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Narrative introduction to the draft Programme of Work 2024-2025 of SPA/RAC

1. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC have been prepared following the guiding elements included in the “Guiding elements for the preparation of 2024-2025 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW)” prepared by the Secretariat. Since this is the second biennium of the MTS cycle (2022-2027), most of the proposed activities are in continuation of those started in the present biennium to implement relevant priority actions included in the new regional strategies adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at their 22nd meeting (COP 22, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021).
2. In developing the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC, due consideration has been given to the contribution of its expected deliverables to the achievement of the 2022-2027 MTS programmes’ objectives, strategic outcomes and related targets. Special emphasis was placed on outcomes which require a long-term timespan, especially those planned to be expanded over the entire six-year MTS cycle or those implemented over a longer term and need to build on ongoing work of the current and previous medium-term strategies, such as threatened and endangered species and habitats conservation, marine and coastal protected areas establishment and management, SPAMI periodic review, EcAp/IMAP activities, etc. New activities related to emerging issues have been also launched mainly in relation to off-shore activities or to climate change, such as ecosystem restoration, nature-based technical solutions, mass mortality linked to heat waves, the interface of wind energy farms and marine biodiversity, etc.
3. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC aim at assisting the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, in particular, by protecting, preserving and managing, in a sustainable and environmentally sound way, areas of particular natural or cultural value, notably by establishing and fostering effective management of specially protected areas and by protecting, preserving and restoring threatened or endangered species of flora and fauna, and their habitats, in line with the SPA/RAC mandate.
4. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC have been developed considering the priorities defined in the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 22nd meeting, and the Regional Action Plans and Strategy on threatened and endangered species and key habitats. Its deliverables aim at contributing, based on the available budget (both MTF and externally mobilized funds), to the implementation of Instruments and Decisions taken by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention: the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol); in particular COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027, Decision IG.25/11 Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO), Decision IG.25/12 Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, Decision IG.25/13 Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, and IG.25/19 Programme of Work and Budget for 2022-2023 Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021).
5. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC also consider relevant current and emerging global and regional frameworks and processes, including SDG 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 12.2, 15.5, 15.8, 15.9, 15.a; UN Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15

outcomes and particularly the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the international legally-binding instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) – under negotiation, etc.

6. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC are developed mainly under six MTS Programmes, namely “Towards a pollution and litter free Mediterranean Sea and coast embracing circular economy”, “Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity”, “Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean”, “Governance”, “Together for a Shared Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast” and “Towards a Stronger Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”. Particular attention will be paid to the collaboration with other MAP Components toward a more integrated MAP action and to the cooperation with relevant regional partners with the aim to achieve a more coherent and inclusive regional partnership.

MTS Programme 1: “Towards a pollution and litter free Mediterranean Sea and coast embracing circular economy”.

7. The primary goal of the proposed activities and deliverables for this program is to make sure that the socio-economic aspect of fisheries management is informed by biological and environmental considerations, and that the socio-economic aspect of fisheries management is considered when considering biological and environmental conservation. By developing a pilot NAP+, in collaboration with the Coordinating Unit and MEDPOL as well as GFCM, in at least one country where the use of ecosystem-based conservation and management tools will be tested, as relevant to the implementation of the Post 2020 SAP-BIO, the planned activities will aim to contribute to the alignment of national policies relating to the protection of the marine environment and the sustainable management of fisheries. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables aim to support:

- The development of a NAP+ including investment plan and its endorsement by decision makers in Montenegro.
- The establishment by interested CPs of a national public-private blue economy partnership and the preparation of a NAP+ including investment plans.

MTS Programme 2: “Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity”

8. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC under this programme is to support the Contracting Parties in their efforts towards improving ecosystem resilience through restoration of those with best regeneration potential, to assist them in establishing, expanding and effectively managing a comprehensive, coherent and effective Mediterranean network of MCPAs and OECMs, improving the status of conservation of Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats and minimizing non-indigenous species introductions and controlling their introduction pathways. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties to identify and implement national measures to restore the most resilient marine and coastal habitats, as a means to allow successful restoration experiences during the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration and build capacities for more challenging ones in the future, including through the elaboration of tools and guidelines, specific training and countries’ field actions in collaboration with Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC and REMPEC as well as relevant regional and national organisations for many of the proposed activities.

- In the elaboration or updating of their national strategies and action plans for the development of MCPA and OECM networks, based on the orientations and priorities of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and other relevant global frameworks and targets.

- in extending their MPA/Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs), Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) and OECM networks, by extending existing areas, declaring new ones, including transboundary areas and in Areas Beyond National Jurisdictions (ABNJ), designating protected areas with enhanced protection levels, and enforcing efficient management measures for their long-term conservation. Specific support will be provided in terms of strengthening effective SPAMI management through continuing and fostering SPAMI Twinning Programmes and activities.
- to ensure continuous knowledge enhancement, management measures implementation and conservation status assessments of marine and coastal species and habitats covered by the Regional Action Plans and by the Annex II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol, in line with the IMAP requirements as well as data, knowledge and experience sharing, networking and capacity building programmes (scientific symposia and conferences, workshops and thematic regional, sub-regional and national training sessions), regional action plans/strategy update and elaboration of sub-regional and national ones, but also improvement and adaptation of measures to mitigate the impact and interaction with coastal and marine human activities and/or climate change and enhancing their adoption by the Contracting Parties.
- to undertake state of play on existing practices and measures for biodiversity restoration including their scientific evaluation and sharing best practices applicable to the Mediterranean, as well as through implementing pilot/demonstration and concrete actions, when possible and appropriate.

MTS Programme 3 “Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean”

9. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC under this programme is to support the Contracting Parties in identifying and implementing nature-based technical solutions to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change on marine and coastal ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change in collaboration with PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu and relevant regional actors. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage assisting the Contracting Parties through:

- Assessing the nature-based technical solutions and best practices applicable to Mediterranean specific context disseminated for prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increasing their resilience.
- Emerging issues (mainly in relation to offshore activities and climate change) observation, analysis and identifying appropriate measures to address (prevent and/or mitigate) their impact on marine biodiversity and ecosystems.

MTS Programme 5 “Governance”

10. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC under this programme is to contribute to the effective implementation and enforcement by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, of MAP Policies, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels. The aim is to ensure policy coherence and complementarity among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system’s policy and regulatory instruments, to enhance partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement including with the private sector, civil society organisations and science-policy interface and the implementation of coordinated approaches to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols with the guidance and collaboration of the Coordinating Unit. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties through:

- The organisation of the SPA/BD Focal Points Seventeenth Meeting and the SAPBIO National Correspondent and Advisory Committee meetings.

- Supporting National Biodiversity Strategic Action Programmes (NBSAPs) elaboration in alignment with the Post-2020 SAPBIO.
- Bilateral working exchanges with global and regional institutions of relevance for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions linked to their prerogatives.
- Promoting the title of “Partner” to the Regional Action Plans for the conservation of threatened or endangered species and marine key habitats: "Regional Action Plans Partners".
- Finalisation of funding proposals prepared within the Post-2020 SAPBIO Resource Mobilisation Strategy (RMS) elaborated during the current biennium, in consultation with the Contracting parties, the other MAP Components and regional and international partners members of the SAPBIO Advisory Committee, to support the Contracting Parties' institutions in implementing the Post-2020 SAPBIO priority actions, supported by the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs.

