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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 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC, and explains the rationale used to prepare them.

Background

1 The Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2024-2025¹ of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)² of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), adopted by the Twenty-third 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 23), 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 2026-2027, 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 2024-2025.

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 2026-2027.

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 4 April 2025.

4 In January 2025, the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) contributed to the preparation of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, taking into consideration the feedback provided by Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to REMPEC Circular No 16/2024 dated 28 October 2024, on the identification of needs. The REMPEC proposal was reviewed at the 55th and 56th ECP Meetings, held in Rome, Italy on 22-23 January 2025 and in Barcelona, Spain on 27-28 March 2025, respectively.

5 The Focal Points of REMPEC were consulted on 17 February 2025³, and invited to review and provide comments on the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, 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 Contracting Parties, REMPEC concluded its contribution to the preparation of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27 and submitted it to the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat, for its further elaboration and consultation, as per the agreed procedure stipulated in the Governance Paper⁴.

7 Following, further consultation with the MAP Focal Points, relevant activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27 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 (Athens, Greece, 16-19 September 2025) for subsequent approval, and to the Twenty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 24) (Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025) for subsequent adoption.

¹ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.26/14

² UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8 Annex II, Decision IG 19/5.

³ REMPEC Circular Letter No. 06/2025.

⁴ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.17/10 Annex V, Decision IG 17/5.

Introduction to the activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, as proposed by REMPEC

8 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, 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 2024-25, and in full alignment with the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027.

9 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27 were prepared following the guidance provided by the MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat (paragraphs 2 and 6 above refers). Since this is the final 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 2026-27 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 2024 to 2029⁵, 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 2026-27 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 IMO 2023 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.

⁵ Resolution A.1173(33).

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);
- .7 the Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change (CC/RAC); and
- .6 the Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication (INFO/RAC).

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 developing new regulatory measures in line with article 15 of the LBS Protocol for priority sectors;
 - .3 improving follow-up of pollution events and enhance level of enforcement and The prosecution of discharge offenders;
 - .4 strengthening the capacity of individual coastal States to respond efficiently to Marine pollution incidents;
 - .5 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
 - .6 exploring 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:
 - .1 supporting the CPs in protecting and conserving the Mediterranean Sea through well-connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures; and
 - 2. implementing 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 updated Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2026-2035).
- .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;
 - .2 ensuring successful delivery of the 2027 Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points; and
 - .3 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 2026-27, 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 and, if successful, will be focused on implementing sea-based pollution

prevention and reduction policy development and capacity building in the Mediterranean in line with the MTS. It is also envisaged that, as was the case in previous biennia, the IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) will mainly provide resources for activities under the MTS Programmes 1 and 2.

Conclusion

18 The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, 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 2026-2027, 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 24.

Annex

Activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2026-2027, as proposed by REMPEC⁶

⁶ The activities and deliverables of the draft UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-27, 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 yellow for activities and deliverables led by REMPEC;
- .2 green for deliverables led by other MAP Components but to which REMPEC contributes (left in to provide a full picture of the given activity); and
- .3 no colour for deliverables led by other MAP Components (left to provide a full picture of all proposed activities).

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
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 (in-house expertise, consultancy, regional/ sub-regional meetings, regional platform, pilots and national capacity building)	a) “Adopt-a-beach” measures implemented in 5 countries in 22 sites involving civil society. b) “Fishing-for-Litter” measures implemented in 4 countries in 12 sites involving local and fishermen association. c) Minimum 2 joint activities implemented with partners of the ML Regional Cooperation Platform or GPML. d) Up to 7 CPs supported to implement the upgraded IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter and its Indicators. e) Intercalibration Exercise for Collection and Analyses of Floating Microplastic Samples between Mediterranean Laboratories established.	MED POL	CU, SCP/RAC; REMPEC, SPA/RAC, EU funded ML MED PLUS Project,	UNEP, GPML, GFCM, BSC, OSPAR, HELCOM	LBS Protocol (Articles 3, and 4) 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 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets (Annex I)	12.4; 12.5; 14.1 ; 5.5, 5.c;	Most of the activities are followed up from current PoW, scaled up to other sites. These activities are based on the ongoing work based on the EU Funded Marine Litter MED Plus Project and also raising awareness on a new emerging issue of plastic pellets.
	f) Technical support provided to 3 CPs, which so request, to implement the IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships and the related provisions of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, where appropriate.	REMPEC, CU	MED POL	IMO, FAO, GFCM, EBRD	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean		
	g) Awareness raised on the status of lost containers in the Mediterranean through a regional workshop to identify potential regional measures				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 (Articles 11, 12, 15)		
	h) Awareness raised and sharing of best practices on the impact of pollution from marine plastic pellets, through a Regional workshop.				COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)		
	i) Synergies maximized between the work at regional and global level to address marine plastic litter from ships, as well as other relevant plans or initiatives, maintained and strengthened.						
1.1.2. Capitalize pilot actions addressing marine litter within Marine Protected Areas and Mediterranean Islands (In-house expertise, consultancy, pilot actions, workshops, publications)	a) 1 BeMed Islands community is managed, supported and strengthened. b) Best practices are shared across Mediterranean Islands and MPAs. c) 7 pilot actions involving private and public stakeholders are implemented to test innovative prevention measures across Albania, Turkey, Cyprus, Tunisia, France and Spain.	SCP/RAC		BeMed, SMILO (CAPIMED+ Project - Capitalizing BeMed Initiative to reduce plastic pollution in Mediterranean Islands).	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 3.2 and 3.3 on Sustainable Tourism) COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol (articles 9, 10 and 11) 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 (Regional Measure T1 addressing sectors of relevance for the Barcelona Convention)	14.1	Follow-Up of the current biennium on Deliverables (a) (b). Both actions will continue to be implemented in Marine Protected Areas and Islands. Ongoing support to communities and stakeholders. New proposed Deliverable (c) to enhance prevention measures in specific countries (CAPIMED project)
1.1.3. Implement and scale up a robust policy framework to reduce and prevent plastic use (In-house expertise, consultancy, pilot actions, workshops, publications, partnership agreements)	a) Technical assistance and capacity building provided to new 2 countries to develop national measures tackling SUPs, including EPR. b) Technical assistance and capacity building provided to at least 6 new sub-national authorities to address the entire life cycle of plastics. c) Technical assistance provided to the Coalition of Local and SubNational Governments to end plastic pollution	SCP/RAC	MED POL	WWF, MLMed+ Project	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 3.2 and 3.3 on Sustainable Tourism) COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol (articles 9, 10 and 11) 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 (Regional Measure T1 addressing sectors of relevance for the Barcelona Convention)	12.4; 12.5; 14.1	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated deliverables (a) (b). New proposed Deliverable (c).

1.1.4. Engage businesses to prevent plastic use and reduce plastic leakage (In-house expertise, consultancy, pilot actions, workshops, publications, partnership agreements)	<p>a) Implement and upscale a certification scheme for HORECA businesses reducing SUPs at the regional level.</p> <p>b) Organisation of a regional forum with representatives from the industry sector and public sector on the prevention of SUPs and plastic leakage.</p> <p>c) Technical assistance and capacity building is provided to the industry value chain to prevent pellet loss.</p>	SCP/RAC	MED POL	GIZ, BeMed, Savethemed, Plastic Europe, MLMed+ Project	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 3.2 and 3.3 on Sustainable Tourism)</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 (articles 9, 10 and 11)</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 (Regional Measure T1 addressing sectors of relevance for the Barcelona Convention)</p>	12.4; 12.5; 14.2	<p>Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated deliverables (a) (b). A partnership to implement a certification scheme for HORECA businesses reducing SUPs was developed during this biennium. Follow-up actions on this line.</p> <p>Ongoing action not expected to be finalized this year. Continuation of Deliverable (c).</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							
<p>1.2.1.Develop new regulatory measures in line with article 15 of the LBS Protocol for priority sectors</p> <p>(Consultancies, regional meeting, PhD studies)</p>	a) New/Updated Guidelines concerning pleasure craft activities and the protection of the marine environment in the Mediterranean prepared for submission to REMPEC Focal Points for possible approval by COP25.	REMPEC	CU	HELMEPA, SYBASS, EMSA	Decision IG 17/9 (2008), Article 11 Prevention & Emergency Protocol		Since 2008, the Med has developed into one of the most trafficked regions in the world in terms of yachting and recreational boating. There were developments in the size of yachts and their operations. The Mediterranean can become a leader in developing such policies and standards that may be also proposed for adoption at international level.
	b) Raise awareness on the impact of noise pollution from ships in the Mediterranean			IMO GloNoise Partnership, EMSA	Article 11 Emergency and Prevention protocol Mediterranean Strategy (CSO 7)		Currently, there is limited awareness on policies addressing marine noise pollution in the Mediterranean. The workshop will raise awareness on existing IMO Guidelines and associated experience building phase and on how best to implement them in the Mediterranean region.
	<p>c) Guidelines for the prevention/reduction of construction and demolition waste sector affecting marine and coastal environment prepared for submission to the MED POL Focal Point meeting.</p> <p>d) Best practices identified on the management of plastic/ML waste generated from Aquaculture sector and shared with the MED POL Focal Points.</p> <p>e) Guidelines to enhance the environmental protection of marine and coastal environment with regard to plastic waste recycling practices prepared and submitted to the MED POL Focal Points.</p>	MED POL, SCP/RAC	CU, REMPEC	WES, EU funded ML MED PLUS Project, MSSD	<p>LBS Protocol (Article 5)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/5 - Amendments to Annexes I, II and IV to the LBS Protocol (Annex I)</p>		<p>c) new activity</p> <p>d) follow up activity on the adopted Regional Plan on Aquaculture Management (Decision IG. 26/7)</p> <p>e) new activity</p>
<p>1.2.2 Take national and regional actions including enabling investments, to implement the adopted Regional Plans</p> <p>(Consultancies, in-house expertise, SSFAs, Meetings)</p>	<p>a) Up to 7 CPs supported to implement at least 5 common measures stemming from the Regional Plans following an internal assessment of the measures provided in the NAPs prepared by the CPs.</p> <p>b) Project portfolio of NAPs reviewed and potential funding explored for their implementation at national or sub-regional level.</p> <p>c) Feasibility studies on Waster Water Sector in 2 CPs delivered including socio-economic assessment, technical ToRs for the works implementation, capacity building program for national agencies involved in project operation, and communication & gender action plan.</p>	MED POL, SCP/RAC	CU, MedProgramme, MLMed+, Ecap+,	CPs, UNEP, GPML, EU relevant Directives (MSSD, The revised European Union's (EU) Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 2024/3019)	<p>LBS Protocol (Articles 5 and 13)</p> <p>Decision IG.25/8: Regional Plans on Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol (Annex I- Article V)</p>	5.5, 5.c; 6.5; 6.6; 6.a; 12.4; 13.1; 14.1 ; 13.2; 14.2; 14.5	<p>a), b) follow up action form current PoW (development/update of NAPs) (2025-2035)</p> <p>c) follow up activity to support the implementation of the adopted Regional Plan on Urban Waste Water Treatment Management, Decision IG. 25/8) and based on the ongoing work under the framework of GEF Medprogramme/CP 1.2 project</p>

