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Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) Biodiversity and Fisheries

Videoconference, 28-29 March 2022

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP SPA/RAC Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22nd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 December 2021, the SPA/RAC is organizing the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) for Biodiversity and Fisheries, on 28 and 29 March 2022 via videoconference. All the SPA/BD Focal Points, and/or Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Members and the relevant partners for IMAP implementation, as appropriate, have been invited to designate their representatives to the CORMON meeting. The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations have been invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.

2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to review the following documents:

- (i) 2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template, and status of Common Indicators and Ecological Objectives;
- (ii) Monitoring and Assessment Scales, Assessment Criteria, Thresholds and Baseline Values for the IMAP Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to sea birds;
- (iii) Baseline for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to Non-Indigenous Species;
- (iv) Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Marine Mammals;
- (v) Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Marine Turtles;
- (vi) Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Sea Birds;

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by SPA/RAC to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

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4. The Meeting will be opened at 08.30 (UTC+1) on 28 March 2022 by the SPA/RAC Director.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

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- a) *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on Monitoring (CORMON) for Biodiversity and Fisheries*

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

- b) *Election of Officers*

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.520/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.520/2) will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting, including the timetable contained at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the agenda for one day and a half.
9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French.
10. It is proposed that sessions are scheduled as follows, subject to adjustments, as necessary:
- a. 28 March 2022: 8.30 – 11.30; 13.00-15.00 Tunis time (UTC+1);
 - b. 29 March 2022: 8.30 – 12.15 Tunis time (UTC+1).
11. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the agenda during the two days. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 12.15 (Tunis time, UTC+1) on 29 March 2022 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 3: 2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template, and status of Common Indicators and Ecological Objectives

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12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (UNEP/MAP and SPA/RAC) will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 520/3 “2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template, and status of Common Indicators and Ecological Objectives” that provides detailed information on the structure and contents of the 2023 Med QSR.

13. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations on the way forward for the elaboration of the 2023 Med QSR.

Agenda Item 4: Monitoring and Assessment Elements for the IMAP Common Indicators related to sea birds

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14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the Monitoring and Assessment Scales, Assessment Criteria, Thresholds and Baseline Values for the IMAP Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to sea birds (UNEP/MED WG.520/4).

15. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the document, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward to be used for the purpose of the 2023 Med QSR.

Agenda item 5: Baseline for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to Non-Indigenous Species

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16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the document UNEP/MED WG.520/5 “Baseline for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to Non-Indigenous Species”.

17. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the document, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward to be used for the purpose of the 2023 Med QSR.

Agenda item 6: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to species

6.1. Data Dictionaries and Data Standards related to Marine Mammals

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18. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 520/6 on *Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5* related to Marine Mammals.

19. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse this document, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward for an effective IMAP Info System.

6.2. Data Dictionaries and Data Standards related to Marine Turtles

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20. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 520/6 on *Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5* related to Marine Turtles.

21. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse this document, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward for an effective IMAP Info System.

6.3. Data Dictionaries and Data Standards related to Sea Birds

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22. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 520/8 on *Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5* related to Sea Birds.

23. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse this document, as appropriate, and make recommendations on the way forward for an effective IMAP Info System.

Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

24. 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 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

25. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting

26. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Tuesday, 29 March 2022, at 12.15.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE
Tunis time (UTC+1)

Monday, 28 March 2022		
8.30 – 8.45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	UNEP/MED WG.520/Inf.1
8.45 – 9.00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.520/1 UNEP/MED WG.520/2 UNEP/MED WG.520/Inf.2
9.00 – 10.30	Agenda item 3: 2023 Med QSR structure and outline content template, and status of Common Indicators and Ecological Objectives	UNEP/MED WG.520/3
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Break</i>	
10.45 – 11.30	Agenda item 4: Monitoring and Assessment Elements for the IMAP Common Indicators related to sea birds	UNEP/MED WG.520/4
11.30 – 13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.00 – 14.00	Agenda item 5: Baseline for the IMAP Common Indicator 6 related to Non-Indigenous Species	UNEP/MED WG.520/5 UNEP/MED WG.520/Inf.3
14.00 – 15.00	Agenda item 6.1: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Marine Mammals	UNEP/MED WG.520/6
Tuesday, 29 March 2022		
8.30 – 9.30	Agenda item 6.2: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Marine Turtles	UNEP/MED WG.520/7
9.30 – 10.30	Agenda item 6.3: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for the Common Indicators 3, 4 and 5 related to Sea Birds	UNEP/MED WG.520/8
10.30 - 10.45	Agenda item 9: Any Other Business	
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Break</i>	
11.15 - 12.15	Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations	
12.15	Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting	