

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)  
Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee  
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## Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Mid-Term Assessment: Proposed Concept note and Timeline

### Ref:

- [Decision I2G.25/11: Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region \(Post-2020 SAPBIO\)](#)
- [Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas \(SPAs\), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance \(SPAMIs\) and Ecosystem Restoration](#)

### The Post-2020 SAPBIO:

1. The Post-2020 SAPBIO sets a visionary goal for 2050, to ensure a Mediterranean where marine and coastal biodiversity are valued, conserved, restored, and wisely used to sustain a healthy environment. The mission for 2030 is to initiate the reversal of biodiversity loss, putting Mediterranean marine and coastal biodiversity on a path to recovery for the benefit of both nature and people.

### Goals and Targets:

2. Structured hierarchically following the CBD Framework, the Post-2020 SAPBIO outlines three overarching goals for 2030:
  - Goal 1: Reduce the threats to biodiversity.
  - Goal 2: Ensure that biodiversity is preserved and maintained or enhanced to meet people's needs
  - Goal 3: Enable transformative change through the implementation of tools and solutions.

### Mid-Term Evaluation Framework:

3. By 2025, the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will conduct a mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and Contracting Parties shall review their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) accordingly to ensure the achievement of the Post-2020 SAPBIO objectives by 2030;
4. The mid-term assessment will be based on the Post-2020 SAPBIO Actions table ([see annex III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO](#)) and will be carried out by external consultants. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for these consultants will be drafted based on the SAPBIO Advisory Committee and the SAPBIO National Correspondents meetings recommendations and input.

- The SPA/RAC will consult the SAPBIO National Correspondents and the SAPBIO Advisory Committee, which will be actively involved throughout the assessment process, for input and guidance, in coordination with the UNEP/MAP. This collaborative effort will ensure a comprehensive and robust assessment.

**Evaluation Focus:**

- The mid-term assessment will focus on determining the progress of Contracting Parties towards the targets set for 2025. It will assess the status of the startup activities which deadline of its implementation is 2025 and the feasibility of achieving targets by 2027, 2030, and beyond. Any identified gaps will be thoroughly examined, and priority actions will be updated to ensure the timely achievement of the three overarching goals.

**Timeline:**

- The draft evaluation is scheduled to be completed in time for presentation at the 17th SPA/BD National Focal Points Meeting in the first semester of 2025. The timeline includes the following key milestones:

	2024								2025								
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Draft the concept note																	
Share the concept note with the CU (52 <sup>nd</sup> ECP meeting)																	
Develop the detailed concept note including a proposed assessment approach and drafting the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for external consultants																	
Share the detailed concept note with the CU																	
Organize the Advisory Committee Meeting, 30-April 2024, Online; Discuss the approach																	
Review of the concept Note based on the AC meeting conclusions and share it with the SAPBIO National Correspondents																	
Organize the SAPBIO National Correspondent meeting, 5 June 2025, Online																	
Review of the concept Note based on the NC meeting conclusions and recommendations																	
Launching the call for external consultants and contract establishment																	
Running of the assessment activities by the retained consultant (s)																	
First Draft mid-term assessment report																	
Review of the Draft mid-term assessment by SPA/RAC and CU																	

	2024								2025							
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
Review Draft mid-term assessment report by SAPBIO Advisory Committee and the SAPBIO National Correspondents																
Final Draft mid-term assessment report																
Presentation of the draft mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the 17 <sup>th</sup> SPA/BD National Focal Points Meeting, as reviewed by the NC and AC																
Presentation of the mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the MAP Focal Points Meeting as reviewed by the SPA/BD NFPs meeting																
Presentation of the mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the Barcelona Convention COP 24 as reviewed by MAP NFPs meeting and edition of the final version of the mid-term assessment report																

**Conclusion:**

8. The mid-term assessment of the Barcelona Convention Post-2020 SAPBIO is a critical step to evaluate the progress made at national and regional levels; identify gaps and difficulties; update priorities; define recommendations to achieve the agreed targets for 2030.
9. The SAPBIO Advisory Committee and the SAPBIO national correspondents will be of great support to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive evaluation process within the proposed timeline.