MTS Programme 6 “Together for a Shared Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”

11. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC under this programme is to support and facilitate Environment and Development Observation and IMAP monitoring to provide updated and quality-assured data in support of decision-making by the Contracting Parties and assessment of GES and science-based IMAP, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science-policy interface and decision-making in collaboration with the other MAP Components and the Coordinating Unit, especially within the EcAp-IMAP implementation. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties through:

- Continuing the supporting of the development and implementation of National/Sub-regional Monitoring Programmes in line with the biodiversity cluster of IMAP and reporting results through the IMAP Info System, taking in consideration the MED QSR 2023 recommendations.
- Continuing the development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 4 on marine food webs under the Barcelona Convention and the development of EO1 CI1 and CI2 on pelagic habitats.
- Maintaining Biodiversity databases, as appropriate, regularly updating database content and elaborating the digitalisation of marine biodiversity data management in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy.
- Developing and updating monitoring and assessment criteria as well as the reporting processes at national, sub-regional and regional levels as necessary and appropriate for IMAP common indicators (CIs) on biodiversity.

MTS Programme 7 “Towards a Stronger Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”

12. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC under this programme is to contribute to properly informing stakeholders and policy makers about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and to let them aware of the environmental priority issues, in particular, those emphasised by the Post-2020 SAPBIO, which include area-based conservation in the Mediterranean, reduction of anthropogenic pressures on vulnerable species and habitats, sustainable fisheries, and the urgency for a transformative change necessitated to reverse the trend of biodiversity loss and erosion in the Mediterranean and to contribute to a digital transformation using digital technologies to improve networking and MAP visibility in collaboration with INFO/RAC and the Coordinating Unit. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties through:

- Developing communication materials and organising events to enhance the engagement of key actors and decision-makers and raise their involvement in biodiversity conservation actions, including those related to marine protected areas, threatened and endangered species & habitats and the sustainable use of marine resources in the Mediterranean.
- Celebrating the SPAMI Day and delivering the SPAMI Certificates.
- Celebrating the 40th anniversary of SPA/RAC (1985-2025).
- Enhancing networking among SPAMIs and increasing the visibility of the SPAMI List through the SPAMI Collaborative Platform.

13. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC, are built on and aim at strengthening the result-based management (RBM) approach that has been already followed in the previous PoW cycles as well as the integration, to the extent possible, of the UNEP/MAP work.

14. Lessons learned from previous biennia have also been taken into consideration, particularly in terms of the feasibility of planned deliverables, implementation flexibility to be considered when programming, the number and size of planned actions and how to consolidate activities of a similar nature.

15. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2024-2025, proposed by SPA/RAC, consist of the following elements: the MTS 2022-2027 programmes and outcomes under which the PoW is developed. Under each outcome, are presented, respectively, the main activities and expected deliverables that would be produced, as well as the Lead Component (i.e., SPA/RAC), the other Components expected to contribute to the activity and the partners that would be involved to achieve the expected deliverables. Are, also, indicated in the tables for each main activity, the core MAP mandates and COP decisions as rationale that supports its relevance, as well as the SDG's references and global agenda to which it is linked. An idea is also given on whether only MTF budget and/or external resources are planned for the suggested activities and expected deliverables.

16. Main activities and deliverables led by other MAP Components where SPA/RAC is supposed to contribute to their implementation are also presented in the PoW template to give an idea on these activities to the SPA/BD focal points.

Programme 1. Towards a Pollution and Litter Free Mediterranean Sea and Coast Embracing Circular Economy							
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	MTF / External Resources / Both
Outcome 1.2. A holistic and efficient response to land and sea -based pollution, as a part of overall Ecosystem Approach policy for the Mediterranean, (chemicals, contaminants, eutrophication, noise, oil and emerging pollution) for a sustainable Mediterranean coastal and marine ecosystem is implemented							
1.2.2 Take national and regional actions including enabling investments, to implement the adopted Regional Plans	a) 21 NAPs/PoM developed including as appropriate project fiches on priority actions/interventions to achieve/maintain GES. b) NAP guidelines reviewed and updated. c) Quantifiable indicator-based evaluation of NAP implementation finalised for the period 2015-2025. d) Capacity building on policy formulation and implementation enhanced. e) Proposed indicator-based framework to monitor Marine Plastics.	MED POL	CU, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu	WES, EBRD EIB Relevant national authorities / stakeholders, relevant regional partners	LBS Protocol Article 13 COP19 Decision IG.22/8 - Implementation of Updated National Action Plans (NAPs), Containing Measures and Timetables for their Implementation	5.5, 5.c; 6.5; 6.6; 6.a; 12.4; 13.1; 14.1; 13.2; 14.2; 14.5	MTF EU funded project EcAp MED PLUS GEF (Med-Programme) EU funded PERMAGOV

<p>1.2.10. Strengthen the capacity of individual coastal states to respond efficiently to marine pollution incidents</p>	<p>i) Effective support for the development of / integration in four (4) national contingency plans of oiled wildlife response. (2)</p>	<p>REMPEC</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>Sea Alarm, EUROWA, ISPRA, CEDRE</p>	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents); Article 6 (Cooperation in recovery operations); Article 8 (Communication of information and reports concerning pollution incidents); Article 11 (Emergency measures on board ships, on offshore installations and in ports); Article 12 (Assistance) Offshore Protocol - Article 16 (Contingency planning); Article 17 (Notification); Article 18 (Mutual assistance in case of emergency) COP 8 Decision IG 3/5 (Appendix II) - Mediterranean Assistance Unit for combating accidental marine pollution COP 20 Decision IG.23/11: Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)</p>	<p>5.5; 12.4; 14.1</p>	<p>Both</p>
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Programme 2. Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity

Outcome 2.1. Ecosystem resilience improved through restoration of those with best regeneration potential

<p>2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication</p>	<p>a) Guidelines to develop species recovery Plans and implement emergency actions, elaborated.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC and other Components as relevant</p>	<p>Action Plan Partners; H2020 Waterlands, Feu Vert, Euro Med Dialogue 4 Nature</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol</p>	<p>14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>	<p>MTF</p>
	<p>b) Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the Restoration programme of <i>Pinna nobilis</i>.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU and other Components as relevant</p>	<p>Action Plan Partners, relevant Project</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol</p>	<p>14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>	<p>Both</p>

	<p>c) Criteria for full inventory of ecosystems with the highest ecological relevance and/or regeneration potential developed. d) Sites with best ecosystem regeneration potential identified. e) Ecological integrity and biological diversity of the Northeast Atlantic as well as the Black, Caspian, Baltic and Mediterranean Seas, protected, preserved and restored through emphasizing of EBSAs areas and the establishment of effective MPAs within EBSAs (5 Seas Projects) and the restoration of wetlands (Waterlands and Feu Vert projects).</p>	SPA/RAC	CU, PAP RAC, Plan Bleu	<p>UNEP, GRID-ARENDAL, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, MedWet, Tour du Valat, H2020 Waterlands, Feu Vert,</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol</p>	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	External resources - pending funding
<p>Outcome 2.2. Comprehensive, coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed MPAs and OECMs in place, expanded, effective and sustainable</p>							
<p>2.2.1. Support the Contracting Parties in protecting and conserving the Mediterranean Sea through well-connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures</p>	<p>a) Support given to Contracting Parties with technical tools on (i) monitoring, documenting, and communicating impacts of MCPAs with enhanced protection levels, (ii) best practices on co-management and participatory governance, and (iii) applying OECM criteria and establishing processes for identifying OECMs, to the implementation of the MCPA-OECM Strategy.</p>	SPA/RAC	CU	<p>ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med, MedPAN, WWF</p>	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/6 - Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.1	MTF External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project)
	<p>b) Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) operational and effectively supported to guide the implementation of the MCPA-OECM Strategy.</p>	SPA/RAC	CU	<p>ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med, MedPAN, WWF</p>	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/6 - Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.1	MTF External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project)

