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## **Introduction**

The activities included in this Programme of Work respond to the rationale, thematic priorities, outcomes, outputs and indicators of success approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in Marrakesh (November 2009) in the Strategic Five-Year Programme of Work (2010-2014).

This approach is based on the conclusion of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties at its meeting in November 2010 that the current Strategic “five-year programme is already set to accommodate emerging issues of MAP relevance”.

Such a decision was taken in the context of the Bureau’s mandate to provide guidance to the Secretariat in preparing the Programme of Work and was based on the assessment of the priorities in the five-year programme to the evolving international and regional context as well as the progress expected to be achieved during the current biennium carried out by the UNEP/MAP’s Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) under the guidance of its Coordinating Unit.

Emerging issues of relevance to RAC/SPA which have been given particular attention in the current biennium programme of work as per the Bureau guidance and UNEP/MAP’s assessment include the following:

- The demands associated with the achievement in the Mediterranean of the strategic objectives (2011-2020) adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Nagoya (Japan) regarding marine and coastal biodiversity;
- The implications of the progress achieved and the forthcoming steps in the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach road-map adopted by the Conference of the Parties in 2008 and considered an over-arching principle in the five-year programme, such as developing integrated assessment, monitoring and data-sharing policies; adopting priority sectoral measures; and, deepening the understanding of key services delivered by our marine and coastal ecosystems;
- The need to further enhance the coherence, efficiency, accountability and transparency of UNEP/MAP operations as well as to strengthen its synergies with relevant regional and global partners as required by a context of diminishing MTF resources and fiscal constraints in many countries in the region.

## **Biennium Objectives**

The activities suggested by RAC/SPA concern four out of the six themes of the MAP’s five-year programme. The themes not dealt with are Theme IV (on pollution) and Theme V (on sustainable production and consumption).

Below follows a description of the activities suggested by RAC/SPA for 2012-2013:

### **Theme I: Governance**

The activities suggested by RAC/SPA under this heading aim at helping the countries assess the implementing of SAP BIO and redefining, if necessary, priorities at national and regional level. Since the SAP BIO was adopted in 2003, developments have occurred at the level of both threats and achievements regarding the conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity, and adjustments could thus prove necessary. Furthermore, it is important that SAP BIO be harmonized with the orientations of the Aichi Strategic Plan adopted in the CBD context for the period 2011-2020.

RAC/SPA will continue to play its part in the context of follow-up of the SPAMI List. To this end it will undertake to assess the SPAMIs in compliance with the evaluation procedure adopted by the Parties.

Keeping to the schedule adopted as part of this procedure, the SPAMIs that will be evaluated are: the Marine Reserves of Banc des Kabyles and the Habibas Islands and Portofino Marine Protected Areas.

As regards the collection and dissemination of information, RAC/SPA suggests that the setting-up of the Mediterranean Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) on Biodiversity be finalized. The element of this Clearing-House Mechanism based on Geographical Information Systems is now ready and will be put online very soon. RAC/SPA will work over the next biennium to craft the other elements of the clearing house (legislation, experts, etc.).

## **Theme II: Integral Management of the Coastal Area**

RAC/SPA's activities in the context of this heading will be limited to its contribution to implement the Coastal Area Management Programmes (CAMPs).

### **Subject III: Biodiversity**

RAC/SPA is proposing to pay particular attention in its 2012-2013 activities to services provided by ecosystems. It will to this end collaborate with Bleu Plan for the economic benefits generated by the protected areas, as well as with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) on assessing the economic value of the pelagic and the deep sea habitats.

Given that this approach is rather new to the region, training actions will be undertaken to enhance the countries' capacity to grasp the ecosystems' economic value. This will help the countries attain Objectives 1 and 2 of the Aichi Strategic Plan.

As regards helping the countries map and follow up biodiversity, RAC/SPA suggests focusing its activities over the next biennium on mapping key habitats and enhancing the follow-up of non-indigenous species. Furthermore, it will continue to assist countries in implementing the various action plans for the conservation of species adopted in the context of the Barcelona Convention.

