprehensive Plan of Action (EP/MED WG.498/6).  3 Intersessional Correspondence Groups (ICGs) of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) Sub-Group

<sup>2</sup> Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, EU, Libya, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia

				on Environmental Impact launched in November 2022. One group was led by Italy.
<b>3. To establish a technical cooperation and capacity building programme</b>	a) Technical cooperation and capacity building programme endorsed as set in Appendix 2 of the Offshore Action Plan	Art. 24		Started  A proposed updated Technical Cooperation and Capacity building programme is introduced in Meeting document REMPEC/WG.55/7
	<b>Technical Cooperation for the Development of Standards and Guidelines:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Ongoing  The set of 19 Indicators presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> OFOG meeting in 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.434/6) was reduced to 8 common indicators (CIs) directly relevant to the potential impact and effects of oil and gas operations (REMPEC/WG.45/INF/16)  Validation of the 5, or 8, CIs will be discussed at the 4 <sup>th</sup> OFOG Meeting in May 2023 (REMPEC/WG.55/2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Preparatory work underway through the postponed amendments to the Annexes I - III of Offshore Protocol (EP/MED WG.498/4)  Tentatively in biennium 2024-2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disposal of oil and oily mixtures and on the use and disposal drilling fluids and cutting</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Completed  Adoption of Decision IG.24/9 (Annex I) by COP 21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore platform Preparedness and Response &amp; Contingency Plan Assessment</li> </ul>		Participation of Contracting Parties to the IMO PPR meetings	Ongoing  Addressed through REMPEC work in the framework of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of installations and the related financial aspects</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	On-going  Planned in PoW 2022-2023 (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.5)  ICG launched in November 2022.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Not started  Tentatively in biennium 2024-2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Not started Tentatively in biennium 2024-2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Granting of authorisations</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Not started Tentatively in biennium 2024-2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection/sanctions (Installation/Discharge/Competent manning)</li> </ul>		Consultancy funds	Not started Tentatively in biennium 2024-2025
<b>Training:</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul>		Training funds	Started
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material</li> </ul>		Training funds	One Online training workshop held on Tuesday 30 November 2021 ;“The application of Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings”, funded by the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) (Report available on the website of REMPEC). 9 CPs trained.  Update of the training and capacity building programme presented in the Meeting document REMPEC/WG.55/7 and in the Reviewed Comprehensive Plan of Actions (REMPEC/WG.55/8)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disposal of oil and oily mixtures and on the use and disposal drilling fluids and cutting</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore platform Preparedness and Response &amp; Contingency Plan Assessment</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of installations</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Granting of authorisations</li> </ul>		Training funds	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection/sanctions (Installation/Discharge/Competent manning)</li> </ul>		Training funds	
<b>4. To mobilise resources for the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	a) Financial and human resources mobilised to support the implementation of the Action Plan, in particular its provisions related to the OFOG Group, technical cooperation, capacity building and monitoring activities	Art. 31	CPs time and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	
<b>5. To promote access to information and public participation in decision-making</b>	a) Template for public information in line with national and regional rules on access to information	Art. 23, 25 & 26	CPs time and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Some CPs publish public information on relevant ministry websites  Planned (at the regional level)