<p>c) Management and business plans elaborated for MCPAs in Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia based on sound scientific knowledge, comprehensive consultation and engagement of stakeholders.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC, Respective Contracting Parties</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>Relevant national authorities, relevant regional partners</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1</p>	<p>External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project) - Med Programme CP 3.1</p>
<p>d) MCPA management effectiveness improved through the implementation of management plans and capacity building programme in Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC, Respective Contracting Parties</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>Relevant national authorities, relevant regional partners</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1</p>	<p>External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project) - Med Programme CP 3.1</p>
<p>e) Management effectiveness assessed in existing MCPAs/SPAMIs in Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia using the Integrated Management effectiveness Tool (IMET).</p>	<p>SPA/RAC, Respective Contracting Parties</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>Relevant national authorities, relevant regional partners</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1</p>	<p>External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project)</p>

	<p>f) Fifth edition of the Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean successfully held; Direct and indirect MPA-related community gathered to allow networking and best practices shared; Priority action for effective implementation of the MCPA-OECM Strategy identified; Increased visibility and advocacy on MPAs in the Mediterranean achieved</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU and other Components as relevant</p>	<p>MedPAN (co-organizer with SPA/RAC), ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med, WWF (technical partners), host country environmental authorities, local partners.</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.1</p>	<p>MTF External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project)</p>
	<p>g) Training and capacity building activities undertaken at national and sub-regional level to enhance CPs ability for identification, recognition and reporting of OECM.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC, Respective Contracting Parties</p>	<p>CU, REMPEC, PAP/RAC</p>	<p>FAO, GFCM, IMO and other relevant organisations</p>	<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.0</p>	<p>MTF External Funds (EU funded SEMPA project) – Med-Programme CP 3.1</p>

	<p>h) Further promote the uptake of the Ecosystem approach at national and regional level, under UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy Programme 2: Towards healthy Mediterranean ecosystems and enhanced biodiversity:</p> <p>i) .Needs assessment for the implementation, further elaboration and upgrade of Programmes of Measures (Pomp) and National Action Plans (NAPs) under UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term</p> <p>ii) further elaborated and upgraded Programmes of Measures (Pomp) and National Action Plans (NAPs)</p> <p>iii) Periodic regional and sub-regional training/capacity /Best practices sharing sessions</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, Plan Bleu</p>	<p>Relevant national authorities / stakeholders, relevant regional partners</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO); Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean</p> <p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/8: Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine and Coastal Bird Species listed in annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean - Updated Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria; Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans" , "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions" , and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species" ; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the " Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean</p> <p>COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including</p>	<p>5.5; 13.2; 14.2; 14.4</p>	<p>MTF and EU funded project EcAp MED PLUS</p>
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				<p>adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets / Decision IG.21/4 - Action Plans under the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity Protocol including Monk Seal, Marine Turtles, Birds, Cartilaginous Fishes, and Dark Habitats</p> <p>COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 - Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives, Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap</p>		
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<p>2.2.2. Ensure effective SPAMI management and evaluation</p>	<p>a) SPAMI management status kept under review: SPAMI ordinary and extraordinary reviews undertaken: 2024 ordinary reviews (05): The Blue Coast Marine Park (FR), The Embiez Archipelago - Six Fours (FR), Capo Carbonara Marine Protected Area (IT), Penisola del Sinis - Isola di Mal di Ventre Marine Protected Area (IT), Porto Cesareo Marine Protected Area (IT) ; 2025 ordinary reviews (14): Lara-Toxeftra Turtle Reserve (CY), Port-Cros National Park (FR), Cerbère-Banyuls Marine Nature Reserve (FR), Pelagos Sanctuary for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (FR-IT-MC), Egadi Islands Marine Protected Area (IT), Landscape Park Strunjan (SI), Alboran Island (ES), Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park (ES), Cap de Creus Natural Park (ES), Columbretes Islands (ES), Mar Menor and Oriental Mediterranean zone of the Region of Murcia coast (ES), Medes Islands (ES), Sea Bottom of the Levante of Almeria (ES), Cetaceans Migration Corridor in the Mediterranean (ES); and 2025 extraordinary reviews (05): Palm Islands Nature Reserve (LB), Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (LB), La Galite Archipelago (TN), Kneiss Islands (TN), Zembra and Zembretta National Park (TN).</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMI managers</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5; Targets of SDG 14 and 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>
	<p>b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes developed: (i) exchange visits implemented for management issues diagnosis, habitats conservation & fishing impacts, (ii) Medium-term on-the-job training implemented in twinned SPAMIs, (iii) Peer-to-peer support and mentoring:</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU and other Components as relevant</p>	<p>SPAMI managers, SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMI stakeholders, CSOs and the private sector</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>5.5, All SDG 14 Targets</p>	<p>External resources - pending funding</p>

	actions to strengthen management effectiveness in twinned SPAMIs and/or joint monitoring programmes implemented.						
	c) Local stakeholders and civil society involved in SPAMI/MPA management.	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	SPAMI managers, SPA/BD Focal Points, CSOs and the private sector	COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	5.5; All SDG 14 Targets	External resources - pending funding
	d) SPAMI Collaborative Platform maintained, including through the intervention of other MAP Components in SPAMIs (management effectiveness, ICZM, MSP, sustainable tourism, etc.).	SPA/RAC	CU, PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves) and other Components as relevant	SPAMI managers, SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMI stakeholders, CSOs and the private sector	COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	All SDG 14 Targets	Both
	e) Collaboration processes facilitated among neighbouring countries aiming at undertaking coordinated joint research and at identifying potential SPAMIs located wholly or partly in ABNJs.	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	SPA/BD Focal Points, relevant national authorities, IMO, GFCM, FAO, ACCOBAMS	COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	All SDG 14 Targets	Both

	f) A platform for Climate Change Monitoring in SPAMIs developed.	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	SPAMI managers, SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMI stakeholders	COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	All SDG 14 Targets	Both
Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation							
2.3.1. Implement regional and national actions to boost the implementation of the Action Plans on marine key habitats	a) Status of implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of the coralligenous and other calcareous bioconcretions in the Mediterranean Sea assessed and Action Plan updated	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	National experts and organizations, NGOs, SPA/BD Focal Points, Action Plans Partners; relevant partners such as GFCM	COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean , COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF
	b) Guidelines suited to the inventorying and monitoring of dark habitats and associated assemblages updated	SPA/RAC			COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF

			<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</p>		
	<p>c) Detailed guidelines for effective management measures of dark habitats developed in collaboration with relevant partners</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>
	<p>d) Measures related to conservation in the Mediterranean marine ecosystems to respond to mass mortality events linked to heatwaves' events identified</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>

<p>2.3.2. Effectively implement the updated regional Strategy and Action Plans for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and share related best practices</p>	<p>a) Status of implementation of the Action plans on marine turtles and cartilaginous fish species listed in annex II of SPA/BD Protocol assessed and action plans updated</p>	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	<p>National experts and organizations, NGOs, SPA/BD Focal Points, Action Plans Partners; BlueSeeds BirdLife Europe and Central Asia, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN Med, MEDASSET, WWF, Medpan, DEKAMER, ARCHELON,</p>	<p>COP Decisions on Species Action Plans (Monk Seal Action Plan; Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles; Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan for the Conservation of Bird Species inventoried in the annex II of the SPA Protocol; Action Plan on Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Introduction of Species and Invasive Species in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Coralligenous & other Calcareous Bio-concretions in the Mediterranean)</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	14.2; 14.4; 14.5	MTF
	<p>b) Status of the Monk seal regional strategy implementation in the Mediterranean assessed and strategy updated</p>						MTF
	<p>c) Knowledge enhanced and awareness actions on monk seal in the Mediterranean implemented</p>						Both
	<p>d) Priority actions to fill key knowledge gaps for threatened and endangered species supported including monitoring of interactions with fisheries, mainly bycatch and other threats (i.e., Marine Litter, Underwater Noise, Collision, CC, etc.) and their mitigation.</p>						Both
	<p>e) Conservation status of threatened and endangered species improved at national and regional levels as provided for in the related updated regional Action Plans (Cartilaginous fishes, marine turtles, cetaceans and marine & coastal Birds).</p>	Both					
	<p>f) Assessment of the status and vulnerability of habitats and species included in the Annex II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol which are not in EcAp-IMAP/GES category, including recent updates and the new 2019 habitat classification, elaborated and a list of priority established.</p>	SPA/RAC	CU, Plan Bleu	Action Plans Partners, IUCN-Med,			Both
	<p>g) A Mediterranean horizon scan of emerging issues impacting marine and coastal biodiversity conservation</p>	SPA/RAC	Plan Bleu				Pending funding