As part of strengthening the Mediterranean network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas, RAC/SPA intends to direct its activities in 2012 and 2013 towards facilitating the process of proposing SPAMIs in areas beyond national jurisdictions (ABNJs). These activities will be a continuation of the activities that are already being carried out as part of the project implemented by RAC/SPA with the financial support of the European Commission. RAC/SPA also intends to help countries set up new marine and coastal protected areas and to improve the management of the protected areas, particularly via the training of managers. These activities will be funded through the project implemented within the MedPartnership framework. RAC/SPA, jointly with MedPAN and other partners, will make an assessment of the Mediterranean network of Marine Protected Areas. A Mediterranean conference will be organised to this end in 2012. All these activities have been defined and will be directed according to the priorities of the Work Programme on protected areas adopted by the Contracting Parties.

### **Subject VI: Climate change**

RAC/SPA intends to work with the other MAP components and the concerned national authorities to develop a programme of helping the countries to face up to climate change and its impact on the marine natural habitats and on endangered species. It will also work on crafting indicators related to the impact of climate change in protected areas. This work on indicators will be done in collaboration with Bleu Plan.

Theme I: Governance																			
Output 1.1 Strengthening Institutional Coherence, efficiency and accountability																			
Indicators and targets: - Satisfaction rate of decision making bodies and partners (quality, timeliness and relevance of MAP's secretariat and components work) surveyed - Planning systems and internal performance evaluation system established - Resources mobilized to implement the five year plan - Number of decisions and policies prepared in consultation with partners - % increase of civil society organizations and private sector partnering with MAP							Targets 2012-2013: To be developed at a later stage												
No	Main Activities	Expected results of activities	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources												
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)							
							MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2			
1.1.2	MAP focal points meeting and Components focal points meetings aligned	1.1.2.5 SPA/RAC Focal Points meeting successfully held	Funds for salaries/travel of conference staff, logistics, participation of Component focal points and consultants, preparation/translation of the report of the meeting and other documents	SPA/RAC	UNEP global and regional Conventions of MAP relevance (CBD, Ramsar,	65						65							
						0													
						65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						Total HR (menmonth)													
						56													

**MTF:**Mediterranean Trust Fund; **EC:** EC Voluntary Contribution;**MedP:** Medpartnership for Large Marine Ecosystems;**OTH:**Other projects with UNEP funding;**EXT1:** Parallel funding which is secured;**EXT2:**External funding to be mobilized

The parts in shadow reflect the indicative activities and the indicators as adopted by the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties, Marrakesh, November 2009, in the 5-year MAP Strategic Programme of Work. Only activities and indicators that are of direct relevance to RAC/SPA are listed. The activities numbering is as in the integrated MAP programme of work for 2012-2013

The budget presented in this document is given as indication for the beinnuim 2012-2013



Theme I: Governance																
Output 1.3																
Knowledge and information effectively managed and communicated																
Indicators and targets:							Targets 2012-2013: To be developed at a later stage									
- Information and communications strategy developed and adopted and implemented - State of the environment report published biannually and State of the environment and development report published every 4 years: contribution of national and subregional reports on state of the biodiversity to the report - Marine and coastal data made accessible to contracting parties: the above reports distributed to Parties. Functional Biodiversity CHM, MedGIS functional and updated - No of policies, reports and publications submitted to stakeholders and public at large and at least 1 symposium per year: 21 national*, 4 subregional reports on state of biodiversity published in electronic form. Two public awareness outputs on CC and Mediterranean biodiversity printed and distributed - Functioning InfoMap system																
No	Main Activities	Expected results of activities	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
1.3.1	Further development of InfoMAP and integration of InfoMAP components (MAP components information system upgraded and integrated, Internal communicated among MAP components improved)	1.3.1.3 Maintenance and further development of the Regional and thematic clearing-house mechanism on biodiversity (CHM) and MedGIS biodiversity information system	MoU/Consultant	SPA/RAC	InfoMAP, other regional information system as appropriate	20	10					5				
1.3.1	Knowledge sharing and exchange	1.3.3.2 Thematic Biodiversity report	Cost of publication, Consultancy, Regional workshop	SPA/RAC; National authorities and bodies	EEA, H2020, Almeria Declaration	15	10					10				
1.3.5	One voice campaign for UNEP/MAP	1.3.5.2 Awareness raising initiatives on the marine/coastal biodiversity, including climate change	Cost of documentation, conferences, expositions and manifestations at country level	SPA/RAC; Regional organization; National authorities and bodies	CBD, Almeria Declaration	20	10									
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>						<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
						Total HR (menmonth)										
<b>TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES</b>						<b>47</b>										







Theme III: Biodiversity																
Output 3.2																
Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (strategic vision, new objectives in the post 2010 context, including fisheries, ballast, non-indigenous species), endangered and threatened species																
Indicators and targets:						Targets 2012-2013: To be developed at a later stage										
- Adequate indicators set up - Number of changes in the status of species in the list of threatened species - Number of joint programmes for the conservation of endangered species - Number of Contracting Parties with national protection plans for endangered species - Number of planned actions achieved within the regional action plans - Number of guidelines elaborated																
No	Main Activities	Expected results of activities	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
3.2.1	Assistance to countries to carry out field survey, monitoring and mapping of biodiversity	3.2.1.1 Mapping of seagrass meadows and other assemblages and habitats of particular importance for the marine environment in Mediterranean areas, Elaboration of an Atlas of seagrass meadows distribution in the Mediterranean	Field survey, SSFA with countries, consultants, publications	SPA/RAC	SAP BIO, INFO MAP, SPARAC INFO system	40	20				50	20			50	
		3.2.1.2 Strengthening the Mediterranean monitoring system for the key biodiversity components		SPA/RAC		20	10				10					
		3.2.1.3 Strengthening the Regional Mechanism for collecting, compiling and circulating information on invasive non-indigenous species; Regional data exchange mechanism in place and operational	Consultants for data collection, updating and circulation ; Coordination and networking	SPA/RAC	GLOBALLAST Project, SAP BIO, RAC SPA Info system	10	5					5				



Theme III: Biodiversity																
Output 3.3																
Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs), including the open seas, extended, strengthened and effectively managed																
Indicators and targets: - Number of MPAs created - Area covered by MPAs (km <sup>2</sup> ) - MPA/SPAMI management plans evaluated							Targets 2012-2013: To be developed at a later stage									
No	Main Activities	Expected results of activities	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources									
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)				
							MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2
3.3.1	Assistance to countries to establish of SPAMIs	3.3.1.1 Consultation processes are initiated and financially and technically supported	Consultation meetings, participation by the representatives of the contracting parties, conference facilities	SPA/RAC MAP Coordinating Unit REMPEC	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, CIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	110					55				55	
		3.3.1.2 Participate in oceanographic campaigns in open sea areas, including the deep seas, concerned with the establishment of SPAMI, including the elaboration of the management plans based on ecosystem approach for two SPAMIs; Knowledge improvement New data collected	Consultants	SPA/RAC MAP Coordinating Unit	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, CIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	60					30				30	
		3.3.1.3 Support the work of the work group that will be responsible to draw up the joint presentation reports for inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List; Existing data collected and presentation reports filled	Consultants	SPA/RAC MAP Coordinating Unit REMPEC	CBD, EC, FAO, GFCM, Pelagos, ACCOBAMS, UNEP DEPI, CIESM, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas, OSPAR, IUCN, UNCLOS, as appropriate	30					15				15	





Theme VI: Climate change																	
Output 6.1																	
Mediterranean region able to face climate change challenges through a better understanding of potential impacts and ecological vulnerabilities																	
Indicators and targets:						Targets 2012-2013: To be developed at a later stage											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate Change impact indicators available specific to the Mediterranean region: A first set of indicators</li> <li>- At least 2 studies available on impact of climate change and sea level rise</li> <li>- Number of sectoral or cross-cutting vulnerability studies: A regional project proposal on vulnerability &amp; impact monitoring</li> </ul>																	
No	Main Activities	Expected results of activities	Means of implementation	Lead/engaged component and other partners	Links to other actions related activities	Total Budgets (Euro 000)	Resources										
							2012 (Euro, 000)					2013 (Euro, 000)					
							MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	MTF+EC	MedP	OTH	EXT1	EXT2	
6.1.1	Analysis of climate change impact	6.1.1.5 Development and elaboration of a regional project aimed at assisting countries to address the CC issue and its impacts on natural marine habitats and spp	Consultants and work with relevant national authorities	SPA/RAC: coordination of work in cooperation with the other RACs; Work of Parties' concerned Ministries and Agencies	Regional adaptation to CC framework; GEF project on climate variability	20	20										
6.1.3	Elaboration of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas	6.1.3.1 A first set of indicators of climate change impact on biodiversity in specially protected areas elaborated in consultation with relevant experts.	consultants and workshops	SPA/RAC and BP/RAC and other partners.	MSSD, Almeria Declaration, ICZM Protocol, GEF Climate Variability Project, MedPartnership Project	60				60							
						0											
						0											
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>						<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
						Total HR (menmonth)											
<b>TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES</b>						<b>69</b>											