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Report by the Secretariat on Specific Issues

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A. Ratification, Reporting and Compliance

a) Status of Ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

1. Tables 1 and 2 reflect the status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as checked on 20 October 2022 against the link provided for this purpose by the Government of Spain, in its capacity as the Depositary of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols:

<https://exteriores.gob.es/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/TratadosInternacionales/Paginas/Mar-Mediterraneo.aspx>

Table 1: Summary of Status of Ratification

22 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Convention, 1995;
15 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the Dumping Protocol, 1995;
17 Contracting Parties have accepted the amendments to the LBS Protocol, 1996;
8 Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, 1994;
17 Contracting Parties have ratified the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol, 1995;
7 Contracting Parties have ratified the Hazardous Waste Protocol, 1996;
17 Contracting Parties have ratified the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, 2002;
12 Contracting Parties have ratified the ICZM Protocol, 2008.

Table 2: Ratification of Barcelona Convention and Protocols by individual Contracting Parties

Contracting Parties	Albania	Algeria	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croatia	Cyprus	European Union	Egypt	France	Greece	Israel	Italy	Lebanon	Libya	Malta	Monaco	Montenegro	Morocco	Slovenia	Spain	Syria	Tunisia	Türkiye
Legal instruments																						
Barcelona Convention																						
and Amendments																						
Dumping Protocol																						
and Amendments																						
Emergency Protocol																						
Prevention and Emergency Protocol																						
LBS Protocol																						
and Amendments																						
SPA Protocol																						
SPA and Biodiversity Protocol																						
Offshore Protocol																						
Hazardous Wastes Protocol																						
ICZM Protocol																						

Instrument of ratification, adhesion approval or accession deposited and Convention or Protocol entered into force	
No instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited	
Instrument of ratification, adhesion, approval or accession deposited but Protocol has not entered into force yet	

2. Following the adoption by COP 22 (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021) of amendments to the Annexes to the LBS, Dumping and Offshore Protocols, with Decisions IG. 25/5, IG.25/6 and IG.25/7 respectively, the Secretariat sent on 13 January 2022 respective Notes Verbales to the Depositary, providing the certified true copies of the COP Decisions in all languages and recalling the

need for formal communication of the amendments to the Contracting Parties, in accordance with the process provided for in Articles 23 (2) (iii) and 35 (2) of the Barcelona Convention, Article 14 (3) of the Dumping Protocol, and the relevant COP Decisions. The COP Decisions further established that Contracting Parties had a period of 60 days since the adoption of these Decisions for notifying the Depositary in case they were unable to approve an amendment, following which the amendments shall become effective for all Contracting Parties to the Protocols which have not submitted a notification, in accordance with Article 23 (2) (iv) and (vi) of the Barcelona Convention. Since no such notifications were received, the Amendments to Annexes entered in to force on 8 February 2022.

3. Furthermore, following the adoption by COP 22, within the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, of two new Regional Plans on Urban Wastewater Treatment and on Sewage Sludge Management, and of the amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, the Secretariat formally notified their adoption to Contracting Parties by a letter dated 26 January 2022. No objection has been received within the 179 days period set by Article 15, paragraph 3 of the LBS Protocol. Accordingly, new Regional Plans and amendments entered into force on 25 July 2022 and are therefore legally binding for Contracting Parties to the LBS Protocol. The Secretariat notified the Contracting Parties, through individual letters dated 9 August 2022 of the entry into force of Programmes, Measures and Timeframes with regard to Urban Wastewater Treatment, Sewage Sludge Management and Marine Litter Management adopted by Decisions IG.25/8 and IG.25/9 (COP 22, Antalya, Türkiye) in the framework of the LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.

4. The latest submission of a ratification instrument is dated 19 October 2020 and corresponds to the deposit of the instrument of ratification by Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Amendments to the Barcelona Convention, which entered into force for Bosnia and Herzegovina on 18 November 2020. Beyond obtaining information from the link provided for this purpose by the Government of Spain, in its capacity as the Depositary of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, the Secretariat has officially contacted the Depositary through a Note Verbale in February 2022 to ask for the updated status of ratifications of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The Depositary provided a copy of the list with the updated status of ratifications of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols through the Embassy of Spain in Athens, on 11 March 2022.

5. To further promote the ratification of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention, in particular the ratification of the Dumping Protocol which requires a single additional ratification to enter into force, bilateral meetings with Contracting Parties will be used, seeking national opportunities for outstanding ratifications. The UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023, under activity 5.1.1, also provides for facilitation and/or technical support provided upon request to Contracting Parties, to achieve progress on ratification of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention and appropriate assistance or technical support may be discussed on a bilateral basis with Contracting Parties who have not yet ratified the Dumping Protocol. To this end, the Secretariat has contacted the Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and through two letters and a visit by the Coordinator highlighted the importance of ratifications of the Barcelona Convention, with special emphasis on the ratification of the Amendments of the Dumping Protocol, and reiterated the commitment of the Secretariat to support these national efforts for ratification. The Secretariat has also contacted two other Contracting Parties to discuss the possible ratification of relevant Protocols, and especially the ratifications of the Amendments to the Dumping Protocol.

b) Reporting

6. At COP 22 (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), Contracting Parties adopted Decision IG.25/2 entitled “*Compliance Committee*”, urging those Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 to do so, as soon as possible and inviting Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the biennium 2020-2021 using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System by December 2022. The UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023, under activity 5.3.3, also provides for the development of mechanisms to promote mutual supportiveness with other relevant international instruments when it comes to reporting and for providing support for reporting at national level (e.g. e-reporting modules, twinning approach).

7. Through a letter dated 22 June 2022, the Secretariat contacted Contracting Parties reminding them of their obligation to submit national implementation reports for the biennium 2020-2021 by December 2022, in accordance with Decision IG.25/2. The Secretariat is in the process of sending a new reminder at the end of October 2022, while at the same time is supporting a number of Contracting Parties in relation to questions regarding technical aspects of the use of the online Barcelona Convention reporting System (BCRS).

8. As of 20 October 2022, the status of reporting can be summarized as follows: (a) 2012-2013 and 2014-2015 biennia: the Secretariat continues working with Contracting Parties that have requested so, to support them to submit their outstanding national implementation reports step-by-step, (b) biennium 2016-2017: a total of 18 Contracting Parties have submitted national implementation reports, and (c) biennium 2018-2019: a total of 12 Contracting Parties have submitted national implementation reports, with reporting rates for submission ranging across the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, from 55% (12 reporting Parties out of 22) for the Barcelona Convention and the SPA/BD Protocol to 27% (6 reporting Parties out of 22) for the Hazardous Wastes Protocol, out of which only 2 reports are submitted by Parties to the Protocol. Six more Contracting Parties are currently working towards finalizing the submission of their national implementation reports, with technical support from the Secretariat and INFO/RAC provided upon request.

c) Compliance

9. The Secretariat continued in the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2022-2023, adopted through COP 22 Decision IG.25/2.

10. The Compliance Committee, in the course of its 18th Meeting (Athens, Greece, 29-30 June 2022), adopted for the first time since its creation findings and recommendations concerning compliance by a Contracting Party with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The case concerned compliance by Spain with its obligations under the Barcelona Convention and SPA/BD Protocol with respect to the situation in Mar Menor. The Compliance Committee concluded as follows:

- (1) there has been a situation non-compliance, especially at the time when the communication reached the Secretariat;*
- (2) the Party concerned has undertaken serious efforts in ensuring compliance with the Provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, in particular through the adoption of legislation and administrative, financial and judicial actions that have favoured an amelioration of the situation in Mar Menor; the Compliance Committee strongly encourages the Party concerned to continue and intensify its efforts;*
- (3) the Compliance Committee offers its advice and assistance to the Party concerned with respect to the measures and other activities that should still be adopted within a reasonable timeframe mutually agreed and, more generally, to support the Party concerned in its progressive compliance with the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols*
- (4) the Party concerned is invited to update the 19th Meeting of the Compliance Committee in June 2023 on progress following the present meeting and submit via the Barcelona Convention Reporting System the relevant information.*

11. The Secretariat communicated the findings and recommendations to Spain on 19 July 2022. Spain replied on 30 September that it had no comments concerning the findings and recommendations.

