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Annotated Provisional Agenda

Introduction

At their Seventeenth Ordinary Meeting (Paris (France), 8-10 February 2012), the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, invited the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) to update the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO) with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and ecosystems approach.

As part of the implementation of Component 3 'Conservation of biological diversity: Implementation of SAP BIO and related National Action Plans (NAPs)', Sub-component 3.1 'Conservation of coastal and marine diversity through the development of a Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas (MPAs) network' of the "Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem" (UNEP/MAP-FEM MedPartnership), RAC/SPA was invited to organize three SAP BIO Advisory Committee meetings and three SAP BIO National Correspondents meetings, through the five-year Project lifespan.

The RAC/SPA-implemented project part of the MedPartnership (MedMPAnet Project "Regional Project for the Development of a Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs) Network through the boosting of MPAs Creation and Management") is financially supported by the European Commission (EC), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation to Development (AECID) and the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM).

As part of this Project, RAC/SPA should also organize Inception, Midterm and Final workshops.

After having convened the Second Meeting of National Correspondents of SAP BIO / MedMPAnet Project Inception Workshop in Istanbul (2 June 2010), RAC/SPA is presently convening the Third Meeting of National Correspondents of SAP BIO / MedMPAnet Project Mid-term Workshop. The meeting will be organized in Malaga (Spain) at Hotel Barceló Málaga (Address : Héroe De Sostoa, 2, 29002 Málaga, Spain), from the 4th to the 6th of July 2012, with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment of Spain and IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-Med).

The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (presented in the document referenced UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/1) have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting with its deliberations.

Agenda item 1 - Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened on Wednesday 4th of July 2012 at 2.30 p.m. by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and RAC/SPA. All the SAP BIO National Correspondents of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention have been invited to attend the Meeting or to designate their representative(s). Intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations concerned have also been invited to designate their representatives to the Meeting as observers.

Agenda item 2 - Rules of Procedure

The internal rules adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Appendix XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting.

Agenda item 3 - Election of Officers

The Meeting will elect from amongst the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur.

Agenda item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and organisation of work

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat and distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will be invited to examine and to adopt the timetable proposed at the end of the present document.

The Meeting's working languages will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation into English French and Spanish will be available for all the plenary sessions.

Agenda Item 5 - SAP BIO National Correspondents membership for the biennium 2012-2013

The Secretariat will present the list of SAP BIO National Correspondents related to the previous biennial period: 2010-2011.

The SAP BIO National Correspondents or their representatives present to the Meeting will be invited to comment the composition of the National Correspondents' list, if an updating has to be operated on it. If Contracting Parties delegates would need internal consultations within their institutions, SAP BIO National Correspondents' nominations in written should reach RAC/SPA after the Meeting, within a deadline that will be agreed by the Meeting. The final list of SAP BIO National Correspondents will be annexed to the Meeting Report that will be issued after the Meeting.

Agenda Item 6 - Introduction by RAC/SPA on the progress so far made in the implementation of SAP BIO

The Secretariat will give introductory information to the Meeting about the progress so far made in implementing the SAP BIO at regional level, since its adoption in 2003, including regional projects developed.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of this information in order to contribute to complementing it along the following day sessions.

Agenda Item 7 - MedMPAnet Project implementation and follow-up

The Secretariat will present the state of progress and follow-up of the MedMPAnet Project, presented in document entitled "MedMPAnet Project implementation and follow-up" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/3).

The Meeting will be invited to consider the Project progress and make recommendations on its future implementation.

Under this agenda item and further to this plenary session, each concerned delegation by the MedMPAnet Project will be invited to hold a bilateral meeting with the Project responsible officers. These bilateral consultations are scheduled on the afternoon of the 6th of July 2012 (please refer to the Proposed Timetable provided at the end of the present document). A detailed time schedule country-by-country will be established and communicated to the concerned delegates, during the Meeting.

Agenda Item 8 - Open Seas SPAMIs Project implementation and its new follow-up phase III

While referring to the pertinent sections of the document entitled "Joint Management between the Mediterranean Action Plan and the European Commission on the identification of potential sites for creating SPAMIs in the open seas, including the deep seas" (Results of the second phase project – Objectives and outlines of the third phase project)" (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/4), the Secretariat will present the state of implementation of the Open Seas SPAMIs Project during its two previous phases and the new follow-up planned within its upcoming phase III.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the Project progress and make recommendations on its future implementation and activation. Special concern will be addressed to Mediterranean riparian countries commitment to this open/deep sea areas multi-party designation and management approach.