	<p>h) NAP + integrating fisheries and aligned with the Post 2020 SAPBIO goals and targets, including investment plan, drafted and endorsed by decision makers in Montenegro.</p>	<p>CU, SPA/RAC</p>		<p>GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>	<p>External GEF funds (FishEBM Med project)</p>
<p>2.3.3. Implement conservation measures and share best practices related to threatened and endangered species listed in Annex II to SPA/BD Protocol</p>	<p>a) Conservation of threatened and vulnerable species improved through related awareness activities, including best practices promotion to mitigate interaction with human activities (bycatch, depredation, marine litter, underwater noise, stranding, habitat loss, etc.) at national and regional levels.</p>		<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU and other Components as relevant</p>	<p>National experts and organizations, NGOs, SPA/BD Focal Points, Action Plans Partners; BlueSeeds BirdLife Europe and Central Asia, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN Med, MEDASSET, WWF, Medpan, DEKAMER, ARCHELON,</p>	<p>COP Decisions on Species Action Plans (Action Plan for the management of the Monk Seal in the Mediterranean, regional Strategy for the conservation of the Monk Seal in the Mediterranean ; Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles; Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan for the Conservation of Bird Species inventoried in the annex II of the SPA/DB Protocol; Action Plan on Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Introduction of Species and Invasive Species in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Coralligenous & other Calcareous Bio -concretions in the Mediterranean) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the SPA/DB Protocol; Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>
<p>b) Conservation status of vulnerable species improved through communication and advocacy/policy materials including best practices (Infographics, videos, reports, etc.) at national and regional levels.</p>	<p>c) Most recent collected data on vulnerable mobile species is analysed, gathered, promoted and made available to the contracting parties via the Marine Biodiversity Platform.</p>	<p>14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>				<p>both</p>	

<p>2.3.4 Evaluation of the approach based on regional action plans for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol, in the light of the New Global Biodiversity Framework and the EcAp/IMAP process of the Barcelona Convention</p>	<p>a) Approach based on regional Action Plans for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol evaluated and recommendations for the way forward identified.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU and other Components as relevant</p>		<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>14,2</p>	<p>MTF</p>
<p>Outcome 2.4. Non -indigenous species introductions minimized and introduction pathways under control</p>							
<p>2.4.1. Update and implement the regional action plan on Non-Indigenous Species (NIS) and species introductions, as well as targeted measures of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)</p>	<p>a) Implementation of targeted NAPs measures on NIS by at least 4 Contracting Parties (Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon) supported in coordination with IMAP implementation.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, REMPEC</p>	<p>Concerned CPs</p>	<p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>

	<p>b) Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the updated regional NIS Action Plan.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, REMPEC</p>	<p>Relevant CPs</p> <p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>
	<p>c) Measures to cope with the negative effects of non-indigenous species on biodiversity as well as those of other potential stressors identified and disseminated.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, INFO/RAC</p>	<p>CPs and relevant national & regional scientific partners</p> <p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF and FishEBM fund</p>

				<p>and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>		
	<p>d) Assistance provided to contracting Parties to implement target measures to control and manage ships' ballast water and biofouling, to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species</p>	<p>SPA/RAC, REMPEC</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>CPs and relevant national & regional scientific partners</p> <p>Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean; Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027) COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans", "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions", and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species"; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the "Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean" COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6</p>	<p>MTF</p>

	<p>e) Targeted technical support provided to CPs, which so request, for the ratification and implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention as well as for the implementation of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species.</p>		<p>CU</p>				<p>Both</p>
	<p>f) Joint Conference on BWM organised with neighbouring regions to share experiences and promote further alignment.</p>	<p>REMPEC, SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>IMO, GEF, UNDP, EBRD</p>	<p>Prevention and Emergency Protocol - Article 4 (Contingency plans and other means of preventing and combating pollution incidents) SPA/BD Protocol - Article 13 (Introduction of non-indigenous or genetically modified species) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/12 - Updated Action Plans Concerning "Cetaceans" , "Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bioconcretions" , and "Species Introductions and Invasive Species" ; Mandate for update of the "Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Birds" and revision of the " Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean"</p>	<p>14,2</p>	<p>Both</p>
	<p>g) Study to develop a regional information and decision support system or tool undertaken.</p>		<p>CU, INFO/RAC</p>		<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)</p>		<p>Both</p>
	<p>h) Mid-term review of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027) undertaken; recommendations on the way forward elaborated.</p>		<p>CU</p>				<p>Both</p>

Programme 3. Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean							
Outcome 3.1. Legal, policy and institutional framework strengthened at the regional and national level to efficiently address climate change related challenges (flooding, erosion, land degradation, pollution, disasters etc.)							
3.1.1. Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans	b) Climate change adaptation planning capacities improved and supported, in particular to address issues affecting marine resources and fisheries sector.	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment; COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria ; COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO and Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean	5.5; 13.2; 13.b	GEF funds (FishEBM Med project)
Outcome 3.2. Nature-based, technical solutions promoting prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change							
3.2.1. Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/ green economy.	a) An assessment on nature-based technical solutions promoting prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increasing their resilience.	SPA/RAC	CU, PB/RAC, PAP/RAC	IUCN-Med and other relevant organisations	COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF and External Resources (to be identified)
	b) Best practices applicable to Mediterranean specific context disseminated.						
	c) Guidelines for nature-based solutions applicable in various coastal typologies to combat impacts of climate change finalised and disseminated.	PAP/RAC	SPA/RAC, PB/RAC	MedECC	Art. 5, 22 and 23 of the ICZM Protocol ; COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	SDG 13 Targets	MTF
	d) Conceptual framework for the establishment of institutional dialogues on restoration and Nature-based Solutions produced.	Plan Bleu	SPA/RAC	Dialogue4Nature	COP22 Decision IG25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO and Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	Both

	e) Links assessed between legislative processes at different governance levels affecting the adoption of nature policies that will be implemented.						
	f) 2016 Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas updated to consider new challenges, tools, and nature-based solutions	CU	All MAP Components	UfM, PRIMA, MedECC, UNFCCC	COP 19 Decision IG. 22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas	SDG 13 Targets	Both
Programme 4. Towards the Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Resources Including Circular and Blue Economy							
Outcome 4.1. Sustainability of coastal and marine resources achieved through the synergetic implementation of planning and management approaches, including the adequate consideration of Land-Sea Interactions (LSI)							
4.1.2. Implement CAMP Projects	a) CAMP Israel finalised, and Final Presentation Conference organised. b) Feasibility study for a new CAMP project prepared. c) Agreement signed for a new CAMP.	PAP/RAC	All MAP Components	Participating CPs	Art. 18 of the ICZM Protocol ; COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	All SDGs, as appropriate	MTF
4.1.4. Assist CPs in implementing MSP	a) Baseline studies for MSP/Blue Economy prepared in Albania as a follow-up of the CAMP Otranto project, and in Tunisia following the ratification of the ICZM Protocol.	PAP/RAC	All MAP Components	Participating CPs, IOC-UNESCO	Art. 3, 6 and 9 of the ICZM Protocol ; COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Targets of SDGs 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15	MTF
4.1.5. Update methodological guidance for reaching GES through ICZM	a) Methodological guidance proposed in the Common Regional Framework for ICZM updated and disseminated. b) Matrix of interactions between the ICZM Protocol provisions and EOs for the Adriatic sub-region prepared.	PAP/RAC	All MAP Components	CPs	COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	All SDGs, as appropriate	External non secured
4.1.7. Analyse key barriers and levers for improving marine policies coherence	a) State of the art on key barriers and levers prepared. b) Science-policy dialogue facilitated and recommendations drafted for strengthening biodiversity protection within MSP.	PAP/RAC	SPA/RAC	MSP4BIO project partners (CEREMA, WWF, HELCOM, VLIZ, SYKE, UAC, NMRD, SEASCAPE)	Art. 3, 6, 9 and 10 of the ICZM Protocol	5.5, and Targets of SDG 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15	EU Horizon Europe project MSP4BIO

