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Annotated Provisional Agenda

Introduction

The Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (**EcAp Roadmap**), as agreed at the 18th Conference of the Parties, in Istanbul, 3-6 December, 2013 (COP18)¹ is following up on the hard work of experts in the three sub-clusters and as such, envisions the current biennium to focus on the development of an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme.

Following other Regional Seas Conventions (**RSCs**) practices, the first step towards this, is the establishment of common indicators, to prepare and implement a cost effective integrated monitoring programme of marine quality environment with the view to assess if GES and respective targets have been achieved.

The monitoring experts (CORMON Groups, start in April 2014) will be able to proceed thanks to the agreement on these common indicators, focusing their work first on these core areas, identifying for these the specific monitoring parameters (specific purpose of the indicator for monitoring purposes, such as assess level of pressure or impact or state, specific elements to be monitored and parameters to be measured, scope of monitoring for the indicator, next to data processing methodologies).

As described in the COP18 Information Document on the EcAp process (IG.21/Inf.8 Note on Integrated list of Mediterranean Good Environmental Status and related targets), this does not mean that any of the other agreed indicators or in some cases EOs will be left behind, but these will be gradually introduced for the experts, based on their further maturing.

As a first step towards this, during this Integrated CORGEST Meeting both GFCM and ACCOBAMS will present to the CORGEST experts relevant developments regarding EO3 and EO11 and the Secretariat will also present a specific proposal regarding EO8.

Based on the EcAp process COP18 Information Note (IG.21/Inf.8 Note on Integrated list of Mediterranean Good Environmental Status and related targets), it is foreseen that the whole list of Indicators, GES and Targets will be revisited by COP19 and further adjusted, both based on the work of the CORMON groups, which will also provide important information on their feasibility, but also based on developments in science and work of other regional/international bodies regards the less matured indicators or EOs. This is the reason why it is important that both during this Integrated CORGEST meeting and during the upcoming CORMON meetings experts will have the opportunity to give recommendations towards these indicators/EOs, which will enable the EcAp Coordination Group to address them in line with the experts recommendations.

The aim of the Integrated CORGEST meeting thus is:

- a) to agree on a list of common indicators, with which establish a solid basis for the work of the CORMON groups; and
- b) to give recommendations on those EOs/indicators, which are not mature enough yet, but scientific developments, work in other International Bodies would suggest to include them already in early discussions.

¹ UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/9

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| Working document | |
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| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/3 | Secretariat proposed Common Indicators |
| Information document | |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.3 | Secretariat Analysis of Common Indicators |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.5 | GFCM Information Note on EO3 |

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

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias.

Agenda item 2-3: 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.377/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.377/2) 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 4: General introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on the possible common indicators/knot targets (and their possible baselines and thresholds) to the agreed Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives (09:30-10:00)

The Secretariat will present its analysis on the common indicators/knot targets relevant for the Mediterranean and general comments will be addressed to this analysis.

Agenda item 5: Introduction of the Analysis of the Secretariat in relation to EOs of the Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster and of the GFCM Secretariat on possible common indicators and knot targets, baselines, thresholds in relation to EO3 (10.00-10.30)

GFCM will present to the experts recent development relevant to EcAp on EO3. Early discussions will take place on possible common indicators regarding EO3.

Expected outcome: The Integrated COR-GEST group will provide recommendations on further work on EO3 related indicators/monitoring work.

Agenda item 6: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster (11.00-13.00)

The Secretariat will present its analysis on the common indicators/knot targets relevant for the Mediterranean specifically for the biodiversity and fisheries cluster and participants will discuss the analysis.

Agenda item 7: Continued discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Biodiversity and Fisheries (14.30-17.00)

Discussions will continue on the Secretariat's proposed common indicators.

Agenda Item 8: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of the in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds (17.30-18.00)

Expected outcome: The Integrated COR-GEST group will provide recommendations on further work on EO3 related indicators/monitoring work and on common indicators related to the biodiversity and fisheries cluster.

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| Working document | |
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| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/3 | Secretariat proposed Common Indicators |
| Information document | |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.3 | Secretariat Analysis of Common Indicators |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.6 | Accobams Information Note on EO11 |

Agenda item 9: Introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on the possible common indicators and knot targets (and their possible baselines and thresholds) to the agreed Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives in relation to the Pollution and Litter related EOs (09:00-09:30)

The Secretariat will present its analysis on the common indicators/knot targets relevant for the Mediterranean specifically for the pollution and litter cluster.

Agenda item 10: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Pollution and Litter Sub-Cluster (09:30-13:00)

Participants will discuss and give comments, inputs on the Secretariat's analysis.