Agenda item 9 - Pilot proposal related to climate change impacts mitigation and Ecosystem Approach to management of human activities: Mediterranean wetlands rehabilitation project

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a project concept related to aquaculture management in coastal wetlands, developed in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/Inf.3 ("Proposal related to climate change impacts mitigation and Ecosystem Approach to management of aquaculture: Mediterranean wetlands and lagoons rehabilitation project concept") and its related case study presented in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/Inf.4 ("Ecosystem approach to Aquaculture management and biodiversity conservation in a Mediterranean coastal wetland: case study of Doniana marshes (Andalucia, Spain)").

The Meeting will be invited to consider this project proposal and evaluate its full implementation options in the region. Delegates are expected to come to the meeting with eventual initial ideas for feasible pilot sites in their own country for the future implementation of this project.

Agenda item 10 - Evaluation of SAP BIO implementation by the Contracting Parties and regional bodies

Referring to document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.359/Inf.5 ("Forms for the evaluation of SAP BIO implementation by the Contracting Parties and regional bodies"), the Contracting Parties (and regional bodies, who haven't yet did so), will be asked to hand out to the Secretariat (in electronic and paper format, if possible) their contributions to fulfil the forms containing the SAP BIO state of progress with regards to various regional priorities, in order to serve as basic information needed for the evaluation of SAP BIO implementation.

The Contracting Parties delegates will be invited to briefly present orally (in 10 minutes maximum) the progress made by their respective countries/organisation in implementing their national priorities and National Action Plans (NAPs) as well to inform on their eventual contributions to the achievement of the SAP BIO regional priorities since its adoption date in

2003, following the pertinent sections of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.359/Inf.5.

Secondly, the regional organisations members to the SAP BIO Advisory Committee will be invited to present (in 10 minutes maximum) the progress made by them in implementing the SAP BIO regional priorities at regional and/or national levels, following the pertinent sections of the submitted fulfilled forms.

The Secretariat will then open a discussion on the methodology and procedure to be used in evaluating the SAP BIO status of implementation and achievements to date by the Contracting Parties and concerned regional bodies.

The Meeting will be further invited to comment the progress so far made in implementing the SAP BIO regional and national priorities, and to discuss and make recommendations on possible ways and means of collaboration, coordination, synergy, efficiency and cost-effectiveness for further implementation of the updated SAP BIO, amongst the countries and regional organisations acting on behalf of the Mediterranean environment.

Agenda item 11 - Roadmap of the SAP BIO updating to the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, having regard of the Ecosystem Approach process within MAP

The Secretariat will present the "Draft Roadmap for the Updating of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity (SAP BIO)" presented in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.371/5.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and discuss this draft roadmap in relation to schedules for other regional wide initiatives, review it and adopt it.

Agenda item 12 - Approach to donors regarding SAP BIO implementation

Following a brief introduction on the subject by the Secretariat, the Meeting will be invited to give ideas and proposals about the coordinated approach that should be followed while seeking for resources from various possible donors for further SAP BIO implementation, both at national and regional levels.

Agenda item 13 - Any other matters

Other possible questions about subjects of the Meeting that could be raised by participants or the Secretariat will be examined under this agenda item.

Agenda item 14 - Conclusions of the Meeting

Draft conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting will be submitted to participants for adoption.

Agenda item 15 - Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed on Friday 6th of July 2012, at 1.00 p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Wednesday 4 July 2012	Thursday 5 July 2012	Friday 6 July 2012
	<p><u>Morning session</u></p> <p>9.00 - 13.00 Agenda items 7 (cont.), 8, 9, 10</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00 <i>Coffee break</i></p>	<p><u>Morning session</u></p> <p>9.00 - 13.00 Agenda items 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00 <i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>13.00 - 14.30 <i>Lunch (break)</i></p>	<p>13.00 - 14.30 <i>Lunch break</i></p>	<p>13.00 - 14.30 <i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p><u>Afternoon session</u></p> <p>14.00 - 14.30 <i>Registration and distribution of badges</i></p> <p>14.30 - 18.00 Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</p> <p>16.00 - 16.30 <i>Coffee break</i></p>	<p><u>Afternoon session</u></p> <p>14.30 - 18.00 Agenda item 10 (cont.)</p> <p>16.00 - 16.30 <i>Coffee break</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 17.30 Bilateral meetings (MedMPAnet Project staff members with each MedMPAnet Project beneficiary country representative/s)</p> <p><i>A detailed time schedule will be established and communicated to the concerned delegates, during the Meeting</i></p>
<p><u>Side Event/s</u></p> <p>16.00 <i>IUCN Marine Publications: Desk Launch</i></p>	<p>18.30 <i>Sightseeing of Alcazaba de Malaga, organized by the City of Malaga</i></p>	