1.2.3 Promote sustainable Desalination Sector in the Mediterranean (Consultancies, SSFAs)	a)Support provided to at least 2 CPs for implementing desalination guidelines with the focus of the brine management	MED POL	CU, SCP/RAC SPA/RAC	CPs, Fondazione Univerde, Global water Intelligence	UNEP/MED WG.563/13: Guideline on Reginal Standards for Discharge from Desalination Plants and Decision Support Systems for Sustainable Desalination Technologies in the Mediterranean	6.3; 6.a; 12.4;	Follow up action
1.2.4 Assess pollution loads from land- based sources and activities In-house expertise.	a)A concise sector - specific pressure regional assessment report prepared, based on NAPs/NBB reports (2025-2035) using NAP/H2020 indicators. The outcome reported to the MED POL Focal Points meeting.	MED POL, INFO/RAC	CU	WES, MSSD	LBS Protocol (Articles 5 and 13)	5.5, 5.c; 6.5; 6.6; 6.a; 12.4; 13.1; 14.1 ; 13.2; 14.2; 14.5	Follow up action form current PoW (development/update of the 5th cycle of NBB reports)
1.2.5 Undertake national and regional action to enhance the implementation of the Dumping Protocol (In-house expertise, regional meeting)	a)Best practices from CPs on the dumping of Inert Geological Materials compiled and presented, with a proposal for their inclusion in the Compendium of Best Practices for implementing the Dumping Protocol.	MED POL	CU, REMPEC	IMO, Other Regional Seas	Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Articles 1 and 6) COP 22 Decision IG.25/6 - Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea COP 20 Decision IG.23/12 - Updated Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials	5,5; 12.4; 14.1	New activity
1.2.6. Undertake pilot actions to prevent, eliminate and dispose in an environmentally sound manner obsolete chemicals. (Consultancies, SSFAs, Meetings, Implementation Contracts)	a) Phase 2: 1,275 Tonnes of PCBs [Albania (240 T), Algeria (613 T), Tunisia (326 T), Bosnia and Herzegovina (19 T), Montenegro (77 T)] collected and disposed. b) Available metallic Mercury in Tunisia (389 T) removed.	MED POL/MedProgramm e	CU	UNEP Chemicals	Hazardous Waste Protocol (Articles 3, 5, 6, and 10) LBS Protocol (Article 15) Decision IG.20/8.3: Regional Plan for the management of PCBs waste and nine pesticides for the Mediterranean Region (2004) (Appendix B) Regional Plan on the Reduction of Inputs of Mercury (Decision IG.20/8.1 - 2012) (Annex I)	5,5; 12.4; 14.1	These activities are based on the ongoing work under the framework of GEF Medprogramme/CP 1.1 Project
1.2.7. Improve follow-up of pollution events and enhance level of enforcement and the prosecution of discharge offenders	a) Seventh Meeting of MENELAS organized 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	Decision IG.21/9 COP22 Decision IG.25/16	12.4; 14.1	The development of the guidelines as requested by CPs with a view to make progress on the adoption of the draft Decision on minimum penalties in case of illicit pollution. a) Seventh Meeting of MENELAS organized and recommendations implemented through technical support provided to CPs, which so request
	b) Analysis on the minimum level of penalties including the development of guidelines for implementation of the Decision on minimum criteria						
	c) Undertake further studies on the possible development of the Blue Fund						
	d) Improve technical capacity to at least 11 CPs through the participation to coordinated aerial surveillance operations for illicit ship pollution discharges.						
1.2.8. Implement strategies for the prevention of toxic chemicals, including policy support (In-house expertise, consultancy, meetings)	a) Technical support is provided to 1 country for the update / adoption of new regulation for the restriction of import and use of new POPs. b) Technical support is provided to additional countries for the development of a roadmap for the update / adoption of new regulation for the restriction of import, manufacturing and use of new POPs.	SCP/RAC	MED POL	BRS Secretariat	LBS Protocol (articles 3,4 and 5) 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 (articles 9, 10 and 11, and Appendix II). COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)	12.4; 14.1	Follow-Up for the current biennium with additional information and updated numbers in Deliverable (a)

1.2.9. Increase access to information on toxic chemicals, in particular newly listed POPs and health impact (In-house expertise, consultancy, national trainings, public webinars, awareness raising)	<p>a) 1 awareness campaign to raise awareness on health impact of newly listed POPs, based on human biomonitoring data collected in southern Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>b) 1 Regional Communication Campaign and event on the importance of prevention approach and tools to implement it at the national level.</p>	SCP/RAC	MED POL	Health Authorities, BRS Secretariat	<p>LBS Protocol (articles 3,4 and 5)</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 (articles 9, 10 and 11, and Appendix II).</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</p>	12.4; 14.1	Follow-Up for the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverable (b) with a new Regional campaign.
1.2.10. Strengthen the capacity of individual coastal states to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents (in-house expertise, consultancy, national workshops, sub-regional workshops, training, exercises and meetings, sub-regional Cooperation Agreements)	<p>a) National Preparedness and Response Systems organized through National/Regional workshops to implement the Improvement Plan</p> <p>b) Technical and capacity building support to CPs to update National Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plans.</p> <p>c) 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.</p> <p>d) Best practices shared through regional workshops and meetings organized to assist in the development, updating, and implementation of Sub-regional contingency plans for cooperation and synergies operationalized and enhanced.</p> <p>e) Relaunch the MGICAP (Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan between REMPEC and MOIG to improve combined government/ industry integrated response to pollution accidents.</p> <p>f) Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) maintained and, where appropriate, expanded; and MAU special revolving fund balance maintained.</p> <p>g) Guidelines on the decision making process for granting access to a place of refuge for ships updated.</p>	REMPEC	CU, EMSA	<p>IMO, IOPCF, IPIECA, ITOPF, Cedre, ISPRA,</p> <p>IMO, IPIECA</p> <p>RAMOGE, IOPC, ITOPF, Cedre, IPIECA, Sea Alarm, MONGOOS, ISPRA</p> <p>IMO, IPIECA, MOIG</p> <p>RAMOGE, IOPC, ITOPF, Cedre, IPIECA, Sea Alarm, MONGOOS</p> <p>IMO, EMSA</p>	<p>Emergency and Prevention Protocol; COP 8 Decision IG 3/5 - Establishment of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG 17/18 - Special revolving to cover expenses related to the activities of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit</p> <p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/11: Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (CSO 1)</p>	12.4; 14.1	<p>The NIP resulted from the Nat. wkps on RETOS organized from 2019 to 2023 in 19 CP. This covers ratification of Int Conv, Pre-positioned OSR equipment, Exercises and training, Industry Cont Plans, Nat OSR management system (from many organizations). The recent Study financed by MASE on response in case of accidents involving alternative fuels and LSF (related to implementation of MED SECA)</p> <p>Support to CPs to update their NCP for a timely coordinated and effective response through: Risk assessment, alerting, notification and reporting, Sensitivity mapping, mechanisms for mobilization of response equipment, Waste management (OSWMPan), restoration and post spill monitoring (Acute pollution)</p> <p>Objectives to enhance capacities to plan, prepare and execute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - periodic exercises at the national level, - sub regional exercises in coordination with other CPs, - to organise by 2027 a real case exercise in one of the Mediterranean areas <p>To support members of the SCPs in maintaining periodic trainings, exercises within framework of their respective SCPs and contributing in Synergy activities between SCPs and to benefit from activities organized within the framework of other SCPs. The RETOS assessment and the most recent study undertaken by REMPEC financed under MASE, highlighting disperaties and a possible plan of action</p> <p>Cooperation Gvt Industry: Relaunch the MGICAP (Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan) between REMPEC and MOIG, capitalize activities deriving from the IRA-MAR project (Improving the Integrated Response to pollution Accidents at sea & chemical risk in ports), assist CPs to assess the level of preparedness of National operators to OSR using RETOS - Cf Chapter 3 of IMO Manual on Oil Pollution Section II Annex</p>

	h) Guide to good Practices for port reception facility providers and users adopted in 2009, updated.		REMPEC	IMO			
Outcome 1.3. Systemic approaches for Circular Economy, eco-innovation as well as Sustainable Consumption and Production incorporated into key sectors of activity which are main sources of pollution							
1.3.1. Enhancing the capacities and networks of Business Support Organizations for Sustainable Business Development across the Mediterranean region (In-house expertise, regional meetings/webinars, travels and accommodation)	a) 100 Mediterranean Business Support Organizations supported and coached to enhance their sustainable business development services b) 20 BSO supported to improve their capacities and networks for circular business development c) 30 experts trained in circular business development	SCP/RAC	MED POL	Mediterranean Business Support Organizations; Trainers and Experts; Sustainable Entrepreneurs and Businesses	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measure B1 targeting mainly BSOs)	5.5; Targets of SDG 8, and 12	Follow-Up for the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables (b) (c). Ongoing support to BSOs in Deliverable (a) for the next biennium.
1.3.2. Implement the Switchers Support Programme (regional programme for sustainable business development) (In-house expertise, external services)	a) Enhanced support to entrepreneurs, businesses, experts and Business Support Organizations through the provision of a platform offering a full set of circular business development methodologies and tools. b) The platform counts with 8,000 registered users into the platform. C) 60 entrepreneurs and businesses supported to develop and/or enhance their circular business models.	SCP/RAC		Mediterranean Business Support Organizations; Trainers and Experts; Sustainable Entrepreneurs and Businesses; Investors/Financial Actors	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measures E1, E2, E3 and E4 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).	5.5; 5.a; Targets of SDG 8, and 12	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables. The Switchers Support Programme will continue to provide technical assistance and capacity building to green entrepreneurs. The Switchers Platform, website and ToolBox will continue to be enhanced, updated and developed during the next biennium.
1.3.3. Scale up Open Innovation and Corporate Venturing approaches (In-house expertise, consultancy, platform, training)	a) 2 Open Innovation challenges are launched in key value chains b) Technical assistance delivered to circular start ups implementing 2 solutions through open innovation procedures	SCP/RAC		Mediterranean Business Support Organizations; Trainers and Experts; Sustainable Entrepreneurs and Businesses	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measure E3 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start-ups and SMEs).	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables.
1.3.4. Enhance the Switchers Community, build a member-centered governance and internal coordination mechanisms for community development. (In-house expertise, consultancy)	a) VI and VII editions of the "Switchers Talks" (community annual meeting) are organized. b) The Switchers Products platform hosts products and services and offers marketing services to the community members. c) The Regional Communication & Marketing Campaign 2026-2027 is developed.	SCP/RAC		REVOLVE	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measure E2 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables.
1.3.5. Enhance and scale up the Sustainable Finance MED Observatory (In-house expertise, consultancy)	a) Organization of 1 Regional Forum on Sustainable Finance and Impact Investing. b) 1 Virtual Community of Practice is upscaled. c) The communication and Advocacy Plan for 2026-2027 is enhanced and upscaled.	SCP/RAC		EVPA	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measure F1 targeting mainly financial actors)	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-Up for the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables.
1.3.6. Invest in innovative sustainable/circular business models, empowering start-ups to access impact investing (In-house expertise, consultancy, regional event, Partnership Agreement)	a) the SwitchersFund second investment round is organized. b) 10 MSMEs are supported with impact investing tools (equity, quasi-equity, loans) and technical assistance.	SCP/RAC		FCdM SEFEA IMPACT FEBEA	COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) 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 (Regional Measure F2 targeting mainly financial actors)	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-Up for the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverable (a). The second investment round of the Switchers Fund shall be organized during 2026-2027.

1.3.7 Development of post-consumer textile waste recycling and revalorisation pilot projects across the Mediterranean.	<p>a) 5 Pilot projects to collect, re-use and recycle post-consumer textile waste implemented in Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, and Tunisia.</p> <p>b) 5 Pilot projects to prevent and revalorise post-consumer textile waste implemented in Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, and Tunisia.</p>	SCP/RAC	MED POL	<p>INTERREG Next Med "Waste2Fashion: Developing a Pilot Circular System for post-consumer textile waste in the Mediterranean" Project.</p> <p>CEDARE, Egyptian Clothing Bank, Next Technology Teconotessile Società Nazionale di Rizerca, Fondazione Museo del Tessuto di Prato, Federation Tunisienne du Textile et de l'Habillement, FabricAid</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</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 (Regional Measures E1 and E3 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).</p>	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	New action and new Deliverables to be considered. This new action would be covered mainly by a new EU-project called Waste2Fashion (2nd Round).
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							
1.4.1. Develop and implement a one-health approach for the Mediterranean (In-house expertise, consultancy, workshop, publication)	<p>a) 1 technical regional report as analysis of SDG6 at Mediterranean level: current state and solutions for SDG 6.3 “Improve water quality, wastewater treatment and safe reuse” implementation (consultant & in house expertise)</p> <p>b) 1 webinar</p>	PLAN BLEU, MED POL	CU, PAP/RAC	IME	<p>IG.26/8 Regional Plan on Stormwater management</p> <p>IG.25/8 Regional Plan on Urban wastewater treatment and management</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies Decision IG.25/1</p>	SDG 6, especiallySDG target 6.3	
	<p>a) 1 technical regional report on the impact of urban green infrastructure on health and climate resilience in Mediterranean cities (case studies in the southern shore where climate change significantly affects vegetation) - consultant & in house expertise</p> <p>b) 1 Regional workshop to present and discuss the technical study with national experts: based on the technical report, discussion possible strategies for implementing climate-resilient and health-promoting urban green infrastructure.</p>	Plan Bleu	PAP/RAC; SCP-RAC, CC/RAC	MedCities, C40, ICLEI, UCLG and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (circular economy)	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies Decision IG.25/1	SDG 11	
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 (Med SOx ECA), and explore the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NOx ECA) (in-house expertise, consultancy, national workshops, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meeting)	<p>a) Technical support and capacity building provided to CPs, which so request, to ratify and effectively implement MARPOL Annex VI.</p> <p>b) Implementation of different IMO guidelines on scrubbers use and potentially the development of a regional policy/recommendations of the discharge of wash water from scrubbers (follow up to MASE Study)</p>	REMPEC	CU, MED POL, PB/RAC	IMO, EMSA, Med MoU, Paris MoU	<p>IMO 79th MEPC on designation of the Med SOx ECA</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/14 - Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (CSO 2)</p>	12.4; 14.1	SECA Enforcement: Focus to be given to development of twinning visits between CPs to enhance enforcement capacity across the region. NECA - development of a roadmap for the possible designation of a NOx ECA, including the proposal to be submitted to IMO for consideration.
	c) Support [port twinning/exchanges] 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 (Med SOx ECA), including enforcement related to ships equipped with scrubbers. (Focus should be given to enforcement)			IMO, HELCOM, OSPAR, Bonn Agreement			
	d) Technical and Feasibility Study on the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Nitrogen Oxides (Med NOx ECA) as well as related roadmap prepared and validated by the relevant bodies with a view to submission to COP25.			IMO, HELCOM, OSPAR, Bonn Agreement			
	e) Exchange best practices and crease more awareness on the NOx ECA through the organization of webinars and a regional seminar			IMO, HELCOM, OSPAR, Bonn Agreement			

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 2.1. Ecosystem resilience improved through restoration of those with best regeneration potential							
2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication (In-house expertise, consultancy, online meetings, in person workshops, external services)	a) 5 country factsheets with specific policy recommendations based on Action Sites experiences. The only Mediterranean site is the Venice Lagoon in Italy where the focus will be on making recommendations on adopting adaptive management for salt marshes restoration/conservation b) Final Advocacy paper to promote awareness on government strategies at stakeholder level for wetland restoration	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC	H2020 Waterlands project Partners	COP22 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) Specific section: 4.4. Enabling tools for marine biodiversity conservation	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	Follow-up of the current biennium with additional deliverables. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: Outcome 2
	c) Recovery plans and emergency actions, both in situ and ex situ as required, for endangered and threatened species whose depends on such actions, developed and implemented for at least for 2 species to be decided at the SPA/RAC FP meeting	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties Agreed Action Plan Partners; Euro Med Dialogue 4 Nature, IUCN-med,	Action 2 of the Post-2020 SAPBIO: COP22 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) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	Based on the guidelines to develop Recovery Plans and Emergency action developed during the current Pow 2024-2025, recovery plans and emergency actions will be implemented for 2 species
	d) At least X Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the Restoration programme of Pinna nobilis.	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Partners, IUCN-Med	Annex V of the COP22 Decision IG.26/5 -Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	based on the work undertaken during the current Pow 2024-2025 and on the restoration programme adopted by COP23, selected actions will be implemented
	e) Inventory of ecosystems with the highest ecological relevance and/or regeneration potential (as nursery areas, carbon stocks, avoiding coastal erosion, preventing or reducing the impact of natural disasters) such as Posidonia beds, coralligenous assemblages, wetlands, and dune systems, among others, developed at least in 2 countries	SPA/RAC,	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Partners, IUCN-Med	Action 12 of the Post-2020 SAPBIO: COP22 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) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	Based on the criteria to undertake inventories of ecosystem developed during the current Pow 2024-2025, two countries will be assisted to draw up such inventory
	f) Mainstreamed restoration of coastal ecosystems and landscapes into ICZM/coastal plans and programmes in at least 2 countries g) Methodology for preparation of restoration plan in coastal zones developed and presented to the CPs	SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC	CU, Plan Bleu/RAC	CPs; Mediterranean Forest Initiative	COP22 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) Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 10, 11,12, 18, 27 and 32)	15.9; 15.1; 15.2; 14.1; 14.2	Follow up of the current biennium with additional deliverables New activity proposed pending resources
Outcome 2.2. Comprehensive, coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed MPAs and OECMs in place, expanded, effective and sustainable							

<p>2.2.1. Support the Contracting Parties in protecting and conserving the Mediterranean Sea through well-connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures</p> <p>(in-house expertise, consultancy, external services, national and regional meetings, field surveys, national and regional trainings/workshops, exchange visits, conferences, financial support to countries)</p>	a) Guidance on operational measures and associated protective measures for the effective implementation of PSSAs (shipping activities) (in view of 30x30 commitments) to be submitted to REMPEC Focal Points	REMPEC	SPA/RAC	IMO, ACCOBAMS, PELAGOS Agreement	COP 23 Decision IG.26/5; Article 11 Emergency & Prevention Protocol	5, 14	New Activity
	b) Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) operational to guide the implementation of the Post-2020 MCPA & OECM Regional Strategy in order to achieve the 30x30 CBD Target operational (meetings, webinars, tools, etc.)	SPA/RAC	CU	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	Annex I of the COP22 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 Annex 1 of the COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	5, 14, 17	
	c) Management and business plans elaborated for MCPAs in Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia based on sound scientific knowledge, comprehensive consultation and engagement of stakeholders.	SPA/RAC	CU	Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP22 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) 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	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1	
	d) MCPA management effectiveness improved through the implementation of management plans and capacity building programme in Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.	SPA/RAC	CU	Respective Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP22 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) 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	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1	
	e) Management effectiveness assessed in existing MCPAs/SPAMIs in Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia using the Integrated Management effectiveness Tool (IMET).	SPA/RAC	CU and other MAP Component as relevant	Respective Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP22 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) 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	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1	
	f) Best practices shared, direct and indirect MPA-related community gathered, priority action for effective implementation of the MCPA-OECM g) Visibility and advocacy on MPAs in the Mediterranean increased and commitments for achieving 30by30 strengthen through the Fourth edition of the Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	EU funded SEMPA project, MedPAN (co-organizer with SPA/RAC), REMPEC, ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med, WWF (technical partners), host country environmental authorities, local partners.	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)-Action 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	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.1	
	h) OECMs are identified, recognized, and reported at national and regional levels through capacity building and awareness-raising activities (meetings, workshops, tools, webinars, trainings, etc.)	SPA/RAC	CU, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	Respective Contracting, AGEM members, FAO, GFCM, IMO, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	Action 15 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP22 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) Annex I of 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	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.0	

	i) Analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs elaborated, for submission to SPA/RAC FP meeting	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points	COP22 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	14	
	j) Status report on the Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean elaborated and disseminated	SPA/RAC	CU	MedPAN, MPA managers, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO	COP22 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	14,17	
2.2.2. Ensure effective SPAMI management and evaluation (In-house expertise, consultancy, external services, field trips, exchange visits)	a) SPAMI management status kept under review: SPAMI ordinary review (10 SPAMIs): 04 Ordinary review in 2026: - Marine Protected Area of Tavolara-Punta Coda Cavallo (Italy), - Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto (Italy), - Miramare Marine Protected Area (Italy), and - Plemmirio Marine Protected Area (Italy); 06 Ordinary review in 2027: - Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve (France), - Marine Protected Area of Capo Caccia-Isola Piana (Italy), - Punta Campanella Marine Protected Area (Italy), - Al-Hoceima National Park (Morocco), - Archipelago of Cabrera National Park (Spain), and - Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs (Spain).	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Point, SPAMI Managers, Technical Advisory Commissions	COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17	
	b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes Implemented: (i) exchange visits implemented for management issues diagnosis, habitats conservation & fishing impacts, (ii) Medium-term on-the-job training implemented in twinned SPAMIs, (iii) Peer-to-peer support and mentoring: actions to strengthen management effectiveness in twinned SPAMIs and/or joint monitoring programmes implemented.	SPA/RAC	CU	SPAMIs, National authorities, NGOs	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	14,17	
	c) SPAMI network is supported through implementing activities contributing to their effective management or through possible declaration of new SPAMIs, 2 CPs supported	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17	
Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation							
	a) Status of implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea assessed and Action Plan updated	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	National experts and organizations, NGOs, MPN, SPA/BD Focal Points, Agreed Action Plans Partners; GFCM	Annex II of the COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean, Action 1 of the Post-2020 SAPBIO: COP22 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)	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	

<p>2.3.1. Implement regional and national actions to boost the implementation of the Action Plans on marine key habitats</p>	<p>b) Scientific updates shared, to take stock of newest knowledge and address emergent issues of the marine key habitats, proceedings disseminated through 8th Mediterranean Symposium on marine vegetation, 5th Mediterranean Symposium on the Conservation of the Coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions and 4th Mediterranean symposium on the dark habitats</p>	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Agreed Action Plan Partners, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN, etc	COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	
	<p>c) Measures related to conservation in the Mediterranean marine ecosystems to respond to mass mortality events linked to heatwaves' events implemented</p>	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Action Plan Partners, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14, 17, 19 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	
<p>2.3.2. Effectively implement the updated regional Strategy and Action Plans for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and share related best practices</p>	<p>a) Status of implementation of the Action plans for the conservation of cetacean in the Mediterranean assessed and action plans updated</p>	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN, Agreed Action Plan Partners,	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean 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 Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	<p>b) Priority actions to fill key knowledge gaps (through scientific research), for threatened and endangered species supported, including monitoring and threats mitigation (i.e., Marine Litter, Underwater Noise, Collision, CC, etc.) .</p>	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN, Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean COP22 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 Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14 and 18 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	

	c) Conservation status of threatened and endangered species improved at national and regional levels as provided for in the related updated regional Action Plans and strategy (Monk seal, Cartilaginous fishes, marine Turtles, cetaceans and marine & coastal Birds).	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN-Med, Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean 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 Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14 and 18 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	d) NAP + integrating fisheries within the blue economy and aligned with the Post 2020 SAPBIO goals and targets, including investment plan, drafted in interested CPs	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 14, 32 and 33 of Post2020 SAPBIO: 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)	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	GEF funded FishEBM Project
	e) Interested CPs supported in the establishment of a national public-private blue economy partnership	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Action 14, 32 and 33 of Post2020 SAPBIO: 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)	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	GEF funded FishEBM Project
2.3.3. Implement conservation measures and share best practices related to threatened and endangered species listed in Annex II to SPA/BD Protocol	a) Capacity building and best practices shared through a Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries b) Capacity building and best practices shared on cartilaginous identification and conservation, including rescue center twining programme for turtles	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean COP22 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 Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14 and 18 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	

(In-house expertise, consultancy, training awareness raising)	c) Mechanism to deal with Bycatch mitigation including the adaptation and/or ban of fishing gears most harmful to biodiversity including on the seabed, developed and their implementation started in several countries so that the bycatch of species in bad conservation status is reduced to a level that allows full recovery	SPA/RAC		GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN-Med, Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; COP22 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 Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 22 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: 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) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
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) (in-house expertise, consultancy, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meetings and events, national capacities building)	a) Scientific updates shared, to take stock of newest knowledge and address emergent issues related to NIS through 3rd Mediterranean Symposium on the Non-Indigenous Species.	SPA/RAC	REMPEC	Agreed Action Plan Partners	Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol Action 4, 5, 6, 14, 201 of the 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)	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	
	b) Measures to cope with the negative effects of non-indigenous species on biodiversity as well as those of other potential stressors identified and disseminated.	SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Annex IV of the Decision IG.25/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	
	c)Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the updated regional NIS Action Plan.	SPA/RAC	REMPEC	Agreed Action Plan Partners		14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	
	d) Targeted technical support provided to CPs 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	CU, SPA/RAC	IMO, GEF, UNDP, EBRD, ACCOBAMS, Pelagos Agreement, HELMEPA		14	This activity was retained as that set out in the PoW 2024-25 but was adjusted (especially the reference to the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)). New deliverables were included with a view to implementing related actions arising from the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027) over the biennium 2026-2027. Consultation with SPA/RAC needs to be carried out to align deliverables accordingly. Biofouling Management from ships has
	e) Regional Guidelines on Management of Biofouling and related capacity building activities in at least 3 CPs developed						
	f) Regional information and decision support system or tool developed.						

g) Guidelines for the development of national law to give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulations and technical arrangements for its enforcement, developed and submitted to REMPEC Focal Points;					COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)		become a major issue having a direct environmental impact. Various international studies have been undertaken, including one for the Med. This can also be a means for GHG Emission reduction.
h) A regional online BWM Working Group to drive the process towards harmonization of BWM measures in the region established and report submitted to REMPEC Focal Points;							

