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Workshop on Science Policy Interface (SPI) strengthening for the implementation of the IMAP in relation to Marine Litter, Biodiversity & fisheries, Hydrography, with a focus on the Risk Based Approach (RBA) for monitoring.

Madrid, Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting and organizational matters**

**Title: Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## **Introduction**

The key aim of the Science-Policy Interface Meeting (SPI Workshop) is to provide a ground for discussion between scientists and policy makers on the application of the Risk Based Approach (RBA) in relation to the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria (Decision IG.22/7, here in after referred to as IMAP Decision).

The importance of RBA for monitoring is recognized in IMAP, as an over-arching principle for monitoring. The SPI Inception Workshop, building on this principle, highlighted the specific need for the development of guidelines to apply such an approach at national, sub regional and national levels.

The SPI Workshop will enable exchange of views between scientists and policy makers, with the view to provide recommendations for the development of RBA guideline. It is also foreseen exchange information on best practices as well as views between scientific and policy experts in relation to the application of RBA to IMAP monitoring, especially in relation to marine litter, biodiversity and fisheries, coast and hydrography.

In order to achieve this, with the aim to trigger discussions. Plan Bleu has prepared a Summary document on Risk Based Approach for Marine Monitoring (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/4), supported by a Background document on Risk-Based Approach (RBA) and its usefulness for IMAP (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/5).

The meeting will be held in Madrid, in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment of Spain on 2nd March 2017.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.



## Provisional Annotated Agenda

**2<sup>nd</sup> march 2017**

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting and organizational matters (9.00-9.15)**

*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/1, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/2*

The Meeting will be opened by Ms. Tatjana Hema, MAP Deputy Coordinator and Plan Bleu Representative.

The Meeting will elect one (1) President, three (3) Vice-Presidents and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants.

The proposed provisional agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document, including as appropriate issues suggested to be addressed under the item “Any other business” of the provisional agenda.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda item 2: State of play of the EcApMEDII project (9.15 - 9.30)**

The Secretariat will give a short presentation on the EcApMedII project and the related output 3 dedicated to stronger Ecosystem approach related science-policy interface in the Mediterranean. A document has been prepared in order to present the objectives and main outcomes of the previous SPI workshops (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/3).

**Agenda item 3: Introduction on the RBA for monitoring (9.30-9:50)**

*(UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/4), (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/5)*

Plan Bleu will introduce the Risk-based approach for marine monitoring (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/4) presented in the Background document related to on Risk-Based Approach (RBA) (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/5) and its usefulness for IMAP implementation (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.22/28).

**Agenda item 4: Presentation on risk based approaches related to monitoring (9.50-10.45)**

This session will be structured around 2 presentations done by UNEP Global Research Infrastructure Database in Geneva and Joint Research Centre (JRC). The JRC will make a presentation on the usefulness of Risk based approach (RBA) for Marine Litter Monitoring in Mediterranean and for Biodiversity within the frame of the implementation of the MSFD: General methodology and concepts of RBA.

**DISCUSSION (11.00-12.30)**

Following the above presentations and a synthetic presentation of issues identified as priorities on the use of RBA for the implementation of national IMAP and specifics of marine litter, biodiversity and fisheries and coastal and hydrography monitoring (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.432/4), participants will embark on a discussion and provide recommendations on the application of RBA for IMAP

implementation and will give directions on further work related to SPI and on Risk-based approach for marine monitoring.

**Agenda item 5: SPI good practices and examples of risk based approach (14:00 - 16:15)**

A series of presentations will be delivered by F. Galgani, Ifremer, France; K. Pagou, HCMR, Greece; S. Katsanevakis, Egean University, Greece; S. Grimes, ENSMAL, Algeria; C. Spiterri, Deltares, Netherlands; A. Knights, University of Plymouth, UK; on : SPI good practices and examples of risk based approach to give an overview of the existing use of RBA for monitoring to marine litter, marine biodiversity, coast and hydrography at Mediterranean and national levels and related to the corresponding MAP Ecological objectives and IMAP indicators.

- How to address research needs for the marine litter and micro plastics indicator for biota, related to the application of the RBA for IMAP.
- The implementation of a joint marine monitoring for the Mediterranean. Experiences from the IRIS SES project.
- Developing and applying methods for marine monitoring. A focus on marine alien invasions and their impacts on biodiversity.
- Risk Based Approach for monitoring to Marine litter, coastal geo-risks, biodiversity and fish stocks. State of play and perspectives in Algeria.
- Presentation on MAP EO7 (Hydrography) and common indicator 15 and link with the usefulness of RBA for hydrography & coast monitoring
- An exposure-effect approach for evaluating ecosystem-wide risks from human activities: the experience of the ODEMM project

Following these presentations participants will undertake discussions and provide further recommendations on how to apply RBA for IMAP implementation.

**Agenda item 6: Recommendations on how to use the RBA to implement national IMAP for the three clusters (16.30-17.15)**

This session will review and agree as appropriate on a set of recommendations formulated by the audience n the risk based approach (RBA) to monitoring and assessment in order to support national IMAP implementation.

**Agenda item 7: Any Other Business (17.15-17.30)**

**Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting (17.30)**

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 17.30 hours on 2nd march 2017.

**DRAFT TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017</b>	
8.30-9.00	<i>Registration</i>
<b>9.00-9.15</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting and organizational matters</i></b>
<b>9.15-9.30</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 2: State of play of the EcApMEDII project</i></b>
<b>9.45-10:00</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 3: Introduction on the RBA for monitoring</i></b>
<b>9.50-10.45</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 4: Presentation on risk based approaches related to monitoring</i></b>
<b>11.00-12.30</b>	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

<b>14:00 - 16:30</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 5: SPI good practices and examples of risk based approach</i></b>
<b>16.30-17.15</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 6: Recommendations on how to use the RBA to implement national IMAP for the three clusters</i></b>
<b>17.15-17.30</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 7: Any Other Business</i></b>