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Agenda Item 2: Offshore Monitoring Programme – IMAP Common Indicators

Data Standards/Data Dictionaries (DS/DD) of the proposed IMAP CIs to be monitored as part of the Offshore Protocol

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Note by the Secretariat

Within the context of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (MOAP) and more precisely of its - Specific Objective 9 – defining that "The Offshore monitoring programme will be developed in line with the Ecosystem Approach Process (EcAp) Roadmap and, in particular, with the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme" (IMAP), this document reproduces an excerpt of a sets of Data Standards/Data Dictionaries (DS/DD), that have been endorsed by CPs in the context of the implementation of the EcAp, in order to assess the status of the Mediterranean Sea and coast. This excerpt of DS/DD is related with the Guidance Factsheets of the proposed five keys IMAP CIs to be monitored as part of the Offshore Protocol (CIs 1, 2, 15, 17 and 18).

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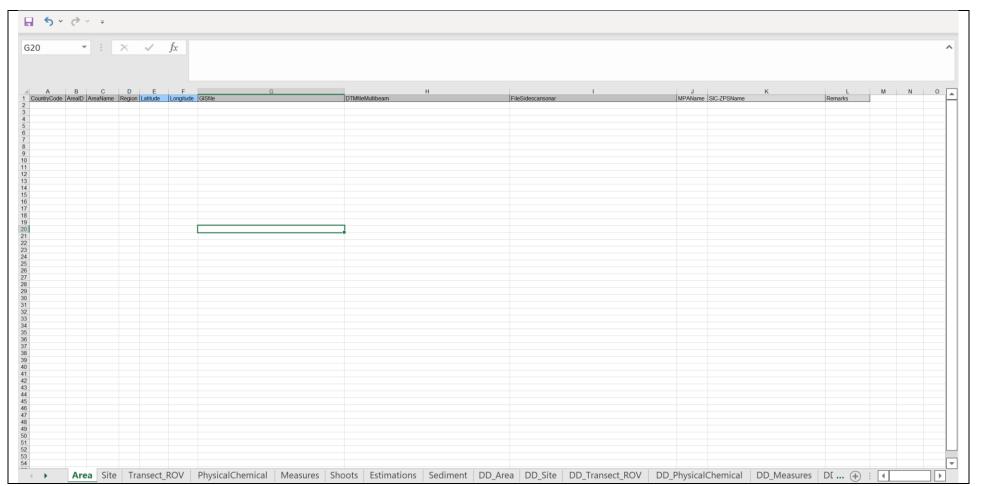
Annex I

Definition of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries as published by the Information and Communication Regional Activity Center (INFO/RAC)

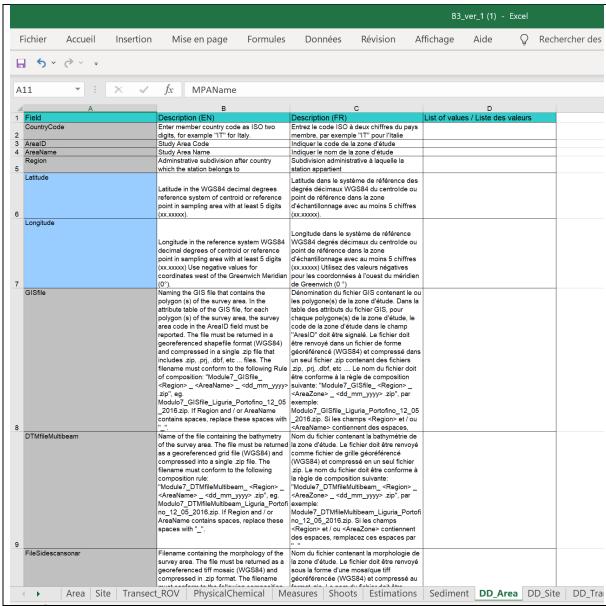
- Data Standards (DSs) are Excel spreadsheets in which every column is representing a field to be filled in by the data providers. The data uploaded using the data standards will be suitable for the inclusion in the database.
- 2 Data Dictionaries (DDs) are excel spreadsheets in which each field is explained to guide the data provider in the filling in of the data standards.
- 3 DSs and DDs are spreadsheets included in the same Excel file, downloadable from the Pilot info system. For each Common Indicator can be provided one or more data standard and data dictionary, according to the number of modules available.
- In DSs the mandatory data are represented in black and the NON mandatory ones in red. The possibility to fill in also NON mandatory fields is given to allow Countries that already have monitoring systems collecting a wider kind of data to report also the additional ones.
- The first drafts of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for the selected IMAP Common Indicators were reviewed on the basis of the feedback of Contracting Parties during the presentation of the draft system in the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties and the additional comments by the Regional Meeting on IMAP Implementation: Best Practices, Gaps and Common Challenges (IMAP Best Practices Meeting), Rome, Italy, 10-12 July 2018. Later, Data Standards and Data Dictionaries were further updated on close consultations with UN Environment/MAP components during bilateral consultation in the second semester of 2018.
- While the system is operational, it can be only fully effective, only once a full and wide consensus on data standards and data dictionaries has been agreed by Contracting Parties. The general agreement has been achieved during the Ecosystem approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CorMon) Meetings of the first semester of 2019.
- Afterwords additional work has been needed to align the changes of standards with the system. DSs and DDs have been uploaded in the Pilot and the consequent changes to the data base structure have been provided. The correspondent data flow have been activated.
- 8 INFO/RAC has developed draft Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for each of the 11 selected common indicators, covering all three clusters of IMAP (Biodiversity and non indigenous species (NIS), Pollution and Marine Litter, Coast and Hydrography).
- 9 The 11 of the 27 IMAP Common Indicators are: 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23.
- The final proposals of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries related to the "11 selected IMAP Common Indicators" has been discussed and updated with the respective UN Environment/MAP Components: with MEDPOL for Pollution and Marine Litter, with SPA/RAC for Biodiversity and NIS as well as with PAP/RAC for Hydrography and Coast.

Annex II

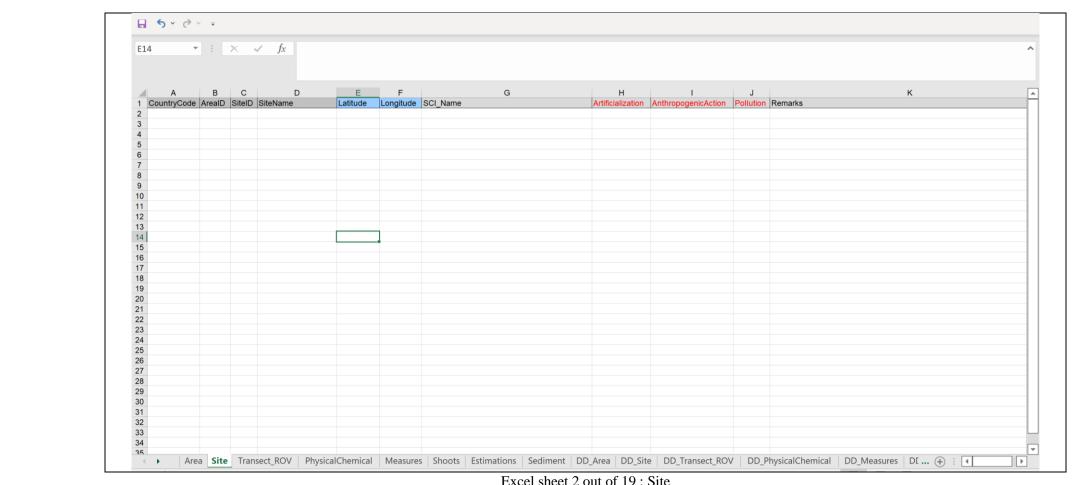
Excerpt of a set of Data Standards/Data Dictionaries (DS/DD)



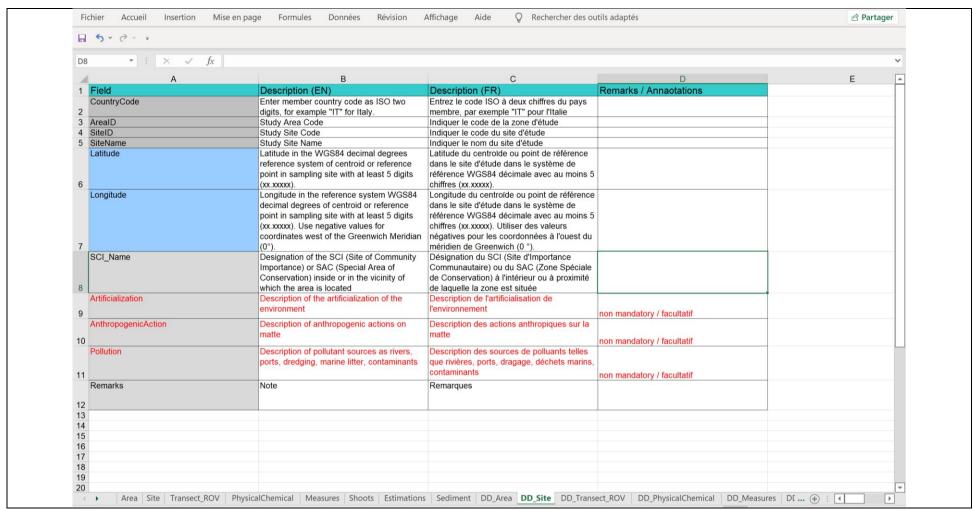
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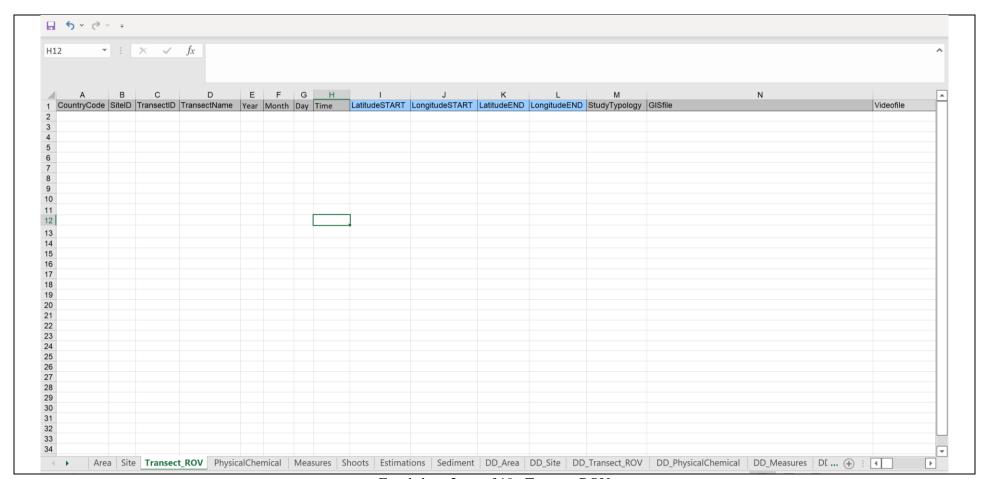
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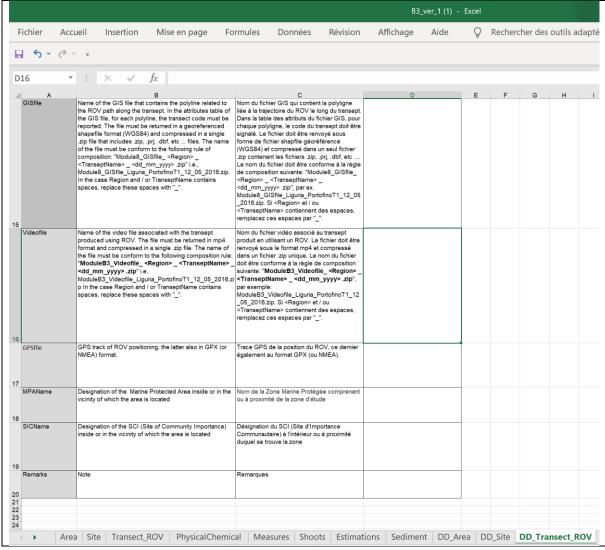
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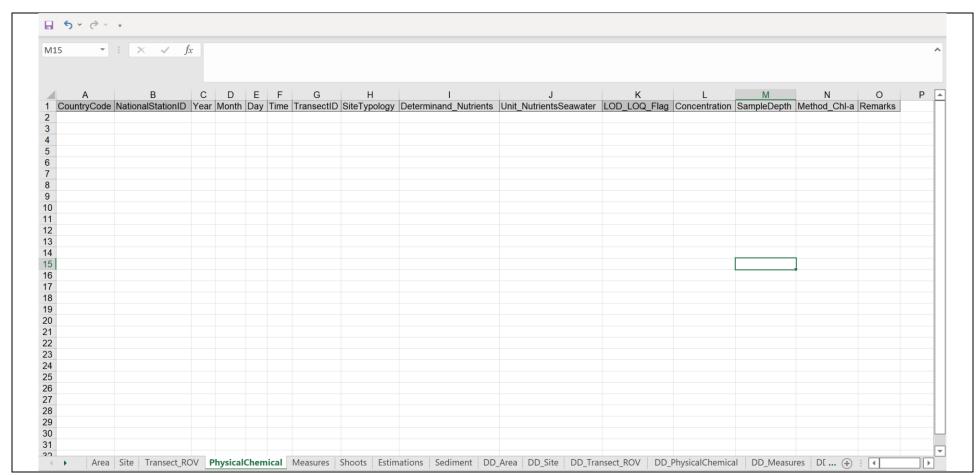
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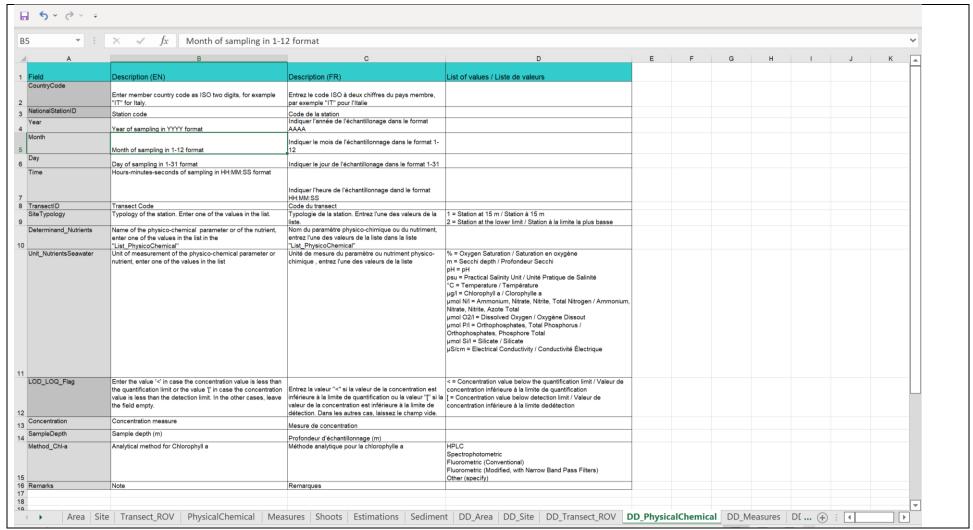
