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Barcelona, 24 February 2023

Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols adopted, at their 22nd Meeting (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), two major regional strategies, that are: (i) the 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.25/11), and (ii) the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs) and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean (Decision IG.25/12).
2. Decision IG.25/11 urged the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) to provide technical support for the implementation of the Post2020 SAPBIO, through technical cooperation, capacity building activities, and external resource mobilization; and invited the relevant international organizations, funding agencies, international donor community and Contracting Parties as appropriate to give due consideration to the priority actions of the Post-2020 SAPBIO in their programming for supporting actions in the Mediterranean region.
3. SPA/RAC is giving capital importance to a realistic operational implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO supported by the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs. To this end, SPA/RAC launched a process aiming to elaborate and initiate the implementation of a Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, for the period 2022-2030. This process is conducted in close consultation with the Contracting Parties, as well as the regional and international organizations that are members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee.
4. In this context, SPA/RAC is convening the 9th Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAPBIO). The meeting will be held in Barcelona, Spain (CONDES DE BARCELONA HOTEL, Passeig de Gràcia, 73, 08008 Barcelona), on 24 February 2023.
5. The main objective of this meeting is to:
 - Examine the next steps in the implementation at national and regional levels of the Post-2020 SAPBIO;
 - Review the Preliminary draft Resource Mobilisation Strategy;
 - Have the involvement and support of the countries in the proposed projects.
6. The following annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting with its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

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7. The meeting will be opened on Friday, 24 February 2023, at 9:00 a.m. by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) - Barcelona Convention Secretariat and SPA/RAC.

8. All the National Correspondents of SAP BIO have been invited to attend or to designate their representatives.
9. The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee have also been invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.

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2.1. Rules of procedure

10. The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting.

2.2. Election of officers

11. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure, the meeting will elect, from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur.

2.3. Adoption of the agenda

12. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the provisional agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.546/1 Rev.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.

2.4. Organization of work

13. The meeting will take place along the morning and afternoon of Friday 24 February 2023. Sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
14. It is expected that the meeting addresses all items of the agenda within the allotted sessions. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 5.00 p.m., on 24 February 2023, after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.
15. Working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions of the meeting.
16. The documents prepared for the meeting are listed in document UNEP/MED WG.546/Inf.2 and available, in English and French, on the SPA/RAC dedicated website. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
17. The meeting documents will not be distributed in paper copies. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their own copies to the meeting.

Agenda item 3: Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels

18. The Secretariat will present a brief update on the follow up undertaken since the Eighth Meeting of National Correspondents of SAPBIO. It will inform the meeting about the steps undertaken to initiate the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO at regional level.
19. The Contracting Parties representatives will be invited to update the meeting about the steps planned, initiated or undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO at national level.

Agenda item 4: Review of the Preliminary Draft of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean

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	UNEP/MED WG.546/5
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4.1 Resource Mobilization Strategy

20. The Secretariat will introduce and present the working document UNEP/MED WG.546/3 “Preliminary Draft of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, for the period 2022-2030”.
21. The meeting will be invited to provide feedback and comments about the preliminary draft of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Resource Mobilisation Strategy, and information on relevant initiatives taken or planned at their level in this framework.

4.2 Project portfolio

22. The Secretariat will introduce and present in detail working documents UNEP/MED WG.546/4 “Project Concept 1: Conserving biodiversity and promoting blue economy as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Mediterranean through MCPAs and OECMs”, UNEP/MED WG.546/5 “Project Concept 2: Recovering key Mediterranean marine and coastal habitats”, UNEP/MED WG.546/6 “Project Concept 3: The Conservation of Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean Region: Preserving ecosystem function & climate resiliency through enhanced marine turtle populations in the Mediterranean ” and UNEP/MED WG.546/7 “Project Concept 4: Catalysing transformative action by governments and stakeholders to halt and reverse the loss in Mediterranean marine and coastal biodiversity”, with the aim to have feedback from the Contracting Parties about their involvement in the presented projects.
23. Under this agenda item, each SAPBIO National Correspondent is expected to inform about the

willingness of his/her country to contribute to the proposed projects and about the kind of assistance and collaboration the country needs for the implementation of the proposed activities. The information provided by the National Correspondents will be compiled by SPA/RAC to further develop the proposed project concepts.

4.3 Next steps

24. The Secretariat will inform the meeting about the next steps proposed to be undertaken in the framework of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Resource Mobilisation Strategy process.
25. The meeting will be invited to provide feedback, as appropriate.

Agenda item 5: Any other business

26. Under this agenda item, the meeting will exchange on any other relevant matter that may have been raised by the participants and agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and recommendations

27. Under this agenda item, the meeting will review and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the meeting

28. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 24 February 2023.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Friday 24 June 2023

08.30 – 09.00	<i>Welcoming of the participants and registration</i>	
09.00 – 09.30	Agenda item 1	Opening of the meeting
09.30 – 09.45	Agenda item 2	Organizational matters 2.1. Rules of procedure 2.2. Election of officers 2.3. Adoption of the agenda 2.4. Organization of work
09.45 – 10.30	Agenda item 3	Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels
10.30 – 11.00	Agenda item 4	Review of the Preliminary Draft of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Agenda item 4 (Continuation)	Review of the Preliminary Draft of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 – 15.30	Agenda item 4 (Continuation)	Review of the Preliminary Draft of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean
15.30 – 15.45	Agenda item 5	Any other business
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00 – 16.45	Agenda item 6	Conclusions and recommendations
16.45 – 17.00	Agenda item 7	Closure of the meeting