Outcome 4.2. Sustainable Blue and Green Economy tools and approaches in the context of Sustainable Development and MSSD implementation

<p>4.2.5. Create community of MSP practice in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>a) A position paper and agenda for the MSP implementation within the BC system prepared. b) Interactive MSP Workspace maintained and regularly updated with new material. c) Task Force for MSP implementation set-up. d) Cooperation with other MSP players in the Region strengthened and formalised.</p>	<p>PAP/RAC</p>	<p>All MAP Components</p>	<p>IOC-UNESCO, UfM, National MSP authorities</p>	<p>Art. 3, 6 and 9 of the ICZM Protocol</p>	<p>5.5, and Targets of SDG 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>
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Outcome 4.3. Innovative environmental management and economic instruments implemented for the protection and efficient use of coastal and marine resources							
<p>4.3.1. Support the effective use by CPs of economic instruments and other tools for nature conservation and sustainable development in order to diversify the policy mix in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>a) Cross-sectoral exchanges organized on environmental economic instruments in the Mediterranean, sharing good practices across sectors (climate, water, biodiversity, pollution, fisheries), and tools (such as payment for environmental services, subsidies, conservative easement tools)- at a regional level, and upon agreement with volunteering countries, at national level. b) Lessons learned shared through publication.</p>	<p>Plan Bleu</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>		<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>SDG 14.6 but also cross-cutting, in particular SDGs 8, 11, 12, 14</p>	<p>Both</p>
Outcome 4.4. Measures defined within the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan applied at regional level and by each Contracting Party within their jurisdiction to ensure the safety of offshore activities and reduce their potential impact on the marine environment and its ecosystem							
<p>4.4.1. Implement key targeted measures of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan</p>	<p>a) Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (OFOG) organised and held; Offshore Protocol implementation and Annexes to the Offshore Protocol kept under review; best practices and latest relevant developments shared.</p>	<p>REMPEC, CU</p>	<p>MED POL, SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC</p>	<p>IOGP, IPIECA, MOIG</p>	<p>Offshore Protocol - Article 16 (Contingency planning); Article 17 (Notification); Article 18 (Mutual assistance in case of emergency) COP 17 Decision IG.20/12 - Action Plan to implement the Protocol of the Barcelona Convention concerning the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 - Mediterranean Offshore Action</p>	<p>5.5, 9.4; 14.2</p>	<p>MTF</p>

	<p>b) Training organised on Offshore platform Preparedness and Response and Contingency Plan Assessment, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024) and defined by the 2023 OFOG Meeting.</p>			<p>Plan in the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil COP 21 Decision IG.24/9 - Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: (a) Common Standards and Guidance on the Disposal of Oil and Oily Mixtures and the Use and Disposal of Drilling Fluids and Cuttings; (b) Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan COP 22 Decision IG.25/7 - Amendments to the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil COP 22 Decision IG.25/15 - Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil</p>		<p>Both</p>
	<p>c) Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024) extended and updated, as defined by the 2023 OFOG Meeting.</p>					<p>MTF</p>

Programme 5. Governance

Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach related COP decisions, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels

<p>5.1.1. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with legally binding obligations under Barcelona Convention and its Protocols</p>	<p>a) Progress on ratification of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention; Facilitation and/or technical support provided upon request.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>MAP Components</p>	<p>Participating CPs and their relevant authorities and institutions</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027, Decision IG.25/2 - Compliance Committee</p>	<p>All SDG 14 Targets; 17.14</p>	<p>MTF</p>
	<p>b) Contracting Parties develop national policies, legislation and mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of the BC Protocols. c) Technical assistance to CPs to develop national policies, regulatory frameworks and which are consistent with the BC and</p>	<p>CU, Compliance Committee</p>	<p>MAP Components</p>	<p>MEAs, UNEP</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/2 - Compliance Committee</p>	<p>All SDG 14 Targets; 17.14</p>	<p>Both</p>

	<p>its Protocols is provided.</p> <p>d) Status of implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols reviewed, achievements and issues at stake identified.</p> <p>e) Coordinated assistance to address cases of implementation difficulties and or possible noncompliance situations.</p>						
	<p>f) Coastal and marine law for Bosnia-Herzegovina drafted, in line with the provisions of the ICZM Protocol.</p>	PAP/RAC	CU /Other MAP Components	National authorities and institutions	COP 22 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15	GEF MedProgram me
5.1.2 Advance the implementation of Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean and IMAP in coherence with regional and global developments	<p>a) Prepare a renewed EcAp Roadmap/policy for the implementation of the ecosystem approach and the achievement of GES beyond 2023, for review of EcAp/IMAP Governance bodies.</p> <p>b) Review IMAP and prepare proposals for a renewed IMAP, following the experience with QSR 2023 preparation and its findings and recommendations.</p> <p>c) Coordinated implementation of IMAP ensured through IMAP Task Force and CORMON and as appropriate online working group meetings.</p> <p>d) synergies maximised on ecosystem approach implementation with global and regional partners with a particular focus on EU MSFD CIS.</p>	CU	All MAP Components	<p>UN Ocean Science Decade, EU MSFD, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, IAEA, EEA, BRSC, IMO, GEF, FM, RS of UNEP, UNEP Regional Seas work on indicators, Global Assessments, OSPAR, HELCOM, Black Sea Commission</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p> <p>COP 17 Decision IG.20/4 - Implementing MAP ecosystem approach roadmap: Mediterranean Ecological and Operational Objectives, Indicators and Timetable for implementing the ecosystem approach roadmap</p> <p>COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria.</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 (Annex I)- Governance</p>	All SDG 14 Targets; 17.14; to a lesser extent SDGs 6, 12, 13	MTF, external funds, (b) & (c) SEMPA, EcAp Med PLUS & ML Med PLUS
5.1.4. Ensure MAP Data Policy full implementation at regional and as appropriate at national levels	<p>a) MAP Data Policy Annexes related to each UNEP/MAP data flow tuned and updated.</p> <p>b) Dissemination activities carried out among CPs in order to facilitate the Data Policy implementation.</p> <p>c) Assistance/training workshops for CPs for</p>	INFO/RAC	CU, MAP Components		<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance</p> <p>COP22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy</p>	SDG 14 Targets	MTF

	<p>MAP data sharing Policy implementation on general and particular (at country level) issues (at least one workshop for each beneficiary country.</p> <p>d) Evaluate the effectiveness of MAP Data Policy principles application in time (e.g., though monitoring on data retrieved from Countries).</p> <p>e) Support MAP Components and CU in the correct and full interpretation of MAP Data Policy and its application at country level.</p>						
5.1.5. Effective Implementation and Enforcement of Post-2020 SAPBIO	<p>a) Mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO elaborated in 2025, based on the timeline adopted part of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.</p>	SPA/RAC	All MAP Components	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Decision IG.25.11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	SDG 14 Targets	MTF
	<p>b) Two meetings of the SAP BIO National Correspondents organised (one virtual meeting in 2024; one presential meeting in 2025) preceded by SAPBIO Advisory Committee meeting (both online) and reports available.</p>	SPA/RAC	All MAP Components	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents)	COP 22 Decision IG.25.11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	Targets of SDG 14, 13 and 17	MTF
Outcome 5.2. Systemic strengthening and effective functioning and delivery of MAP decision-making and advisory bodies ensured, and efficiency enhanced with new digital approaches							
5.2.1. Deliver successfully COP 24 of MAP Barcelona Convention	<p>a) COP 24 Declaration, Decisions including the PoW 2026-2027 reviewed and adopted, recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the MCSD reviewed.</p> <p>b) Progress achieved during the biennium 2024-2025 reviewed and acknowledged.</p> <p>c) Status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols reviewed.</p> <p>d) MAP visibility and outreach enhanced.</p>	CU	MED POL, RACs	Egypt, the Host Country, CPs, MAP Partners	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper	All SDG 14 targets; 17.14	Both