12. During its 18th Meeting, the Compliance Committee also discussed the issue of the possible representation of the Committee at MAP governance meetings, mainly in relation to the revision of the Procedures and Mechanisms and the Rules of Procedure. More specifically, as reflected in the report of that Meeting, "...some participants suggested that representatives of the Compliance Committee should attend the online meeting of Contracting Parties, to be held in January 2023; others suggested that at least one representative of the Compliance Committee should also be invited to attend the 93rd Bureau meeting (Thessaloniki, Greece, 30 November – 1 December 2022). Some participants recalled the activity report of the Compliance Committee, in Section 4, para 7 (A) (2) in which the Compliance Committee concluded to establish a channel of communication with the Bureau and the MAP Focal Points for the Compliance Committee to gather feedback on their recommendations; Contracting Parties took note in COP 22 Decision IG.25/2, para 1, of the activity report. Further discussions on this point concerned the possibility that the Compliance Committee be represented by its Chair in the

course of these meetings;..” and concluded that “d. The Compliance Committee recalled the activity report Section 4, para 7(A)(2), attached to Decision IG.25/2, to establish a channel of communication with the Bureau and the MAP Focal Points for the Compliance Committee to gather feedback on their recommendations and reiterated that it is important to be represented at the 93rd Bureau meeting (Thessaloniki, Greece, 30 November – 1 December 2022) and especially the online consultation meeting of Contracting Parties to take place in January 2023 to provide necessary explanations in relation to the proposed amendments.”.

13. Proposed Recommendations:

- (a) The Bureau takes note of the current status of ratification of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and urges the Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to make efforts for the ratifications of the Protocols (7 Contracting Parties have not yet ratified the amendments to the Dumping Protocol; 5 Contracting Parties the amendments to the LBS Protocol; 14 Contracting Parties the Offshore Protocol; 5 Contracting Parties the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol; 15 Contracting Parties the Hazardous Waste Protocol; 5 Contracting Parties the Prevention and Emergency Protocol, and; 10 Contracting Parties the ICZM Protocol). To this aim the Bureau also invites these Contracting Parties to liaise with the Secretariat as appropriate to facilitate coordination towards ratification of the relevant legal instruments, with particular focus on the Dumping Protocol to ensure its entry into force as soon as possible;**
- (b) The Bureau encourages the President and the Secretariat to continue their efforts with the respective Contracting Parties to achieve the full ratification of the Protocols to the Barcelona Convention;**
- (c) The Bureau calls on Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the period 2020-2021 by December 2022 and strongly urges those Contracting Parties who have not yet done so, to submit their national implementation reports for the reporting periods 2012–2013, 2014–2015 (2 Contracting Parties), 2016-2017 (4 Contracting Parties) and/or 2018-2019 (10 Contracting Parties) without further delay to complete the reporting for these biennia as soon as possible;**
- (d) The Bureau compliments the Compliance Committee on its successful conclusion of its first case concerning compliance by a Contracting Party and the government of Spain for its constructive cooperation during this process.**

B. COP 22 Key mandates:

- Antalya Ministerial Declaration

14. The Antalya Ministerial Declaration was adopted at COP 22 as a call by the Ministers of the Environment and Heads of Delegation of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, for leaving a pollution-free legacy, protecting biodiversity and sustaining climate resilience Mediterranean sea and coast. Contracting Parties are expected to raise awareness on the Antalya Ministerial Declaration at national, regional and global fora and actions taken for its implementation.

15. It is important to note that the Antalya Ministerial Declaration is the first document of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system renewing its commitment to achieving a healthy, clean, sustainable and climate-resilient and Mediterranean Sea and Coast with full respect to gender, aiming for a gender-responsive recovery and by designing policies and programs that promote gender equality.

16. The implementation of several actions under the Antalya Ministerial Declaration is fully embedded in the PoW 2022-2023. A focus is given by the Secretariat on advocacy and visibility and communication related activities that will be reported later in this report, under section *D. Outreach, Communication and Advocacy*.

- 2023 MED QSR

17. The work for delivering the 2023 MED QSR based on the MED QSR Roadmap and the activities included in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2022-2023 is ongoing. A more developed version of the annotated contents of the 2023 MED QSR and the progress with the Ecological Objectives and Common Indicators were presented to the 9th EcAp Coordination Group meeting (Teleconference, 5 July 2022). The very first draft of the main chapters of the 2023 MED

QSR is expected to be delivered end of November 2023 for internal review by the Secretariat and Coordinating Unit. The EU-funded projects EcAp MED III, IMAP-MPA and Marine Litter Med II are supporting the implementation of the implementation of monitoring programmes based on IMAP, as well as the data collection and submission that will contribute to indicators, Ecological Objectives and integrated assessments for the MED QSR, as feasible.

18. As a consequence of Covid-19, as well as national administrative, technical and/or political challenges, it has proved difficult to establish and implement in a timely manner legal agreements with some Contracting Parties. The Secretariat has been proactive and made special efforts to reach the highest level of the national administrations to mobilize adequate political and administrative support.

19. The level of data reporting is still behind UNEP/MAP's collectively agreed commitments for the delivery of the assessment products for preparation of 2023 MED QSR. Reporting monitoring data in line with several decisions adopted at COP 19, COP 20 and COP 21 and with the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap milestones is of primary importance. Contracting Parties need to respond to the data calls (June 2020, October 2021 and September 2022) and prioritise their data submission and/or completion of the IMAP Info System validation process as a matter of urgency. The Secretariat has been proactive in this respect, by sending three letters to the EcAP Coordination Group members and by undertaking multiple contacts with MAP Component Focal Points as well as with the contact points of CORMONs. The delivery of 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR) represents a major milestone for this period, and to this end the uploading of all missing available and compatible IMAP data is urgent and imperative.

20. Overall, a very active process is ongoing for the successful delivery of the MED QSR under the CORMONs' leadership, and in close cooperation with the partners and the scientific community. A visualization and communication plan of the MED QSR is also being designed by the Secretariat to increase its outreach and positive impact.

- Designation of the Mediterranean Sea as SO_x Emission Control Area

21. The Secretariat promoted the work on the designation of the Med SO_x ECA in various fora, notably at the 18th Inter-Secretariat meeting (online, 15-16 February 22), "*Les rendez-vous du Plan Bleu #1: The establishment of a low sulphur emission zone in the Mediterranean (Med SO_x ECA)*" (online, 22 February 22), and side-events held in the margins of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (Lisbon, Portugal, 27 June-1 July 2022). REMPEC updated the promotional video on the Med SO_x ECA following COP 22. Plan Bleu published the Technical Report: Socio-economic study on the possible designation of the Med SO_x ECA as well as a factsheet on the Med SO_x ECA.

22. The Secretariat had been in contact with Egypt since COP 22 for the provision of the coordinates of the waiting area of the Suez Canal corresponding to the map submitted by Egypt at COP 22 and approved at that meeting. Thanks to the timely response of Egypt, the coordinates were shared with France and the European Union to enable the submission of the joint and coordinated proposal on the designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SO_x ECA), set out in the Annex to Decision IG.25/14, on 4 February 2022, by France on behalf of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and the Member States of the European Union, to the 78th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 78) (London, UK, 6-10 June 2022).

23. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator subsequently sent letters to all Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in relation to the implementation of Decision IG.25/14, especially encouraging them to actively participate, in line with a pre-agreed common approach, in the deliberations on the joint and coordinated proposal at MEPC 78, in line with the road map. Letters were also sent to those Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI to notably encourage them to take the necessary actions for doing so as soon as possible, with a view to facilitating the designation of the Med SO_x ECA.