	b) Report to the Secretariat every two years relevant information on the offshore installations within their jurisdiction including, when appropriate, information on their disposal for inclusion in the inventory to be maintained by the Secretariat	Art. 6 & Art. 17	CPs time	4 CPs reported on the inventory of offshore installations through the BCRS  Harmonization of reporting with MEDGIS-MAR platform  Information compiled and published in the recent study commissioned by REMPEC (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.4).
	c) Report to the Secretariat every two years discharges, spills and emissions from offshore oil and gas installations data in accordance with the monitoring programme to be defined by the relevant OFOG Sub-Group	Art. 17	CPs time	0 CPs reported spills through MEDGIS-MAR  Regional system for reporting on discharges and emissions to be developed
<b>6. To enhance the regional transfer of technology</b>	a) Active participation of the respective scientific and technical institutions, as well as the industry, in R&D activities and programmes related to prevention, response and monitoring of pollution from offshore activities	Art. 22	CPstime	Not started
	b) Presentation of the results of R&D activities and programmes by their respective national institutions and industry in international fora	Art. 22	CPs time	Not started
	c) Information on ongoing R&D activities and research needs provided to the Secretariat	Art. 22	CPs time	Not started.
<b>7. To develop and adopt regional offshore standards</b>	a) Environmental impact assessment regional standards developed based on existing EIA regional standards taking into consideration requirements referred in Annex IV and other best practices	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8 & 23 Annex IV	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	On-going  Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) adopted by COP 22 (IG.25/15)
	b) Common standards on the use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material, in line with relevant international standards and conventions defining inter alia limits and prohibitions at regional level formulated and adopted	Art.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 & 23 Annexes I, II & III	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started.
	c) Identification of the required modifications of Annex I, II and III and definition of which chemicals should be covered and not covered by such standards and under which conditions	Art.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 23 Annexes I, II & III	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Amendments to the Annexes to the Protocol were adopted by COP 22 (IG.25/7).  An ICG has been launched in November 2022 for a technical review of the Annexes.

	d) Common standards on the disposal of oil and oily mixtures and on the use and disposal of drilling fluids and cutting formulated and adopted, and revision of the limits set in Article 10 and the prescriptions referred in Annex V of the Protocol	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14 & 23 Annex V Appendix	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Completed  Adoption of Decision IG.24/9 (Annex I) by COP 21
	e) The method to be used to analyse the oil content is commonly agreed and adopted	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 & 23	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
	f) Procedures for contingency planning, notification of accidental spills and transboundary pollution established in accordance with the Protocol concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 26 & 23 Annex VII	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Addressed through REMPEC work in the framework of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol
	g) Special restrictions or conditions for SPAs defined and adopted	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 21 & 23	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Completed  Adoption of Decision IG.24/9 (Annex I) by COP 21
	h) Common criteria, rules and procedures for the removal of installations and the related financial aspects adopted	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 20 & 23	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Planned in PoW 2022-2023 (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.5)  An ICG has been launched in November 2022, led by Italy.
	i) Common criteria, rules and procedures for safety measures including health and safety requirements adopted	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 15 & 23 Annex VI	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
	j) Common minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews adopted	Art.5, 6, 7, 8, 15 & 23 Annex VI	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
<b>8. To develop and adopt regional offshore guidelines</b>	a) Regional Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8 & 23 Annex IV	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to	Completed  Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact

			the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Assessment (EIA) adopted by COP 22 (IG.25/15)
b) Regional Guidelines on the use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 & 23 Annexes I, II & III		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
c) Regional Guidelines on the disposal of oil and oily mixtures and the use and disposal drilling fluids and cutting and analytical measurement	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14 & 23 Annex V		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Completed Adoption of Decision IG.24/9 (Annex I) by COP 21
d) Regional Guidelines on removal of installations and the related financial aspects	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 20 & 23		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Planned in PoW 2022-2023 (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.5)  An ICG has been launched in November 2022, led by Italy.
e) Regional Guidelines on installation safety measures including health and safety requirements	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 15 & 23 Annex VI		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
f) Regional Guidelines on minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 15 & 23 Annex VI		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
g) Regional Guidelines on authorisation requirements based on the above-mentioned Standards	Art. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14 & 23		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Not started
h) A report assessing national, regional and international, rules, procedures and practices regarding liability and compensation for loss and damage resulting from the activities dealt with in the Offshore Protocol	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 23 & 27		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	No progress since submission of Study on International Best Practices (REMPEC/WG.35/INF.3) at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting in 2014
i) Contribution through their OPRC Focal Points to the revision of the Section II of the Manual on Oil Pollution – Contingency Planning by the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) which will	Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 16 & 23		CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Completed Publication of the Manual on Oil Pollution: Section II – Contingency Planning (2018 Edition)

