



**Webinar on the implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments in the Mediterranean region  
Wednesday, 23 September 2020**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (REV.1)**

<b>Time<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
09:45	<b>Webinar access opens</b>	/
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening remarks and overview of webinar objectives</li> <li>Introduction to programme and facilitators</li> </ul>	IMO/REMPEC
<b>The BWM Convention and invasive species in the Mediterranean Sea</b>		
10:10 – 10:40	<b>Introduction to the BWM Convention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BWM Convention background, objectives, and structure</li> <li>Articles and technical provisions of the BWM Convention</li> <li>Exemptions under the BWM Convention</li> </ul>	IMO
10:40 – 10:55	<b>The invasive species from ballast water in the Mediterranean Sea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on invasive species in the Mediterranean Sea</li> <li>The relationship between invasive species and ballast water</li> </ul>	SPA/RAC
<b>Exemptions under the BWM Convention</b>		
10:55 – 11:10	<b>Experience so far: exemptions under the BWM Convention in the Baltic Sea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional cooperation</li> <li>Tools and guidelines</li> <li>Best practices</li> </ul>	HELCOM
11:10 – 11:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Odyssea Project, its Platform and models –contributing to the implementation of the BWM Convention</b></li> </ul>	ODYSSEA
<b>Mediterranean Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management, including its Action Plan and Timetable</b>		
11:25 – 11:55	<b>Overview of the Mediterranean BWM Strategy and proposed update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background</li> <li>Framework and key requirements of the Mediterranean BWM Strategy</li> <li>Implementation of the Mediterranean BWM Strategy</li> <li>Update process</li> </ul>	REMPEC
11:55 – 12:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Q &amp; A session</b></li> </ul>	All participants
12:25 – 12:30	<b>Closing Session</b>	IMO/REMPEC
12:30	<b><i>End of the Webinar</i></b>	

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<sup>1</sup> Malta local time or GMT+2.