24. MEPC 78, which was attended by representatives from the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention as well as the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and representatives from REMPEC, approved the designation of the Med SO_x ECA under regulation 14 of Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). The draft amendments to formally designate the Med SO_x ECA were put forward for adoption at the 79th Session of the IMO's MEPC (MEPC 79) (London, UK, 12-16 December 2022).

25. REMPEC submitted draft national reports on the assessment of the needs to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI, and consultations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon and Libya, progressed on the finalisation of these reports, including the work plan and timetable related to their ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI as well as their implementation of the Med SOx ECA.

26. A draft regional fund-raising strategy to support Mediterranean coastal states in relation to the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, as well as the implementation of the Med SOx ECA and linked compliance measures, was shared with the Contracting Parties that have not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI. REMPEC also continued its dialogue with relevant stakeholders to provide technical support, through technical cooperation and capacity-building activities, including financial support and resource mobilisation activities, to address Contracting Parties' needs.

27. Regarding other aspects of the implementation of Decision IG.25/14, REMPEC initiated the preparation for the establishment of the Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts, with a possible launch scheduled immediately after MEPC 79.

- COP 22 Thematic Regional Strategies' way forward

Post-2020 SAP BIO and Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs

28. Ensuring a sustainable financial support has a capital importance for a realistic operational implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO supported by the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs) and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). To this end, the elaboration of a fundraising strategy to implement the new strategies has been started since May 2022 with the aim of: (i) Maintaining the efforts made and the momentum gained so far by the Mediterranean countries and regional bodies for the conservation of marine and coastal species and ecosystems, and (ii) Supporting the implementation of the 42 identified actions of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, including those targeting area-based conservation and monitoring, as specifically detailed in the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs and the Ecosystem Approach Implementation Agenda. To this end, and based on the actions included in the Post-2020 SAPBIO and in the Post-2020 Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, coherent projects to be implemented at the Mediterranean regional, sub-regional or multinational levels are being identified, conceptualized and drafted. This process will be supported by a donors' conference in Spring 2023. Efforts are being made to ensure the necessary complementarities with the updated MAP Resource Mobilization Strategy (RMS) currently under elaboration to support the implementation of UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027. A synthesis booklet on the Post-2020 SAPBIO is being prepared. The booklet aims at allowing donors, decision-makers and international organisations to fully grasp the scope, contents, objectives and targets of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, supported by the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, in a quick and efficient manner.

29. Opportunities to fund biodiversity related projects in the region should be further explored. EU and GEF remain among the larger supporters in terms of funding and programmatic priorities. The MAVA Foundation will not continue its operation as of 2022 in supporting biodiversity that was for more than 10 years among its programmatic and funding priorities. This may create difficulties for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO that may depend on successful mobilisation of external resources. Support from bilateral agreements with the Contracting Parties or other governments should be explored to support on priority basis national actions and where applicable sub regional and regional ones. There are good examples; the bilateral agreement with Italy, France and the new EU-funded project in pipeline expected to start in September 2023 with a focus on MPAs.

Mediterranean Strategy for Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)

30. Decision IG.25/16 setting out the [Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships \(2022-2031\)](#) and its comprehensive Action Plan translating the Strategy into 190 specific actions is being implemented with the collaborative, coordinated and collective support from relevant regional stakeholders in the Mediterranean. In preparation for the [First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships \(2022-2031\)](#) (Malta, 29 November-1 December 2022), REMPEC produced an analytical report on the countries' needs and priorities against regional stakeholders' ongoing and future actions as well as projects and available resources,

identifying gaps and duplications. The report compiled input from 13 main stakeholders (UfM, OSRL, FEDERCHIMICA, IOI, Cedre, PAM, CLIA, IPIECA, Med Cruise, EMSA, West Med initiative, OceanCare, Sea Alarm and ITOFF) and from the draft National Action Plans (NAP) for the implementation of the said strategy from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Montenegro, Tunisia and Türkiye. The draft NAP for Morocco is under preparation, whilst the designation of the national consultant for Egypt is pending confirmation. Whilst 8 NAPs will be prepared with the support of REMPEC, all Contracting Parties are encouraged to complete their respective NAPs. A dedicated website on the Strategy, including monitoring/reporting tools for Contracting Parties and stakeholders, is being developed and will be introduced during the said meeting.

31. Contracting Parties were also encouraged, through the letter by the Coordinator, to streamline the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) in their relevant national and sectorial strategies and action plans. Under this Strategy, Contracting Parties are expected to take effective measures in their national policies and legislations for its full implementation, as defined in the Strategy's Action Plan, with a collaborative, coordinated and collective support from relevant regional stakeholders in the Mediterranean.

Ballast Water Management Strategy (2022-2027)

32. The Secretariat (REMPEC and SPA/RAC) were requested to provide technical support for the implementation of Decision IG.25/17 setting out the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), in synergy with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), through technical cooperation and capacity building activities, including resource mobilisation (internal and external). REMPEC completed the recruitment of consultants, in consultation with IMO, to support the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention), and to support the development of a resources mobilisation strategy to implement the said Strategy. Logistical arrangements were secured for the back-to-back Regional Workshop on the BWM Convention and the Regional Expert Meeting on the harmonisation of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the BWM Convention (20-23 March 2023, Kappara, Malta). Activities related to the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species will be implemented within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP and the Italian Ministry of Ecological Transition (MiTE), with support from the Project Coordinating Unit of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project.

MSSD 2016-2025

33. Under its Strategic Direction 7.2/Action 7.2.5, the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) 2016-2025 plans that "the Strategy will be reviewed after ten years, taking into consideration global developments, and a new Strategy will then need to be defined by 2025". The UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention system, including the Secretariat, the Bureau and the MAP Focal Points, and the MCSD and its Steering Committee, is engaging during this biennium in a reflection on the MSSD Review process, considering the regional (2025) and global (2030) milestones of the sustainability agendas and the ongoing work and outcome of the MED2050 Foresight Study, in view of possibly aligning the regional process with the global one and enhancing efficiency. During its 23rd Meeting (Teleconference, 1-2 June 2022) the MCSD Steering Committee initiated a discussion among its members and with the Secretariat about the MSSD Review Process. This discussion is ongoing with the MCSD Steering Committee and the Secretariat will present the main elements of the MSSD revision at the next Bureau meeting.

- MAP Knowledge Management Strategy and Knowledge Management Platform

34. The MAP Knowledge Management Strategy (KMS) will be aimed at sharing and providing information, policies and data on the Mediterranean, relying on digital technologies to support scientific communication and technical-scientific dissemination in the Mediterranean basin. The MAP Knowledge Management Strategy will be fully in line with the UNEP Knowledge Management Strategy and will have close linkages to the MAP Operational Communication Strategy. The MAP Knowledge Management Strategy will support the implementation of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2022 -2027 of UNEP/MAP and facilitate the awareness on the MAP-Barcelona Convention

system to partners and institutional actors at local, national and international level, both among citizens and local communities on which strategic decisions impact.

35. The development and implementation of the Knowledge Platform as an operational tool of the Knowledge Management Strategy will constitute the fulcrum of the existing documentation of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system and a broader network of institutional actors operating in the Mediterranean Sea. In particular, the development of the Knowledge Management Platform (KMP) is based on the KMS intended as the management of the globality of processes and practices to generate, identify, collect, update and share knowledge, best practices and to raise awareness internally and externally the MAP. The final aim is to analyze and develop management-related activities such as recognition, collection, sharing and communication of knowledge in the Mediterranean area, through the development of the KMP following the paradigm that data, if information becomes contextualized and, once integrated with the experience of researchers, technical experts, stakeholders and local communities, finally leading to knowledge gaining value.

