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Note by the Secretariat

This document sets out the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2024-2025, as proposed by REMPEC, and explains the rationale used to prepare them.

Background

1 The Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2022-2023² of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)³ of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), adopted by the Twenty-second Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (“the Barcelona Convention”) and its Protocols (COP 22), mandated the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau, in line with the relevant provisions of the decision on the Mandates of the MAP Components and in accordance with the UNEP/MAP Mid-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2022-2027, a result-based UNEP/MAP PoW and Budget for 2024-2025, explaining the key principles and assumptions on which it is based and taking into account the progress achieved during the implementation of the UNEP/MAP PoW for 2022-2023.

2 To this effect, and under the leadership of the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat, the Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) consisting of the Directors of the MAP Components and led by the MAP Coordinator, agreed upon a Guiding Programming and Planning Paper to facilitate a coordinated identification of major activities and their deliverables for 2024-2025.

3 To provide a clear picture on the process and principles for the development of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, the MAP Coordinator communicated with the MAP Focal Points on 17 February 2023.

4 In January 2023, the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) contributed to the preparation of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, which was reviewed at the 49th and 50th ECP Meeting, held online on 26-27 January 2023 and in Marseille, France on 27-28 March 2023, respectively.

5 The Focal Points of REMPEC were consulted on 27 February 2023⁴, and invited to review and provide comments on the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC, as well as the related narrative.

6 The objective of this consultation was to trigger an initial technical discussion on the relevance of the proposed activities and deliverables to REMPEC core mandate as well as to gather views on their technical feasibility. Based on the comments received from Mediterranean coastal States, REMPEC concluded its contribution to the preparation of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25 and submitted it to the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat, for its further elaboration and consultation, as per the agreed procedure stipulated in the Governance Paper⁵.

7 Following, further consultation with the MAP Focal Points, relevant activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25 are submitted to the Focal Points of each MAP Component for consideration prior to onward transmission to the next Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 12-15 September 2023) for subsequent approval, and to the Twenty-Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 23) (Izola, Slovenia, 4-8 December 2023) for subsequent adoption.

Introduction to the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC

8 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC, as set out in the **Annex** to the present document, were prepared as a follow-on to the UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-23, and in full alignment with the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027.

² UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.24/22, Decision IG.24/14.

³ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8 Annex II, Decision IG 19/5.

⁴ REMPEC Circular Letter No. 03/2023.

⁵ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.17/10 Annex V, Decision IG 17/5.

9 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25 were prepared following the guidance provided by the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat (paragraphs 2 and 6 above refers). Since this is the second biennium of the cycle of the MTS, the proposed activities and deliverables use all the main elements set out in the MTS, including key priorities, objectives and strategic outcomes.

10 In developing the activities and deliverables, due consideration was given to the contribution of its expected deliverables to the achievement of the MTS programmes and outcomes. Special emphasis was placed on outcomes that require a long-term timespan, especially those planned to be expanded over the entire six-year of the MTS, as well as those being directly linked with or continuing ongoing work of the current biennium.

11 The activities and deliverables were developed taking into account the priorities defined in the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), the priorities defined in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol) to the Barcelona Convention, and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan within the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol) to the Barcelona Convention.

12 Furthermore, the activities of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25 are aimed at rendering continuous support to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (CPs) towards the achievement of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably SDG 14 on the conservation and sustainable use of the seas and marine resources for sustainable development, as well as other applicable SDGs. The activities will also contribute to the implementation of the revised Strategic Plan for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for the six-year period 2018 to 2023⁶, further reinforcing and linking the work of the wider UN-family in the Mediterranean region. On the other hand, the deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25 are aimed at contributing to the implementation of the instruments and decisions adopted by the CPs, which are relevant to REMPEC mandate.

13 It should be noted that the activities and deliverables are also based on relevant current and emerging global as well as regional frameworks and processes, such as the IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships, the Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from ships, the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project aiming to address the transfer of invasive aquatic species through ships' biofouling, the IMO-Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)-Norway GloLitter Partnerships Project aiming to prevent and reduce marine plastic litter from the maritime transport and fisheries sectors, the IMO-Norway GreenVoyage2050 Project aiming to support the transition of the shipping industry towards a low carbon future, as well as the European Green Deal and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, amongst others.

14 Particular attention was paid to the collaboration with the Coordinating Unit and the other MAP Components:

- .1 the Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme (MED POL);
- .2 the Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre (PB/RAC);
- .3 the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC);
- .4 the Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC);
- .5 the Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (MedWaves); and
- .6 the Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication (INFO/RAC).