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 3.1. Legal, policy and institutional framework strengthened at the regional and national level to efficiently address climate change related challenges (flooding, erosion, land degradation, pollution, disasters etc.)							
3.1.1. Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans (In-house expertise, consultancy, online and in person training workshops, online meetings, external services)	a) Planning capacities to address climate change impact on fishery sector and marine resources in coastal areas through trainings and support for the development of related measures	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 13 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : 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)	5.5; 13.2; 13.b	GEF-funded Fish EBM Project.
	b) Mainstreamed adaptation to climate change into coastal plans and programmes in at least 2 countries c) Building capacities for development of the Coastal Plans through a regional training showcasing Methodological Guidelines for the preparation of the Coastal Plans	PAP/RAC	Respective CPs	CPs, GEF MedProgramme	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 8, 18, 22 and 23); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM; UNFCCC Art. 4, paragraph 1(e); RCCAF	5, 13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 13.5; 14 and 15	Follow up of the current biennium results with additional deliverables
	d) Coastal resilience platform upgraded with new case studies from the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC		CPs, GEF MedProgramme	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 8, 15, 22 , 23, 25 and 32) RCCAF	13.3	Follow up of the previous externally funded activity to benefit all Mediterranean countries
3.1.2. Establishment of Community of practice for coastal climate adaptation	a) Community on Practice on Climate Change Adaptation launched and established on line b) Sharing and exchanging of experiences through at least of 2 on-line meetings among CPs to address coastal climate adaptation	PAP/RAC	CC/RAC; INFO/RAC	CPs, PEERS, OCP, Medecc	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 8, 15, 22 , 23, 25 and 32) RCCAF	13.3; 14; 15.9	Follow up of the previous externally funded activity to benefit all Mediterranean countries
	c) State of play of the current landscape of funding opportunities at global and regional for climate change adaptation to enhance the relevant capacities of the CPs	CC/RAC	CU and other Components	EU, UfM, Green Climate Fund, UNFCCC, CBD, IMO	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Strategic Direction 3.1. Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.1; 14.2	
	d) The potential of blue carbon ecosystems to support climate change mitigation efforts in the Mediterranean region identified, building and adding value to the existing recent studies	CC/RAC	SPA/RAC; Plan Bleu/RAC; PAP/RAC	EU, UfM, Blue Mediterranean Partnership, Pamex, Mediterranean Posidonia network	Decision IG.22/2 MSSD 2016-2025 Strategic Action 4.3.3. COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Strategic Direction 2.2.	13.1, 13.2, 14.2, 14.5; 17.6; 17.9	There is an increasing emphasis on integrating innovative financial mechanisms at both national and regional levels. One example is the ongoing work around Posidonia oceanica, a vital seagrass species in the Mediterranean that plays a critical role in carbon sequestration. The Mediterranean Posidonia Network, which brings together various stakeholders, demonstrates how targeted initiatives can enhance regional collaboration in protecting marine ecosystems while contributing to climate change mitigation. In this regard, France's implementation of a carbon tax highlights the potential for broader application of such financial instruments across the Mediterranean. MAP components can play a vital role in promoting similar initiatives throughout the region, advocating for legal frameworks and economic policies that incentivize green practices.
	e) Capacity-building and best practice exchange shared on the application of nature-based solutions to enhance climate change mitigation through the regional workshops	CC/RAC PAP/RAC			Decision IG.22/2 MSSD 2016-2025 Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.1, 13.2, 14.2, 14.5, 17	

3.1.3. Enhancing coastal risk management and climate adaptation through integrated planning	a) Handbook for Coastal Risk Management and Climate Adaptation through Integrated Planning	PAP/RAC			Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 8, 15, 22, 23 and 25)	13.3; 14; 15.9	Follow up of the previous externally funded activity to benefit all Mediterranean countries, pending financial resources
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							
3.2.1. Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/ green economy. (In-house expertise, consultancy, online and in person workshops and meetings)	a) Technical report to strengthen ecological connectivity through NbS and nature restoration in coastal urban areas based on case studies delivered and reviewed by a regional workshop and its outcome published (consultant & in house expertise)	Plan Bleu/RAC	PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Forest Initiative (UNEP/MAP), IUCN	COP22 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). Goal 3 Enable the necessary transformative change, putting in place tools and nature-based solutions for implementation and mainstreaming	SDG 11	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 3.2 Short rationale: the Resilient Cities theme allows for more in-depth work on topics and approaches that specifically focus on the urban-rural continuum at different levels - large-scale landscape conservation and restoration in peri-urban zones and rural hinterlands, the source-to-sea approach and bioregionalism. The activity build up the new MSSD 2026-2035 and achievements of the GEF Medprogramme CP 2.1 and SCCF projects (2019-2025).
	b) Methodological guideline to strengthen integration of NbS such as urban greening techniques, green corridors, selection of species adapted to new climates into climate change adaptation plans & strategies of Mediterranean cities (consultant and in house expertise)	Plan Bleu/RAC	CC/RAC	IUCN, ICLEI	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDGs 11 / 16 / 17	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 3.2 Short rationale: To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 3.2 The Resilient Cities theme allows for more in-depth work on topics and approaches that specifically focus on the urban-rural continuum at different levels - large-scale landscape conservation and restoration in peri-urban zones and rural hinterlands, the source-to-sea approach and bioregionalism. The activity build up the new MSSD 2026-2035 and achievements of the GEF Medprogramme CP 2 1 and SCCF projects (2019-2025)
	c) 1 policy paper on ecosystem restoration (marine/coastal/terrestrial ecosystems) to be presented at the annual institutional dialogue event with Euro Mediterranean partners in 2026 and 2027 and travel to cover expenses of participants (from south Med countries) d) 2 annual dialogue summary reports (1 in 2026 and 1 in 2027) on ecosystem restoration with a focus on governance challenges related to marine/coastal restoration challenges and implications of the EU Nature Restoration Law in the Mediterranean region. e) One SIMPEER exercise carried out on national forest strategies (or other relevant topic based on needs) back to back with an Annual Institutional Dialogue event, involving 3 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention: one from each shores (priority to those CP who haven't done it in previous exercises).	Plan Bleu/RAC	SPA/RAC	Partners from the Interreg Euro Med D4N project	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDG 15	Follow up of the current biennium with additional deliverables. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: Outcome 3
	f) Technical report on the adaptation to climate change through Mediterranean forests through diversification of forest species (seedlings for mixed forests) resilience to water stress of species and its review in national workshop in Morocco and Tunisia (consultant & in-house expertise, national workshops)	Plan Bleu/RAC	CC/RAC PAP/RAC; CU	UNEP, FAO, CIHEAM, école forestière de Rabat Salé (MO) ; INAT Tunisie	COP 19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDG 15	New activity and deliverable supported by UNEP HQ. Short rationale: Plan Bleu/RAC is willing to contribute to the MedForest Initiative (especially Outcomes 2 & 5), new flagship initiative of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Developmen, and by joining the initial task force coordinating the launch of the initiative in collaboration with UNEP HQ as well as other key regional partners. Plan Bleu/RAC will also be involved in its implementation, by contributing to the proposed outcome: identifying and co-designing solutions for the adaptation of Mediterranean forests to climate change. Plan Bleu/RAC would implement in collaboration with research
	g) Handbook for Strengthening Coastal Resilience with NbS	CC/RAC	PAP/RAC; MED POL; REMPEC		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 10, 22, 23, 27 and 32); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	13.3; 14; 15	Follow up of the previous externally funded activity to benefit all Mediterranean countries, pending financial resources

<p>3.4.1. Demonstrate mitigation and nature regeneration potential of Circular Economy business models, facilitating innovative solutions and engage with private and public stakeholders</p> <p>(In-house expertise, consultancy, reports, decision support tool)</p>	<p>a) 1 Updated JUST2CE Decision Support System with carbon footprint indicators and climate change mitigation indicators/strategies disseminated via capacity building and technical assistance.</p> <p>b) 2 sector-focused reports on Circular Economy innovation and climate change mitigation opportunities targeting specific value chains</p> <p>c) 1 sector-focused reports addressing mitigation potential of sustainable consumption and 1.5 degree lifestyle policies in the Mediterranean developed.</p> <p>d) Best practices shared and exchanged on just transition mechanisms to circular economy through 1 regional workshop with public and private stakeholders accross the Mediterranean region</p>	SCP/RAC	CC/RAC	ACEN, University of Sheffield, University of Vigo, UAB	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</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 (Regional Measure E4 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).</p>	12.3	<p>Follow up of the current biennium with additional deliverables (b) and (d). Updated numbers and additional information Deliverables (a) and (c). Ongoing support to the Decision Support System (DSS) Tool will be continued. The JUST2CE project has been awarded with the EU special qualification as one of the best Horizon 2020 projects, which gives us space to upscale lessons learned and capitalize results on just transition mechanisms in Circular Economy.</p>
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<p>4.2.1. Promote sustainable and resilient tourism in the Mediterranean Region</p> <p>(workshop, in-house expertise, consultancy, publication, translation)</p>	<p>a) 1 Policy Paper for the "Med Cluster on climate change, nature & Biodiversity" for the euro-Mediterranean countries</p> <p>b) 1 in-person annual meeting gathering the members of the 4 Med clusters. Plan Bleu/RAC in charge of the "Med Cluster on climate change, nature & Biodiversity"</p> <p>c) 1 study visit plan for policy/decision makers on sustainable tourism</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC		C4T consortium Interreg Euro Med Program	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	Goals 8, 12 and 14 on inclusive and sustainable economic growth	
	<p>d) 1 comprehensive methodology to assess the main coastal tourism-related issues concerning climate change, including lessons learnt and policy recommendations "</p> <p>e) 1 catalogue of best practices to disseminate and highlight successful project achievements on resilient tourism against climate change, particularly within the Interreg Euro Med community.</p> <p>f) Strengthening the climate resilience of a French pilot site through the implementation of ecosystem-based approaches</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC		NT4CC partnership	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	Goals 8, 12 and 14 on inclusive and sustainable economic growth	
<p>4.2.2 Enhancing the strategic role of MSP for the blue economy</p>	<p>a) Supported green transition of maritime sectors within MSP, based on EGD, at the Mediterranean scale</p> <p>b) Supported the EGD-oriented blue economy initiative towards MSP in Albania</p>	PAP/RAC		MediGreen	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 3, 6, 9 and 10); COP 23 Decision IG.26/13	SDGs 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15	Continuation of the MTF activity (particularly in Albania) with the support of external project
<p>4.2.3. Demonstrate the impact of Green and Circular Economy entrepreneurship in delivering social, economic and environmental value</p>	<p>a) 10 sustainable new businesses and start-ups, selected through open calls in collaboration with countries, supported to assess their environmental, social and economic impact.</p> <p>b) Regional communication campaign showcasing the environmental and social positive impacts of sustainable businesses developed</p>	SCP/RAC		Sustainable Businesses, Impact Assessment experts	<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</p> <p>COP22 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 (Regional Measure E4 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).</p>	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables. A new regional communication campaign will be designed and launched.
<p>4.2.4. Boost targeted actions for a sustainable and inclusive Blue economy transition at regional and national levels</p> <p>(in-house expertise, consultancy, workshops publication, translation, databases, policy brief)</p>	<p>a) At Least 20 innovative transformative solutions to prevent and eliminate pollution of ocean, seas and waters are identified and documented for the Mediterranean Bassin.</p> <p>b) Results, best practices and lessons learned of the Mediterranean Sea Lighthouse are showcased through a regional event gathering blue economy stakeholders, including private and public actors, across the Mediterranean.</p>	SCP/RAC		Sustainable Businesses, Impact Assessment experts	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</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 (Regional Measure T2 addressing sectors of relevance for the Barcelona Convention)</p>	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	Follow-Up of the current biennium with additional information and updated Deliverables. A new regional event is foreseen to mainstream the results and lessons learned of the 3-year project BlueMissionMed and the MEditerranean Sea Lighthouse.
<p>4.2.5. Support the implementation of SCP, circular economy and innovative sustainable economies at regional and national levels</p> <p>(in-house expertise, consultancy, internet portal, policy brief)</p>	<p>a) Technical assistance and capacity building is provided to public authorities on circular economy related instruments, including on ecodesign, product information/passport, public procurement.</p> <p>b) The Switchers Policy Hub on green and circular economy transition in the Mediterranean is strengthened by increasing its community and developing new content.</p> <p>c) Policy developments and connection with the Barcelona Convention framework are facilitated in the framework of the InterregMed Community4Innovation, contribution to a Mediterranean Innovatives sustainable economy Hub is made, transferring of knowledge to southern Mediterranean countries is facilitated.</p> <p>d) Policy developments and connection with the Barcelona Convention are facilitated in the framework of the InterregMed Dialogue4 innovation, contribution to the monitoring of Mediterranean collaboration network is made, collaborations are facilitated, support for the replication of transformative innovation policy labs is provided.</p>	SCP/RAC		Sustainable Businesses, Impact Assessment experts	<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing)</p> <p>COP22 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 (Regional Measure P1 targeting mainly policy-makers and public authorities).</p>	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	Follow-Up of the current biennium. The INTERREG Dialogue for Innovation and Community for Innovation are two EU-funded projects lasting 5 years. Their activities are foreseen to be finalised by 2029. Enhanced support to private sector and countries will continue to support the development of Mediterranean Innovative Sustainable Development hubs.