36. The object of the platform are mainly two types of data: structured data (geospatial and not such as vector layers, raster maps, text files, tables etc.) and unstructured data (documents such as assessments, best practices, meeting agenda and reports etc., both internal and external to the MAP). The KMP will be articulated in three macro-sections of the platform of which one is dedicated to structured data management (Data Hub), another is dedicated to unstructured data management (Knowledge Hub), the third will be dedicated to the exchange with stakeholders (Knowledge Exchange). The KMP implementation will foresee different phases:

- a) Evaluation of MAP existent infrastructure, including an initial phase of recognition of structured and unstructured data.
- b) Analysis, design and development of the KMP.
- c) Building of the prototype, testing and final release of the prototype.

37. INFO/RAC is currently working at preparing the state of play, as in point (a) above. The ECP, at its next meeting, will further assess the possibilities of areas and topics that may be included in the platform and agree on the way forward. It is then expected that the INFO/RAC Focal Points, in their meeting in spring 2023, will provide their feedback on the knowledge hub. A more detailed timeline for the preparation of the KMP follows:

- Evaluation of existent infrastructure and resources - done
- Data Hub implementation: 7/2022 - 8/2023
- Knowledge Hub design and implementation: 1-8/2023
- GeoStories creation: 1-8/2023
- Dashboards creation: 1-8/2023
- Prototype implementation: 8-12/2023

- **MED 2050 Foresight Study**

38. The Med2050 foresight initiative is composed of four modules: 1. the foresight base (survey and analysis of past and current foresight studies, and analysis of trends, disruptions and weak signals); 2. collection of contrasted visions of the future of the Mediterranean based on qualitative survey and interaction with the youth; 3. elaboration of scenarii; 4. elaboration of transition paths.

39. Reports for Module 1 and Module 2 are under finalization and translation, and will be available by November 2022. Specific activities recently implemented include: interviews of around 50 key personalities from all Mediterranean countries; a webinar for the youth involving 44 of them, organized on 2 March 2022; and a presentation during Forum Mondial de la Mer (Bizerte, Tunisia, 23 September 2022).

40. In-presence workshops of the multi-stakeholder Med2050 Foresight Group were organized in Montpellier (29 May - 1 June 2022) and in Marseille (12 July 2022). A list of 6 scenarii for the Mediterranean by 2050 were agreed upon. A first version of these scenarii will be finalized in November 2022.

41. Participatory workshops and presentations will take place to receive feedback from a variety of stakeholders. Partnerships are established for dedicated activities or presentations expected to take place during the Mediterranée du Futur event (organized by the French Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur), along with a workshop with the Mediterranean Youth Council (5-6 December 2022,

Marseille); in Alexandria, hosted by Anna Lindh Foundation, and in Casablanca, hosted by Institut Royal des Etudes Stratégiques (events planned for 1st quarter of 2023).

42. From February to March 2023, the final messages from the study will be prepared in view of the first presentations during the meeting of the Focal Points of Plan Bleu/RAC, and the meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development.

- Resource Mobilization Strategy

43. As per the mandate given by COP 22, the Secretariat has launched the preparation of an updated Resource Mobilisation Strategy (RMS) for the MTS 2022-2027. The current RMS (COP 20 Decision IG.23/5) which has a horizon period of ten years will be reviewed for any necessary update in the main text, while its Appendix, as refined and attached in Annex VII to the COP 21 Decision IG. 24/2 will be fully updated to reflect the outcomes of the new MTS 2022-2027, and resource needs and possible donors and funding opportunities, in coordination with the ECP.

44. REMPEC prepared a draft regional fund-raising strategy to support Mediterranean coastal states in relation to the ratification and effective implementation of MARPOL Annex VI, as well as the implementation of the Med SOx ECA and linked compliance measures. REMPEC is currently developing a resources mobilisation strategy to implement the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027), which is expected to be delivered by April 2023. The First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (Malta, 29 November-1 December 2022), is expected to facilitate the mobilisation of resources through a collaborative, coordinated and collective approach. REMPEC mobilised through the IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme, a total of \$107,600.00 towards the implementation of activities 1.2.10 and 2.4.1.

45. The elaboration of a fundraising strategy to implement the new strategies related to biodiversity is presented in a previous section of this Report. As indicated, since these three resource mobilisation strategies are being developed at the same time every effort is being made to maximise consistency in approaches and necessary complementarities.

46. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau takes note of the information provided on the key mandates of COP 22 and their implementation, and requests the Secretariat and the respective MAP components to ensure all steps are undertaken for their effective and timely implementation, and urge the Contracting Parties to fully participate and contribute to the effective delivery of related activities of the PoW 2022-2023;

(b) The Bureau encourages the Contracting Parties to respond to the last data call issued by the Secretariat in September 2022, considering the primary importance of reporting monitoring data in line with several decisions of COP 19, COP 20 and COP 21 including the timeline of the 2023 MED QSR Roadmap. The Bureau also encourages the Contracting Parties to prioritise their data submission and/or completion of the IMAP Info System validation process as a matter of urgency;

(c) The Bureau encourages the 4 Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, to finalise the assessment of their needs, in consultation with REMPEC, and take the necessary actions for ratifying MARPOL Annex VI with a view to facilitating the designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to MARPOL Annex VI, and requests the Secretariat and REMPEC, in collaboration with IMO, to support these processes upon request;

(d) The Bureau encourages the Contracting Parties to actively participate, in line with a pre-agreed common approach, in the deliberations on the draft amendments to regulation 14 of, and Appendix VII to MARPOL Annex VI, related to the designation of the Med SOx ECA, at the 79th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79 – London, UK, 12-16 December 2022);

(e) The Bureau encourages the Contracting Parties to complete their respective National Action Plan for the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), as an important mechanism to streamline and prioritize the necessary actions at national level;

(f) The Bureau calls upon the Contracting Parties that are executing externally and MTF funded projects aiming at the national implementation of IMAP, with the support of several MAP Components, to make every effort for their successful delivery and reporting of related monitoring data that would allow further progress in defining common standards at regional and sub-regional level on several aspects of IMAP implementation.

C. Collaboration and Partners

a) UNEA 5.2

47. The global UNEP data and knowledge platform WESR has been officially launched during UNEA5.2. Videos describing a small number of best practices of regional or thematic uses of the WESR tools were displayed during the event. The pilot Mediterranean WESR component, which already includes the MSSD Dashboard indicators, the SCP Regional Action Plan indicators, and maps from SoED and MedECC MAR1, were part of this sample. The Mediterranean page of WESR has been since fully integrated as a regional page in the global WESR and further enriched.

b) Collaboration with FAO/GFCM

48. Collaboration with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is proceeding well. Both Secretariats have significantly increased their interaction, exchange of information, expert knowledge, and cooperation on topics of common concern, including on marine litter, having in the spotlight a healthy Mediterranean including for its living resources. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator has sent a letter on 4 October 2022 to the GFCM Executive Secretary *Ad Interim*, focusing on a number of priority issues that require action from both sides, particularly for the successful development of the 2023 MED QSR, including the development of Ecological Objectives (EOs) EO4 (marine food webs) and EO6 (seafloor integrity) into operational objectives with indicators and target levels. Collaboration with GFCM also continues in the context of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies. The last meeting of this initiative took place in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 25-28 October 2022.

49. A joint GFCM-MAP proposal was submitted for funding to GEF-7 and was approved by the GEF Council in May 2020. The inception meeting of the project will take place in February 2023. This GEF International Waters USD 7 million project has as its objective to reverse the over-exploitation of select commercial living marine resources by enhancing the capacity of Mediterranean countries to manage fisheries, including through the application of ecosystem-based management tools, in their blue economy development pathway. The project will be implemented through the following five Components: Component 1 – Strengthened capacity to manage commercial fisheries, with particular focus on SSF; Component 2 – Enhanced integration of emerging monitoring, control and surveillance technologies in the fight against IUU fishing; Component 3 – Integrated ecosystem based management tools and ecosystem approach to biodiversity protection and sustainable fisheries; Component 4 – Innovative blue economy solutions accounting for the fishery sector; Component 5 – Knowledge management and outscaling.

c) Collaboration with the EU MSFD implementation framework

50. The Coordinating Unit and MAP Components are actively engaging in the European Union Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) processes, at several levels: i.e. by participating in the Marine Directors meetings as well as in the Marine Strategy Coordination Group meetings; by participating in the work and the meetings of the Working Groups on Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange (WG DIKE), Working Group on Programmes of Measures - Economic and Social Analysis (WG POM ESA) and WG Good Environmental Status (WG GES); by participating in the work and in the meetings of the expert groups on different descriptors, such as on contaminants, marine litter, non-indigenous species (NIS); contributing to the development of documents such as the new Assessment Guidance for assessing good environmental status, towards alignment with UNEP/MAP's IMAP, and considering proposals for assessment criteria, scales of assessment and thresholds.

d) Implementation of Agreement with Italy-Collaboration with MITE

51. The Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with the Italian Ministry of Ecological Transition (MiTE) signed in November 2021, to support the implementation of a number of activities included in the UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023, through a significant financial contribution of 2.8 million Euros is under implementation and all activities are ongoing. A steering committee meeting was held in

Athens, Greece, on 21-22 June 2022, which reviewed and approved the progress and financial report, as well as the activity fiches developed under the Bilateral Agreement.

e) Action Plan “The Mediterranean: a model sea by 2030” (PAMEx)

52. UNEP/MAP continues to participate in the implementation of the Action Plan entitled “*The Mediterranean: a model sea by 2030 - PAMEx*”. As provided for in the governance structure of the Action Plan, France has seconded a Technical Expert who took office in September 2022 in the UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit to support the coordination of the Action Plan implementation, ensuring synergies with the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system as well as with the work of other regional instruments and initiatives and provide an additional expertise on marine litter in the Coordinating Unit. The implementation of the Action Plan, which incorporates key objectives of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system, is expected to support the implementation of the UNEP/MAP MTS 2022-2027 and other key MAP regulatory and strategic documents, i.e. the 2021 Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, the post-2020 SAP BIO, the Regional Strategy on pollution from ships, etc. A first meeting of the PAMEX stakeholders is scheduled for January 2023, with the support of a contribution of 40,000 EUR from the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France to the Secretariat.

53. The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs allocated a voluntary contribution of 1,143,000 EUR to support a number of activities of the MAP PoW 2022-2023, in line with the axes of the PAMEx. This contribution, which is fully integrated into the MAP PoW and Budget 2022-2023 will be operationalised and disbursed to the respective Regional Activity Centres through amendment of the Project Document and legal instruments with RACs, that have been submitted to UNEP HQ in early October 2022, with the plan to have the legal instruments signed by end of October.

54. UNEP/MAP is also involved in the discussions for the establishment of the PAMEx 2030 Local Invest Finance Facility (PLIFF), aiming to support investments and financing of actions, including from the private sector, under the PAMEx Action Plan implementation. UNEP/MAP involvement will aim at ensuring that its development and operationalization will fully take into account and contribute to the obligations and priorities under the MAP-Barcelona Convention system. An initiative is also under consideration to set up a Local Investors Financing Facility to secure funding from the private sector for local Mediterranean projects relevant to this Action Plan. The Secretariat and Plan Bleu/RAC are following up on this initiative.

f) UNCBD COP15

55. The UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system is planning to participate in the CDB COP 15 (Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022) and has submitted two side event proposals to the CBD Secretariat. These side events entitled “*The Mediterranean Region Action for a Transformative Change in Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation*” and “*Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management: Inspiring perspectives and approaches from the Mediterranean*” will involve panelists from the Mediterranean countries as well as regional partner organizations and MAP Components. It is also planned to have a joint Mediterranean Stand that will exhibit the achievements of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system and other regional partners involved in biodiversity conservation actions (confirmed partners: ACCOBAMS, CEPF, MedPAN, the MBPC Community led by ETC-UMA, Prince Albert II Foundation, the “*Together for the Med*” partnership led by BlueSeeds, and The MedFund). The side events and booth requests are still under review by the CBD Secretariat. Their reply is expected at the end of October 2022.

g) UNFCCC COP27

56. UNEP/MAP will take part in the Mediterranean Pavilion located in the Blue Zone at UNFCCC COP 27 (6-18 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt). The Mediterranean Pavilion is the first of its kind to be set up at a UN Climate Change Conference. It is an initiative led by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) together with UNEP/MAP and the PRIMA Foundation, along with a coalition of institutions dealing with climate action in the region. Two UNEP/MAP Components, namely Plan Bleu/RAC and MedWaves (the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for sustainable consumption and production) are among the partners of this initiative. The Network of Mediterranean Experts on Environmental and Climate Change (MedECC) will act as a scientific advisory council for the Pavilion activities. The Mediterranean Pavilion is meant to operate as a hub for activities and partnerships undertaken by regional public institutions, civil society organisations and private sector entities with the aim of catalysing an effective and rapid transition to a climate-resilient future.

Approximately 60 events are planned to be organized at the Mediterranean Pavilion by Contracting Parties and partners. The Secretariat and MAP Components will hold six further events, while two events will be organized by MedECC.

h) Collaboration with UfMS

57. The strengthening of collaboration with UfMS continued beyond the MedPavilion of COP 27 of UNFCCC. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator had on 21 October 2022 a bilateral meeting with the Senior Deputy Secretary General of UfM for Energy and Climate Action, Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, in Athens, Greece, to discuss the preparations for a strong Mediterranean presence in COP 27 of UNFCCC, as well as possibilities for further collaborations between the two organizations in relation to Climate Change. Furthermore, a meeting is being organized for the beginning of November 2022 in Athens, Greece, between the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and the new Deputy Secretary General of UfM for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Mr. Almotaz Abadi, to discuss issues of common interest, including current activities on the implementation of the MoU, the possible update of the Areas of Cooperation of the MoU, major upcoming meetings and events of joint interest, as well as ways to strengthen cooperation in the near future.

i) Collaboration with ACCOBAMS

58. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator had on 20 October 2022 a bilateral meeting with the Executive Secretary of ACCOBAMS, Mrs. Susana Salvador, to discuss issues of common interest, including the contribution of ACCOBAMS to the 2023 MED QSR, exchange of best practices, cooperation on spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity, possible future collaboration through projects and on outreach events. An issue that was also discussed between the two Secretariats was the fact that the existing MoU between the two organizations has expired. There was agreement that both organizations are very keen to continue collaboration and that the main scope of a new Agreement will remain the same. To this end, the Secretariat plans to present to the next Bureau meeting a proposal for a new Agreement for submission to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 23 for consideration and adoption.

j) MAP Partners

59. Following the call for new MAP Partners issued by the Secretariat during the previous biennium and its promotion through news items and outreach, the Secretariat has received new applications from the following four non-governmental organizations for accreditation as MAP Partners: Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM), AMWAJ Alliance/REVOLVE Mediterranean, Enaleia, and Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (SII).

60. The Secretariat has reviewed the documentation submitted in line with Decision IG.19/6 on “*MAP/Civil Society cooperation and partnership*” and found that the above organization meet the criteria for such accreditation. The results of the evaluation of the applications are presented in Annex I to the present report for the Bureau’s consideration.

61. Decision IG.19/6 on MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership, provides for MAP policy on MAP Partners and addresses among other issues their accreditation. While that Decision scope covers generally MAP partners from civil society, the accreditation section covers only the NGOs. The Secretariat has received requests for partnership not only from NGOs but also from Universities and the scientific community, private sector, foundations, etc. In this respect the Secretariat wishes to inform the Bureau that it plans to present to the next MAP Focal Points Meeting and COP 23 a proposal to expanding MAP partner accreditation (as in Decision IG.19/6) not only to NGOs, but to other organizations of civil society that work for the benefit of the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment and its sustainable development, such as scientific institutions/universities, private sector organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and other organizations involved in environmental and sustainable development policy.

