

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be held in Rome, at the "German" Meeting Room at the FAO Building, Via delle Terme di Caracalla. It will be opened on 1 December 2009 at 09.30hrs by Mr Francesco Saverio Civili, MED POL Programme Coordinator.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The participants will review and amend as necessary the Agenda as presented in docs. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.343/1 and UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.343/2 with a view to its adoption. The Meeting will be conducted with English and French simultaneous translation. A full report of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat after the Meeting and circulated to all participants for amendment before finalization.

Agenda item 4. Scope and purpose of the Meeting

Mr Civili will brief the Meeting on the background and the objectives of the Consultation Meeting. A Meeting to review the MED POL monitoring activities is held every two years with the purpose of presenting and discussing the result of the work carried out by the national institutions, the Secretariat and the partner bodies with a view to identifying gaps and problems and finding appropriate correcting measures. Among others, the Meeting this year will present and discuss three assessments based on MED POL data prepared by the Secretariat with the assistance of external experts (see agenda item 7.). In addition, the Meeting will be asked to discuss on the future of the monitoring activities (see Agenda item 10.). The results of the discussion will be also used for the planning and implementation of the MED POL Programme during next biennium.

Agenda item 5. Overall review and analysis of the implementation of monitoring activities

Mr Civili will make a short overall review of the status of implementation of monitoring activities by highlighting the current strategy and challenges of the Programme, the participation of countries and the spatial and temporal gaps of data and programmes.

Agenda item 6. Data collection and reporting

- 6.1 MED POL III and IV marine monitoring database (Mr Angelidis and Mr D. Poursanidis, MED POL)
- 6.2 Data Quality assurance in the determination of for hazardous substances (Ms E. Vasileva-Veleva, IAEA, Monaco)
- 6.3. Data Quality assurance in the determination of nutrients (Mr Angelidis)
- 6.4. Data Quality Assurance for Biomonitoring (Mr Aldo Viarengo, DISAV, Italy)

Under this agenda item, a more detailed and technical analysis will be made of the status of implementation of the monitoring programme. In particular, a critical review will be made of the implementation of the process of designing and finalizing monitoring programmes with

the countries, the process of data collection and reporting and the implementation of the Data Quality Assurance Programme for chemical analysis, for eutrophication parameters and for biomonitoring (see doc. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.343/3, chapters 2., 3. and 5.). A discussion will follow each presentation with a view to identify gaps and problems and seek solutions.

Agenda item 7. Assessment of the state and trends of pollution

- 7.1. Eutrophication assessment (Mr A. Cruzado)
- 7.2. Assessment of the state of marine coastal environment: hazardous substances in sediments and biota (Mr J. Albaiges)
- 7.3. Assessment of pollution trends in marine biota from hot spot areas (Mr R. Precali)

Under agenda item 7, three external experts will present the assessments that were made of the available MED POL data on eutrophication, hazardous substances and heavy metals trend monitoring. A review will be made on a country basis (when data were available) that will outline achievements, problems and gaps. A discussion will follow each presentation with a view to improve the implementation of the programme and allow more complete assessments in the future.

Agenda item 8. The MED POL Information System

Mr Marco Montuori (INFO/RAC) will make a presentation of the MED POL Info System with a view to have it fully operational by the beginning of 2010.

Agenda item 9. Specific issues

- 9.1. MYTIMED, MYTIAD and MYTIOR baseline studies
- 9.2. Marine Pollution Indicators
- 9.3. Data exchange with the EEA for assessments and the role of WISE-Marine in the MSFD

Under this Agenda item, Mr Andral (IFREMER) will recall the results of the three initiatives (MYTIMED, MYTIAD and MYTIOR) to which a number of Mediterranean countries from the South have participated with the assistance of MED POL; subsequently, Mr Angelidis will brief the participants on the status of preparation of marine pollution indicators (see doc. UNEP(DEPI)MED WG. 343/3, chapter 6.) and finally Mr N. Holdsworth, on behalf of EEA, will present the WISE-Marine programme and the data exchange mechanism in the framework of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Agenda item 10. Towards a new MED POL marine monitoring strategy

Under agenda item 10. the Secretariat will introduce chapter 7. of document UNEP(DEPI)MED WG.343/3 in which an attempt is made to identify a future possible strategy for monitoring in the region, taking into account the current results and challenges, the requirements of the LBS Protocol, the international context and the actual existing capacities. A discussion will follow.

Agenda item 11. Other Business

The participants and the Secretariat will be able to propose, under this agenda item, any other business related to the subjects dealt with by the Meeting.

Agenda item 12. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Secretariat will prepare a set of draft conclusions and recommendations deriving from the discussions of the Meeting, for discussion and approval. Such conclusions and recommendations will be included at a later stage in the report of the Meeting.

Agenda item 13. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 18.00 hrs on 2 December 2009.

WORK PLAN AND TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

09,30 - 10,00 h	Agenda items 1., 2., 3., 4.
10,00 - 10,30 h	Agenda item 5.
10,30 - 11,00 h	Coffee break
11,00 - 13,00 h	Agenda item 6.
13,00 - 14,30 h	Lunch break
14,30 - 16,30 h	Agenda item 7.
16,30 - 17,30 h	Coffee break
17,30 - 18,30 h	Agenda item 7. (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

09,30 - 11,00 h	Agenda items 8., 9.
11,00 - 11,30 h	Coffee break
11,30 - 13,00 h	Agenda item 10.
13,00 - 15,30 h	Lunch break and preparation by the Secretariat of draft Conclusions and Recommendations
15,30 - 16,30 h	Agenda item 11., Agenda item 12.
16,30 - 17,00 h	Coffee Break
17,00 - 18,30 h	Agenda items 12. (cont'd), 13.