⁶ Resolution A.1149(32).

- 15 The activities and deliverables were developed under the seven (7) MTS Programmes, namely:
- .1 **MTS Programme 1:** Towards a pollution and litter free Mediterranean Sea and Coast embracing circular economy;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme envisage:
 - .1 undertaking national, subregional, regional actions to boost the implementation of the Marine Litter Regional Plan in the Mediterranean;
 - .2 improving follow-up of pollution events and enhance level of enforcement and the prosecution of discharge offenders;
 - .3 strengthening capacity of individual coastal States to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents; and
 - .4 supporting the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, facilitating the entry into effect of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SO_x ECA), and explore the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NO_x ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI.
 - .2 **MTS Programme 2:** Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme envisage the contribution to implement the Updated Action Plan concerning Species Introductions and Invasive Species in the Mediterranean Sea as well as to implement targeted measures of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027).
 - .3 **MTS Programme 3:** Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme envisage the mobilisation and implementation of innovative solutions to reduce GHG emissions from ships in selected ports, including through energy efficiency and decarbonisation.
 - .4 **MTS Programme 4:** Towards the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources including circular and blue economy;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme envisage to implement key targeted measures of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.
 - .5 **MTS Programme 5:** Governance;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme, envisage:
 - .1 ensuring CPs compliance with adopted monitoring and reporting under the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol; and
 - .2 implementing the targeted actions of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031).

- .6 **MTS Programme 6:** Towards Monitoring, Assessment, Knowledge and Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast for Informed Decision-Making;
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme, envisage streamlining shipping and offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with Info-MAP Data management system.
- .7 **MTS Programme 7:** For informed and consistent advocacy, awareness, education and communication.
 - More specifically, the activities and deliverables under this Programme, envisage implementing the Centre's operational Communication Strategy which is under development with a view to raising general public awareness through outreach initiatives incorporating both citizen science and digital campaigns.

Funding and resource mobilisation

16 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC, aim at contributing, based on the expected available budget (relying on funding from the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) as well as secured and non-secured external resources), to the implementation of the instruments and decisions adopted by the CPs, which are relevant to REMPEC mandate.

17 Mobilisation of potential external funds and resources by UNEP/MAP, IMO and/or REMPEC will be under discussion, while it is envisaged that the IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) will also contribute as was the case in previous biennia. That said, external funds (mobilised by UNEP/MAP, IMO and/or REMPEC) will be focused on implementing sea-based pollution prevention and reduction policy development and capacity building in the Mediterranean in line with the MTS.

Conclusion

18 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC, are built on and aim at strengthening the result-based management (RBM) approaches that were already followed in the previous UNEP/MAP PoW cycles as well as the integration element.

19 Lessons learned from the current biennium and previous biennia were also taken into consideration, particularly in terms of feasibility of planned deliverables, implementation flexibility to be considered when programming, the number, size and devoted time of planned actions as well as how to consolidate activities of a similar nature.

Actions requested by the Meeting

20 **The Meeting is invited to:**

- .1 **take note** of the information provided in the present document; and
- .2 **consider, discuss and agree upon** the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2024-2025, as proposed by REMPEC, which are set out at **Annex** to the present document, and **to subsequently propose** them for approval by the next meeting of the MAP Focal Points prior to their submission for adoption by COP 23.

Annex

Activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2024-2025, as proposed by REMPEC⁷

⁷ The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-25, as proposed by REMPEC, consist of the following elements:

- .1 The tabulation separates “Main activities” per MTS Programmes;
- .2 The horizontal row refers to the MTS outcomes; and
- .3 For each “Main activity”, the following information is provided: “Expected deliverable”, “Lead Component”, the potential involvement of “Other Component(s)” and “Partners”, the “Rationale: Core MAP mandates, Protocol Articles and COP decisions”, the links to “SDGs Targets”, and the nature of required funding “MTF/External Resources/Both”.

The following colour code was used:

- .1 no colour for activities and deliverables led by REMPEC; and
- .2 yellow for deliverables led by other MAP Components but to which REMPEC contributes (left in to provide a full picture of the given activity).