	include new information related to contingency planning for offshore units, seaports and oil handling facilities			
<b>9. To establish regional offshore monitoring procedures and programme</b>	a) A regional monitoring programme for offshore activities building, inter alia, on the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme	Art. 5 & 10	CPs time, technical support as set in specific objective 3 and participation to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	The set of 19 Indicators presented at 1st OFOG meeting in 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.434/6) was reduced to 8 common indicators directly relevant to the potential impact and effects of oil and gas operations (REMPEC/WG.45/INF/16)  Validation of the 5, or 8, CIs will be discussed at the 4 <sup>th</sup> OFOG Meeting in May 2023 (REMPEC/WG.55/2)
	b) Results of the national offshore monitoring programme and the related agreed data are reported to the Secretariat every two years	Art. 5 & 19	CPs time	Planned  Subject to finalization of offshore monitoring programme
<b>10. To report on the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	a) Report on the implementation of this Action Plan, in particular on the effectiveness of the measures defined in this Action Plan and difficulties encountered every two years	Art. 25 & 30	CPs time	Ongoing  2020-2021 : 10 CPs 2018-2019: 10 CPs 2016-17: 11 CPs  No report submitted for biennium 2020-2021 by 12 CPs, out of which 4 Parties to the Protocol  No report submitted for biennium 2018-2019 by 4 of the 8 Parties to the Protocol  See Table 1 in the present document
	b) Biennial review of the status of implementation of the Action Plan on the basis of the regional report prepared by the Secretariat	Art. 25 & 30	CPs time	Ongoing  Through the present document

**Table A3 Status of implementation of Outputs relating to the Secretariat and its Components**

Specific Objective	Outputs	Link to the Protocol	Means required	Status of Implementation to Date
<b>1. To ratify the Offshore Protocol</b>	a) Provision of advice and technical assistance to CPs to the Barcelona Convention, which so request	Art. 32	Technical Support and Secretariat staff time	Ongoing
	b) Assistance in reviewing the effectiveness of the Offshore Protocol	Art. 30	Secretariat staff time, Consultancy funds	Ongoing
<b>2. To designate CPs representatives to participate in the regional governing bodies</b>	a) Participation of the industry and their representatives as observers to the OFOG Sub-Groups	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time and travels	Ongoing  IOGP and industry representatives attend regularly OFOG sub-group meetings  IOGP accredited as new MAP partner in COP 21 (Decision IG.24/2)
	b) Enhancement of public awareness through the contribution of IGOs and NGOs with a relevant mandate to the topics discussed in the various OFOG Sub-Groups, through their participation as observers, ensuring an open and transparent process through public consultations	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing.  Participation of IGO and NGOs at OFOG sub-group meetings  Contribution of IGOs and NGOs to the drafting of standards and guidelines  Section in the guidance on EIA addressing public consultation
	c) Establishment of institutional cooperation with various relevant regional and global institutions, initiatives and agreements and, at an operational level, identification and use of possible synergies with ongoing activities of bodies such as the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time and travels	Ongoing  Participation of REMPEC in OSPAR OIC meeting (March 2021) <sup>3</sup>  Participation of REMPEC in Joint session of the London Convention/Protocol Scientific Groups (LC/SG 44 & LP/SG 15) Science Day (April 2021) <sup>4</sup>  Addressed in the Reviewed Comprehensive plan of actions, including the updated resource

<sup>3</sup> Link to summary record: <https://www.ospar.org/meetings/archive/offshore-industries-committee-1>

<sup>4</sup> Joint session of the London Convention/Protocol Scientific Groups (LC/SG 44 & LP/SG 15) Science Day 2021: "Experience with comparative risk assessment for decommissioning of platforms and the disposal of vessels". Link to presentations: <https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/Pages/ScienceDay-default.aspx>