62. In relation to the renewal of accreditation of existing MAP Partners, a letter was sent to MAP Partners endorsed at COP 20 on 1 June 2022, reminding these organizations that they need to renew their accreditation in line with Decision IG.19/6 “*Every 6 years, NGO observers ask the Secretariat to renew their accreditation*” and the Secretariat has further followed up with the organizations that have not submitted a request for renewal of accreditation until the previous meeting of the Bureau.

63. As a result of these efforts, the Secretariat has received two applications from MAP Partners for renewal of their accreditation, from “*Youth Love Egypt*” and from “*Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection*”.

64. The Secretariat will continue efforts for the renewal of accreditation of the remaining MAP Partners endorsed at COP 20 that have not yet submitted a request for renewal of accreditation, through individual emails and phone calls in a timely manner before the next meeting of the Bureau.

65. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau welcomes the work of the Secretariat on enhancing ocean governance and on strengthening cooperation and partnerships with global and regional organizations for joint impact on the ground;

(b) The Bureau welcomes the work by the Secretariat to strengthen participation and involvement in global processes and to raise the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system’s profile, its work and its contribution to the implementation of the SDGs, and encourages the Secretariat to further work in this direction;

(c) The Bureau asks the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties participating at COP 15 of the UN CBD to share the Mediterranean experience and the commitments made in Antalya and encourages all Contracting Parties to contribute to global discussions as appropriate in view of maximizing coherence with the work of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system;

(d) The Bureau welcomes the collaboration between UNEP/MAP and ACCOBAMS and agrees with the proposal of the Secretariat that a proposal is presented at the next Bureau meeting on a new Agreement between the two organizations;

(e) The Bureau endorses the results of the evaluation conducted by the Secretariat of the new application submitted by the Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM), AMWAJ Alliance/REVOLVE Mediterranean, Enaleia and Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (SII) for accreditation as MAP Partners and requests that the Secretariat submits them to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 23 for consideration and endorsement;

(f) The Bureau endorses the proposal by the Secretariat to renew the accreditation as MAP Partners of the organizations “Youth Love Egypt” and “Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection” following the applications submitted by these organizations, and requests that the Secretariat submits them to the MAP Focal Points and to COP 23 for consideration and endorsement.

D. Outreach, Communication and Advocacy

66. The Secretariat has taken advantage of the succession of major meetings taking place at the first year of this biennium, including UNEA 5.2, 2022 UN Ocean Conference, 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference for targeted actions for visibility and outreach, as further described in the Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for the Period March - October 2022. The upcoming UNFCCC COP 27 and UN CBD COP 15 that are forthcoming, will provide further opportunities for visibility and outreach by the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties, including on the key outcomes of COP 22, such as, the post-2020 SAPBIO, in relation to the CBD, and the SECA Decision, in relation to UNFCCC. Furthermore, the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat has issued a media advisory (dated 13 September 2022) presenting the rationale and the purpose of the participation in the Mediterranean Pavilion in COP 27 of UNFCCC: <https://bit.ly/MedPavilion>.

67. Several communication and capacity-building activities on the promotion of gender equality and women’s empowerment took place as part of the implementation of the MedProgramme Gender Mainstreaming Strategy. A blogpost was published on the website of UNEP/MAP and a memo was sent to all the RACs on the occasion of International Women’s Day in March 2022.

68. The Secretariat is mulling the launch of a large-scale campaign celebrating 50 years of regional cooperation, achievements and progress (MAP at 50 (1975-2025)). More information on this campaign, which will require the involvement of the entire MAP-Barcelona Convention system, will be provided at a later stage.

69. Proposed Recommendations:

(a) The Bureau welcomes the efforts of the work on information and outreach in key international and regional meetings and events, implementing also the relevant Programme of the new MTS, and requests the Secretariat to further progress in this direction based on the objectives of the MAP Communication Strategy and the relevant decision of COP 22.

E. Ways and Means to Streamline Reporting on Progress and on Implementation of COP Decisions

70. Following discussions at the Executive Coordinator Panel meetings as well as the draft recommendations of the recent Audit of the United Nations Environment Programme Mediterranean Action Plan Secretariat for the Barcelona Convention, the Secretariat has examined possible options to update and improve the Progress Report to the Bureau as well as other reporting tools used by the Secretariat for internal and external purposes. The aim of this exercise is to provide reporting on the progress of implementation of the programme of work and budget in an effective and easily understandable manner, while on the same time reducing the burden for the Secretariat, and especially, MAP components of reporting for different, internal and external, purposes.

71. The recent audit report recommended that the MAP Secretariat should establish a mechanism to effectively track and regularly report on implementation of all thematic decisions of the Conference of Parties to enhance accountability and assure that the decisions are implemented in a timely manner. Furthermore, the audit report also recommended that the MAP Secretariat should establish a mechanism to ensure that performance targets and related indicators are tracked and included in the results reported to the Conference of Parties.

72. As a first step, the Secretariat has updated the Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP22 Decisions (color-coded table) so that it also refers to the number of activities of the Programme of Work relevant to the operative paragraphs of the COP decisions for which action is being taken by the Secretariat. This is a first effort by the Secretariat to link the implementation of COP Decisions with the implementation of the Programme of Work and budget and the relevant progress and actions taken, for the consideration of the Bureau in view of improving reporting in the future.

73. In relation to reporting in the progress of implementation of the Programme of Work to the Bureau meetings, which is now conducted mainly through the Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Activities Carried Out for each reporting Period, the Secretariat discussed internally possible options as follows: (option a1) The main body could be shorter, i.e. through a narrative part reporting on the implementation of the PoW per outcome, with the MAP Components responsible for each outcome working together to draft the progress on this outcome (i.e. on how each outcome is being achieved), for example through a “results group” per Outcome; (option a2) An alternative to this proposal is to have the “results group” established per each Programme and the above exercise to be done in a consolidated way per Programme (and not per Outcome), to also make the process easier and simpler; (option b) Keep the structure of the report in general terms as it is done up to now (since it shows the range of efforts and activities by the MAP system) but try to improve coherence and reduce detail by doing it more concise.

74. The ECP considers option (b) above as the most effective, but also focusing more on the overall picture of the implementation of the PoW rather than in the detail. This could be done by, for example, reporting on main achievements per Medium-Term Strategy Programme (i.e. Achievements/Deliverables/Milestones).

75. Finally, in response to the second recommendation by the Audit mentioned above, the Secretariat is establishing a mechanism to ensure that performance targets and related indicators, included in the Medium-Term Strategy, are tracked and included in the results reported to the Contracting Parties. To this end, the relevant MTS 2022-2027 indicators and targets will be populated on annual and biannual basis. The target is to fill the tables with targets and indicators at February of each year. For the current MTS, an interim report for the biennium will be presented to the MAP Focal Points and COPs in 2023 and 2025, while a final report will be submitted to COP 25 in 2027, on the implementation of the entire MTS 2022-2027.