4.2.6. Support the implementation of the SCP Regional Action Plan and the incorporation of the new provisions in the UN legally binding instrument on plastic pollution (Plastic Treaty) across the Mediterranean region	a) Integrate SCP principles into national policies, strategies, and legal frameworks by providing technical assistance to two Mediterranean countries to ensure the adoption of the new provisions of the Plastic Treaty in line with the SCP Regional Action Plan. b) 2 national gap analyses in Mediterranean countries to assess policy needs in relation to the SCP Action Plan and the Plastic Treaty.	SCP/RAC		Sustainable Businesses, Impact Assessment experts	COP19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Operational Objective 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 on Goods Manufacturing) COP22 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	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	New activity for the next bienium on the interlinkages of the SCP Regional Action and new adopted verison of the Plastic Treaty.
Outcome 4.3. Innovative environmental management and economic instruments implemented for the protection and efficient use of coastal and marine resources							
4.3.1. Support the effective use by CPs of economic instruments and other tools for nature conservation and sustainable development in order to diversify the policy mix in the Mediterranean	a) Exploring Mediterranean water investment gap and identifying adapted financial tools Reviewed by a regional workshop / roundtable to mobilize water investments	Plan Bleu/RAC		EU WES Project, GWP-Med	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	cross cutting, with a focus on SDG sub objective 6.5.1	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4 Context: climate adaptation gap is a key issue for COP29 Azerbaijan ('finance-COP'), UNOC3 (especially during the "Blue Economy and Finance Forum"), and has already intensely been discussed during the "Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)" from the World Bank. Short rationale: Plan Bleu would work on further elaborate on the Mediterranean Water Investment Gap and accelerate existing global efforts for mobilizing the financing and private sector for adaptation finance and other PPP (linked with the activity the 'Blended Finance for a Greener Future" of the "Economic / Finance axis" proposed by Plan Bleu. This would also build on Plan Bleu's existing efforts on Environmentally Harmful Subsidies (EHS), e.g. on the relationship between fossil fuel subsidies (FFS), water stress, and energy consumption or the assessment of water subsidies, desalination, and sustainable resource management. All Plan Bleu's productions on water topic should feed Mediterranean working groups and involved stakeholders, mainly for countries or regions which exacerbates potential knowledge gaps. Capacity building activities could be built and handled by Plan Bleu to strengthen a Mediterranean network on water.
	b) 1 operational guide to local and national decision-makers on accessing funding for NbS implementation for urban adaptation and resilience to environmental changes	Plan Bleu/RAC		EBRD, GWP-Med	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDGs 3 / 11 / 17	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4 Short rationale: capacity-building activity to support local and national decision-makers to access and support funding for NbS for urban adaptation in the Mediterranean. The activity would allow drafting guidelines on accessing funding and developing funding mechanisms for NbS in urban zones.
	c) 1 open interactive mapping of relevant seagrass restoration sites and actions in the Mediterranean d) 1 regional action plan for seagrass restoration including guidelines for the integration of the value of seagrass services e) 1 final project conference organized enhancing seagrass ecosystem services integration through Policy and Advocacy	Plan Bleu/RAC	SPA/RAC	ARTEMIS Project consortium	COP22 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)	SDG 14	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed and to be coordinated with the implementation of the new flagship initiative POSIDONIA of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Developmen, led by SPA/RAC The ARTEMIS project aims to accelerate the restoration of seagrass meadows and their ecosystem services in the Euro-MED area by improving restoration techniques, developing financial solutions and integrating seagrass values into policy and investment programmes, through 4 pilot sites. Plan Bleu is the Lead Partner and coordinates and supports the project partners and the overall activities. Plan Bleu also lead the policy, governance, and impact activities, coordinates the Meadow-to-Policy transnational peer learning programme, lead the transnational policy observatory for seagrass ecosystem services integration, and organize high-level capitalisation events and communicate in key international conferences (Barcelona Convention COP, Ministerial events, etc.) for seagrass ecosystem service integration. ARTEMIS will provide inputs to the ongoing work at EU level related to the Corporate Social Responsibility Directive (CSRD) which will require private sector organizations to reduce/mitigate risks related to nature and invest in biodiversity. Specifically, ARTEMIS will provide tested methodologies and tools for PES schemes implementation in marine restoration projects, such as seagrass meadows restoration.

(In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation)	Blended Finance for a Greener Future: aligning private investments with public sector sustainability goals and corporate social responsibility f) 10 papers, each on a specific subtheme, written by Mediterranean researchers, to be grouped in a Plan Bleu/UNEP/MAP Edited Volume (consultant & inhouse expertise) g) 1 regional academic in -person Workshop to discuss the 1st drafts of the paper, so as to strengthen their content	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU	Mediterranean researchers/consultants from academia (Plan Bleu network)	COP 19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDG 8, Crosscutting	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4 Short rationale: the activity will address the need for strategic alignment of private investments with public sector sustainability objectives. It aims to mobilize private capital, the potential of which is massive as recognized by the Sustainable Finance WG and by institutions like the OECD, towards sustainable development through approaches that maximize both environmental impact and financial returns, also leveraging a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) framework. This activity will follow a proven Plan Bleu approach (see Environmentally Harmful Subsidies report and forthcoming Green Economic Tools and Public Finances report) by issuing a Call for Papers (early 2026), inviting Mediterranean researchers to contribute their expertise on blended finance for sustainability (“Act 3”). Selected submissions will be funded and presented in draft form at a Plan Bleu academic workshop (2026), fostering discussions and allowing to strengthen the final papers that will culminate in the publication of an Edited Volume (late 2026/ early 2027), showcasing cutting-edge research and actionable insights.
	Foundations for a Mediterranean Green Taxonomy: practical guidelines for sustainable finance: practical guidelines for sustainable finance h) 10 papers, each on a specific subtheme, written by Mediterranean researchers, to be grouped in a Plan Bleu/UNEP/MAP Edited Volume (consultant & inhouse expertise) i) 1 regional academic in -person Workshop to discuss the 1st drafts of the paper, so as to strengthen their content	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU	Mediterranean researchers/consultants from academia (Plan Bleu network), possible cooperation with OECD	COP 19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDG 8, Crosscutting	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4 Short rationale: the activity will address the possible development of a region-specific taxonomy to guide sustainable finance (strong emphasis on climate change adaptation), a key issue raised by the MSSD - Sustainable Finance WG. It shall provide insights and provide possible guidelines to help investors and policymakers align financing with environmental goals (“Act 4”). As with the previous line, it will include a Call for Papers (late 2026/early 2027), academic workshop (2027), culminating in an Edited Volume (late 2027).
	j) Preparation of a paper on Empowering Communities Sustainable Finance : Ways Forward, through a participatory process to enhance sustainable finance and Moving Away from Harmful Subsidies k) 2 virtual meetings of the Community Empowerment Working Group (based to the extent possible on the WG on Sustainable Finance established under the MSSD) to discuss and exchange views on the use of financial instruments and progress achieved in phasing out environmentally harmful subsidies	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU	Local communities (territories, municipalities), international and financial organizations, academia and CPs representatives	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	SDG 8, Crosscutting	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4 Short rationale: Plan Bleu will establish a WG, that will meet once a year (virtually), discussing financial instruments suited to the needs of Med local and national communities.This will also include a discussion on progress achieved in phasing out environmentally harmful subsidies (following a similar model to that of the MSSD revision WG of 2024-25). It will include representatives from local communities (territories, municipalities), international and financial organizations, academia and CPs that will address local challenges and share best practices, setting the base for a more inclusive ecosystem for sustainability in the Mediterranean. It will allow producing a short (4-5 page) paper on “Empowering Communities through Sustainable Finance : Ways Forward” and raise issues that may be addressed in future POWs.
	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 (in-house expertise, consultancy, online trainings, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meeting)	a) Guidelines to promote sustainable marine renewable energies prepared for submission to MedPol FP meeting	MED POL	REMPEC	IOGP -MOIG	COP19 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	9.4; 14.2	This activity was retained, together with the related deliverables, in accordance with the Revised MOAP (as approved by COP24)
	b) Criteria, rules standards and procedures in accordance with the Revised Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan developed and adopted by COP25	REMPEC, CU			COP21 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 the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan		
	c) Online training organised on selected topics, as set out in the Revised Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan and organisation of sub regional workshops				COP22 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		
	d) Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) organized and held; Offshore Protocol implementation and Annexes to the Offshore Protocol kept under review; sharing of best practices and latest relevant developments.				COP22 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		
	e) Dedicated website for Offshore Protocol to create the necessary visibility developed	REMPEC	INFO/RAC			9.4; 14.2	

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Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach related COP decisions, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels							
5.1.1. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with legally binding obligations under Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	a) Progress on ratification of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention; Facilitation and/or technical support provided to 3 CPs upon request.	CU	MAP Components	Participating CPs and their relevant authorities and institutions	Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 Targets	
	b) Contracting Parties develop national policies, legislation and mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of the BC Protocols. c) Technical assistance to CPs to develop national policies, regulatory frameworks and which are consistent with the BC and its Protocols is provided. d) Status of implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols reviewed, achievements and issues at stake identified. e) Coordinated assistance to address cases of implementation difficulties and or possible noncompliance situations.	CU, Compliance Committee	MAP Components	MEAs, UNEP	Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 Targets	
5.1.2. Effective Implementation and Enforcement of Post-2020 SAPBIO	a) At least 2 Mediterranean countries are assisted to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by fully incorporating the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : 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)	17,14	
	b) The collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO assessed	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : 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)	14,17	
	c) Socio-economic and ecological impacts of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions with very high priority are measured, analyzed, and documented	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : 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)	14,17	
5.1.3. Mid-term evaluation of the post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECMs in the Mediterranean	a) Mid-term (2026) evaluation of the Post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECM in the Mediterranean undertaken, through its Evaluation and Monitoring Framework, with conclusions and recommendations for the Strategy implementation by 2030 elaborated	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points, AGEM members, regional Partners	COP22 Decision IG.26/5 -Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration	14,17	
5.1.4. Ensure Contracting Parties compliance with adopted monitoring and reporting under Barcelona Convention Protocols (in-house expertise, national assistance)	a) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligation under the Prevention and Emergency Protocol and related IMO Conventions.				COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper		

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	b) BCRS, REMPEC Country Profile, MEDGIS-MAR, MIDSIS-TROCS, MENELAS Information System maintained; and updated by all Contracting Parties.	REMPEC	CU, INFO/RAC, DG ECHO	IMO, DG ECHO, EMSA	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	All SDG 14 targets	
	c) Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean established and awareness raised on its use				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)		

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	d) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligation under the ICZM Protocol	PAP/RAC	CU, INFO/RAC		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 31)	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15	
5.1.5. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with ICZM Protocol	a) Status of the implementation of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM Action Plan and reccomandation for possible update submitted to MAP FP meeting b) Report on comparative analysis of the land policy instruments for coastal management	PAP/RAC	CU, Other relevant componetns		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 17, 20 and 32)	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15	
5.1.6 Ensure MAP Data Policy full implementation at regional and as appropriate at national levels	a) MAP Data Policy Annexes related to each UNEP/MAP data flow tuned and updated. b) Dissemination activities carried out among CPs in order to facilitate the Data Policy implementation; c) Assistance/training workshops for CPs for MAP data sharing Policy implementation on general and particular (at country level) issues; d) Effectiveness of MAP Data Policy principles application in time evaluated (e.g. through monitoring on data retrieved from Countries); e) Support MAP Components and CU in the correct and full interpretation of MAP Data Policy and its application at country level.	INFO/RAC	CU, MAP Components	UNEP	COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance COP22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	SDG 14 Targets	