<p>5.2.2. Deliver successfully the 21st Meeting of the MCSD</p>	<p>a) 21st Meeting of the MCSD successfully convened; Strengthened Partnerships for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean. b) MCSD Meeting organized with Partners, Inputs provided to COP 24 to the Contracting Parties. c) 2 meetings of the MCSD Steering Committee.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>Plan Bleu, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP (MedWaves and other MAP Components</p>	<p>Host Country, MCSD Members, MAP Partners</p>	<p>Decision IG.25/3 - Governance</p>	<p>crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17</p>	<p>Both</p>
<p>5.2.3. Deliver successfully the main institutional meetings of MAP (Bureau, Consultation FP Meeting, MAP Focal Point, EcAp Coordination Group and Thematic/Components Focal Points).</p>	<p>a) The 95th, 96th and 97th Meetings of the Bureau as well as a Bureau meeting on the eve of COP 24 successfully held. b) Progress of implementation of the MAP PoW 2024-2025 reviewed on a 6-monthly basis. c) Guidance provided to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties on specific issues. d) Main directions of the new PoW 2026-2027 defined.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>All MAP Components</p>	<p>UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>All SDG 14 targets, 17.14</p>	<p>MTF/Both</p>
	<p>e) Meeting of the MAP Focal Points preceded by the MAP Component/Thematic Focal Points and back-to-back with the EcAp Coordination Group Meetings. f) Progress on POW implementation reviewed; EcAp Roadmap Implementation and other related COP decisions implementation reviewed. g) Draft decisions to COP 24 reviewed and negotiated, PoW and Budget reviewed, etc. h) Technical products of MAP components reviewed by the Components Focal Points meetings. i) Integrated sessions organised based on thematic approach.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>All MAP components</p>	<p>UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>All SDG 14 targets, 17.14</p>	<p>MTF</p>

<p>5.2.5. Strengthen the MAP result-based programmatic framework including gender mainstreaming and sustainability of operations</p>	<p>a) Methodology/ tool for the monitoring and evaluation of MTS and POW indicators and targets developed; Integration of/links with other sets of MAP indicators and targets assessed. b) Resource Mobilisation Strategy updated; New project concept notes developed. c) Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW. d) MAP sustainable operations and meetings/events (paperless meetings, CO2 calculation etc.); Staff capacities enhanced. e) Gender is mainstreamt in MTS, Projects and MAP Component activities Implementation</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>MEDPOL, RACs</p>	<p>MEAs, MAP Partners</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 - Mandates of the Components of MAP COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 [Potential COP23 Decision - Governance]</p>	<p>5.5; 5.a; 5.b; 5.c</p>	<p>MTF and external funds: SEMPA, EcAp Med PLUS & ML Med PLUS</p>
<p>5.2.6. Establish and enhance Inter-Ministerial Coordination (IMC) frameworks at national level</p>	<p>a) IMAP national steering committees fully operational in several Contracting Parties with stakeholder participation.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>MAP components</p>	<p>CPs in particular the beneficiaries of relevant projects</p>	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p>	<p>All SDG 14 Targets; 17.14</p>	<p>External</p>
<p>5.2.7. Review the MSSD through an inclusive, participatory process</p>	<p>a) MSSD 2016-2025 evaluation successfully delivered. b) Next, reviewed, MSSD successfully prepared and submitted to MAP governing bodies through a participatory process, taking into account MED2050 results and preliminary work on sustainability indicators.</p>	<p>CU, Plan Bleu</p>	<p>Other MAP Components</p>	<p>MCSO members, MAP Partners</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025</p>	<p>crosscutting especially on SDGs 2,5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17</p>	<p>MTF</p>

Outcome 5.3. Policy coherence and complementarity ensured among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system's policy and regulatory instruments							
5.3.1. Adapt the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) to thematic strategies	a) Prepare methodology and identify volunteer countries for a BioSimpeer (Simpeer peer-to-peer methodology adapted to SDG 14, Montreal-Kunming Declaration, SAPBIO and National Biodiversity Strategies), for implementation in following biennium.	CU, Plan Bleu	CU, SPA/RAC	UNDESA - HPLF, OECD, UNECA, UNECE, UNESCWA, EPLO)	COP 21 Decision IG.24/3 - Implementation, Monitoring and Mid-Term Evaluation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016–2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	External
5.3.2. Maximize synergies with Post 2020 Global agenda for the implementation of SAP BIO	a) Effective working exchanges with Global institutions of relevance for the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions linked to their prerogatives ensured.	SPA/RAC	CU, PAP/RAC, REMPEC, Plan Bleu	Relevant CPs, SCBD, FAO GFCM, UNFCCC, IUCN, IMO, UN-Oceans, UNESCO- IOC, IPBS	COP 22 Decision IG.25.11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	Targets of SDG 14 and 17	MTF mainly
Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface							
5.4.1. Promote dialogue and enhanced engagement of global and regional organizations, including Conventions' Secretariats and Partners	a) Leading role of MAP further defined and strengthened in existing and new areas. b) New areas of cooperation identified and added to existing bilateral cooperation agendas: Focus GFCM, UfM, CBD and other Biodiversity related organisations incl, ACCOBAMS, Marine Litter, BRS Conventions, EEA, IMO Conventions, PAMEx, PLIFF, Blue Economy Partnership, Ocean Missions, ScineMeet, UNEP GPA, UNEP Regional Seas, HELCOM, OSPAR, Black Sea Commission, EU WES, EUSAIR, WestMed, IOC UNESCO, BBNJ, Plastic Treaty, INTERREG EURO-MED, Interreg NEXT MED, INTERREG IPA ADRIATIC IONIAN etc. c) Cooperation with new partner institutions, including form private sector, initiated. d) Technical Secretariat of PAMEx delivered and Steering Committee meetings organised.	CU	RACs, MED POL	International and regional organizations, private sector/donors, UNEP, MEAs, CPs	COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance	17.14, 17.16	MTF mainly