Programme 1. Towards a Pollution and Litter Free Mediterranean Sea and Coast Embracing Circular Economy							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 1.1. Strategies and Action plan addressing marine litter and plastics developed and implemented through comprehensive, coherent and collaborative approaches							
1.1.1. Undertake national, subregional, regional actions to boost the implementation of the Marine Litter Regional Plan in the Mediterranean	a) Best practices shared and experiences acquired in implementing marine litter management measures. b) Synergies enhanced between the workplan of the Regional Cooperation Platform with the GPML Actions Tracks. c) Coordinated implementation of the provisions of the ML Updated Regional Plan also considering the outcome and provisions of the Global Treaty on Plastics. d) Best practises shared and promoted related to the generation of marine litter from aquaculture and fisheries in coordination with GFCM including the development of a joint workplan.	MED POL	The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves), REMPEC	a) EU funded Water and Environment Support (WES) Project, EU funded EPPA, GIZ, b) UNEP GPA, OSPAR, Black Sea Commission, GPML, GFCM	COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol	5.5, 5.c; 12.4; 12.5; 14.1	MTF and EU funded ML MED (PLUS)
	e) Relevant activities of the IMO-FAO-Norway GloLitter Partnerships Project facilitated in the Mediterranean, as appropriate.	REMPEC, CU	MED POL	IMO, FAO, GFCM, EBRD	Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents); Article 14 (Port reception facilities) Offshore Protocol - Article 12 (Garbage); Article 13 (Reception facilities, instructions and sanctions) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem	12.4; 12.5; 14.1	External Resources
	f) Synergies between the amended Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and the IMO Action Plan/Strategy to address						External Resources

	<p>marine plastic litter from ships, as well as other relevant plans or initiatives, maintained and strengthened.</p>				<p>approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>		
	<p>g) Best practices for the provision of reception facilities as well as the reception and handling of ship-generated waste in ports and marinas promoted at national, subregional/regional levels; standard Waste Reception and Handling Plans (WRHP) developed.</p>			<p>IMO, MEDports Association</p>	<p>COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets COP 18 Decision IG.21/7 - Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean</p>		<p>External Resources</p>
	<p>h) Legal and regulatory framework for lost containers at sea (focusing on non-hazardous material) in place in the Mediterranean assessed, including specific case study examples from Mediterranean countries.</p>			<p>IMO</p>	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/10 - Main Elements of the Six Regional Plans to Reduce/Prevent Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources; Updating the Annexes to the LBS and Dumping Protocols of the Barcelona Convention</p>		<p>External Resources</p>
	<p>i) Assessment study with a focus on the quantities of lost containers at sea prepared, including mapping of the respective seafloor areas around the Mediterranean; best practices for the marking and relevant retrieval actions of lost containers at sea proposed.</p>			<p>IMO</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p>		<p>External Resources</p>

Outcome 1.2. A holistic and efficient response to land and sea -based pollution, as a part of overall Ecosystem Approach policy for the Mediterranean, (chemicals, contaminants, eutrophication, noise, oil and emerging pollution) for a sustainable Mediterranean coastal and marine ecosystem is implemented							
1.2.9. Improve follow-up of pollution events and enhance level of enforcement and the prosecution of discharge offenders	a) Sixth Meeting of MENELAS organised, and recommendations implemented through technical support provided to CPs, which so request.	REMPEC	CU	IMO, UNODC, INTERPOL, CBSS (ENPRO), OSPAR (NSN), Bonn Agreement, HELCOM, RAMOGE Agreement, Cedre, UPGM	Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents) COP 18 Decision IG.21/9 - Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	5.5; 12.4; 14.1	MTF
	b) Modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing, finalised.						MTF
	c) Participation to coordinated aerial surveillance operations for illicit ship pollution discharges promoted and supported.						Both
1.2.10. Strengthen the capacity of individual coastal states to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents	a) Up to four (4) coordinated spill response exercises and trainings implemented to strengthen capacities at the National and Sub-regional level to respond to HNS and oil spills and to improve the quality and interoperability of response capacities.	REMPEC	CU	IMO, IPIECA, EMSA, MOIG	Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents); Article 6 (Cooperation in recovery operations); Article 8 (Communication of information and reports concerning pollution incidents); Article 11 (Emergency measures on board ships, on offshore installations and in ports); Article 12 (Assistance) Offshore Protocol - Article 16 (Contingency planning); Article 17 (Notification); Article 18 (Mutual assistance in case of emergency) COP 8 Decision IG 3/5 (Appendix II) - Mediterranean Assistance Unit	5.5; 12.4; 14.1	Both
	b) Effective support provided for the development, update and implementation of four (4) Sub-regional contingency plans.						Both
	c) Synergies for the implementation of the above Sub-regional contingency plans enhanced and operationalised.						Both