Agenda item 11: Continued discussion of the Pollution and Litter Sub-Cluster (14.30-17.00)

Discussions will continue on the Secretariat's proposed common indicators. In addition, ACCOBAMS will introduce their analysis on the recent developments related to EO11.

Agenda item 12: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of the Pollution and Litter cluster in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds (17.30-18.00)

Expected outcome: The Integrated COR-GEST group will provide recommendations on further work on EO11 related indicators/monitoring work and on common indicators related to the pollution and litter sub-cluster.

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| Working document | |
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| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/3 | Secretariat proposed Common Indicators |
| Information document | |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.3 | Secretariat Analysis of Common Indicators |
| UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.390/Inf.4 | Secretariat's Information Note on EO8 |

Agenda item 13: Introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on possible common indicators and knot targets in relation to the work of the Coast and Hydrography cluster (09.00-09.30)

The Secretariat will present its analysis on the common indicators/knot targets relevant for the Mediterranean specifically for the Coast and Hydrography cluster.

It will also present additional information in relation to EO8, based on recent scientific developments.

Agenda item 14: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Coast and Hydrography cluster (09.30-13.00)

The Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will present new information related to EO8 (on land-use change). Participants will discuss and give comments, inputs on the Secretariat's analysis.

Agenda item 15: Continued discussion of the Coast and Hydrography cluster (14.30-15.30)

Discussions will continue on the Secretariat's proposed common indicators.

Agenda item 16: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of the Coast and Hydrography cluster in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds (15.30-16.00)

Expected outcome: The Integrated COR-GEST group will provide recommendations on further development on EO8, related indicators/monitoring work and on common indicators related to the coast and hydrography sub-cluster.

Agenda item 17: Recommendations of the Integrated COR-GEST Meeting to the future work of the COR-MON Groups (16.30-18.00)

Participants will address interlinkages and give overall recommendation for further work of the CORMON groups, in line with the proposed common indicators.

Agenda Item 18: Closure of the meeting (18:00)

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.00 hours on 19th of February.

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| Monday February 17 2014 | |
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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00.– 09:30 | Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2-3: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda |
| 09.30-10.00. | Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on the possible common indicators/knot targets (and their possible baselines and thresholds) to the agreed Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives |
| 10.00-10.30 | Agenda item 5: Introduction of the Analysis of the Secretariat in relation to EOs of the Biodiversity and Fisheries Cluster and of the GFCM Secretariat on possible common indicators and knot targets, baselines, thresholds in relation to EO3 |
| 10.30-11.00 | Coffee Break |
| 11.00-13.00 | Agenda item 6: Discussion of Analysis of the Secretariat in relation to EOs of the Biodiversity and Fisheries |
| 13:00 – 14.30 | Lunch Break |
| 14.30-17.00 | Agenda Item 7: Continued discussion of Analysis of the Secretariat in relation to EOs of the Biodiversity and Fisheries |
| 17.00-17.30 | Coffee Break |
| 17.30– 18:00 | Agenda item 8: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of the in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds |

| Tuesday February 18 2014 | |
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| 09.00.– 09:30 | Agenda Item 9: Introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on the possible common indicators and knot targets (and their possible baselines and thresholds) to the agreed Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives in relation to the Pollution and Litter related EOs |
| 09.30-11.00. | Agenda Item 10: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Pollution and Litter Sub-Cluster |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
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| 17:00 – 17.30 | Coffee Break |
| 17.30– 18:00 | Agenda item 12: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of the Pollution and Litter Sub-Cluster in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds |

| Wednesday February 19 2014 | |
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| 09.00.– 09:30 | Agenda Item 13: Introduction of the Analysis of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat on the possible common indicators and knot targets (and their possible baselines and thresholds) to the agreed Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Ecological Objectives in relation to the Coast and Hydrography cluster |
| 09.30-11.00. | Agenda Item 14: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Coast and Hydrography cluster |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-13.00 | Agenda Item 14: Discussion of the Analysis of the Secretariat, Coast and Hydrography cluster |
| 13.00-14.30 | Lunch Break |
| 14.30-15.30 | Agenda item 16: Recommendations, conclusions on the key outcomes of Coast and Hydrography cluster in relation to the knot targets, common indicators, possible baselines and thresholds |
| 15:30-16.30 | Coffee Break |
| 16.30– 18:00 | Agenda item 17: Recommendations of the Integrated COR-GEST Meeting to the future work of the COR-MON Groups |
| 18.00 | Agenda item 18: Closure of the Meeting |