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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							
5.2.1. Deliver successfully COP 25 of MAP Barcelona Convention (in-house expertise, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, side events, travel arrangements)	a) COP 25 Declaration, Decisions including the PoW 2026-2027 reviewed and adopted, recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the MCSD reviewed. b) Progress achieved during the biennium 2024-2025 reviewed and acknowledged. c) Status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols reviewed. d) MAP visibility and outreach enhanced.	CU	All MAP Components	Host country, CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 targets;17.14	
5.2.2. Deliver successfully the 22nd Meeting of the MCSD (in-house expertise, consultancy, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meetings)	a) 22 nd Meeting of the MCSD successfully implemented (2027), strengthened Partnerships and ownership for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean. b) MCSD Inputs provided to COP 25 c) 2 meetings of the MCSD Steering Committee successfully implemented	CU	Plan Bleu/RAC, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
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). (in-house expertise, consultancy, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meetings)	a) The 98th, 99th and 100th Meetings of the Bureau as well as a Bureau meeting on the eve of COP 25 successfully held. b) Progress of implementation of the MAP PoW 2026-2027 reviewed on a 6-monthly basis. c) Guidance provided to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties on specific issues. d) Main directions of the new PoW 2028-2029 defined. 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. f) EcAp Roadmap Implementation and other related COP decisions implementation reviewed. g) Draft decisions to COP 25 reviewed and negotiated, PoW and Budget reviewed, etc. h) Technical products of MAP components reviewed by the Components Focal Points meetings. i) Integrated sessions organised based on thematic approach.	CU	All MAP Components	UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 - Mandates of the Components of MAP COP 19 Decision IG.22/17 - Reform of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and Updated MCSD Constitutive Documents COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets COP 18 Decision IG.21/15 - Financial Regulations and Rules and Procedures for the Contracting Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 32 and 33)	All SDG 14 targets , 17.14	
		MED POL					
		Plan Bleu/RAC					
		REMPEC					
		SPA/RAC					
		PAP/RAC					
		SCP/RAC					
		INFO/RAC					
5.2.4. Organize Compliance Committee Meetings (in-house expertise, conference services, travel arrangements)	a) 2 Compliance Committee Meetings successfully convened; Non-compliance situations addressed and brought to the attention of COP 25. b) Interactions and possible joint sessions with Compliance Committees of other MEAs held (e.g. ESPOO).	CU, Compliance Committee	MEDPOL, RACs	Compliance Committees under relevant MEA	Decision IG.26/1	All SDG 14 targets; 16.3; 17.14; to a lesser extent SDGs 6, 12, 13	

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5.2.5. Formulate the MAP MTS 2028-2033 through an inclusive, participatory Contracting Parties' driven process. In house expertise, consultancy, meetings of MAP Focal Points (working documents in 2 languages, information documents, conference services).	a) MTS 2022-2027 evaluation and review successfully delivered; b) MTS 2028-2033 prepared and submitted to MAP FP and COP 25 through a participatory process and under Parties' leadership.	CU	All MAP Components	CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.25/1, Decision IG.26/2	Crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
	a) Preparation of a concept note for project proposals aimed at supporting the implementation of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework, facilitating access to available funding opportunities and enabling stakeholders to engage in new adaptation initiatives across the region	CC/RAC	CU		Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 Decision IG.26/13 - Assessment Studies: Summary for Policymakers of the MedECC Special Report on Climate and Environmental COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Decision IG. 22/2 MSSD 2016-2025 Decision IG.24/3 – Governance COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.1; 13.a; 17.3	
	b) Practical guide to facilitate access to global funding opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation developed and submitted to FPs of CC/RAC	CC/RAC	CU		Decision IG. 22/6, Decision IG. 22/2 Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 Decision IG.24/3 – Governance COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.2; 13.a; 17.6	
5.2.6. Strengthen the MAP result-based programmatic framework including gender mainstreaming and sustianability of operations (in-house expertise, consultancy, MAP Task Force meetings, regional and international meetings)	a) Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW. b) Gender is mainstream in MTS, Projects and MAP Component activities Implementation	CU	RACs, MED POL		Decision IG.26/2	5.5; 5.a; 5.b; 5.c	
5.2.7 Support the ownership and capacity building of CPs in integrating MSSD objectives and actions within National Sustainable Development Strategies (in-house expertise, consultancy, regional meetings)	a) Needs Analysis conducted on ownership and capacity building of CPs b) Implementation of SIMPEER on a voluntary basis conducted c) Online regional workshop held on outcomes of a) and b) for follow up	CU	Plan Bleu/RAC, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
5.2.8 Promote outreach and regional synergies, funding opportunities and enhanced partnership of MSSD flagship initiatives (in-house expertise, regional meetings)	a) 2 Online regional workshops (1 per year) successfully implemented to maximize funding opportunities b) Targeted actions under MSSD Flagship initiatives implemented in collaboration with the leading partners	CU	Plan Bleu/RAC, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners, regional Stakeholders, MSSD flagship initiatives Leaders and Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
5.2.9. Organize SAPBIO correspondents meetings	a) Two meeting of the SAP BIO National Correspondants organized (two presential meeting in 2026 and 2027) and reports available.	SPA/RAC	All MAP Components	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents)	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : 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)	14,17	
5.2.10. Enhancing Inter-Ministerial and inter-sectoral coordination frameworks at national levels	a) Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW.	MED POL	CU, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	BSC		All SDGs as relevant	
	b) Support operation of established IMCs upon request	PAP/RAC	CU, all components as relevant		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 6 and 7); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	16, 17	

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Outcome 5.3. Policy coherence and complementarity ensured among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system’s policy and regulatory instruments							
5.3.1. Maximize synergies with Post 2020 Global agenda for the implementation of SAPBIO	a) Effective working exchanges with Global institutions of relevance for the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions (BBNJ, GBF, CBD, Regional Sesa strategic Directions) linked to their prerogatives ensured.	SPA/RAC, CU	PAP/RAC, REMPEC, Plan Bleu	CPs, UNEP, CBD, BBNJ, IMO, SCBD, FAO GFCM, UNFCCC, IUCN, IMO, UN-Oceans, UNESCO- IOC, IPBS	Action 37, 38, 41, 42 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: 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)	14,17	
5.3.2 Mainstreaming of transboundary EIA and SEA in Barcelona Convention Framework	a) Guidelines for environmental assessment in a transboundary context b) Analysis of existing legal instruments and experience in the Mediterranean on transboundary EA c) Training and capacity building on EA in a transboundary context	CU / PAP/RAC		UNECE, ESPO	COP23 Decision 26/14 Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 29 and 32)	All SDGs as relevant	
5.3.3. Strengthen cooperation for joint reporting under the BC and its Protocols (in-house expertise, national trainings, twinnings)	a) Mechanism developed for promoting mutual supportiveness with other relevant international instruments on reporting. b) Support for reporting provided at national level (e.g. e-reporting modules, twinning approach). c) Workshop to support Contracting Parties with Reporting obligations	CU and INFO/RAC	RACs, MEDPOL	MEAs	Decision IG.26/1	All SDGs as relevant	

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Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface							
5.4.1. Promote the title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats "Regional Action Plans Partners" (In-house expertise, online meetings)	a) Regional Action Plans Partners Title promoted, and the list of Action Plan Partners established for each Regional Action Plan	SPA/RAC	CU, relevant RACs	RAPs Partners	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership COP 23 Decision IG,26/5 Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17	
5.4.2. Strengthen participation and contribution of civil society and private sector to the work of MAP BC system (in-house expertise, support attendance in MAP meetings, round tables)	a) New MAP Partners added and existing MAP Partners renewed; Enhanced engagement of MAP Partners in policy development and implementation. b) Annual round table discussions held (back-to-back with other meetings).	CU	RACs, MED POL	MAP Partners, NGOs, CPs	COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership	17.6; 17.9; 17.14; 17.16; 17.17	
	c) Comprehensive plan of actions implemented, including the resource mobilization strategy for the effective and sustainable delivery of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024)	CU, REMPEC					
5.4.3. Strengthen SPI networks and enhance partnership with scientific institutions to support MAP Barcelona Convention system (In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation)	a) COR ESA meeting and evaluation of coastal & marine socio-economic activities	CU	Plan Bleu/RAC			DG 14 Targets; SDG 17.14; 17.16; 17.17	Activity linked to EcApMEDPLUS projetc,
5.4.4. Implement the targeted actions of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (in-house expertise, consultancy, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meeting, national assistance)	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 for 3 CPs.	REMPEC	CU	IMO, EMSA, UfM, WestMed Initiative	COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	SDGs 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, Especially; 12.4; 14.1	
	b) Mid Term review of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) undertaken.						
	c) Thematic meeting of REMPEC FP held in the first year of the biennium for this purpose. (included under 5.3.e. above thus additional budget required)						
	d) Youth and Gender Mainstreaming Strategy to encourage more participation of youth and women developed and submitted to REMPEC Focal Points						
Outcome 5.5. Coordinated approaches implemented to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols							

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
5.5.1. Development of project proposals to support Parties' institutions on initial implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO	a) Preparation and inception regional/ subregional level Projects for key priority strategic actions of Post-2020 SAPBIO ensured.	SPA/RAC	CU /Other RACs as per thematic	CPs, SPA/BD FPs, technical partners, Public and private donors	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: 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)	14,17	
5.5.2. Undertake capacity building on ICZM, MSP and CC	a) Training materials updated for the English and French edition of the MedOpen virtual training course. b) Two runs of MedOpen Advanced organised c) Syrian Virtual University supported through delivering seven two-hours lectures on ICZM for their Master's Degree students on Natural Resources Management	PAP/RAC			Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 25, 26 and 32); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	4, 13, 14, 15	

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 6.1. Inclusive and participatory foresight activities conducted at regional and national and local levels, with associated capacity-building							
6.1.1. Support transition towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future in the Mediterranean at 2050 – Building Back Better using strategic participatory foresight (In-house expertise, consultancy, workshop, publication, translation)	a) 4 national workshops to support transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin (avoid the worst scenario and promote the best one). b) 1 regional report with the main outputs	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU		COP22 Decision IG.25/4 - Assessment studies	Crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	Short rationale: the activity will support voluntary countries on transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin (avoid the worst scenario and promote the best one) with 4 national workshops on transition pathways around the basin and well-designed national reports with the main outputs taking stock of what is existing at country level as foresight policies and strategies to promote the need for integration of MAP decisions with sectoral national and regional policies. The beneficiary countries could be Egypt, Türkiye, Liban and Montenegro, Italy, Spain.
	c) 1 regional workshop as a Foresight exercise on future opportunities for the mediterranean non-conventional water resources sector (desalination and wastewater reuse) between 2026 and 2050	Plan Bleu/RAC		IME, FAO, other unconventional water resources expert to be mobilized for such scenarios	COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies	SDG 6, especially SDG target 6.3	Short rationale: The activity is focusing on non-conventional water resources in studying the potential interest to rely on technologies such as REUSE and desalination to complement the availability of water. A foresight exercise could be carried out on this theme for some candidate countries (e.g. Morocco, Tunisia).
	D) 1 regional report with the main outputs as deliverable on transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin e) 1 regional workshop on a Foresight exercise on future opportunities for the Mediterranean non-conventional water resources sector (desalination and wastewater reuse) f) Vulnerability mapping of coastal zones with high tourism assets g) foresight visualisation tools & modelling scenarios (coastal & urban planning h) One Recommendations booklet for decision-makers to strengthen tourism resilience	Plan Bleu/RAC		Region SUD	COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies	cross cutting	To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4.,2 Short rationale: Capitalizing on the success of a first territorial foresight project in Valbonne in France (CASAadapt project), Plan Bleu intends to replicate the project methodology on another coastal destination of Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur Region. The central aim of the project is to bring together and collaborate with researchers, urban planners, artists and local authorities to support the construction of contrasting scenarios for adapting the tourism sector to climate change, in line with local socio-history. These scenarios will then be translated into developments that are consistent with local socio-ecosystems. 3 consultation workshops based on a collective territorial foresight method will be held along with dissemination products.
Outcome 6.2. Science -based IMAP, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science -policy interface and decision making							
6.2.1. Strengthen the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes for all clusters and deliver quality assured data (in-house expertise, consultancy, IMAP TF, CORMONs)	a) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on biodiversity and NIS	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	b) At least 7 CPs supported with capacity-building; application of monitoring guidelines; and to ensure delivery of quality-assured data	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 : Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	EcAp Med Plus project
	c) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on coast and hydrography	PAP/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU		COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 16)	13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 13.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.5; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.5; 15.9	
	d) At least 7 CPs supported with capacity-building to ensure delivery of quality-assured data on coast and hydrography	PAP/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU		COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 16)	13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 13.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.5; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.5; 15.9	

