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Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) Biodiversity and Fisheries  
Athens, Greece, 9-10 March 2023

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP SPA/RAC Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Antalya, Türkiye, 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 9 and 10 March 2023 in Athens, Greece.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to review the following documents:
  - (i) 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR): Content on Biodiversity, Non-indigenous species and Fisheries Ecological Objectives (EOs)
  - (ii) Development of IMAP EOs (EO4 on marine food webs and EO6 on sea floor integrity)
  - (iii) Monitoring and assessment elements for the IMAP common indicators (CI1 and CI2) on marine habitats
3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/Inf.2
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4. The Meeting will be opened at 09.00 (UTC+2) on 9 March 2023 by the representative of the host country, the MAP Coordinator and the Director of SPA/RAC.
5. All the SPA/BD Focal Points, and/or Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group members and the relevant partners for the IMAP implementation, as appropriate, have been invited to designate their representatives to the CORMON meeting.
6. The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations have been invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.
7. SPA/RAC will act as Secretariat of the meeting to present the documents and give assistance in their discussion, as appropriate.

### Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/1 Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.547/2
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/Inf.1

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

8. 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*

9. 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**

10. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.547/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP/MED WG.547/2) 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**

11. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the agenda for one day and half.

12. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French.

13. It is proposed that sessions are scheduled as follows, subject to adjustments, as necessary:

- a. 9 March 2023: 9.00 – 13.00; 14.30-17.00 Athens time (UTC+2);
- b. 10 March 2023: 9.00 – 13.30 Athens time (UTC+2).

14. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the agenda during the day and half. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 13.30 (Athens' time, UTC+2) on 10 March 2023 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda Item 3: 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR): Content on Biodiversity, Non-indigenous species and Fisheries Ecological Objectives (EOs)**

**Working Documents** UNEP/MED WG. 547/Inf.3

**3.1. 2023 MED QSR: Benthic Habitats (EO1) Chapter**

**Working Documents** UNEP/MED WG.547/3

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/3 “2023 MED QSR: Benthic Habitats (EO1) Chapter”.

16. The Meeting is expected to review the document and make comments and recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

**3.2. 2023 MED QSR: Cetaceans (EO1) chapter**

**Working Documents** UNEP/MED WG.547/4

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 547/4 “2023 MED QSR: Cetaceans (EO1) chapter”.

18. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

**3.3. 2023 MED QSR: Mediterranean Monk Seal (EO1) Chapter**

**Working Documents** UNEP/MED WG.547/5

19. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/5 “2023 MED QSR: Mediterranean Monk Seal (EO1) Chapter”.

20. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

### 3.4. 2023 MED QSR: Marine Turtles (EO1) Chapter

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/6
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21. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/6 “2023 MED QSR: Marine Turtles (EO1) Chapter”.

22. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

### 3.5. 2023 MED QSR: Marine Birds (EO1) Chapter

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/7
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23. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/7 “2023 MED QSR: Marine Birds (EO1) Chapter”.

24. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

### 3.6. 2023 MED QSR : Non-indigenous Species (EO2) Chapter

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/8
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25. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/8 “2023 MED QSR: Non-indigenous Species (EO2) Chapter”.

26. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and make recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

### 3.7. 2023 MED QSR: Fisheries (EO3) Chapter

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/8
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27. Under this agenda item, the GFCM representative will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/8 “2023 MED QSR: Fisheries (EO3) Chapter”.

28. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and provide comments and recommendations for the elaboration of the updated chapter to be presented to the Integrated CORMON meeting (Athens, Greece 27-28 June 2023) for consideration.

## Agenda Item 4: Development of IMAP EOs

### 4.1. Update regarding EO4

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/10
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29. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present for information the update on the development of the IMAP EO4 on marine food webs.
30. The Meeting will be invited to take note of this update and provide guidance for the EO4 development.

#### **4.2. Development of the EO6**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/10
<b>Information Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG. 547/Inf.4

31. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.547/10 “*Development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 6 on sea-floor integrity under the Barcelona Convention*”.
32. The Meeting is expected to review and amend the document and agree on its submission for the SPA/BD focal points Meeting for their consideration.

**Agenda item 5: Monitoring and assessment elements for the IMAP common indicators (CI1 and CI2) on benthic habitats**

<b>Working Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.547/11
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33. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG. 547/11 “*Monitoring and assessment elements for the IMAP common indicators (CI1 and CI2) on benthic habitats*”.
34. The Meeting will be invited to review the document and provide comments and recommendations for the way forward toward a harmonized and effective monitoring and assessment of the benthic habitats in the Mediterranean.

**Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

35. 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 7: Conclusions and Recommendations**

36. 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 8: Closure of the Meeting**

37. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Friday, 10 March 2023, at 13.30.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**  
**Athens' time (UTC+2)**

<b>Thursday, 9 March 2023</b>		
9.00 – 9.30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	UNEP/MED WG.547/Inf.2
9.30 – 9.45	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.547/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.547/2 UNEP/MED WG.547/Inf.2
9.45 – 10.30	Agenda item 3.1: 2023 MED QSR: Benthic Habitats (EO1) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG. 547/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG. 547/3
10.30 – 11.15	Agenda item 3.2: 2023 MED QSR: Cetaceans (EO1) chapter	UNEP/MED WG.547/4
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Break</i>	
11.30 – 12.15	Agenda item 3.3: 2023 MED QSR: Mediterranean Monk Seal (EO1) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG. 547/5
12.15 – 13.00	Agenda item 3.4: MED QSR: Marine Turtles (EO1) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG. 547/6
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.30 – 15.15	Agenda item 3.5: 2023 MED QSR: Marine Birds (EO1) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG.547/7
15.15 – 16.00	Agenda item 3.6: 2023 MED QSR: Non-indigenous Species (EO2) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG.547/8
16.00-16.15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15-17:00	Agenda item 3.7: 2023 MED QSR: Fisheries (EO3) Chapter	UNEP/MED WG.547/9
<b>Friday, 10 March 2023</b>		
9.00 – 9.30	Agenda item 4.1. Update regarding the development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 4 on Marine food webs under the Barcelona Convention	
9.30 – 10.30	Agenda item 4.2. Development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 6 on sea-floor integrity under the Barcelona Convention	UNEP/MED WG.547/10 UNEP/MED WG. 547/Inf.4
10.30 – 11.15	Agenda item 5. Monitoring and assessment elements for the IMAP common indicators (CI1 and CI2) on benthic habitats	UNEP/MED WG.547/11
11.15 – 11.45	Agenda item 6. Any Other Business	
11.45-12.30	<i>Break</i>	
12.30 – 13.30	Agenda item 7. Conclusions and Recommendations	
13.30	Agenda item 8. Closure of the Meeting	