



Workshop for the validation of the national monitoring programme for Biodiversity in Libya

Hotel Carthage Thalasso, Gammarth (Tunisia), April 18-19 2017

Provisional Agenda

1. Overview

The Ecosystem Approach is a strategy for an integrated management for land, water and biological resources which aim to foster the conservation and sustainable use of resources to ensure equitable exploitation, as stipulated in the Biological Diversity Convention.

In 2008, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention agreed to progressively implement management based on the Ecosystem Approach in order to achieve the Good Environmental Status of Mediterranean marine and coastal ecosystems and to adopt a roadmap for its implementation.

The adoption of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment programme (IMAP), (COP 19 decision IG.22/7), is one of the key elements of the implementation of this integrated and multidisciplinary approach.

SPA/RAC is actively contributing to the implementation of IMAP, particularly its biodiversity and non-indigenous species (NIS) components through the support of Southern Mediterranean countries to update their monitoring programs on biodiversity in line with IMAP recommendations.

2. Objective

Potential stakeholders as well as experts/scientists from the different national institutions are involved in the monitoring and assessment of biodiversity, non-indigenous species (NIS) and fisheries.

The objectives of this workshop on "Validation of the national monitoring programme on biodiversity in Libya" are to:

- (i) discuss a first draft of the national monitoring programme on biodiversity;
- (ii) discuss and validate a list of habitats and species to be considered in the short, medium and long term in Libya, based on a reference list;
- (iii) select at least two monitoring sites, one in a low pressure area (i.e. Marine Protected Area / Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI)), and one in a High pressure area linked to human activities.

3. Timeline

Tuesday April 18 th 2017	
9h00 – 9h30	Registration
<i>Session 1 : Opening of the Workshop</i>	
9h30 – 10h00	Official opening of the workshop Welcome and Opening Speech - SPA/RAC Director - National Focal Point
10h00 – 10h30	Introduction of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the EcAp-MEDII project • Presentation of the workshop objectives (Mehdi AISSI)
10h30 – 11h00	Round table and presentation of participants, their fieldwork and their relevant (planned or ongoing) activities related to biodiversity monitoring
<i>Session 2 : National Monitoring Programme for Biodiversity in Libya</i>	
11h00 – 11h45	Presentation of the draft of the national Monitoring Programme for Biodiversity in Libya (Ismail Shukman, El Mokhtar Saied, Essam Abourass, Ibrahim Ben Amer)
11h45 – 12h30	Discussion and evaluation of the different monitoring initiatives for common indicators related to biodiversity and non-indigenous species
12h30 – 14h00	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Session 3: Discussion and Validation of the National Monitoring Program in Libya</i>	
14h00 – 15h00	Identification of interested areas to be monitored during the implementation of the monitoring programme
15h00 – 17h00	Working groups to identify, from a reference list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of habitats to be monitored in the short, mid and long terms • List of species to be monitored (marine mammals, sea birds and marine reptiles) in the short, mid and long terms • List of invasive NIS
Wednesday April 19 th 2017	
9h00 – 10h30	Reporting the outcomes of the working groups
10h30 – 12h00	Identification of the national institutions involved in the implementation of the national IMAP
12h30	Closure