	<p>d) Lessons learnt and best practices promoted to showcase the benefits of the concerted MAP-GFCM approach in aligning different national and regional priorities of RSO and RFBS.</p>	<p>CU, SPA/RAC</p>		<p>GFCM, CBD, and International and regional seas and fisheries organisations</p> <p>COP Decisions on Species Action Plans (Action Plan for the management of the Monk Seal in the Mediterranean, regional Strategy for the conservation of the Monk Seal in the Mediterranean; Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles; Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan for the Conservation of Bird Species inventoried in the annex II of the SPA/DB Protocol; Action Plan on Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Introduction of Species and Invasive Species in the Mediterranean Sea; Action Plan on Coralligenous & other Calcareous Bio - concretions in the Mediterranean)</p> <p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment.</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO; Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the SPA/DB Protocol; Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5; 14.7</p>	<p>External GEF funds (FishEBM Med project)</p>
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<p>5.4.2. Strengthen participation and contribution of civil society including MAP partners and private sector to the work of MAP BC system</p>	<p>a) MAP Policy on Partnerships updated including an Engagement mechanism/strategy for Civil Society Organisations. b) New MAP Partners added, and existing MAP Partners renewed, Enhanced engagement of MAP Partners in policy development and implementation. c) Annual round table discussions held (back-to-back with other meetings). d) Comprehensive plan of actions implemented.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>RACs, MEDPOL</p>	<p>MAP Partners, NGOs, CPs</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance</p>	<p>17.6; 17.9; 17.14; 17.16; 17.17</p>	<p>MTF</p>
<p>5.4.3. Strengthen SPI networks and enhance partnership with scientific institutions to support MAP Barcelona Convention system</p>	<p>a) Partnership Agreement signed with scientific Institutions to support integrated assessment of GES. b) SPI platform set up to support IMAP implementation at national and regional levels.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>All MAP Components, IMAP Task Force</p>	<p>Scientific institutions ; UNESCO ; IOC; CNR</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/4 - Assessment Studies</p>	<p>SDG 14 Targets; SDG 17.14; 17.16; 17.17</p>	<p>Both</p>
<p>5.4.4. Promote the title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats "Regional Action Plans Partners"</p>	<p>a) Regional Action Plans Partners Title promoted, and the list of Action Plan Partners established for each Regional Action Plan</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, relevant RACs</p>	<p>RAPs Partners, MedPAN, Partner</p>	<p>COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership</p>	<p>5.5; 14.1; 15.1</p>	<p>External fund (SEMPA) MTF</p>

Outcome 5.5. Coordinated approaches implemented to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols							
<p>5.5.1. Strengthening national governance frameworks for the implementation of the BC and its Protocols through education</p>	<p>a) Short courses designed and organized linked to the implementation and enforcement of the BC and its Protocols in universities and other academic institutions.</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>RACs, MEDPOL</p>	<p>MEAS, UNEP, Academic institutions, InforMea</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 - UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027</p>	<p>4.7; 4.5; 14.a</p>	<p>Both</p>
<p>5.5.2. Development of project proposals to support Parties' institutions on initial implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO</p>	<p>a) Finalization of project portfolio with donors and inception of regional/subregional level projects for key priority strategic actions of the Post-2020 SAPBIO insured.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU /Other RACs as per thematic</p>	<p>CPs, SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO National Correspondents , technical partners, Public and private donors</p>	<p>COP 22 Decision IG.25.11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</p>	<p>Targets of SDG 14, 13 and 17</p>	<p>External Resources</p>

Programme 6. Towards Monitoring, Assessment, Knowledge and Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast for Informed Decision-Making							
Outcome 6.2. Science-based IMAP, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science-policy interface and decision making (in-house expertise, consultancy, publication, toolbox, national technical support, pilots(s))							
<p>6.2.1. Strengthen the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes for all clusters and deliver quality assured data</p>	<p>a) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on biodiversity and NIS. b) At least 7 CPs supported through capacity building, monitoring directives application and quality assured data production.</p>	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	MTF and External Funds (b) SEMPA Project
	<p>c) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on pollution and litter. d) Capacity building programme prepared and conducted to support the application of the Monitoring Guidelines for IMAP CIs 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20 in up to 4 CPs. e) Support is provided to monitoring of IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) Marine Litter including (i) monitoring of IMAP Common Indicator 22 (beach macro-litter) and Common Indicator 23 (seafloor and floating marine litter/microplastics); (ii) pilot monitoring for riverine inputs of marine litter and microplastic coming from WWTP; (iii) data flow and upload from CPs into IMAP InfoSystem for all IMAP EO10 Common Indicators; and (iv) National capacities in monitoring IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 through the establishment and operationalization of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes across the region and enabling data submission to IMAP InfoSystem.</p>	MED POL	IMAP Task Force CU, SPA/RAC	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p>		Both

<p>6.2.2. Upgrade the assessment component of IMAP including possible integrated assessment for all IMAP clusters. Focus on assessment criteria and thresholds (CI 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, CCI 25)</p>	<p>a) National capacities enhanced to use the assessment methodologies (NEAT GES Assessment; CHASE+ assessment; Conversion of satellite products into eutrophication data; EQR assessment) including provision of software and capacity building needed for application of related statistical calculations as appropriate.</p> <p>b) A review is undertaken of all sources of relevance for setting database for the calculation of the CI 17 EACs in the Mediterranean (at sub-regional and regional levels), i.e., undertake survey of available literature sources; prepare a questionnaire aimed at collecting ecotoxicological data that might be available at national and international levels for setting the methodology for calculation of the EACs by using available data.</p> <p>c) Assessment criteria for CI 18 elaborated based on biological effects data available from various sources.</p> <p>d) In one MED sub-region (e.g., in AEL, CEN or WMS) the methodology for setting DIN and TP reference and boundary values is developed and applied similar to the Adriatic Sea Sub-region based on various sources.</p> <p>e) IMAP pollution and marine Cluster CIs Guidance Factsheets updated.</p> <p>f) DS-DDs prepared for reporting data on monitoring for riverine inputs of marine litter and microplastic coming from WWTP</p> <p>g) IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10)</p>	<p>MED POL</p>	<p>IMAP Task Force, CU, SPA/RAC (g-h), INFO-RAC (g)</p>	<p>National IMAP competent authorities; Scientific Partners/scientific national institutions; bodies EU MSFD</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol</p>	<p>14.2; 14.a</p>	<p>MTF (a-f) & External [EcAp MED Plus]</p>
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<p>Marine Litter is upgraded including IMAP EO10 Indicators in order to reflect riverine input of marine litter and microplastics coming from wastewater treatment plants; as well as (ii) supporting the transformation of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 among IMAP Common Indicators</p> <p>h) CORMON Pollution meeting organized annually (one online)</p> <p>i) CORMON ML meeting organized annually (one online)</p> <p>j) Contribution provided to organize, in cooperation with OSPAR, HELCOM, BSC an international conference on riverine sources of marine litter.</p>						
<p>k) Assessment methodologies concluded for biodiversity common indicators CI1 and CI 2) based on MedQSR 2023 recommendation</p> <p>l) Assessment criteria and thresholds defined for biodiversity (CI1 and 2) based on MedQSR 2023 recommendation</p> <p>m) CORMON meetings on biodiversity and NIS organized annually</p>	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report</p> <p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p>	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6	MTF
<p>n) Monitoring of good environmental status of Mediterranean ecosystems and biodiversity is ensured in the framework of ecosystem-based management tools and circular economy by establishing link with pollution impacts and sustainable use of marine ecosystem services</p>	CU, SPA/RAC	Other Component(s) as relevant	GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	<p>COP 15 Decision IG.17/6- Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment</p> <p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO</p>	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	External GEF funds (FishEBM Med project)

<p>6.2.3. Further develop IMAP Common Indicators</p>	<p>a) Further development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 4 on marine food webs under the Barcelona Convention. b) Development of EO1 CI1 and CI2 on pelagic habitats.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, IMAP Task Force</p>	<p>National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.7</p>	<p>MTF</p>
<p>6.2.4. Review and update of the common indicators factsheets related to Biodiversity (EO1) and fisheries (EO3)</p>	<p>a) Common indicators factsheets updated as appropriate for biodiversity. b) Common indicators factsheets updated as appropriate for fisheries in collaboration with GFCM. c) Preparatory work undertaken on the needs to revise/develop CI factsheets of the upgraded IMAP.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, IMAP Task Force</p>	<p>GFCM, National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; GFCM; EU MSFD technical bodies;</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.8</p>	<p>Potential new project</p>

Outcome 6.3. IMAP implementation and Environment and Development Observation provide updated and quality assured data in support of decision-making by Contracting Parties and assessment of GES.

