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Agenda item 2

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

Based on the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (**EcAp Roadmap**), as agreed at the 18th Conference of the Parties, in Istanbul, 3-6 December, 2013 (**COP 18**)¹ the Contracting Parties envision by the next Conference of the Parties Meeting (**COP 19**) an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean, next to the development of an EcAp Gap Analysis of Measures, a Socio-Economic Analysis and an Offshore Action Plan in line with EcAp.

Regarding the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme, the Contracting Parties experts set the key direction in an Integrated Correspondence Group (**Integrated CorGest**, 17-19 February, 2014) to the Monitoring Correspondence Groups (**CORMONs**). The latter have met in three sub-clusters (pollution and litter, coast and hydrography and biodiversity and fisheries sub-clusters), and discussed the Secretariat's draft Monitoring and Assessment Guidances on the monitoring topics. At the same time, online expert groups have been created, to address specific assessment parameters, by February 2015 (planned Integrated CORMON Meeting).

Regarding the Gap Analysis of Measures, the Secretariat has carried out an Initial Gap Analysis, for early review and comments of the EcAp Coordination Group.

Regarding the draft Socio-Economic Analysis and the draft Offshore Action Plan, work has been ongoing during the last two years and the experts in their respective meetings in June 2014 finalized both of these drafts. The Secretariat thus presents them for further comments to the EcAp Coordination Group.

In addition, the EcAp Coordination Group will serve as an opportunity to follow-up on those areas, where common indicators have not been set yet, but Contracting Parties have indicated the importance of addressing them. As a first step towards this, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (**GFCM**) will present its proposal for common indicators regarding EO3.

The aim of the 4th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group meeting thus is to:

- (a) Give recommendations on the further development of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Guidance;
- (b) Give early inputs and recommendations towards the development of an EcAp Measures Gap Analysis, based on the Secretariat's initial analysis;
- (c) Give comment and, recommendations on the draft Socio-Economic Analysis;
- (d) Give comments and recommendations on the draft Offshore Action Plan;
- (e) Give first reactions on the GFCM proposed common indicators regarding EO3;
- (f) Give first reactions on the ACCOBAMS proposed recommendations on common indicators regarding EO11.

¹ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/3

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Day One / 9 October

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09.00-09.15)

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Scope and purpose of the meeting and election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:15-09.30)

The Rules and Procedures 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).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

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

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

Agenda item 3: Draft Monitoring and Assessment Methodological Guidance (09:30-16:00)

The Secretariat will present its draft Monitoring and Assessment Guidance (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/3) under the EcAp, and provide more information on the EcAp monitoring process ahead. This will be followed by general comments.

Following this, the GFCM and ACCOBAMS Secretariats will present their proposals on common indicators related to EO3 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/Inf.7) and EO11 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401 /Inf.8).

This will be followed by detailed comments and discussion by the participants.

Expected outcome: The EcAp Coordination Group Meeting will provide further recommendations on the draft Monitoring and Assessment Methodological Guidance.

Agenda item 4: Presentation of the draft Offshore Action Plan (16.00-16.30)

The Secretariat will present the draft Offshore Action Plan (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/4). General comments will be provided by the participants.

Agenda item 5: Inter-linkages of the Offshore Action Plan and the Ecosystem Approach, with specific emphasis on monitoring (16.30-17.00)

Expected outcome: The EcAp Coordination Group Meeting will provide recommendations on the draft Offshore Action Plan and on the future planned monitoring work under the Offshore Action Plan.

Day Two/10 October**Agenda item 6: Draft EcAp Measures Gap Analysis (09.30-13.00)**

The Secretariat will present the draft initial EcAp Measures Gap Analysis (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/5). Participants will be invited to provide their comments.

Expected outcome: The EcAp Coordination Group Meeting will provide recommendations on the further development of the EcAp Measures Gap Analysis.

Agenda item 7: Draft Socio-Economic Analysis Report (14.30-15.30)

The Secretariat will present the draft Socio-Economic Analysis Report (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.401/6). Comments will be addressed by the participants.

Expected outcome: The EcAp Coordination Group Meeting will endorse the report and/or provide further comments to it.

Agenda item 8 Key recommendations (16:00-17:00)

Participants will give their key recommendations regarding the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme, the Offshore Action Plan, the EcAp Measures Gap Analysis and the Socio-Economic Analysis.

Expected outcome: The meeting participants will adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations

Agenda item 9: Any Other Business (17:00-17.30)

Participants will have the opportunity to raise any other relevant business.

Agenda item 10-: Closure of the meeting (17.30)

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 17.30 hours on 10th of October.

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Thursday, 9 October 2014	
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00.– 09:30	<i>Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda</i>
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
09.30-13.00.	<i>Agenda item 3: Draft Monitoring and Assessment Guidance</i>
13.30-15.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15.00-16.00	<i>Agenda item 3: Continued discussions on the Draft Monitoring and Assessment Guidance</i>
16.00-16.30	<i>Agenda item 4: Presentation of the draft Offshore Action Plan</i>
16.30-17.00	<i>Agenda item 5: Inter-linkages of the Offshore Action Plan and the Ecosystem Approach, with specific emphasis on monitoring</i>
Friday, 10 October 2014	
09.30.– 13:00	<i>Agenda item 6: Draft EcAp Measures Gap Analysis</i>
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.30-15.30	<i>Agenda item 7: Draft Socio-Economic Analysis Report</i>
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00-17.00	<i>Agenda item 8: Key recommendations</i>
17:00 – 17.30	<i>Agenda item 9: Any Other Business</i>
17.30	<i>Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting</i>