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Rome, Italy, 21 May 2019

**Agenda item 2: Organizational matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance to the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for 2018-2019 (Decision IG.23/14) adopted by the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), and on the kind collaboration of the Government of Italy, the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) is convening the meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries. The meeting will be held on 21 May 2019, in Rome, Italy, at the Hôtel Holiday Inn (Viale Castello della Magliana, 65, 00148 Rome, Italy).
2. The main objectives of this CORMON meeting are to:
  - (i) review and discuss the proposed guidelines on monitoring common indicators related to biodiversity and non-indigenous species; and
  - (ii) discuss and provide guidance on the development of data standards and data dictionaries, required for the development of the IMAP compatible information and data sharing system.
3. The meeting will be invited to provide suggestions, comments and recommendations on further work on indicators in order to revise and finalize the monitoring guidelines for consideration by the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Portorož, Slovenia, 18-21 June 2019).
4. The following annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting with its deliberations.

### Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

<b>Working document(s)</b>	UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.1
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5. The opening of the meeting will take place on 21 May 2019, at 9.30 a.m. The UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat representative and SPA/RAC Director will open the meeting, introduce its objectives and invite the representative of the Government of the host country (Italy) to address the participants.
6. All the SPA/RAC Focal Points have been invited to designate their representatives to the CORMON meeting.
7. The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations have also been invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.

**Agenda item 2. Organizational matters**

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*a) Rules of procedure*

8. The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting.

*b) Election of officers*

9. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure, the meeting will elect, from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

*c) Adoption of the agenda*

10. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the provisional agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.474/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting, including the timetable contained in the annex to the present document.

*d) Organization of work*

11. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 May 2019. Sessions are scheduled, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

12. It is expected that the meeting addresses all items of the agenda within the allotted sessions. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 5.30 p.m., after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

13. Working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions of the meeting.

14. The documents prepared for the meeting are listed in document UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.2 Rev.2 and available, in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

15. The meeting documents will not be distributed in paper copies. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their own copies to the meeting.

**Agenda item 3. Guidance on monitoring marine benthic habitats**

<b>Working document(s)</b>	UNEP/MED WG.474/3 UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.4
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16. Draft monitoring guidelines on the three types of benthic habitats (marine vegetation, coralligenous and other Calcareous Bio-concretions as well as dark habitats) are developed in order to better assist countries in the implementation of their national IMAP as well as to harmonize and standardize monitoring and assessment methods as well as to further assess progress towards Good Environmental Status (GES).

17. The Secretariat will present an update of the guidelines on monitoring cetaceans, monk seal, seabirds, marine turtles and non-indigenous species, related to IMAP Common Indicators 3, 4, 5 and 6. The document UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.3 is updated in light of the comments raised by the Contracting Parties within the first 2018-2019 CORMON meeting (Marseille, France, 12-13 February 2019).

18. The Secretariat will bring for information the Joint GFCM-UN Environment/MAP Sub-Regional Pilot Study for the Eastern Mediterranean on Non-Indigenous Species in Relation to Fisheries (UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.4).

19. Participants will be invited to provide suggestions, comments and recommendations on further work on the draft guidelines in order to revise and finalize them for consideration by the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD thematic Focal Points (Portorož, Slovenia, 18-21 June 2019).

**Agenda item 4. Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for selected biodiversity and non-indigenous species common indicators**

<b>Working document(s)</b>	UNEP/MED WG.474/4
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20. Under this agenda item, the INFO/RAC representative will introduce the document UNEP/MED WG.474/4 consisting of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries proposals for selected biodiversity and non-indigenous species common indicators.

21. The meeting is expected to review and take note of the IMAP Data Standards and Data Dictionaries and provide guidance to the Secretariat for their future development.

**Agenda item 5. Data management policy**

<b>Working document(s)</b>	UNEP/MED WG.474/5 Rev.1
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22. Under this agenda item, the INFO/RAC representative will introduce the document UNEP/MED WG.474/5 Rev.1 containing the MAP Data management policy. The meeting is expected to review this document and provide guidance to the Secretariat for its future development.

**Agenda item 6. Any other business**

23. Under this agenda item, the meeting will consider any other relevant matter that may be raised by the participants and agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

**Agenda item 7. Conclusions and recommendations**

24. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting**

25. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 May 2019.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**  
**21 May 2019**

<b>Tuesday 21 May 2019</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Document(s)</b>
9 – 9.30 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>	
9.30 – 9.45 a.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting	UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.1
	Agenda item 2. Organizational matters	UNEP/MED WG.474/1 UNEP/MED WG.474/2 Rev.2 UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.2 Rev.2
9.45 – 11.30 a.m. <i>(Coffee breaks will be made available in the meeting room)</i>	Agenda item 3. Guidance on monitoring marine benthic habitats	UNEP/MED WG.474/3 UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.474/Inf.4
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4. Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for selected biodiversity and non-indigenous species common indicators	UNEP/MED WG.474/4
12.30 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4. Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for selected biodiversity and non-indigenous species common indicators	UNEP/MED WG.474/4
3.30 – 4.45 p.m. <i>(Coffee breaks will be made available in the meeting room)</i>	Agenda item 5. Data management policy	UNEP/MEDWG.474/5 Rev.1
4.45 – 5.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6. Any other business	
5.00 – 5.15 p.m.	Agenda item 7. Conclusions and recommendations	
5.15 – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting	