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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.

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 Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)

The meeting will be organized in Malaga (Spain) at Hotel Barceló Málaga (Address : Héroe De Sostoa, 2, 29002 Málaga, Spain), on 4th 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.370/1) 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 9.00 a.m. by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and RAC/SPA.

The Members of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee have been invited to attend or to designate their representative(s) to the Meeting.

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 members' representatives of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee, a chairperson, a vice-chairperson 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.370/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.370/2, 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 during the session.

Agenda Item 5 - Progress so far made in the implementation of SAP BIO

The Secretariat will give information to the Meeting about the progress so far made in implementing the SAP BIO at regional level, since its adoption in 2003, notably with regard to regional projects developed and under development, as follows:

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

Regarding the reference 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 Secretariat will further present a project concept related to aquaculture management in coastal wetlands, developed in reference 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 reference 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)").

Finally, RAC/SPA will introduce the document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.370/Inf.3 ("Indicators for impacts of climate change on marine and coastal biodiversity"), aimed to inform and get inputs and ideas from the meeting on the key issue of climate change impact follow up in the Region.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the projects progress and give advice on their future implementation and on eventual synergies

Agenda item 6 - Evaluation of SAP BIO implementation by the regional bodies

Referring to Reference document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.359/Inf.5 ("Forms for the evaluation of SAP BIO implementation by the Contracting Parties and regional bodies"), the Members of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee 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 Members of the SAP BIO Advisory Committee will be invited to briefly present orally (in 10 minutes maximum) the progress made by their respective organisation on their eventual contributions to the achievement of the SAP BIO regional priorities at regional and/or national levels since its adoption date in 2003, following the pertinent sections of reference document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.359/Inf.5.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of this information and to contribute to complementing it to aid the exchanges of information on SAP BIO implementation during the Third Meeting of National Correspondents of SAP BIO along its sessions.

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 discuss and give advice 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 7 - 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 reference 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.

Agenda item 8 - Any other matters

Possible other issues relevant to the subject of the Meeting, which might be brought to the attention of the Meeting by participants or by the Secretariat, will be discussed under this Agenda item.

Agenda item 9 - Closure of the Meeting

The Rapporteur will be invited to summarize the conclusions of the Meeting and to introduce the advice provided by the Advisory Committee as prepared by the Rapporteur. The Advisory Committee members will review and finalize the advice provided by the Meeting.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee, the final Report of the Meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.370/3) will be finalized after the Meeting, by the

Rapporteur, the Chairperson and the RAC/SPA Secretariat.

The Meeting is expected to be closed on Wednesday 4th of July 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Wednesday 4 July 2012
<u>Morning session</u> 9.00 - 10.40 Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 - 11.00 <i>Coffee break</i> 11.00 - 13.00 Agenda items 5 (cont.), 6, 7, 8 and 9
13.00 - 14.30 <i>Lunch (break)</i>
<u>Side Event/s</u> 16.00 <i>IUCN Marine Publications: Desk Launch</i>