76. Proposed Recommendation:

(a) The Bureau takes note of the proposal by the Secretariat to enhance reporting on the implementation of POW and

F. Proposal to Strengthen the Institutional Setup of UNEP/MAP on Climate Change

77. Following the discussions held at the 92nd Meeting of the Bureau (Istanbul, Türkiye, 24-25 March 2022) under Agenda Item 8: “*Any Other Matters*”, Türkiye is submitting a proposal for the Establishment of a Regional Activity Center for Climate Change of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention, to be hosted in Ankara. Türkiye has requested to the Secretariat that the proposal be submitted to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for their consideration, and for possible approval at the 23rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties, to take place in Izola, Slovenia, on 4-8 December 2023. The proposal is presented in Information Document UNEP/MED BUR.93/Inf.6, while below a short summary is presented for the consideration of the Bureau, as provided by Türkiye:

78. The premise of the Proposal by Türkiye is that, faced with increasingly catastrophic impacts of climate change, the Mediterranean region needs urgent and efficient action. The MAP-Barcelona Convention system must be adequately equipped to face such urgency and to fully implement its own strategies and programmes that have put climate change at their center. In fact, considering the potential of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system, Türkiye believes that, in recent years, insufficient and only sporadic progress has been made by the system in addressing climate change adaptation issues and that the work on adaptation and other emerging issues should accelerate and deepen.

79. The institutional strengthening of the MAP system through the establishment of a central point for Climate Change as part of its structure seems imperative; Türkiye believes that this is the most effective way to accelerate efforts and leverage much needed funds. Türkiye is ready to devote financial resources additional to its regular contributions to the Barcelona Convention to host and support a new MAP Component in line with the relevant Governance decisions of the Contracting Parties, offering also commitment, facilities, networks and expertise that will ultimately reinforce the entire MAP system.

80. The proposal stresses how MAP Components are essential to the success of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system in responding adequately to urgent and emerging needs of the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean, and in enhancing regional cooperation based on a corporate and integrated approach. The new RAC for Climate Change would not duplicate or compete with the activities on climate change that the MAP-Barcelona Convention system has already in place. Under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit, it would rather provide a focal point to complement and support those activities, to amplify them through the additional availability of expertise and resources, and to fill existing gaps for the full execution of the new MTS and its climate change-related programmes. The technical competence of the proposed RAC will help Contracting Parties, MAP Components and other regional institutions to design and deliver Nature-Based Solutions and measures on climate change.

81. The proposed RAC will augment the synergies and complementarity of work of the MAP-Barcelona Convention system with the on-going activities of other regional institutions, also strengthening collaboration and joint efforts with those initiatives.

82. This would enhance the coherence, structure, visibility and impact of the MAP-Barcelona Convention responses to climate change, as it has been demonstrated in other priority areas mandated by the Convention and its Protocols, thanks to the work of the existing MAP components. The establishment of the proposed RAC would also have important and positive implications for the balance of the geographical location and hosting of MAP Components around the Mediterranean basin.

83. Türkiye is committed to the ambitious responsibility of hosting a Regional Activity Centre for Climate Change. In this endeavor, Türkiye counts on the support of all Contracting Parties, of the Secretariat and of the other MAP Components.

84. Proposed Recommendation:

(a) The Bureau takes note of the proposal by Türkiye and

Annex I

MAP Partner Applications Evaluation Table

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY /PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS ¹
	DEHUKAM	Türkiye	One of the priorities of the “Turkish National Maritime Research Strategy (TUDAS) Document”, is the employment and strengthening of research capacity in the marine sciences and, within this context, train expert personnel and implementing education programmes for researchers to develop policies to enhance Türkiye’s position in the sea and maritime law. Considering that there is one sea in the World, whatever its parts are named which connects not only the States but also nations to each other and that such uniqueness requires the same unified language to be used in the maritime affairs, which demands common understanding on the maritime disputes as to be settled in good faith. DEHUKAM organizes international symposiums and workshops; supports LLM and Ph.D. programs with the participation of foreign students and lecturers as well as conducts joint projects in cooperation with other institutions and centers on the sea and maritime law. In particular, maritime disputes in which Türkiye has an active role are addressed at scientific meetings held with the participation of international experts. Currently, there is a need for experts in both the sea and maritime law and policies to build opinion for our country in the drafting phase of the international treaties in the maritime field or to consider whether accession to the signed treaties is in line with the interests of Türkiye. DEHUKAM is considered a center for the development of Turkish sea and maritime law and policies as well as Turkish foreign policy. DEHUKAM legal entity status is a national center on the sea and maritime law and policy in Türkiye. Its main budget is provided by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye and also receives public funds from research projects financed by other government organizations such as the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Türkiye Ministry of Development, Türkiye Promotion Fund, Türkiye Naval Forces, and Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change. No private donations.
	DEHUKAM	Türkiye	L’une des priorités du « Document de stratégie nationale turque de recherche maritime (TUDAS) » est l’emploi et le renforcement des capacités de recherche dans les sciences marines et, dans ce contexte, la formation de personnel expert et la mise en œuvre de programmes d’éducation pour les chercheurs afin de développer des politiques visant à améliorer la position de la Türkiye dans la mer et le droit maritime. Considérant qu’il existe une seule mer dans le monde, quelles que soient ses parties, qui relie non seulement les États mais aussi les nations entre elles et qu’une telle unicité nécessite l’utilisation d’un même langage unifié dans les affaires maritimes, ce qui exige une compréhension commune des que les différends maritimes soient réglés de bonne foi. DEHUKAM organise des symposiums et ateliers internationaux ; soutient des programmes de Masters et doctoraux avec la participation d’étudiants et de professeurs étrangers et mène des projets communs en coopération avec d’autres institutions et centres sur la mer et le droit maritime. En particulier, les différends maritimes dans lesquels la Türkiye joue un rôle actif sont traités lors de réunions scientifiques organisées avec la participation d’experts internationaux. Actuellement, il y a un besoin d’experts en droit et politiques maritimes et maritimes pour forger l’opinion de notre pays dans la phase de rédaction des traités internationaux dans le domaine maritime ou pour examiner si l’adhésion aux traités signés est conforme aux intérêts de la Türkiye. DEHUKAM est considéré comme un centre de développement du droit et des politiques maritimes et maritimes turcs ainsi que de la politique étrangère turque.

¹ A detailed presentation of the aims and objectives as per the documents submitted by DEHUKAM.

			Le statut d'entité juridique de DEHUKAM est un centre national sur le droit et la politique maritimes et de la mer en Türkiye. Son budget principal est fourni par le Conseil de la recherche scientifique et technologique de Türkiye et reçoit également des fonds publics de projets de recherche financés par d'autres organisations gouvernementales telles que le ministère turc des Affaires étrangères, le ministère du Développement de la République de Türkiye, le Fonds de promotion de la Türkiye, la marine turque, les Forces armées et ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Urbanisme et du Changement climatique. Pas de dons privés.
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EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

Part I: General conditions for accreditation / Partie I : Conditions générales pour l'accréditation

Two categories of NGOs are eligible for observer status / Deux catégories d'ONG sont éligibles pour le statut d'observateur

DEHUKAM	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	✓

Both categories of NGOs should satisfy the following general conditions:

DEHUKAM	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	✓
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM ;	✓
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	✓
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	✓

Part II: Specific accreditation criteria and procedures / Partie II : Critères et procédures d'accréditation spécifiques **Accreditation / Accréditation**

The following criteria apply to international and national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG internationales et nationales / locales :

DEHUKAM	
to have legal status; terms of reference, objectives and scope of activities related to one or more of MAP's areas of activity and to the scope of the Convention and its Protocols / disposer d'un statut légal ; le mandat, les objectifs et le champ d'application des activités du candidat doivent être en rapport avec un ou plusieurs domaines d'activité du PAM et avec le champ d'application de la Convention et ses Protocoles ;	✓ ²
to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	✓
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	✓
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique ;	✓
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen ;	✓
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
to demonstrate what contributions the NGO could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter l'ONG au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	✓

The following specific criteria apply to national/local NGOs:
Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG nationales / locales :

DEHUKAM	
NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones / Les objectifs de l'ONG sont véritablement associés à l'environnement marin et aux zones côtières ;	✓
NGOs participating or wishing to participate in specific national or local programmes or projects on the implementation of the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / ONG participant ou souhaitant participer à des programmes ou projets nationaux ou locaux sur la mise en œuvre des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles.	✓

² The Secretariat notes that this organization is not a Non-Governmental Organization per se, but a national research centre affiliated to Ankara University. Since it is not profit-oriented and of a non-governmental nature, and noting that other MAP partners have similar legal status, the Secretariat considers that it meets the relevant criteria for accreditation.