			<p>mobilization strategy (REMPEC/WG.55/8)</p> <p>Tentative consultant position in 2021 at REMPEC to facilitate coordination, but this was not sustained; leading to little follow-up on these actions. Coordination needs further reiterated in the present Meeting document and REMPEC/WG.55/8</p>
d) Publication and update of the composition of the OFOG Group and Sub-Groups on a dedicated website	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Website developer	Planned for late 2021
e) Updated list of the National Offshore Focal Points and OFOG Sub-Group Focal Points	Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time	Call to update list launched in early 2021
f) Definition, in consultation with MAP Focal Points, of the roles and responsibilities of UNEP/MAP Components to facilitate the implementation of the Action Plan	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>CU for overall governance and coordination;</p> <p>REMPEC on implementation of Offshore Action Plan; Info/RAC for reporting under IMAP;</p> <p>MEDPOL for pollution-related ecological objectives and discharges;</p> <p>PAP/RAC on CRF incl. MSP, SEA etc.;</p> <p>SPA/RAC on biodiversity.</p>
g) Identification of the required means including human resources to ensure the implementation of the Action Plan and the support of the relevant UNEP/MAP Components	Art. 28 Decision IG.21/8	Secretariat staff time	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Included in the Reviewed Comprehensive plan of actions, including the updated resource mobilization strategy (REMPEC/WG.55/8)</p> <p>Tentative consultant position in 2021 at REMPEC to facilitate coordination, but this was not sustained; leading to little follow-up on these actions. Coordination needs further reiterated in the present Meeting document and REMPEC/WG.55/8</p>

<b>3. To establish a technical cooperation and capacity building programme</b>	a) Integration of the technical cooperation and capacity building programme in the six-year programme of activities of UNEP/MAP and its relevant Components and in their biennium programme of work	Art. 24	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing  Integration within the current draft MTS 2022-2027
	b) Preparation of the corresponding budget for consideration by the Ordinary Meeting of the CPsto the Barcelona Convention	Art. 24	Secretariat staff time	Planning foreseen in the PoW 2022-2023  (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.5)
	c) Identification of donors to secure funds required for the implementation of the technical cooperation and capacity building programme	Art. 24	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing.  Discussion initiated with relevant partners in 2021  Reviewed Comprehensive plan of actions, including the updated resource mobilization strategy (REMPEC/WG.55/8)  Tentative consultant position in 2021 at REMPEC to facilitate coordination, but this was not sustained; leading to little follow-up on these actions. Coordination needs further reiterated in the present Meeting document and REMPEC/WG.55/8
<b>4. To mobilise resources for the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	a) Identification of additional donors to secure funds for the implementation of the Action Plan	Art. 31	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing  Allocation of MTF funds for the implementation of the PoW Activities relevant to Offshore Protocol implementation  Reviewed Comprehensive plan of actions, including the updated resource mobilization strategy (REMPEC/WG.55/8)  Tentative consultant position in 2021 at REMPEC to facilitate coordination, but this was not sustained; leading to little follow-up on these actions. Coordination needs further reiterated in the present Meeting

				document and REMPEC/WG.55/8
<b>5. To promote access to information, public participation in decision-making</b>	a) Support the preparation of the template for public information in line with existing Decisions of the CPs addressing public access to information and with UNEP's Access to Information Policy	Art. 23, 25 & 26	Consultancy funds	Planned  Links to national websites that provide public access to information to be compiled in late 2021 Template for public information at the regional level planned
	b) Development of an online regional system and to be maintained for the purpose of public information sharing	Art. 23, 25 & 26	Online regional system	
	c) Publication every two years on a dedicated website of the inventory of installations as well as the discharges, spills and emissions from offshore oil and gas installations data submitted by the CPs	Art. 6 & Art. 17	Secretariat staff time	MEDGIS-MAR  upgraded and maintained  Harmonization of reporting on the inventory of installations in BCRS with MEDGIS-MAR
	d) Consolidated report every two years on the discharges, spills and emissions from offshore oil and gas installations data submitted by the CPs.	Art. 17	Secretariat staff time	MEDGIS-MAR upgraded and maintained  Regional system for reporting on discharges and emissions to be developed
<b>6. To enhance the participation of the regional transfer of technology</b>	a) Support in the identification of fields of research in which there is a need for enhancement of the state-of-the-art of offshore pollution prevention, response and monitoring technologies and techniques	Art. 22	Secretariat staff time	Not started
	b) Dissemination and exchange of results of national R&D activities and programmes	Art. 22	Secretariat staff time	Not started