	d) Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) maintained and, where appropriate, expanded; and MAU special revolving fund balance maintained.			IOPC Funds, ITOPF, Cedre, IPIECA, Sea Alarm, MONGOOS	for combating accidental marine pollution COP 20 Decision IG.23/11 - Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)		MTF
	e) Support provided for joint government/industry activities to improve the level of preparedness to respond to marine pollution incidents and to integrate respective response management structures.			IMO, EMSA, IPIECA, MOIG			MTF
	f) Four (4) National Preparedness and Response Systems upgraded.			IMO, IOPC Funds, IPIECA, ITOPF, Cedre, ISPRA,			Both
	g) Two (2) CPs supported to update National Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plans.			Both			
	h) REMPEC Guidelines on the use of dispersants (2011) revised, and Oiled Shoreline Assessment Technique (2009) developed as an electronic version.		CU, INFO/RAC	IMO			MTF
	i) Effective support for the development of / integration in four (4) national contingency plans of oiled wildlife response.		SPA/RAC	Sea Alarm, EUROWA, ISPRA, CEDRE			Both

Outcome 1.4. One Health approach developed and implemented, linking human and ecosystems health with pollution reduction and prevention, taking into account lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic							
<p>1.4.2. Support the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, facilitating the entry into effect of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SO_x ECA), and explore the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NO_x ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI</p>	<p>a) Technical support and capacity building provided up to 6 CPs, which so request, to ratify and effectively implement MARPOL Annex VI.</p>	REMPEC	CU, MED POL, PB/RAC	IMO, EMSA, Med MoU, Paris MoU	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 21 Decision IG.24/8 - Road Map for a Proposal for the Possible Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides Pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, within the Framework of the Barcelona Convention COP 22 Decision IG.25/14 - Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SO_x ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p>	12.4; 14.1	Both
	<p>b) Support provided for the consistent implementation of the 0.10% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI in the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SO_x ECA).</p>			IMO, HELCOM, OSPAR, Bonn Agreement			Both
	<p>c) Technical and Feasibility Study to examine the possibility of designating the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NO_x ECA) under MARPOL Annex VI prepared under the guidance of the Med NO_x ECA Technical Committee of Experts; related roadmap prepared.</p>			IMO, HELCOM, OSPAR, Bonn Agreement			Both

Programme 2. Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component (s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 2.4. Non -indigenous species introductions minimized and introduction pathways under control							
2.4.1. Update and implement the regional action plan on Non Indigenous Species (NIS) and species introductions , as well as targeted measures of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)	a) Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS by at least 4 Contracting Parties (Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon) supported in coordination with IMAP implementation.	SPA/RAC	CU, REMPEC	Concerned CPs	Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF
	b) Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the updated regional NIS Action Plan.	SPA/RAC	CU, REMPEC	Relevant CPs	Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF

					<p>Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>		
	<p>c) Measures to cope with the negative effects of non-indigenous species on biodiversity as well as those of other potential stressors identified and disseminated.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, INFO/RAC</p>	<p>CPs and relevant national & regional scientific partners</p>	<p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans",</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF and FishEBM fund</p>

					<p>"Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean"</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>		
	<p>d) Assistance provided to contracting Parties to implement target measures to control and manage ships' ballast water and biofouling, to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species</p>	<p>SPA/RAC , REMPEC</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>CPs and relevant national & regional scientific partners</p>	<p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO;</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean;</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean"</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>

					<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>		
e) Targeted technical support provided to CPs, which so request, for the ratification and implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention as well as for the implementation of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species.	REMPEC, SPA/RAC	CU	IMO, GEF, UNDP, EBRD	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents)</p> <p>SPA/BD Protocol - Article 13 (Introduction of non-indigenous or genetically modified species)</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans"• , "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions"• , and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"• ; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean"</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)</p>	14.2	Both	
f) Joint Conference on BWM organised with neighbouring regions to share experiences and promote further alignment.		CU			Both		
g) Study to develop a regional information and decision support system or tool undertaken.		CU, INFO/RAC			Both		
h) Mid-term review of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027) undertaken; recommendations on the way forward elaborated.		CU			Both		

