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Athens, Greece, 27-28 June 2023

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22nd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Decision IG.25/19, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), and within the framework of preparation of the 2023 edition of the Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR), UNEP/MAP is organizing the Integrated Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups (Integrated CORMONs) to be held in Athens, Greece on 27-28 June 2023.
2. The main objective of the meeting is to review the draft contents of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR) for its submission to the 10th EcAp Coordination Group meeting to be held in September 2023.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meetings in their deliberations.

Parallel CORMON sessions: Biodiversity and Fisheries; Pollution; Coast and Hydrography; Marine Litter

### Agenda Item 1.A: Opening of the Meeting

4. The parallel CORMON sessions will be opened at 09:30 AM (EET) on 27 June 2023 by the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention (MED POL, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC).

### Agenda Item 1.B: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents:</i>	UNEP/MED WG.550/01 UNEP/MED WG.550/02
<i>Information Documents:</i>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.01

#### *a) Rules of Procedure*

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 per thematic CORMONs from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties. These are recommended to be the Elected Officers of the thematic CORMONs held in March 2023.

#### *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.550/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) *Organization of Work*

8. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting and parallel break-out sessions. Working Documents will be in English and French.

9. During day one the discussions are planned to be held in parallel break-out sessions pertaining to each thematic CORMON as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda, as follows:

- a) CORMONs Biodiversity and Fisheries and CORMONs Pollution in two sessions from 09:30 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 17:30.
- b) CORMONs Coast and Hydrography in one session from 09:30 to 12:30.
- c) CORMONs Marine Litter in one session from 14:30 to 17:30.

10. During day two the discussions are planned to be held in two plenary sessions from 09:30 to 12:30, and from 14:30 to 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

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 17:30 on 28 June 2023 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda Item 1.C.i: Biodiversity and Fisheries CORMON**

<b>Working Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/03 UNEP/MED WG.550/04 UNEP/MED WG.550/05 UNEP/MED WG.550/06 UNEP/MED WG.550/07 UNEP/MED WG.550/08 UNEP/MED WG.550/09
<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.05

12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will present the documents “2023 Med QSR Benthic Habitats (EO1) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/03), “2023 Med QSR Cetaceans (EO1) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/04), “2023 Med QSR Mediterranean Monk Seal (EO1) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/05), “2023 Med QSR Marine Turtles (EO1) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/06), “2023 Med QSR Marine Birds (EO1) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/07), “2023 Med QSR Non-indigenous Species (EO2) assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/08), and “2023 Med QSR Fisheries assessment” (UNEP/MED WG.550/09).

13. The Meeting is expected to discuss the documents and provide comments and recommendations for their finalization, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

**Agenda Item 1.C.ii: Pollution CORMON**

<b>Working Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/10
<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.03 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.14

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the document “2023 Med QSR: the Proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters” (UNEP/MED WG.550/10).

15. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and provide comments and recommendations for its finalization, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

#### **Agenda Item 1.C.iii: Coast and Hydrography CORMON**

<b>Working Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/11
<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.06

16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will present the document “2023 Med QSR Coast and Hydrography (EOs7 and 8) assessments” (UNEP/MED WG.550/11).

17. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and provide comments and recommendations for its finalization, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

#### **Agenda Item 1.C.iv: Marine Litter CORMON**

<b>Working Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/12
	UNEP/MED WG.550/13
	UNEP/MED WG.550/14
<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.04
	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.08

18. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the documents “2023 Med QSR: Marine Litter Ecological Objective (EO10)” (UNEP/MED WG.550/12), “Updated Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Common Indicator 23 (Seafloor macro-litter, Floating micro-plastics)” (UNEP/MED WG.550/13), and “Guidelines for Monitoring Riverine Inputs of Marine Litter” (UNEP/MED WG.550/14). The Secretariat wishes participants to note that the Updated Baseline and Threshold Values for IMAP Indicator 23 have been used for the preparation of the marine litter chapters of the 2023 Med QSR; and the Guidelines for Monitoring Riverine Inputs of Marine Litter reflect a new, revised outline having a focus on four (4) principal methodologies, as well as an analysis of the respective advantages and disadvantages.

19. The Meeting is expected to discuss the documents and provide comments and recommendations for their finalization, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

#### **Agenda Item 1.D.i–1.D.iv: Conclusions and Recommendations**

20. The parallel CORMON sessions will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations, capturing the outcomes of the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

#### Plenary Session

#### **Agenda Item 2: Organisational Matters**

##### *a) Election of Officers*

21. 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 per thematic CORMONs from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

**Agenda Item 3: Review the draft content of the common 2023 Med QSR chapters**

<b>Working Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/15
<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.07

22. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document “*2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 Med QSR)*”, which includes; Introduction, Mediterranean Sea Characteristics and Climate Change, Socioeconomic Characteristics of the Mediterranean, Regional Cooperation, UNEP/MAP Actions and Measures, and an outline of the Executive Summary (UNEP/MED WG.550/15).