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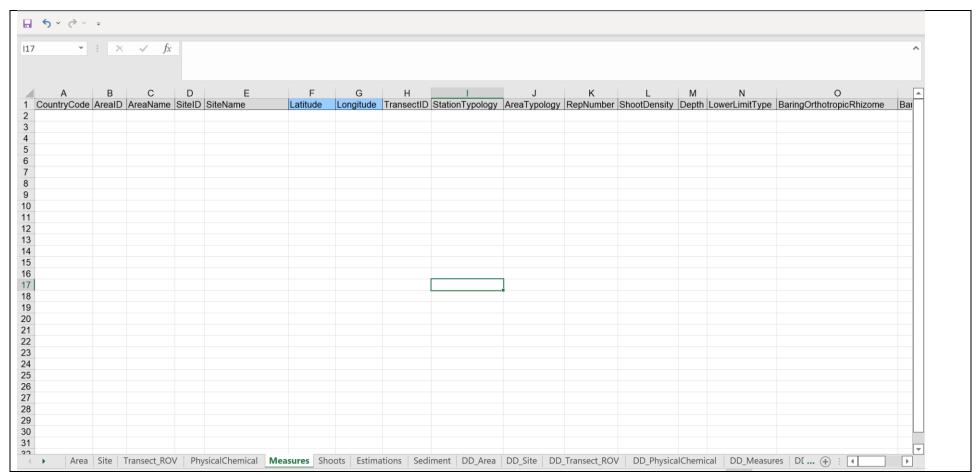
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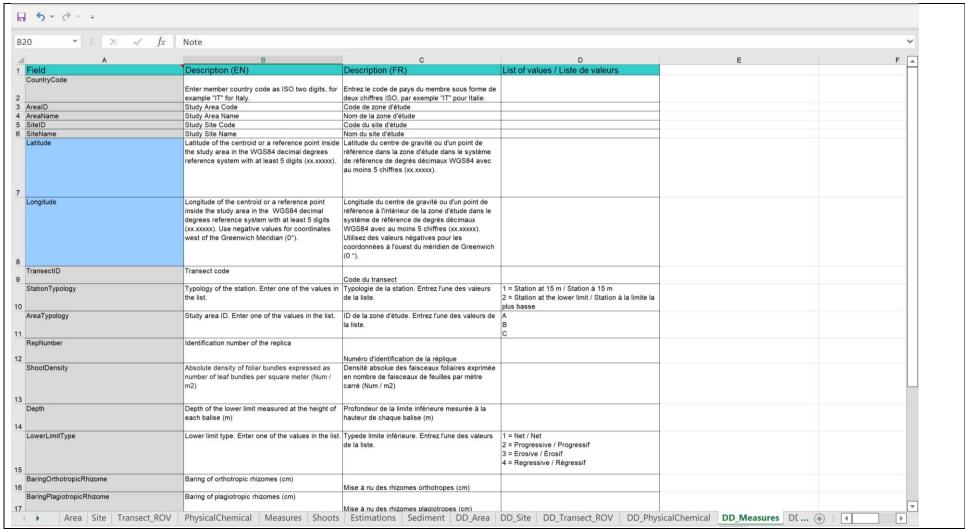
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Excel sheet 12 out of 19: DD_PhysicalChemical



Excel sheet 5 out of 19: Measures



Excel sheet 13 out of 19: DD_Measures