<p>6.3.6. Maintain and update IMAP Info System with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented</p>	<p>a) IMAP Info System hardware and software platform upgraded and expanded to include all mandatory and candidate IMAP Cis in order to ensure fully operational reporting by CPs. b) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for remaining Candidate IMAP Common Indicators. c) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) tuned for IMAP Common Indicators already in place; d) QA/QC tool upgraded and developed for all the remaining IMAP CIs data flows on the basis of the nature of the indicator. e) QA/QC tool tuned and integrated for all the existing IMAP CIs data flows. f) Helpdesk human resources dedicated to support h24 Contracting Parties in the reporting process. g) An additional automatic “Helpdesk” section implemented into the IMAP Info System to support CPs into the reporting process, recording all the requests to be used for statistical purposes. h) IMAP Assistance/Training meetings organized with Contracting Parties (at least un workshop for each beneficiary country) dedicated to the IMAP reporting process. i) Cooperation with relevant Regional Organization (i.e. ACCOBAMS, GFCM, etc.) in order to facilitate the interoperability between IMAP and their Infosystems and databases as appropriate. j) A specific section implemented into the IMAP Info System, as webform, to allow the CPs to officially provide information</p>	<p>INFO/RAC</p>	<p>MEPOL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC</p>	<p>ACCOBAMS, GFCM</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy</p>	<p>Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13, 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>
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<p>about the state of reporting in the country.</p> <p>k) "User management" system upgraded and adapted to MAP CU and MAP Components needs.</p> <p>l) A Data Analytics dashboard implemented into the IMAP Info System providing aggregation of monitoring data, dedicated to MAP Components assessment and also accessible to public users.</p> <p>m) Geographical section upgraded and customized for IMAP monitoring data visualization into the IMAP Info System and fully integrated in InfoMAP Node and KMP.</p> <p>n) Additional functionalities implemented in the IMAP Info System dedicated to MAP Components: data analysis and data export in different formats through specific tools implemented ad hoc; possibility of queries and layout the results in tables with data filtering; extensive customization, analysis and data visualization through Python modules (Python notebook, ex. Jupiter lab of WEKEO DIAS-CMEMS).</p>						
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<p>6.3.7. Ensure full implementation of the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure for the geographical data and maps (InfoMAP Node)</p>	<p>a) InfoMAP Node maintained, tuned and upgraded. Implementation in the InfoMAP Node of information layers provided. Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened. b) Dedicated assistance and support trainings to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data (at least one workshop for each beneficiary country). c) Creation of user profiles and groups for InfoMAP Node ensured. d) Geoviewer for the visualization of georeferenced data developed and implemented. e) Basic and thematic layers collected, developed and visualized. f) Spatial data and metadata from UNEP/MAP, CPs, RACs and other sources integrated in the InfoMap Node platform. g) Integration of InfoMAP Node into the Knowledge Management Platform.</p>	<p>INFO/RAC</p>	<p>MAP Components</p>		<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy</p>	<p>Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13, 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>
<p>6.3.10. Undertake Copernicus data analysis/integration of Copernicus Service to support indicator and data collection and ingestion</p>	<p>a) Analysis of Copernicus Services products in cooperation with EEA to promote fully exploitation for IMAP data collection. b) Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes.</p>	<p>INFO/RAC</p>	<p>MAP Components</p>	<p>EEA</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance</p>	<p>Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13, 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>
<p>6.3.11. Expand and improve the monitoring and forecasting capacities in the marine environment through integrating networks of observing and forecasting systems</p>	<p>a) Capacity building and workshops coordinated and organized for interfacing oceanographic digital data and tools among CPs and Mediterranean countries beneficiaries of EU ILIAD Project Consortium to support an enhanced implementation of the Post 2020 SAPBIO, the IMAP and the ballast water Strategy.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, INFO/RAC, REMPEC other components as per parameter monitored</p>	<p>Consortium of 56 Euro-Mediterranean Partners</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 SAPBIO COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>	<p>external (EU funds, ILIAD project)</p>

(oceanographic observatories) across the Mediterranean Sea							
6.3.12. Maintain Biodiversity databases as appropriate, regularly update databases content and elaborate an operational strategy for marine biodiversity data management, in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy	<p>a) SPA Directory web application operational and linked to the Mediterranean biodiversity Platform.</p> <p>b) Data and metadata made available in the Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform (MBP) and other biodiversity databases such as MAPAMED, continuously maintained and updated</p> <p>c) UNEP/MAP Data Management Policy applied to marine and coastal biodiversity.</p> <p>d) Different Marine Biodiversity databases and web platforms promoted among Mediterranean countries through training sessions and capacity building actions.</p> <p>e) Marine biodiversity data exchange improved through establishing partnerships with other relevant data providers.</p>	<p>SPA/RAC</p> <p>SPA/RAC</p> <p>SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC</p> <p>SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC</p> <p>SPA/RAC</p>	<p>CU, INFO/RAC</p>	<p>Action Plans Partners, MedPAN network, MEDACES, ACCOBAMS, GFCM</p>	<p>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 21 Decision IG. 24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG. 25/10 - MAP Data Policy</p>	<p>14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5: 14.a</p>	<p>MTF</p>
6.3.15. Migrate, integrate, harmonize, manage and update MAP Component databases and platforms into InfoMap System towards a fully integration into the Knowledge Management Platform	<p>a) ICZM platform maintained and updated (evolution process to be discussed with PAP/RAC).</p> <p>b) Adriadapt portal hosted, maintained and updated in active cooperation with PAP/RAC.</p> <p>c) Adriatic.eco portal hosted, maintained and updated in active cooperation with PAP/RAC.</p> <p>d) MSP platform hosted, maintained and updated in active cooperation with PAP/RAC.</p> <p>e) MEDGISMAR database hosted, maintained and valorisation in active cooperation with REMPEC.</p> <p>f) PoSOW and MENELAS databases</p>	<p>INFO/RAC</p>	<p>MAP Components</p>		<p>COP 20 Decision IG.23/1 - Revised reporting format for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols</p>	<p>Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13, 15</p>	<p>MTF</p>

	hosting, maintenance and valorisation in active cooperation with REMPEC etc.						
Programme 7. For Informed and Consistent Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication							
Outcome 7.1. Stakeholders and policymakers properly informed about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and aware of the environmental priority issues							
7.1.7. Celebrate UNEP/MAP B.C System Anniversaries	a) 50 years of MAP (MAP @50) celebrated through a high-level event (Co-organized with Egypt and Spain). b) MAP@50 Report on MAP achievements since its inception (this will require formal endorsement by the RACs who will contribute to putting this report together). c) MAP@50 Communication campaign and outreach events.	CU and INFO/RAC (communication aspects) and MAP Components (for the compilation of the report)	MAP Communication TF			cross cutting especially SDG 14 Targets	Both
	d) SPA/RAC 40th anniversary (1985-2025).	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	All SDG 14 Targets	MTF
Outcome 7.2. Citizen and general public awareness and outreach raised through citizen science and digital campaigns							
7.2.1. Enhance public awareness and outreach on UN and MAP Days observance and their topics	c) SPAMI Day celebrated in collaboration with SPAMI managers and CSOs, through awareness raising activities and digital campaigns, and SPAMI Certificates delivered to SPAMI management authorities.	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 22 Decision IG. 25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	All SDG 14 Targets	Both
7.2.2. Enhance public awareness and outreach on key MAP topics for general and specific targets (MAP Partners, Civil Society, Private sector, Youth etc.)	b) Communication material and events developed to improve knowledge on SPA/RAC action in biodiversity conservation, and to raise the participation of key stakeholders and decision-makers in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity (agenda, web articles/items, webinars/activities, reports and other communication material on MPAs, species & habitats conservation, sustainable use of marine resources).	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	All SDG 14 Targets	MTF + External funds

Outcome 7.3. Towards a digital transformation: use of digital technologies to improve networking and MAP visibility							
7.3.1. Towards a digital transformation	c) Digital communication strategy of SPA/RAC elaborated and implemented to improve UNEP/MAP - SPA/RAC visibility	SPA/RAC	MAP Communicati on TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	All SDG 14 Targets	Both