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Athens, Greece, 9 September 2019

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017, the Secretariat is organizing the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group on 9 September 2019, in Athens, Greece.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:
  - (i) Take stock of the activities and main achievements marked in the framework of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap since the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, Athens, Greece, 11 September 2017.
  - (ii) Review a number of important documents related to key aspects of the IMAP implementation.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 9 September 2019 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention.

### Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/1 UNEP/MED WG.467/2
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.1

- a) *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group*
5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).
  - b) *Election of Officers*
6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.
  - c) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*
7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.467/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting, including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.
  - d) *Organization of Work*

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the Meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. 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.

10. Sessions are scheduled from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 9 September 2019 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda Item 3: State of Play of the Implementation of Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP)**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/3
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.3
	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.4
	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.5
	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.9

11. The Secretariat will present document “Update on the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap” WG.467/3.

12. The Meeting is expected to review the progress achieved and provide guidance on the way forward.

**Agenda Item 4: 2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/4
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13. The Secretariat will introduce document “2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment” WG.467/4. It was prepared by the Secretariat, following Decision IG.23/6, through a broad consultation process under the guidance of the Bureau with the EcAp Coordination Group and CORMON Meetings.

14. The Meeting is expected to formally endorse the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment.

**Agenda Item 5: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and State of Marine Environment**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/7
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15. The Secretariat (MED POL) will present document “Cross-Cutting Issues and Common Challenges: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and State of Marine Environment for EO5 and EO9” (UNEP/MED WG.467/7). The document addresses interaction of pressures, impacts and state elements in assessing GES and the interrelation among different relevant Ecological Objectives of the coastal and marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea, within methodological approaches for integrated marine assessments.

16. The Meeting is expected to endorse the proposed methodologies, reviewed and approved by the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, as a living document for further update and development.

**Agenda Item 6: IMAP Pilot Info System and Related Quality Assurance Issues; Data Standards and Data Dictionaries; MAP Data Management Policy**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/8 UNEP/MED WG.467/9 UNEP/MED WG.467/10 UNEP/MED WG.467/11 UNEP/MED WG.467/12 UNEP/MED WG.467/13
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.11

17. The Secretariat (INFO/RAC and MED POL) will introduce documents UNEP/MED WG.467/8, UNEP/MED WG.467/9, UNEP/MED WG.467/10, UNEP/MED WG.467/11, UNEP/MED WG.467/12 and UNEP/MED WG.467/13, discussing Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for Common Indicators related to Pollution and Marine Litter, Biodiversity and Non-indigenous Species, and Coast and Hydrography, as well as Schemes for Database Quality, Quality Assurance and Quality Control QA/QC of Data related to Pollution, and Quality Assurance and Quality Control in the IMAP Pilot Info System. All documents were reviewed in depth by the respective CORMON and Focal Points Meetings.

18. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse the proposed documents.

**Agenda Item 7: Updated IMAP Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 13, 14, 15,16, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New proposal for Candidate Indicators 25, 26 and 27**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/5 UNEP/MED WG.467/6
<b>Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.7

19. The Secretariat (MED POL) will present document “IMAP Guidance Factsheets: Update for Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New Proposal for Candidate Indicators 26 and 27” (UNEP/MED WG.467/5), as approved by the MED POL Focal Points Meeting and the CORMON Meetings for Pollution and Marine Litter.

20. The Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will present document “Indicator Guidance Factsheets for EO7 and EO8 Coast and Hydrography Common Indicators 15, 16 and 25” (UNEP/MED WG.467/6), as approved by the CORMON Meeting on Coast and Hydrography including updates on CIs 15 and 16 and proposing candidate CI25 Land cover change to be included on the IMAP List of CIs. .

21. The Meeting is expected to generally review the Updated Guidance Factsheets and approve them.

**Agenda Item 8: Monitoring Protocols for IMAP Common Indicators Related to Pollution and Guidance on monitoring concerning IMAP Common Indicators related to Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/14 UNEP/MED WG.467/15 UNEP/MED WG.467/16
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.13

22. The Secretariat (SPA/RAC and MED POL) will introduce documents “Draft Updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean”, “Defining the Most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and related Monitoring Protocols” and “Monitoring Protocols for IMAP Common Indicators related to Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous species” (documents UNEP/MED WG.467/14, UNEP/MED WG.467/15, UNEP/MED WG.467/16 respectively).

23. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the documents, as appropriate.

**Agenda Item 9: Science-Policy Interface: achievements and challenges for the implementation of IMAP**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/17
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.12

24. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu) will present document “Strengthen, structure and sustain a Science Policy Interface (SPI) for IMAP implementation in the Mediterranean: Summary of the Final Report” (UNEP/MED WG.467/17), which contains a set of proposals and recommendations (goals, structures and processes) to strengthen Science Policy Interface in the Mediterranean, based on literature review and interviews with policy-makers and scientists, following discussions in the four SPI Workshops organized by Plan Bleu, with the support of the Secretariat, between 2016-2018.

25. The Meeting is expected to generally review the document and decide in which cluster and area focus a deeper SPI analysis in terms of goals, needs and gaps; structure and processes; actors and management is needed.

**Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business**

<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.14
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26. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda. At this point of time the following items will be addressed:

- (i) Draft Roadmap for GFCM-INFO/RAC cooperation in the framework of the MoU between UNEP/MAP and GFCM-FAO (UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.14).
- (ii) Presentation of progress on the implementation of the EU-funded MEDREGION Project and planned activities, focusing on synergies with the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme.

**Agenda Item 11: Conclusions and Recommendations**

27. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda Item 12: Closure of the Meeting**

28. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Monday, 9 September 2019, at 17:30.

<b>Monday 9 September 2019</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.467/1 UNEP/MED WG.467/2 UNEP/MED WG.463/Inf.1
10:00 – 10:45	Agenda Item 3: State of Play of the Implementation of Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP)	UNEP/MED WG.467/3 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.9
10:45 – 11:30	Agenda Item 4: 2023 MED QSR Roadmap and Needs Assessment	UNEP/MED WG.467/4
11:30 – 12:15	Agenda Item 5: The Methodological Approach for Mapping the Interrelations between Sectors, Activities, Pressures, Impacts and State of Marine Environment	UNEP/MED WG.467/7
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 14:15	Agenda Item 6: IMAP Pilot Info System and Related Quality Assurance Issues; Data Standards and Data Dictionaries; MAP Data Management Policy	UNEP/MED WG.467/8 UNEP/MED WG.467/9 UNEP/MED WG.467/10 UNEP/MED WG.467/11 UNEP/MED WG.467/12 UNEP/MED WG.467/13 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.11
14:15 – 15:00	Agenda Item 7: Updated IMAP Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 13, 14, 15,16, 17, 18, 20 and 21; New proposal for Candidate Indicators 25, 26 and 27	UNEP/MED WG.467/5 UNEP/MED WG.467/6 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.7
15:00 – 15:45	Agenda Item 8: Monitoring Protocols for IMAP Common Indicators related to Pollution and Guidance on monitoring concerning IMAP Common Indicators related to Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species	UNEP/MED WG.467/14 UNEP/MED WG.467/15 UNEP/MED WG.467/16 UNEP/MED WG.467/Inf.13
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