	<p>e) At least 7 CPs supported to implement IMAP- based monitoring programmes for EO5, EO9, EO10 and quality-assured data reported in IMAP Info System.</p> <p>f) Up to 4 CPs supported to implement pilot monitoring for riverine inputs of litter.</p>	MEDPOL	CU, IMAP Task Force		<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report</p> <p>COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p> <p>COP23 Decision IG.26/3 - The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
<p>6.2.2. Upgrade the assessment component of IMAP including possible integrated assessment for all IMAP clusters: Focus on assessment criteria and thresholds (CI 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, CCI 26,27) (in-house expertise, external consultancy, IMAP TF, CORMONs)</p>	a) CORMON meetings on biodiversity and NIS organized annually	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	EcAp Med Plus project
	<p>b) Organisation of 2 CORMON coast and Hydrography meetings</p> <p>c) Suport CPs (up to 5) to prepare their GES for CI 16</p>	PAP/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU technical bodies;	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 16)</p>	15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.5; 15.9; 15.A	
	<p>d) Mediterranean Environmental Assessment Criteria (EACs) are established, and the Background Assessment Criteria (BACs) have been upgraded at sub-regional and regional levels, under IMAP CI 17, subject to data availability, as to address gaps within the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (MED QSR).</p> <p>e) Reference and boundary values for Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (DIN) and Total Phosphorus (TP) are developed across sub-regions, subject to data availability, by following a pilot exercise, and proposing a modality for an alternative use of satellite-derived Chlorophyll-a (Chl a) data.</p> <p>f) BAC and EAC for Common Indicator 18 (CI 18) are elaborated, including inter-sub-regional harmonization, subject to availability of biological effects data from multiple sources.</p> <p>g) Assessment methodologies along with the assessment scales are being revised to incorporate deliverables (a, b, and c), further building on the foundations established in the 2023 MED QSR</p> <p>h) Guidance Factsheet for IMAP EO10 (Marine Litter), Common and [Candidate Indicators] updated</p> <p>i) CORMON Pollution and Marine Litter meetings organized (one online, one in person)</p>	MED POL	CU, IMAP Task Force		<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria (Annex-Section III, 3)</p> <p>COP20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (Section 1)</p> <p>COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies (Article 3)</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 (Articles 11, 12, and 13)</p> <p>COP23 Decision IG.26/3 - The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean (Article 13, Annex I-section 4)</p>	14.2; 14.a	
<p>6.2.3. Further develop IMAP EO and related Common Indicators (in-house expertise, external consultancy, IMAP TF, CORMONs)</p>	a) GES and Targets developed for Common indicator of the Ecological objective 4 on marine food Webs.	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.7	
	b) Common indicators using phytoplankton and zooplankton developed to assess the GES of pelagic habitats	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.7	
	c) Guidance Factsheet for climate change related indicators	PAP/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC, CC, Other relevant components	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU technical bodies	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 16, 22 and 23)	13.3; 14; 15.9	
<p>6.2.4. Review and update of the common indicators factsheets related to Biodiversity (EO1), fisheries (EO3) and Sea-floor Integrity (EO6) (in-house expertise, external consultancy, IMAP TF, CORMONs)</p>	<p>a) Common indicators factsheets updated as appropriate for biodiversity, NIS</p> <p>b) Common indicators for factsheet for Sea-floor Integrity developed</p>	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force, GFCM	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; GFCM; EU MSFD technical bodies	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.8	
<p>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.</p>							

<p>6.3.1. Strengthen national capacities to apply harmonized and standardized monitoring and assessment practices related to pollution and marine litter in line with IMAP</p> <p>(Consultancies, UN-UN Agreement)</p>	<p>a) Intercalibration exercise is set to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicator 18.</p> <p>b) Analyses undertaken in up to 7 CPs to identify national counterparts with the greatest needs regarding provision of equipment for sampling, analysis, processing and quality assurance of data.</p> <p>c) Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 17 and 20.</p> <p>d) Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 13 and 14.</p> <p>e) Intercalibration exercise undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to floating microplastics (IMAP Common Indicator 23).</p>	MED POL	CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force		<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report</p> <p>COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</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</p> <p>COP23 Decision IG.26/3 - The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean</p>	14.a	
<p>6.3.2. Strengthen the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan monitoring framework and a regional observatory on the environment and development</p> <p>(In-house expertise, workshop, consultancy, translation, web services)</p>	<p>a) National assistance and capacity building activities provided for the implementation of EO1 and EO2</p>	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	<p>b) Citizen survey guidance for NIS monitoring under IMAP developed to strengthen public awareness and participation.</p>	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	<p>COP15 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>COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	<p>c) Data and information on water sector available on the regional Observatory to Strengthen Plan Bleu's observatory analysis (statistical analysis and maps) on water sector</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC	INFO/RAC, CU	UNEP/GRID	<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies</p>	SDG 6	<p>Short rationale: In recent years, many databases and respective datasets have been acquired, harmonized and analyzed within different Plan Bleu's publications and observatory products. However, the analysis was made at a simple statistical level. Even if trends were identified and compared between countries and different time periods, some datasets presented extreme values or weird evolution patterns. More robust statistical analysis would be required in order to identify potential correlations between one, two or multiple variables. What's more, it would strengthen the academic dimension of the Plan Bleu by carrying out and discussing robust and appropriate statistical tests for identified variables (directly/indirectly related to water) and potentially proving their joint statistical relationship(s) and dependence(s) (e.g. between different sectors of activity and their impacts on water resources), at different scales.</p>
	<p>d) 1 regional workshop to discuss and propose an update of the MSSD dashboard</p> <p>e) The updated version of the MSSD dashboard (In-house expertise; consultancy)</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU		<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies</p>	Crosscutting	<p>Short rationale: regular update of the MSSD dashbord including new ones (core SDI)</p>
	<p>f) 1 technical document exploring the possibility to develop a Post GDP indicator for the Mediterranean. (In-house expertise ; consultancy) for the Exploration of potential new indicators and data for consideration by the Contracting Parties "post-GDP indicators" to measure sustainable development more holistically in the Mediterranean</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC	CU	OSPAR, HELCOM , GOAP and including input from JRC/MARE	<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies</p>	SDG 8	<p>Short rationale: Plan Bleu is considering a new initiative on "post-GDP indicators" to measure sustainable development more holistically in the Mediterranean. This would align with recent initiatives such as the Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP) indicator (see Ouyang et al 2020), a tool developed to economically assess ecosystem services and to value nature in decision making. This approach allows us to quantify ecosystem benefits like carbon sequestration and water purification, promoting development that values ecological health alongside economic growth. The Plan Bleu activity would begin with a workshop gathering experts to discuss alternatives and develop actionable metrics. The insights from the event would be consolidated into a brief technical paper outlining key post-GDP indicators, which Plan Bleu could refine, expand upon in future work and ultimately include in its Observatory.</p>
	<p>g) 3 comprehensive technical factsheets drafted with scope and rationale, method, definition, population on Technical feasibility of 3 new indicators to complement the MSSD dashboard (on Food security index; on Fisheries & aquaculture; on harmful subsidies) (In-house expertise ; consultancy)</p>	Plan Bleu/RAC	SPA/RAC	FAO, GFCM, OECD	<p>COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies</p>	SDG 2; 12	<p>Short rationale: Based on the revision of the MSSD 216-2025, capitalizing the work initiated during the biennium 2024-2025 and the pioneering work on core SDI, Plan Bleu will propose an update of the sustainability dashboard in reviewing the root core set of the 28 indicators and in studying the feasibility to add 3 new indicators on : fisheries and aquaculture ; food security index and on on harmful subsidies. The link between the MSSD dashboard and the MSSD flagship initiatives will be done as much as possible, the flagships having their own monitoring system.</p>

	h) Regional observatory running with updated functionalities (consultants & in-house expertise)	Plan Bleu/RAC	INFO/RAC	UNEP/GRID	COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD) COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	Crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	Short rationale: technical functionalities updated according to new standards developed by UNEP/GRID and with the Knowledge Management Platform of the MAP system management by INFO/RAC. Further development of functionalities of the Mediterranean Observatory allow high level visualization of human induced pressures and state of the environment.
	i) SCP indicators dashboard is further updated and the latest data is uploaded within WESR Mediterranean (MapX). j) SCP Indicators are updated in the MSSD Dashboard in line with the new MSSD and the SCP-related targets in the Strategy.	SCP/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC		COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD) (Objective 5)	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	Follow-up of current biennium with additional deliverable and action (b) on new SCP related-indicators and update of the MSSD Dashboard.
6.3.3.Maintain Biodiversity databases as appropriate, regularly update databases content and elaborate an operational strategy for marine biodiversity data management, in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Policy	a) Georeferenced Information on Mediterranean Biodiversity key components is centralized in the SPA/RAC open access platform, Miditerranean Biodiversity Plateform (MBP)	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	ACCOBAMS, MedPAN, IUCN, GFCM, national biodiversity focal points	Action 16 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: 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).	14.2, 14.5, 15.1, 15.5, 17,6	
	b) SPA/RAC website operational and regularly updated.	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, other components	National focal points, web development agencies	Action 37,38 and 39 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP23 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).	14.2, 15.1, 17.16	
6.3.4. Streamline shipping and offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with infoMAP System (in-house expertise, consultancy, IMAP TF, awareness raising)	a) Update the Study on the trends and Outlook on the impact of pressures from the maritime and offshore sector and impact assessment of the measures implemented through the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.	REMPEC	INFO/RAC, CU, MED POL	IOGP, IMO, EMSA, HELMEPA, EU, HELCOM, OSPAR, BONN	COP19 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 COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	14.a ; 9.5	MEDEXPOL 26 will be based on the outcomes of the 2024-2025 activities Data bases and sets, platforms and reviewed; factsheets prepared and reviewed by the OFOG Meeting and CORMON Pollution. The updating of the Study on Trends will be fundamental for future policy considerations including the contribution towards MTS, MSSD and horizontal policies. Furthermore a detailed coordinated effort is required with INFO/RAC on the future sustainability of reporting platforms and websites.
	b) Organize MEDEXPOL 2026 on Data Sharing, Monitoring and Reporting: latest developments and achievements shared, recommendations made for further improvements or alignment.						
	c) IMAP CI 19 Guidance Document updated						
6.3.5. Maintain and update InfoMap System towards a fully integration into the Knowledge Management Platform	a) Hardware and software upgrade of the InfoMAP System in order to host in a fully efficient way the datasets collected by UNEP/MAP. b) InfoMap technological infrastructure upgraded into the Knowledge Management Platform: architecture, functionalities and usage.	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.6. Ensure effective operation of the BCRS on line reporting system.	a) Barcelona Convention Reporting system maintained, tuned and upgraded. b) System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. c) Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling reporting modules d) Towards a full interoperability with EEA ReportNET 3 model with collaborative approach, API integration e) Consolidated dashboard of the data entered in the System. f) Interoperability: possibility of downloading data in different formats.	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.7. Ensure effective operation of the NBB reporting system	a) NBB Reporting system maintained, tuned and upgraded. b) Integration of Quality Controls (QCs) c) System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. d) Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules e) Relationship with the PRTR and EU Registry component implemented and assessment functions strengthened at regional, subregional, national and river basin scale. f) Summary dashboard of the data entered in the System. g) Interoperability: possibility of downloading files in different formats.	INFO/RAC	MED POL			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	

