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Provisional Annotated 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.

After having convened the Third Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO) / MedMPAnet Project Mid-term Workshop in Malaga, Spain (4-6 July 2012), RAC/SPA is presently convening the Fourth Meeting of National Correspondents of SAP BIO. The meeting will be organized on 1st July 2013, at the Hotel Golden Tulip Farah Rabat (Place Sidi Makhlof, 10000 Rabat, Morocco), with the support of the Moroccan authorities.

The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (presented in the document referenced UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.381/1) 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 Monday 1st July 2013 at 9.00 a.m. by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and the 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). SAP BIO Advisory Committee Members will also attend the gathering. 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.381/1 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 - Evaluation of the implementation since 2004 of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)

The Secretariat will present the working document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.381/3 *SAP BIO implementation: The first decade and way forward*; and the supporting information document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.381/Inf.3 *Report on the evaluation and future orientations of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)*

The Secretariat will introduce the meeting to the methodology used to assess the bulky, complex and diverse activities undertaken in the region by Parties and organizations along the decade passed, having SAP BIO as guideline strategy for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity. Explanations will be detailed on the challenging process followed to assess actions through weighting up hundreds of official countries' reports, direct countries' support contributions, around 200 RAC/SPA official documents analysis and more than 20 000 scientific and technical documents on Mediterranean marine biodiversity produced along the foresaid period.

Based in the above documentation, the Secretariat will give information to the Meeting about the global progress made in implementing the SAP BIO at regional at national levels, since its adoption in December 2003.

The SAP BIO National Correspondents or their representatives present to the Meeting will be invited to comment the process of evaluation and to discuss on the information emanated from it.

The Meeting will be further invited to debate on the issue of national implementation aroused in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.381/Inf.3 and, among others, on the limited possibility to calibrate implementation performance at national level without a

previously agreed indicator, suited to make each individual country comparable to reasonable reference values (always for the sake of internal national implementation policy and not to raise debates on ranking Parties achievements).

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion on the updating of the SAP BIO in line with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 -2020, having regard of the Ecosystem approach

The Secretariat will give introductory information to the Meeting about the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020, and on the Ecosystem approach process being implemented within the MAP system, in relation with the SAPBIO needs for updating on those topics.

Afterwards, the meeting will be briefed by the Secretariat on the main priorities considered for the future updated SAP BIO and their links to the fulfilment of the Aichi Priority Targets of the CBD Strategic Plan.

The participants are expected to contribute with their expert opinions and experience at national and regional levels to further identify the key needs for Mediterranean biodiversity conservation and management to the horizon 2020 and beyond.

The Meeting will be invited to propose eventual complementing or amendments to the document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.381/3 *SAP BIO implementation: The first decade and way forward*; in order to present it to the Eleventh Meeting of Focal Points for SPAs (2-5 July 2013) as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.382/5 *SAP BIO implementation: The first decade and way forward (as reviewed by the National Correspondents of SAP BIO)*.

Agenda item 7 - 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 8 - Conclusions of the Meeting

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

Agenda item 9 - Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed on Monday 1st July 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Fourth Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)
Monday 1 July 2013
<u>Morning session</u> 9.00 - 13.00 Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.30 - 11.00 <i>Coffee break</i>
13.00 - 14.30 <i>Lunch break</i>
<u>Afternoon session</u> 14.30 - 18.00 Agenda items 5 (cont.), 6, 7, 8 and 9 16.00 - 16.30 <i>Coffee break</i>