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Videoconference, 1-3 December 2020

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2020-2021 adopted by the 21st Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019, the Secretariat is organizing the Integrated Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on IMAP Implementation (CORMONs), on 1-3 December 2020, via videoconference.
2. The main objectives of the Meetings are to:
 - (i) Take stock of the progress made, review proposals and provide guidance on specific matters related to the implementation of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR) Roadmap and the delivery of the 2023 MED QSR.
 - (ii) Report progress under ongoing and new projects to boost IMAP implementation in the Mediterranean.
 - (iii) Review a number of technical documents related to key aspects of the IMAP implementation under the Pollution, Marine Litter and Biodiversity and Fisheries Clusters.
 - (iv) Review good practices in relation to integrated approaches to IMAP monitoring and assessment.
 - (v) Define concrete ways and means to strengthen Science-Policy Interface in the region to support IMAP implementation in the context of the Ocean Decade for Science.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meetings in their deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:00 on 1 December 2020 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/1 UNEP/MED WG.482/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.1

- a) *Rules of Procedure for the Integrated Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on IMAP Implementation (CORMONs)*

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 Meetings (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 Meetings 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.482/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meetings, including the proposed timetable contained in the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, as well as in break-out sessions for discussions pertaining to each thematic CORMON.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meetings. Working Documents will be in English and French.

10. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- 1 December 2020: 09:00-11:00; 11:30-13:30; 14.30-16:30; 17.00-19.00 Athens time;
- 2 and 3 December 2020: 09:30-11:30; 12:00-14:00; 15:30-17:30 Athens time.

11. It is expected that the Meetings will address all items of the Agenda during the three days. It is envisaged to close the Meetings at 17:30 on 3 December 2020, after adopting their Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 3: Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap

- a. State of Play
- b. Approach for the Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR
- c. Structure of the 2023 MED QSR

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/3 UNEP/MED WG.482/4
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Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.12
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12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present documents “Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap” and “Issue Paper for 2023 MED QSR Development Approach and Structure” (UNEP/MED WG.482/3 and UNEP/MED WG.482/4), providing an update on the implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap, and on the progress towards the preparation of the 2023 MED QSR. This will include a presentation of the proposed vision, elements of methodology and possible structure of the 2023 MED QSR, on the basis of the lessons learned from the 2017 MED QSR process and ongoing projects and PoW activities.

13. The Meeting is expected to take note of the progress and provide recommendations on the next steps as well as on the approach to be followed for the preparation of the 2023 MED QSR and its proposed structure.

Agenda item 4: EU-funded IMAP MPA, EcAp MED III and Marine Litter MED II Projects to Boost IMAP Implementation

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/3
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Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.3
	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.4
	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.5

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide an overview of ongoing and recently launched EU-funded projects contributing to the implementation of IMAP, namely the “Towards achieving the Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through an Ecologically Representative and Efficiently Managed and Monitored Network of Marine Protected Areas” (IMAP-MPA); “Support to Efficient Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach-based Integrated Monitoring and Assessment of the Mediterranean Sea and Coasts and to delivery of data-based 2023 Quality Status Report in synergy with the EU MSFD” (EcAp MED III); and “Marine Litter Med II” projects, focusing on their respective activities in support of IMAP implementation, as part of and in complementarity with the UNEP/MAP 2020-2021 Programme of Work activities.

15. The Meeting is expected to take note of the progress achieved and provide concrete recommendations for the implementation of IMAP and reaffirm the Contracting Parties’ commitment in the implementation of the project activities, in particular those implemented at national level.

Agenda item 5: Parallel CORMON Sessions (Pollution and Marine Litter, and Biodiversity and Fisheries)

(i) Joint Pollution and Marine Litter CORMONs

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/5	UNEP/MED WG.482/14
	UNEP/MED WG.482/6	UNEP/MED WG.482/15
	UNEP/MED WG.482/7	UNEP/MED WG.482/16
	UNEP/MED WG.482/8	UNEP/MED WG.482/17
	UNEP/MED WG.482/9	UNEP/MED WG.482/18
	UNEP/MED WG.482/10	UNEP/MED WG.482/19
	UNEP/MED WG.482/11	UNEP/MED WG.482/21
	UNEP/MED WG.482/12	UNEP/MED WG.482/23
	UNEP/MED WG.482/13	
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.14	
	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.15	

16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will first present the documents “Monitoring Guidelines/Protocols for Floating Microplastics” and “Updated Baseline Values and Proposal for Threshold Values for IMAP Common Indicator 22” (UNEP/MED WG.482/19 and UNEP/MED WG.482/23), in line with the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap implementation.

17. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the documents and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the next steps to be followed with regard to the marine litter related IMAP implementation, as appropriate.

18. The Coordination team of the EU-funded INDICIT-II project will present project outcomes related to marine litter impact indicators and GES proposals, including the monitoring procedure, the evaluated impacts, GES scenarios, as well as proposals for further synergies with the work of the Marine Litter CORMON, in particular with regard to spatial analyses at the Mediterranean level.

19. The Secretariat (MED POL) will present the proposal of the Monitoring Guidelines/Protocols related to IMAP Common Indicators 13, 14, 17 and 20 (UNEP/MED WG.482/5- WG.482/18). The monitoring guidelines are structured around specific protocols that elaborate the methodologies and practices of relevance for strengthening of the capacities of IMAP monitoring network with regards to

sampling and sample preservation; sample preparation; analytical quality assurance and reporting of monitoring data.