6.3.8. Ensure Data Centre evolution towards a standardization of the management of the data flows	<p>a) State of the harmonization of dataflows present into the Data Centre.</p> <p>b) Vulnerabilities identified and systems configured to enhance existing security features to prevent cyber attacks.</p> <p>c) System management for Users Directory and Groupware performed and upgraded.</p> <p>d) Dedicated assistance and training for access and use of Groupware and consultation of Data Dictionaries and Data Repository.</p> <p>e) MAP components and regional organizations supported to collect metadata and data in the Metadata Catalogue.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.9. Maintain and update IMAP Info System with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented	<p>a) IMAP Info System hardware and software platform upgraded and expanded to ensure fully operational reporting by CPs.</p> <p>b) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for remaining Candidate IMAP Common Indicators.</p> <p>c) New Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for additional modules related to existing IMAP Common Indicators.</p> <p>d) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) fine tuned for IMAP Common Indicators already in place</p> <p>e) QA/QC tool upgraded and developed for all IMAP CIs data flows according to the nature of the indicator.</p> <p>f) Helpdesk human resources dedicated to Daily Support to Contracting Parties in the reporting process.</p> <p>g) Additional automatic "Helpdesk" section implemented into the IMAP Info System to support CPs into the reporting process, recording all the requests to be used for statistical purposes.</p> <p>h) IMAP Assistance/Training meetings organized with Contracting Parties (at least un workshop for each beneficiary country) dedicated to the IMAP reporting process.</p> <p>i) Cooperation with relevant Regional Organization (i.e. Accobams, GFCM, etc.) in order to facilitate the interoperability between IMAP and their Infosystems and databases as appropriate.</p> <p>j) A specific section implemented into the IMAP Info System, as webform, to allow the CPs to officially provide information about the state of reporting in the country.</p> <p>k) "User management" system upgraded and adapted to MAP CU and MAP Components needs.</p> <p>l) A Data Analytics dashboard implemented into the IMAP Info System providing aggregation of monitoring data, dedicated to MAP Components assessment and also accessible to public users.</p> <p>m) Geographical section upgraded and customized for IMAP monitoring data visualization into the IMAP Info System and fully integrated in KMP.</p> <p>n) Additional functionalities implemented in the IMAP Info System dedicated to MAP Components: data analysis and data export in different formats through specific tools implemented ad hoc; possibility of queries and layout the results in tables with data filtering; extensive customization, analysis and data visualization through Python modules (Python notebook, ex. Jupiter lab of WEKEO DIAS-CMEMS).</p>	INFO/RAC	MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC	Accobams, GFCM		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.10. Ensure full implementation of the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure for the geographical data and maps	<p>a) InfoMAP Spatial Data infrastructure maintained, tuned and upgraded. Implementation of information layers provided. Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened.</p> <p>b) Dedicated assistance and support trainings to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data</p> <p>c) Creation of user profiles and groups ensured.</p> <p>d) Support training on the implemented Geoviewer for the visualization of georeferred data delivered.</p> <p>e) Basic and thematic layers collected, developed and visualized.</p> <p>f) Spatial data and metadata from UNEP/MAP, CPs, RACs and other sources integrated and reviewed</p> <p>g) Finalization of the integration of InfoMAPNode into the Knowledge Management Platform</p>	INFO/RAC	MAP Components			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.11. Enhance the use of new INFO/RAC Cloud tools for document repository and collaboration platform	<p>a) INFO/RAC Cloud further implemented (i.e. Teams) for document repository, networking and information exchange.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.12. Ensure visualization of integrated data through customized Dashboards integrated into the Knowledge Management Platform	<p>a) Data Analytics dashboards implemented: rationale behind the choice of data fluxes represented (user requirements) and functioning.</p> <p>b) Elaboration of pre-compiled data products as aggregation and integration of data for different targets.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	

6.3.13. Undertake Copernicus data analysis/integration of Copernicus Service to support indicator and data collection and ingestion	a) Analysis of Copernicus Services products in cooperation with EEA to promote fully exploitation for IMAP data collection. b) Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes.	INFO/RAC	MAP Components	EEA		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.14. Migrate, integrate, harmonize, manage and update upon request of MAP Components, thematic databases, platforms and websites into InfoMap System towards a fully integration into the Knowledge Management Platform	a) REMPEC platforms and websites hosted and maintained and updated (minor) (MEDGISMAR, PoSOW, MENELAS etc.)	INFO/RAC	REMPEC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	b) REMPEC platforms and websites hosted by INFO/RAC restructred and consolidated (major developments)	REMPEC	INFO/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	c) Coast Day website hosted, maintained, updated and relaunched for 2026 and 2027 editions	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	d) CAMP Turkye website developed, hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	e) CAMP Malta website developed, hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	f) Adriadapt platform hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	g) Adriatic.eco portal hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	h) MSP platform hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	i) ICZM platform maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	
	J) Upgrade and refresh ICZM Platform and PAP/RAC web site	PAP/RAC			Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 25, 27 and 32);	Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15	

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 7.1. Stakeholders and policy makers properly informed about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and aware of the environmental priority issues							
7.1.1. Disseminate knowledge of the state of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through indicators (In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation, web services, social media channels)	a) Fact sheets/brochures to communicate the impact of biodiversity conservation and priority actions towards 2030 providing background information and summaries (biodiversity, MPAs, etc.); b) Stories incorporating testimonials , videos and infographics on effective management and conservation practices identified and collected; c) Mini social media campaigns on collaborative achievements with partners; Media relations developed	SPA/RAC; INFO/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	d) Communication and advocacy/policy materials (Infographics, videos, reports, etc.) produced and promoted to improve conservation status of vulnerable species at national and regional levels.	SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	ACCOBAMS; GFCM; IUCN-Med; Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean 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.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria 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)	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	e) Reflection on achievements and on the way forward: 50 years of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention contribution to the Mediterranean Region and its people (Publication for policy makers)	INFO/RAC, CU	MAP Components, Contracting Parties			Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	f) Communication materials, and posts through media channels and printing/translation of reports in the scope of Plan Bleu Mandate	Plan Bleu/RAC, CU	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 13 and 14 Targets	Follow-up of the 2 previous biennium with additional deliverables related to the communication of environment and sustainable development knowledge, key facts and figures.
	a) 50 th Anniversary of PAP/RAC celebrated during COP25	PAP/RAC, Host Country, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 32, 5 and 6) COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	

7.1.2. Celebrate UNEP/MAP B.C System Anniversaries	b) 50 th Anniversary of REMPEC celebrated, in cooperation with IMO and the host Country	REMPEC, Host Country, IMO, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force			Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	c) 30 th anniversary of SCP/RAC celebrated, in cooperation with Host Country and Government of Catalonia	SCP/RAC, Host Country, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force			Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	New proposed activity for the anniversary celebration of the SCP/RAC creation
7.1.3. Implement MAP Communication Strategy	a) MAP Operational Communication Strategy 2026-2027 implemented in the framework of the 2024-2029 MAP Com Strategy b) MAP Operational Communication Strategy updated for the biennium 2028-2029 c) MED News - The MAP Newsletters (New format launched in 2023 released monthly)	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	d)SPA/RAC communication strategy implemented and updated	SPA/RAC			COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
7.1.4. Position COP 25 of the Barcelona Convention as an important regional conference driving the environmental and sustainable development agenda forward	a) Short video capturing the main results achieved during the biennium. b) Special issue of the MAP Newsletter capturing the main achievements of the biennium. c) COP25 website in close cooperation with the host Country. d) COP25 Communication Pavilion in close cooperation with the host Country.	INFO/RAC, CU	MAP Communication TF	ICDN t be checked	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
7.1.5. Towards a MAP Knowledge Management	a) MAP Knowledge Management Strategy implemented. b) Knowledge Hub fully developed for the harmonization of all the documental heritage of the MAP System (integrated in the Knowledge Platform). c) Connecting MAP and the community through the Knowledge Exchange hub of the Knowledge Management Platform: Update of existing tools and implementation. d) Harmonized data, linked data integrated into the Knowledge Management Platform and interoperability among existing systems ensured. e) MedProgramme KMP harmonized and interoperable with MAP KMP. f) Feasibility study for the future interoperability with WESR. h) Promotion of KMP and its links with global and regional platforms through dedicated events/webinars, participation in conferences, digital campaigns and social media.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF, Data Management Task Force	ACCOBAMS, Pelagos Agreement	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	12,8	

7.2.1. Enhance public awareness and outreach on UN and MAP Days observance and their topics	a) Digital Campaign for enhancing knowledge of UN and MAP Days (i.e. Mediterranean Coast Day, Biodiversity Day, Zero Waste Day, Ocean Day, Environmental Day etc), through web page; interactive story; hot topics; story map; Infographics; Twitter cards; Video; articles and interviews; focus in section in MED News.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society COP21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	b) SPAMI Day celebrated in collaboration with SPAMI managers and CSOs, through awareness raising activities and digital campaigns with: -2026 SPAMI Day celebrated in presential -2027 SPAMI Day celebrated locally at interested and volunteer SPAMIs	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP 23 Decision IG.26/14 - COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 (Post-2020 SAPBIO) - COP 22 Decision IG. 25/12 (MCPAs & OECMs) - COP 21 Decision IG. 24/06 (SPAMI)	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	c) Mediterranean Coast Day celebrated: Promotional/awareness raising material prepared; Two regional celebrations and two on-line campaigns organized; Support provided to local Coast Day celebrations.	PAP/RAC	CU, INFO/RAC, MAP Communication Task Force, All Components as relevant		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 6, 15 and 32)	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	This activity is a horizontal one applying to the CU and MAP Components (including REMPEC) The deliverable related to the observance of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on 7 September each year was added since it was missing from the PoW 2024-25, whilst this day was observed in the pastand communication activities prepared by INFO/RAC under the coordination of CU, with the technical support from REMPEC and other MAP Components.
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) Communication materials, awareness campaigns and local events co-created and co-organized with Focal Points, SPAMI managers and partners to demonstrate the socio-economic and ecological benefits of conservation for local communities.	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management COP22 Decision IG.25/14 - Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI COP22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	b) IV Euro-Med Weeks for Waste Reductions (2024-2025): i) Communication and Marketing Plan 2026-2027 ii) Dissemination campaigns and awareness raising activities to engage action developers in Southern Mediterranean countries iii) Actions developers engaged and supported to develop actions in the southern Med.	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC		COP19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Actions 47, 49, 51) COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 [MSSD] (Objective 5) COP22 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 (Regional Measure D1 Strengthening access to sustainable products and services / sustainable consumption)	Crosscutting especially SDG 12 Target	Follow-up of a previous activity based on the organization of the Euro-Med Week for Waste Reduction. For next biennium, the IV edition is expected to be organized.
	c) Awareness, information materials on marine pollution from ships and offshore installations produced and disseminated.	REMPEC	CU, INFO/RAC	IMO, IOGP, IPIECA and other partners	Prevention and Emergency Protocol	13.1; 13.2, 14	

	<p>d) 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.c) Web APP for Citizen Science updated and promoted specifically for different targets (citizens, scientists, students).</p> <p>e) Promotion of environmental education courses in schools aimed at increasing knowledge of the role of UNEP/MAP to the younger generation in Italy to be replicated in other Mediterranean countries; Dissemination of the young person guide document.</p>	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>	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	f) Dissemination and awareness-raising campaign on UNEP/MAP's approach addressing the full life cycle of plastic in the Mediterranean, in line with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) aiming at developing an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC, MED POL	Government of Catalonia	<p>COP21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance</p> <p>COP22 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 (Regional Measure D1 Strengthening access to sustainable products and services / sustainable consumption).</p>	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-up of the current biennium. The new Plastic Treaty has not been yet approved thus, the communication campaign and materials will continue to be developed during next biennium when the adoption of the final text.
<p>Outcome 7.3. Towards a digital transformation: use of digital technologies to improve networking and MAP visibility</p>							
7.3.1. Towards a digital transformation	a) Digitalization of REMPEC Forms (To be used in an emergency) and updating of relevant platforms and websites to be used by CPs	REMPEC	INFO/RAC	IMO, IOGP, IPIECA and other partners	Prevention and Emergency protocol	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	b) Selected Priorities of the MAP Digital transformation strategy as defined by INFO/RAC FP implemented	INFO/RAC				All SDG 14 Targets	
7.3.2. Promote MAP educational capacity through E-Learning in line with INFORMEA	<p>a) E-Learning platform maintained and further developed.</p> <p>b) On-line courses on MAP System and Barcelona Convention for general public developed.</p> <p>c) On-line thematic courses on MAP Components main topics for technicians developed.</p>	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	4.7	
7.3.3. Enable effective MAP communication	<p>a) Directory of all the MAP network maintenance and update (repository of NFPs designations).</p> <p>b) On-line Event Calendar of all the MAP network initiatives maintenance and update.</p> <p>c) MAP Communication Task Force on-line network enhanced.</p> <p>d) Survey tool further developed and maintained.</p> <p>e) Impulse to social media in the MAP system: Social media account followers increased.</p>	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	