	within and outside the Mediterranean region			
	c) Participation of national and regional research institutions and industry in the relevant international fora facilitated with a view to making better known the results of R&D activities undertaken in the Mediterranean region	Art. 22	Travels	Not started
<b>7. To develop and adopt regional offshore standards</b>	a) Support the specific OFOG Sub-Groups for the development of the above common standards	Art. 23	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing  E.g. Meeting document REMPEC/WG.55/5, and standards adopted by COP 21 (Decision IG.24/9)
<b>8. To develop and adopt regional offshore guidelines</b>	a) Support the specific OFOG Sub-Groups for the development of the above common guidelines	Art. 23	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing  E.g. Meeting document REMPEC/WG.55/5, and guidelines adopted by COP 21 (Decision IG.24/9)
<b>9. To establish regional offshore monitoring procedures and programme</b>	a) The development/adoption of Mediterranean Monitoring Procedures and Programmes for the above, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, building on the relevant work undertaken in the Monitoring Correspondence Groups in the EcAp process in line with Decision 21/3	Art. 19	Secretariat staff time	The set of 19 Indicators presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> OFOG meeting in 2017 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.434/6) was reduced to 8 common indicators directly relevant to the potential impact and effects of oil and gas operations (REMPEC/WG.45/INF/16)  Validation of the 5, or 8, CIs will be discussed at the 4 <sup>th</sup> OFOG Meeting in May 2023 (REMPEC/WG.55/2)
	b) Development of the Mediterranean Offshore Reporting and Monitoring System (e.g. Regional Data Bank on Offshore activities through the Barcelona Convention Reporting System or other systems defined by the CPs)	Art.19	Mediterranean Offshore Reporting and Monitoring System	Ongoing.  Subject to completion of 9 a)

	c) Production, dissemination and publication every two years of a report on Discharges, Spills and Emissions from Offshore Oil and Gas Installations, based on data submitted by countries which should be used as a base for the State of Environment Report regarding the impacts of the offshore oil and gas industry	Art.17 & 19	Secretariat staff time, publication and dissemination	Ongoing  Publication of Study on Trends and Outlook on Marine Pollution, Maritime Traffic and Offshore Activities in the Mediterranean (EP/MED WG.498/Inf.4)  Subject to development of regional system for reporting of discharges and emissions, and regular update by CPs
<b>10. To report on the implementation of the Action Plan</b>	a) Guidelines on the structure and content of the national report on the implementation of this Action Plan considering existing reporting procedures (e.g. Reporting under the Compliance Committee) to avoid duplication of reporting procedures, as well as a set of indicators	Art. 25 & 30	Secretariat staff time	Present Table A.2 is completed by the Secretariat based on information reported in BCRS and information available at the Secretariat
	b) Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol	Art. 30	Travel/DSA	Ongoing.  Three OFOG meetings organised (Loutraki, Greece, April 2017; Athens, Greece, June 2019 ; June 2021, meeting organized remotely)  Present Fourth OFOG meeting Floriana, Malta (May 2023)
	c) Consolidated report on the implementation of the Action Plan every two years for its submission to the Meetings of the Parties to the Offshore Protocol and the Meetings of the CPs to the Barcelona Convention	Art.30	Secretariat staff time	Ongoing  Through the present document