20. The Secretariat (REMPEC) will present the Revised Guidance Fact Sheets for IMAP Common Indicator 19 (part of UNEP/MED WG.482/21). The proposed revisions take into account the conclusions of the Mediterranean 2017 Quality Status Report, the study on trends and outlook of marine pollution from ships and activities and of maritime traffic and offshore activities in the Mediterranean, and other documents of on-going processes, relating to elements directly or indirectly linked to maritime traffic, and offshore activities.

21. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the documents, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward.

22. The Coordination team of the EU-funded MedRegion project will present key outcomes related to the pollution cluster of IMAP.

(ii) Biodiversity and Fisheries CORMON

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/20 UNEP/MED WG.482/21 UNEP/MED WG.482/22 UNEP/MED WG.482/25
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf. 6 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.13

23. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will present the documents “Update of Monitoring Protocols on Benthic Habitats” (UNEP/MED WG.482/20) and “Comparative Analysis Undertaken with regard to IMAP and the European Commission GES Decision 2017/848/EU for Biodiversity” (UNEP/MED WG.482/25). The Secretariat (REMPEC) will then present the part of the document “Revised Guidance Fact Sheets for IMAP Common Indicators 6 and 19” (UNEP/MED WG.482/21), related to Common Indicator 6. The Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will also present the document “Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Marine Mammals, Marine Turtles and Sea Birds (Draft)” (UNEP/MED WG.482/22).

24. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the documents, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward.

Agenda Item 6: IMAP Cross-cutting Issues: Sharing of Best Practices

- a. Application of the Methodological Guidance of the Common Regional Framework (CRF) on ICZM for Reaching Good Environmental Status (GES)
- b. IMAP Experience from the GEF Adriatic Project and Application of IMAP Indicators in MSP Process

Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.13
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25. The Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will present possible approaches to integrated GES assessment and integrated measures to achieve GES through the application of ICZM and Common Regional Framework (CRF) and integrated IMAPs at national levels. Emphasis will be placed on the CRF

Methodological Framework i.e. matrix of interactions between the ICZM Protocol provisions, the main regional strategic and policy documents, and EOs and the corresponding methodological guidance for reaching GES that is built on the principles of integration and cumulative impact. The method, as well as its practical application in Slovenia, will be presented.

26. The Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will also present activities under GEF Adriatic in Montenegro highlighting in practical terms the integration and cross-cutting nature of EOs. This presentation will provide a demonstration of how integrated national IMAP can be elaborated, interlinking all EOs/indicators, responsible institutions, and addressing very practical implementation issues. An example of the preparation of MSP at a large scale using most IMAP indicators will be presented, demonstrating the application of MSP as an instrument through which measures to achieve GES are elaborated and adopted by the decision makers.

27. The Meeting is expected to discuss cross-cutting issues and provide recommendations for further actions towards integrated GES assessment within 2023 MED QSR.

Agenda Item 7: Promoting SPI for IMAP Implementation

- a. Follow-up on SPI Recommendations from EU-funded EcAp MED II Project
- b. IMAP and UN Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/24
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.10

28. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (Plan Bleu and Coordinating Unit) will present the document “Promoting SPI for IMAP Implementation” (UNEP/MED WG.482/24), providing an overview of the results and recommendations of the SPI analysis conducted under EcAp MED II, as well as strategic orientations to guide science-policy interface integration into policy framework of UNEP/MAP in the context of the Implementation Plan of United Nations Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development for the period 2021 – 2030.

29. The Meeting is expected to welcome the proposals and recommend further work and next steps on these processes and linkages with the implementation of relevant activities under the EcAp MED III and IMAP-MPA Projects.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

- a. Potential elements for IMAP Data Policy
- b. Main deliverables of the EU-funded MEDREGION and INDICIT II Projects

Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.15
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30. 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,

31. The Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will present potential elements for IMAP Data Policy. The coordination teams of EU-funded MedRegion and INDICIT II projects will present the projects' main deliverables of relevance to the implementation of IMAP.

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

32. 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 10: Closure of the Meeting

33. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Thursday, 3 December 2020, at 17:30.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 1 December 2020		
09:00 – 09:15	Registration	
09:15 – 09:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.482/1 UNEP/MED WG.482/2 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.1
09:45 – 11:00	Agenda item 3: Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap a. State of Play b. Approach for the Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR c. Structure of the 2023 MED QSR	UNEP/MED WG.482/3 UNEP/MED WG.482/4 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.12
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: Implementation of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap (cont.) a. State of Play b. Approach for the Preparation of the 2023 MED QSR c. Structure of the 2023 MED QSR	UNEP/MED WG.482/3 UNEP/MED WG.482/4 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.12
12:30 – 13:30	Agenda item 4: EU-funded IMAP MPA, EcAp MED III and Marine Litter MED II Projects to Boost IMAP Implementation	UNEP/MED WG.482/3 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.5
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-16:30	Agenda item 5: Parallel CORMON Sessions (Pollution and Marine Litter, and Biodiversity and Fisheries)	
	<i>(i) Joint Pollution and Marine Litter CORMONs (Marine Litter part)</i>	UNEP/MED WG.482/19 UNEP/MED WG.482/23 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.15
	<i>(ii) Biodiversity and Fisheries CORMON</i>	UNEP/MED WG.482/20 UNEP/MED WG.482/21 UNEP/MED WG.482/22 UNEP/MED WG.482/25 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf. 6 UNEP/MED WG.482/Inf.13
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Break</i>	
17:00 – 19:00	Agenda item 5: Parallel CORMON Sessions (Pollution and Marine Litter, and Biodiversity and Fisheries) (cont.)	
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Wednesday, 2 December 2020		
09:30 – 11:30	Agenda item 5: Parallel CORMON Sessions (Pollution and Marine Litter, and Biodiversity and Fisheries) (cont.)	
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