Programme 3. Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 3.2. Nature-based, technical solutions promoting prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change							
3.2.2. Mobilise and implement innovative solutions to reduce GHG emissions from ships in selected ports, including through energy efficiency and decarbonisation	a) Project proposal developed for the implementation of innovative solutions to reduce GHG emissions from ships in selected ports, including through energy efficiency and decarbonisation.	REMPEC	CU, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves), Plan Bleu	IMO, UNDP, EMSA, UfM, WestMed Initiative, EUSAIR, MTCC Africa	Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents); Article 14 (Port reception facilities) COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	13.1; 13.2	External Resources
	b) Capacity building activities on low carbon shipping and clean ports implemented at national, subregional/regional levels.						Both

Programme 4. Towards the Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Resources Including Circular and Blue Economy							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 4.4. Measures defined within the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan applied at regional level and by each Contracting Party within their jurisdiction to ensure the safety of offshore activities and reduce their potential impact on the marine environment and its ecosystem							
4.4.1. Implement key targeted measures of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan	a) Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) organised and held; Offshore Protocol implementation and Annexes to the Offshore Protocol kept under review; best practices and latest relevant developments shared.	REMPEC, CU	MED POL, SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC	IOGP, IPIECA, MOIG	Offshore Protocol - Article 16 (Contingency planning); Article 17 (Notification); Article 18 (Mutual assistance in case of emergency) COP 17 Decision IG.20/12 - Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 - Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan in the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil COP 21 Decision IG.24/9 - Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: (a) Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings; (b) Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of	5.5, 9.4; 14.2	MTF
	b) Training organised on Offshore platform Preparedness and Response and Contingency Plan Assessment, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024) and defined by the 2023 OFOG Meeting.						Both
	c) Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024) extended and updated, as defined by the 2023 OFOG Meeting.						MTF

					<p>the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/7 - Amendments to the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/15 - Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil</p>		
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Programme 5. Governance							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component (s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach							
5.1.3. Ensure Contracting Parties compliance with adopted monitoring and reporting under Barcelona Convention Protocols	a) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligation under the Prevention and Emergency Protocol and related IMO Conventions.	REMPEC	CU, INFO/RAC	IMO, DG ECHO, EMSA	Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 8 (Communication of information and reports concerning pollution incidents); Article 11 (Emergency measures on board ships, on offshore installations and in ports); Article 12 (Assistance) COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper COP 18 Decision IG.21/1 - Compliance Committee including renewal of members, the modification of the rules of procedure and the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee COP 18 Decision IG.21/9 - Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	All SDG 14 targets	MTF
	b) BCRS, REMPEC Country Profile, MEDGIS-MAR, MIDSIS-TROCS, MENELAS Information System maintained; and updated by all Contracting Parties.						MTF
	c) Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean established and awareness raised on its use.						Both

Outcome 5.2. Systemic strengthening and effective functioning and delivery of MAP decision-making and advisory bodies ensured, and efficiency enhanced with new digital approaches							
<p>5.2.3. Deliver successfully the main institutional meetings of MAP (Bureau, Consultation FP Meeting, MAP Focal Point, EcAp Coordination Group and Thematic/Components Focal Points).</p>	<p>a) The 95th, 96th and 97th Meetings of the Bureau as well as a Bureau meeting on the eve of COP 24 successfully held.</p> <p>b) Progress of implementation of the MAP PoW 2024-2025 reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.</p> <p>c) Guidance provided to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties on specific issues.</p> <p>d) Main directions of the new PoW 2026-2027 defined.</p>	CU	All MAP Components	<p>UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>All SDG 14 targets, 17.14</p>	MTF/Both
	e) Meeting of the MAP Focal Points preceded by the MAP Component/Thematic Focal Points and back-to-back with the EcAp Coordination Group Meetings.	CU	All MAP components	<p>UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>All SDG 14 targets, 17.14</p>	Both
	f) Progress on POW implementation reviewed; EcAp Roadmap Implementation and other related COP decisions implementation reviewed.	MED POL					MTF
	g) Draft decisions to COP 24 reviewed and negotiated, PoW and Budget reviewed, etc.	REMPEC					MTF
	h) Technical products of MAP components reviewed by the	SPA/RAC					MTF
		PAP/RAC					MTF

	<p>Components Focal Points meetings. i) Integrated sessions organised based on thematic approach.</p>	Plan Bleu				MTF	
		INFO/RAC				MTF	
		The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves)				MTF	
Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface							
<p>5.4.5. Implement the targeted actions of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p>	<p>a) National Action Plans for the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) developed. b) Biennial review of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) undertaken. c) Second coordination meeting on the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) organised; recommendations on the way forward elaborated.</p>	REMPEC	CU	IMO, EMSA, UfM, WestMed Initiative	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents) COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p>	<p>SDGs 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, especially; 12.4; 14.1</p>	<p>Both</p> <p>Both</p> <p>Both</p>

