



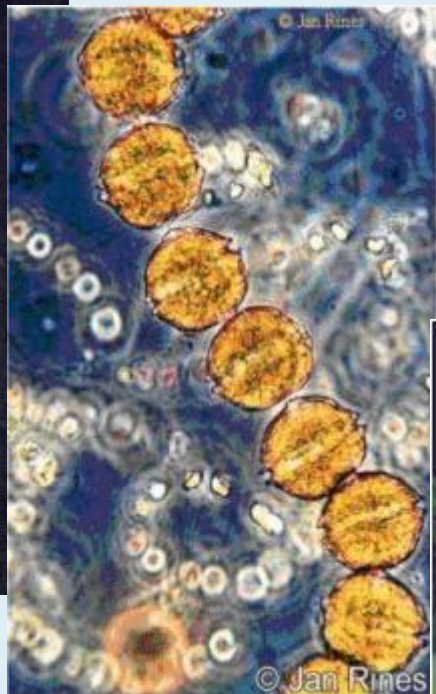
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GloBallast Partnerships in the Mediterranean Region



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GloBallast Partnerships in the Mediterranean

- Technical cooperation project financed by the GEF (Global environment Funds) of the World Bank, implemented in six priority regions, including the Mediterranean.
- Enhance knowledge and know-how: **capacity building** (workshops / seminars)
- Policy-level tool: adopt a **regional Strategy** on ballast water management
- **Regional coordination** organisation: REMPEC (shipping) with RAC SPA (biodiversity)
- **Lead countries** (Croatia and Turkey) to lead the process and share experience





2nd Regional Task Force Meeting (Istanbul, June 2010)



Agreement on a Draft Regional Strategy, including:

- ✓ Set of strategic priorities and actions concerning Ballast water management in the region;
- ✓ Implementation timetable (2010-2015)

Action Plan for the Implementation of the Regional Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management

The present Action Plan identifies eight main measures to be taken at regional level, sub-regional or national level in accordance with the Strategic Priorities, and include a workplan/ timetable for their implementation (**Annex I**).

Action 1. Ratify the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention)

The urgent ratification of the BWM Convention is called for in order that, when it enters into force, the treatment standards for ballast water discharges become applicable to ships. To help the process out at national level, national policy initiatives preparing the ground and leading to the ratification should be undertaken.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to form a national policy working group to lead the process towards the ratification of the BWM Convention;
- b) to draft the instrument of ratification for adoption through the proper channels with their respective Government system and;
- c) to develop national legislation including fines for violators, which will give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulatory and technical arrangements for its enforcement.

Action 2. Adopt harmonised arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region

The harmonized arrangements are based on the relevant components and requirements of the BWM Convention. Until such a time as the Convention has entered into force, the arrangements should remain an interim voluntary instrument. This does not prejudice the right of any Contracting Party to determine special requirements in certain areas under their jurisdiction, in conformity with international law.

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, agree

- a) to adopt as soon as possible harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region (**Annex II**); and
- b) to notify all interested parties of the adoption of harmonized voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean sea through notices to shipping and instructions to surveyors.

Annex I
Mediterranean Strategy and Action Plan on Ships' Ballast Water Management and Invasive Species
Work Plan and Implementation Timetable

Action Points	Activities	Year					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1. Ratify the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention).	a) Form a national policy working group to lead the process towards the ratification of the BWM Convention.		✓				
	b) Draft the instrument of ratification for adoption through the proper channels with the Government system.			✓	✓		
	c) Develop national legislation including fines for violators, which will give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulatory and technical arrangements for its enforcement.			✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Adopt harmonised arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region.	a) Adopt harmonised voluntary arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region.	✓	✓				
	b) Notify all interested parties of the adoption of harmonised arrangements for ballast water exchange in the Mediterranean region through notices to shipping and instructions to surveyors.	✓	✓				





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Agreement on a Draft Regional Strategy

- Strategic Priority 1. Support international instruments
- Strategic Priority 2. Maintain capacity-building activities
- Strategic Priority 3. Develop advanced knowledge
- Strategic Priority 4. Use risk assessment
- Strategic Priority 5. Adopt voluntary regional arrangements
- Strategic Priority 6. Consider other regional seas strategies and initiatives.
- Strategic Priority 7. Keep the Strategy and Action plan under review
- Strategic Priority 8. Work on the identification of adequate resources





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Agreement on a Draft Regional Strategy, also including:

- ✓ Regional system for monitoring, compliance and enforcement;
- ✓ Structure for a Regional Information System on invasive species, ports at risks etc.



