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Meeting of the National Focal Points
for Specially Protected Areas in the
Mediterranean
Athens, 26-30 October 1992
including joint consultation concerning
the concervation of cetaceans in the
Mediterranean and the Black sea
Athens 26-27 October 1992

Annotated Provisional Agenda

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

FOR SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS

Joint Consultation Meeting concerning the Conservation of Cetaceans
in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea
Athens, 26-27 October 1992

Organized jointly by the :

Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention).

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention, Council of Europe acting as Secretariat).

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention, UNEP/CMS acting as Secretariat).

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item 1 - Opening of the Consultation Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the MAP Coordinator. The RAC/SPA Director, the representatives of Secretariats of Bonn Convention and Bern Convention will make statements.

Agenda item 2 - Election of the Chairman

The meeting will be chaired by the MAP Coordinator. The representatives of Bern Convention and the Bonn Convention Secretariats will act as Vice-Chairmen, the representative of RAC/SPA as Rapporteur of the meeting.

Agenda item 3 - Adoption of the Agenda and organisation of work

The meeting will adopt its provisional agenda and the proposal for the organisation of work.

Agenda item 4 - Conservation of cetaceans

(a) Review and further elaboration of the approved Action Plan on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea.

The Director of RAC/SPA will present the Action Plan and make proposals for implementation by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

(b) Presentation and discussion of the draft agreement for the protection of small cetaceans in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

The representatives of Bonn Convention and Bern Convention Secretariats will introduce the draft agreement within the framework of the Bonn Convention and make proposals concerning strategies for future action. After presentation of the draft agreement, discussion will cover particularly these following points:

- Geographic and taxonomic coverage
- Main provisions of the agreement.

(c) Mechanisms for cooperation, coordination and transmission of information.

The meeting will discuss proposals for future cooperation, coordination, exchange of experience and transmission of information among the three organizations concerning the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea

Agenda item 5 - Adoption of the minute of the Consultation Meeting

A draft minute of the Consultation will be submitted by the Secretariat for approval and subsequent transmission to the meeting of the National Focal Points.

Agenda item 6 - Closure of the Consultation Meeting

The MAP coordinator will make a closing statement as well as the representatives of Bonn Convention, Bern convention Secretariats and the Director of RAC/SPA.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT
FOR SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS
ATHENS, 28-30 October 1992

ANNOTATED PROVISIONNAL AGENDA

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Mediterranean Coordinating Unit.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution and its related protocols will apply mutatis mutandis for the meeting(UNEP/IG.43/6 ANNEX XI).

Agenda item 3 Election of officers

The meeting will be invited to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda. The provisionnal agenda has been circulated as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.36/1. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the present document.

The meeting will work in plenary session with the support of ad hoc working groups wich may be established during the meeting. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French, with simultaneous translation.

Agenda item 5 Review of the Report of the Regional Activity
Center for Specially Protected Areas, 1991-1992

The Director of the Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) will present the report on the activities of the Center since its appointment (Sept 1991) .The meeting will be invited to review and take note the report.

Agenda item 6 Revisions of the Directory of Marine and Coastal
Protected Areas of the Mediterranean Region Part I:
Sites of Biological and Ecological Value

A representative of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) will present the draft of the second edition of the Directory of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Mediterranean Region Part I Sites of Biological and Ecological Value including data received or gathered by the Center from different sources during the period 1989-1992.

The meeting will be invited to review the draft of the second edition of the directory, to consider any steps which may be necessary to complete information available, to provide to the Centre any corrections or supplementary information, and to make recommendations concerning the publication of the directory.

Agenda item 7 Progress report on the Directory of Marine and Coastal
Protected areas of the Mediterranean Region Part II : Sites of scientific,
aesthetic, historical, archeological, cultural or educational value

A representative of the RAC/SPA will present the progress report on the Directory of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Mediterranean Region Part II: Sites of scientific, aesthetic, historical, archeological, cultural or educational value, as called in the Article 8, paragraphe 2 of the Protocol.

The meeting will be invited to review the progress report on this second part of the Directory, to consider any steps which may be necessary to complete information available, to provide to the center any corrections or supplementary information, and to make recommendations concerning the publication of the directory.

Agenda item 8 Revision of the Directory of Environment Legislation and
preparation of the expert meeting on Environment Legislation (scheduled for
1993) relevant to the implementation of SPA Protocol

A representative of Regional Activity Center for Specially Areas will present the revision of the Directory of Environment Legislation relevant for the implementation of SPA Protocol.

In addition, he will present the first phasis preparation of the expert meeting on Environment Legislation.

The meeting will be invited to receive the Directory of Environmental Legislation to consider any steps which may be necessary to complete information available, to provide to the center any corrections or supplementary information, and to make recommendations concerning the publication of the directory.

In addition the meeting will be invited to make any comments and proposals on the subjects to be covered during the expert meeting as defined in the UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.36/4.

Agenda item 9 Activities related to endangered species

9.1 Marine turtles

An action plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles has been adopted. Activities have been developed by RAC/SPA including the preparation of a manual, training activities and development of international cooperation. The meeting will be invited to review these activities and make recommendation and proposals for further implementation

9.2 Mediterranean Mark Seal

An action plan for the Management of the Mediterranean Mark Seal has been adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. Activities has been developed by RAC/SPA, including support the country activities, assistance to inventory and preparation of information document. The meeting will be invited to review these activities and make recommendation and proposals for further implementation

9.3 Cetaceans

An action plan for the conservation of mediterranean Cetacean has been adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention(UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.36.5). A joint Consultation Meeting concerning the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea took place in Athens (26-27 October 1992). Draft minutes of this consultation will be submitted to the meeting. The meeting will make any comments and recommendations dealing with this matter.

9.4 Marine Vegetation

Marine Vegetation is the most important nearshore ecosystem of the Mediterranean. In relation with this importance, a first training course has been organized by RAC/SPA in Tunis. The meeting will be invited to make recommendation on the development of activities dealing with marine vegetation.

Agenda item 10: Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP).

A representative of the Center will present the recent development of the CAMP activities regarding the involvement of the RAC/SPA including the recommendations of the RAC's meetings on CAMP's. The meeting will be invited to make any comments and recommendations dealing with this activity.

Agenda item 11 : Other business

The participants in the meeting will be invited to raise any other matter related to the subject of the meeting which has not been considered under previous agenda items.

Agenda item 12 : Adoption of the report

The rapporteur will present the report of the meeting and the meeting will be invited to adopt it as the record of its deliberations.

Agenda item 13. Closure of the meeting

The meeting will be closed by the representative of the Coordinating Unit, the RAC/SPA Director and by the chairman of the meeting.

ANNEX

Proposed Timetable

Day	Session	Agenda
Wednesday 28 Oct	Morning Afternoon	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 6, 7
Thursday 29 Oct	Morning Afternoon	8,9.1, 9.2 9.3, 9.4, 10, 11
Friday 30 Oct	Morning Afternoon	Free Preparation of the report 12, 13

Note Sessions schedule

09.30 to 12.30 (Morning)
14.30 to 17.30 (Afternoon)

Coffee break at 11.00 and at 16.00 hours