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The Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean is being implemented in accordance with a seven-step roadmap since its adoption at COP15 in 2008, Decision IG.17/6. It is now fully integrated into the MAP and Barcelona Convention framework and is in line with the EU Marine Strategic Framework Directive (MSFD) and the decisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) regarding the ecosystem approach and the Aichi targets. As part of this process, COP19 adopted the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and related Assessment Criteria (IMAP, Decision IG.22/7)

## To enhance alignment:

- COHERENCE among Good Environmental Status (GES) definition, targets and indicators monitoring and assessment work on regional/sub-regional level
- CO-OPERATION between EU and non-EU countries of the same sub-region/region
- CAPACITY-BUILDING to promote common capacities and ownership of the process
- DATA-SHARING principles and practices to be put into practice

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