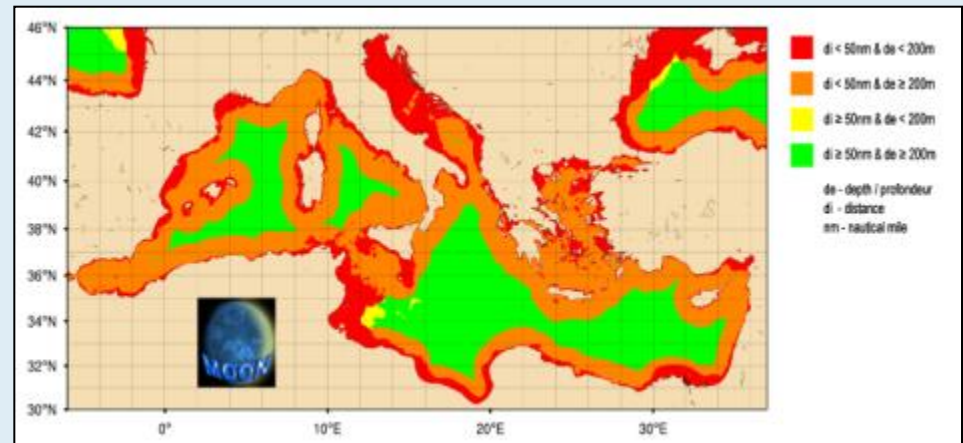
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Outputs:

Agreement on a Draft Regional Strategy, also including:

- ✓ Voluntary arrangements for Ballast Water exchange in the Mediterranean:
 - ✓ Based on the provisions of the BWM Convention
 - ✓ Temporary
 - ✓ Voluntary
- ✓ General Guidance on BW exchange

Vessels operating between the Mediterranean sea and the North-East Atlantic and / or the Baltic sea





Focus on CME



“Strategic priority 5 : Decide upon voluntary arrangements in the Mediterranean and ensure sub-regional and national strategies are in line with these”



“[...] **harmonised procedures** incorporated in a compliance monitoring and enforcement (CME) system should be implemented by all countries of the region.

Sub-regional approaches within the Mediterranean Sea area (e.g. the BWM Sub Commission in the Adriatic Sea) are also encouraged and existing sub-regional agreements in the Mediterranean region should consider integrating BWM issues in their work, in coherence with the regional approach adopted.

National strategies established by Mediterranean coastal States should take into account and be consistent with the policy and arrangements agreed upon at sub-regional and regional levels.”





Actions related to CME



→ Action 1 : Ratify the BWM Convention

Involves the development of national legislations including fines for violators, which will give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulations and technical arrangements and enforcement

→ Action 3 : Establish a solid CME system in the Mediterranean region

Adapt existing Port State Control & CME systems to integrate the harmonized BWM CME procedures

Establish and maintain a regional communication system possibly with a clearing house mechanism (CHM), to allow exchange of experience and tracking of violations utilizing existing control bodies such as the Paris MoU on PSC and the Med MoU on PSC





Proposed CME system



1. Requirement for ships to **collect and record information** about their BWM practices;
2. Means for ships to **transmit this information** to the Port States' BWM regulatory authority, and to subsequently receive directions from them;
3. Provision for **examination/auditing** of the ships' official log books or other official records to ascertain compliance with the BWM requirements of the Port State;
4. Ability by the appropriate authority to obtain **ballast water and sediment samples** and carry out any necessary testing;
5. **Legal provision for enforcement measures** to be applied for non-compliance with the required BWM requirements, and provisions for applying sanctions to violations; and
6. Effective **communication arrangements on a regional level** to ensure proper tracking of violations and exchange of experience during the application of the CME system on a national level.



Next steps in the Mediterranean Sea

Adoption of the Strategy

- ✓ Recommend the adoption at regional level (REMPEC's Focal Points).
- ✓ Have the Strategy adopted as soon as possible (Contracting Parties).
- ✓ Notify IMO of BWE arrangements in the Mediterranean

Activities

- ✓ Implement the regional Strategy on BWM according to the timetable (2010-2015)





Thank you for your attention