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS / INFORMATIONS SUR LES CANDIDATS

ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY /PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
	AMWAJ / REVOLVE Mediterraneo	Spain	REVOLVE Mediterraneo (REVOLVE) is a Spanish non-profit association managing the AMWAJ Alliance; REVOLVE applies here as the legal entity behind AMWAJ, and would suggest having AMWAJ Alliance on the UNEP-MAP Partner page since AMWAJ is our Mediterranean focus. REVOLVE Mediterraneo, provides communication services for its projects, and through its initiative AMWAJ Alliance – A Mediterranean Water And Journalism project for sustainable development – builds capacity for young journalists to report more accurately on water-related challenges confronting societies around the Mediterranean. AMWAJ includes a forum every two years, regular content development, media training and a small grant scheme for investing in local sustainable development efforts.
	AMWAJ / REVOLVE Mediterraneo	Espagne	REVOLVE Mediterraneo (REVOLVE) est une association espagnole à but non lucratif gérant l'Alliance AMWAJ ; REVOLVE dépose sa demande en tant qu'entité juridique derrière AMWAJ, et suggérerait d'avoir AMWAJ Alliance sur la page des partenaires du PNUE-MAP puisque AMWAJ est notre centre d'intérêt méditerranéen. REVOLVE Mediterraneo, fournit des services de communication pour ses projets et, par le biais de son initiative AMWAJ Alliance - un projet méditerranéen sur l'eau et le journalisme pour le développement durable - renforce la capacité des jeunes journalistes à rendre compte avec plus de précision des défis liés à l'eau auxquels sont confrontées les sociétés autour de la Méditerranée. AMWAJ comprend un forum tous les deux ans, un développement régulier du contenu, une formation aux médias et un système de petites subventions pour investir dans les efforts locaux de développement durable.

EVALUATION / ÉVALUATION

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Two categories of NGOs are eligible for observer status / Deux catégories d'ONG sont éligibles pour le statut d'observateur

AMWAJ	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	✓
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	

Both categories of NGOs should satisfy the following general conditions:

AMWAJ	
be representative in the field(s) of their competence and fields of action by the Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être représentatives dans leur(s) domaine(s) de compétence et leurs champs d'action dans le cadre du Plan d'action pour la Méditerranée (PAM) / Convention de Barcelone et de ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓

be able to contribute, through a specific event or manifestation linked to a Mediterranean Action Plan field of activity, to public awareness-raising / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un événement ou d'une manifestation spécifique associée à un champ d'activité du PAM, à la sensibilisation du public ;	✓
be able to provide, through their specific activity or experience, expert advice on the definition of Mediterranean Action Plan policies, programmes and actions / être capables de fournir, au travers de leur activité spécifique ou de leur expérience, un avis d'expert sur la définition de politiques, programmes et actions pour le PAM ;	✓
be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	✓
be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	✓

Part II: Specific accreditation criteria and procedures / Partie II : Critères et procédures d'accréditation spécifiques
Accreditation / Accréditation

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to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	✓
to submit financial and activity reports from the last two years / soumettre les états financiers et rapports d'activité des deux dernières années ;	✓
to operate democratically / avoir un fonctionnement démocratique ;	✓
to have their regional office or headquarters in a Mediterranean country / disposer d'un bureau ou d'un siège régional dans un pays méditerranéen ;	✓
to demonstrate proof of general or specialised, technical or scientific competence on issues related to the activities of MAP, the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / justifier sa compétence générale ou spécialisée, technique ou scientifique sur des questions associées aux activités du PAM, de la Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
to demonstrate what contributions the NGO could make to MAP and the Convention and its Protocols / démontrer quelles contributions serait à même d'apporter l'ONG au PAM ainsi qu'à la Convention et ses Protocoles.	✓

The following specific criteria apply to national/local NGOs:

Les critères suivants s'appliquent aux ONG nationales / locales :

AMWAJ	
NGO objectives genuinely related to the marine environment and coastal zones / Les objectifs de l'ONG sont véritablement associés à l'environnement marin et aux zones côtières ;	
NGOs participating or wishing to participate in specific national or local programmes or projects on the implementation of the objectives of the MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / ONG participant ou souhaitant participer à des programmes ou projets nationaux ou locaux sur la mise en œuvre des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles.	

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ACRONYM/ ACRONYME	FULL NAME/NOM COMPLET	COUNTRY /PAYS	AIMS/OBJECTIFS
	ENALEIA	Greece	Enaleia's vision is a sustainable marine ecosystem including humans. Its mission is to solve two problems that correlate to a great extent: The reduction of fish stocks and marine plastic pollution. The main goal is to provide holistic approaches to ocean-related climate challenges engaging all the relevant stakeholders from local fishing communities to governments.
	ENALEIA	Grèce	La vision d'Enaleia est un écosystème marin durable incluant les humains. Sa mission est de résoudre deux problèmes étroitement liés : la réduction des stocks de poissons et la pollution plastique marine. L'objectif principal est de fournir des approches holistiques aux défis climatiques liés à l'océan en engageant toutes les parties prenantes concernées, des communautés de pêcheurs locales aux gouvernements.

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ENALEIA	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	✓
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	

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ENALEIA	
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be able, through their work, to support the achievement of the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols / être capables, au travers de son travail, d'appuyer la réalisation des objectifs du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
be able to make known the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the region and/or their respective countries / être capables de faire connaître le travail du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles dans la région et / ou dans leurs pays respectifs ;	✓
be able to contribute, through a specific project or programme, to the implementation of MAP/Barcelona Convention and its Protocols programme of activities / être capables de contribuer, au travers d'un projet ou d'un programme spécifique, à la mise en œuvre du programme d'activités du PAM / Convention de Barcelone et ses Protocoles ;	✓
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be able regularly to disseminate information to their members, where applicable, on the standards, activities and achievements of the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention in their own field(s) of competence / être capables de diffuser régulièrement des informations à leurs membres, le cas échéant, sur les normes, activités et réalisations du PAM / Convention de Barcelone dans leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence ;	✓

be able to furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Mediterranean Action Plan's different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence / être capables de fournir, spontanément ou à la demande des différents organes du PAM, des informations, documents ou opinions relatifs à leur(s) propre(s) domaine(s) de compétence.	✓
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Accreditation / Accréditation

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to have existed for at least 4 years / exister depuis au moins 4 ans;	✓
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SII	Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (SII)	Italy	The main objective of the Siracusa Institute is to contribute to international peace and security through the effective implementation of criminal law and criminal justice, and to promote the rule of law and the protection of human rights in criminal justice systems worldwide. It works towards the establishment of international criminal justice and ending impunity of international crimes such as genocide and crimes against humanity. The SII's Greater Mediterranean Programme on Environmental Crime addresses the criminal law aspects of environmental protection.
SII	Institut international de Syracuse pour la justice pénale et les droits de l'homme	Italie	L'objectif principal de l'Institut de Syracuse est de contribuer à la paix et à la sécurité internationales par la mise en œuvre effective du droit pénal et de la justice pénale, et de promouvoir l'état de droit et la protection des droits de l'homme dans les systèmes de justice pénale du monde entier. Il travaille à l'établissement d'une justice pénale internationale et à la fin de l'impunité des crimes internationaux tels que le génocide et les crimes contre l'humanité. Le programme de la Grande Méditerranée sur la criminalité environnementale du SII aborde les aspects de droit pénal de la protection de l'environnement.

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SII	
International and regional NGOs / ONG internationales et régionales	✓
National and local NGOs from Mediterranean riparian states / ONG nationales et locales des États riverains de la Méditerranée	

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