Programme 6. Towards Monitoring, Assessment, Knowledge and Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast for Informed Decision-Making							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 6.3. IMAP implementation and Environment and Development Observation provide updated and quality assured data in support of decision-making by Contracting Parties and assessment of GES.							
6.3.14. Streamline shipping and offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with Info-MAP Data management system	a) MEDGIS-MAR linked to Info-MAP Data management system.	REMPEC	CU, MED POL, INFO/RAC	IMO	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 5 (Monitoring); Article 7 (Dissemination and exchange of information); Article 9 (Reporting procedure); Article 10 (Operational measures)</p> <p>Offshore Protocol - Article 19 (Monitoring)</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 - Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan in the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy</p>	14.a ; 9.5	MTF
	b) IMAP CI 19 Guidance Factsheets updated.						Both
	c) MEDEXPOL 2024 on Data Sharing, Monitoring and Reporting organised; latest developments and achievements shared; improvements or alignment on ways to assist CPs in meeting their commitments under the 2002 Prevention and Emergency Protocol agreed.						Both

Programme 7. For Informed and Consistent Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF/External Resources/Both
Outcome 7.2. Citizen and general public awareness and outreach raised through citizen science and digital campaigns							
7.2.2. Enhance public awareness and outreach on key MAP topics for general and specific targets (MAP Partners, Civil Society, Private sector, Youth etc.)	a) Digital Communication Campaigns enhancing knowledge about the main topics of Barcelona Convention to strengthen action of CU and MAP Components (i.e. Pollution, Climate Change, Circular economy etc.) through web pages; interactive stories; burning issues; story maps; Infographics; Twitter cards; Video; articles and interviews; focus in section in MED News.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		<p>COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management</p>	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	MTF
	b) Communication material and events developed to improve knowledge on SPA/RAC action in biodiversity conservation, and to raise the participation of key stakeholders and decision-makers in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity (agenda, web articles/items, webinars/activities, reports and other communication material on MPAs, species & habitats conservation, sustainable use of marine resources).	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication TF		<p>COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</p>	All SDG 14 Targets	MTF + External funds

	<p>c) Digital Communication Campaign: Dissemination & Communication Package on hazardous chemicals and alternative eco-innovative solutions.</p>	<p>The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves)</p>	<p>MAP Communication TF</p>	<p>BRS Secretariat</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products COP 22 Decision IG. 25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol</p>	<p>12.4; 12.5</p>	<p>External</p>
	<p>d) Awareness, information materials on marine pollution from ships and offshore installations produced and disseminated.</p>	<p>REMPEC</p>	<p>MAP Communication TF</p>		<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents) COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 [MSSD] COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources</p>	<p>Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets</p>	<p>MTF</p>

					in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)		
e) Web APP for Citizen Science updated and promoted specifically for different targets (citizens, scientists, students). f) Video Contest on the key topics of the biennium launched.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF			COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	MTF
g) Promotion of environmental education courses in schools aimed at increasing knowledge of the role of UNEP/MAP to the younger generation; Dissemination of the young person guide document.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF			COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	MTF
h) Youth for Mediterranean workshop organized to enhance young persons' awareness of the BC and Protocols (build on Youth COP previous events).	CU	MAP Communication TF			Barcelona Convention Art. 15 Antalya Ministerial Declaration	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	MTF

	<p>i) 3rd and 4th Euro-Med Weeks for Waste Reductions (2024-2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Communication and Marketing Plan 2024-2025 ii) Dissemination campaigns and awareness-raising activities to engage action developers in Southern Mediterranean countries iii) Actions developed and supported to develop actions in the southern Med. 	<p>The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves)</p>	<p>MAP Communication TF</p>		<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products</p>	<p>12,5</p>	<p>External</p>
	<p>j) Switchers Support Programme Dissemination & Communication Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Switchers Community Communication and Marketing Plan 2024-2025 2) We are the Switchers dissemination campaign 3) Digital campaign on Sustainable Fashion 4) Marketing promotion of the Switchers Products platform 5) Marketing promotion of the Open Eco-Innovation Platform 6) Marketing promotion of the SwitchersFund 7) Marketing promotion of the Policy Hub. 	<p>The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves)</p>	<p>MAP Communication TF</p>		<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products</p>	<p>Crosscutting , especially SDG 8 and 12 Targets</p>	<p>External</p>