23. The Meeting is expected to discuss the document and provide comments and recommendations for its finalization, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

**Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business**

<b>Information Documents:</b>	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.09
	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.10
	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.11
	UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.12

24. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

25. The Secretariat will present Future IMAP prospects (UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.09, UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.10, UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.11), EcAp governance flow of work CORMONs and Focal Points (UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.12), and the 2023 MED QSR visualization structure.

26. The Meeting is expected to discuss the documents and provide comments and recommendations on the way forward, to be presented to the EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Point Meetings (Athens, Greece 11-15 September 2023) for consideration.

**Agenda Item 5: Conclusions and Recommendations**

27. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations capturing the outcomes of the discussions, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda Item 6: Closure of the Meeting**

28. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 on Thursday, 2 March 2023.

### Proposed Timetable

Wednesday, 27 June 2023		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
Agenda Item 1: Parallel CORMONs sessions, Biodiversity and Fisheries; Pollution; Coast and Hydrography; Marine Litter		
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1.A.i-iii: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1.B.i-iii: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.550/1 UNEP/MED WG.550/2 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.01
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 1.C.i-iii: i. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Biodiversity & Fisheries assessments ii. Review of the 2023 Med QSR: the proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters iii. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Coast & Hydrography assessments  Agenda Item 1.D.iii: Conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 Med QSR Coast & Hydrography assessments	UNEP/MED WG.550/02 UNEP/MED WG.550/03 UNEP/MED WG.550/04 UNEP/MED WG.550/05 UNEP/MED WG.550/06 UNEP/MED WG.550/07 UNEP/MED WG.550/08 UNEP/MED WG.550/09 UNEP/MED WG.550/10 UNEP/MED WG.550/11 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.03 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.05 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.06 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.14
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
Parallel CORMONs sessions Biodiversity and Fisheries; Pollution; Coast and Hydrography; Marine Litter (continued)		
14:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 1.A.iv: Marine Litter Opening of the Meeting  Agenda Item 1.B.iv: Marine Litter Organizational Matters  Agenda Item 1.C.i, ii, iv: i. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Biodiversity & Fisheries assessments (continued) ii. Review of the 2023 Med QSR: the proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters (continued) iv. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Marine Litter E10 assessment; Updated Baseline Values and Threshold Values for CI12; Guidelines for monitoring riverine inputs	UNEP/MED WG.550/02 UNEP/MED WG.550/03 UNEP/MED WG.550/04 UNEP/MED WG.550/05 UNEP/MED WG.550/06 UNEP/MED WG.550/07 UNEP/MED WG.550/08 UNEP/MED WG.550/09 UNEP/MED WG.550/10 UNEP/MED WG.550/12 UNEP/MED WG.550/13 UNEP/MED WG.550/14 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.01 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.03 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.04 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.06 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.08 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.14
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda Item 1.D.i, ii, iv: Conclusions and recommendations i. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Biodiversity & Fisheries assessments ii. Review of the 2023 Med QSR: the proposal of the IMAP Pollution Cluster Chapters iv. Review of the 2023 Med QSR Marine Litter E10 assessment; Updated Baseline	

	Values and Threshold Values for CI12; Guidelines for monitoring riverine inputs	
<b>Thursday, 28 June 2023</b>		
Plenary Session		
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.550/01 UNEP/MED WG.550/02 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.01
09:45 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: Review of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report a. Chapter 0: Introduction b. Chapter 1.1: Mediterranean Sea characteristics and climate change c. Chapter 1.2: Socio-economic characteristics d. Chapter 1.3: Regional cooperation e. Chapter 2: Assessments per Cluster f. Chapter 3: UNEP/MAP Actions and Measures g. Executive summary	UNEP/MED WG.550/15 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.07
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:45	Agenda Item 3: Review of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (continued) b. Chapter 0: Introduction c. Chapter 1.1: Mediterranean Sea characteristics and climate change d. Chapter 1.2: Socio-economic characteristics e. Chapter 1.3: Regional cooperation f. Chapter 2: Assessments per Cluster g. Chapter 3: UNEP/MAP Actions and Measures h. Executive summary  Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business a) Future IMAP prospects	UNEP/MED WG.550/15 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.07 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.09 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.550/Inf.11
15:45 – 16:45	Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business (continued) b) EcAp governance flow of work CORMONs and Focal Points c) 2023 Med QSR visualisation structure d) Next steps	UNEP/MED WG.550/12
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda Item 5: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda Item 6: Closure of the Meeting	