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4.1. Post-2020 SAPBIO Mid-Term Assessment: Proposed Concept note and Timeline

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Note by the Secretariat

1. As provided for in the Post-2020 SAPBIO (Decision IG.25/11 of CoP22) and as requested by (Decision IG.26/5 of CoP23), SPA/RAC will conduct during 2024-2025 a mid-term evaluation to assess the collective progress in implementing the Post-2020 and the 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 as well as data on the Common Indicators of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) to monitor the effectiveness of the actions put in place.
2. Targets and Actions presented in annex III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO which are quantified will serve as indicators of implementation progress allowing the timely analysis of progress based on objective/numerical elements of targets towards the Strategy Goals.
3. The Post-2020 SAPBIO should be monitored as an alive/dynamic document, so the monitoring framework should need flexibility to allow adaptation.
4. The SPA/RAC will undertake the mid-term assessment in collaboration with the Barcelona Convention contracting parties through their designated Focal Points and/or their SAPBIO National Correspondents, UNEP/MAP components, and partners affiliated with the Advisory Committee of SAPBIO, alongside any other pertinent stakeholders.
5. The following document was discussed with the SAPBIO Advisory Committee during the 5th meeting of the SAPBIO Advisory Committee, 30 April 2024, Videoconference.

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The Post-2020 SAPBIO:

1. The Post-2020 SAPBIO¹ 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 Post-2020 Global Biodiversity 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 assessment² 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.
5. 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.

¹ [Decision I2G.25/11: Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region \(Post-2020 SAPBIO\)](#)

² [Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas \(SPAs\), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance \(SPAMIs\) and Ecosystem Restoration](#)

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Presentation of the draft mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the 17 th SPA/BD National Focal Points Meeting, as reviewed by the National Correspondents and Advisory Committee																
Presentation of the mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the MAP Focal Points Meeting as reviewed by the SPA/BD National Focal Points meeting																
Presentation of the mid-term assessment report and recommendations at the Barcelona Convention CoP24 as reviewed by MAP National Focal Points 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.