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Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025, as adopted in [Decision IG.26/14](#) by COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), and [Decision IG.26/3](#) “The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean”, the Secretariat is organizing the 12th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (EcAp CG), in Athens, Greece, on 15 September 2025.

2. The objectives of the meeting are to review and endorse as appropriate the:

- EcAp Policy and Roadmap for the Mediterranean 2026-2035;
- Third cycle of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast (IMAP);
- Indicator Guidance Factsheets for IMAP clusters of Pollution and Coast and Hydrography;
- Assessment Criteria for Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species (NIS); and
- Elements for a draft Decision on Ecosystem Approach and Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 9:30 AM on Monday 15 September 2025 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention, Ms. Tatjana Hema.

Agenda items 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.630/1 UNEP/MED WG.630/2
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.1

a) Rules of Procedure

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting.

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.613/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP/MED WG.630/2 will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable presented at the end of the present document.

d) *Organization of Work*

8. The discussions are planned to be held over one day with two three-hour plenary sessions opening at 9:30 and closing at 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 15 September 2025 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Policy and Roadmap for the Mediterranean 2026-2035

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.630/3; UNEP/MED WG.630/4
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.3; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.5; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.7; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.9; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.11

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce Working Documents UNEP/MED WG.630/3 “*Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Policy and Roadmap (2025–2035)*” and UNEP/MED WG.630/4 “*Upgraded Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast (IMAP)*”.

12. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse, as appropriate, the proposed EcAp Policy and Roadmap for the Mediterranean 2026-2035 including the IMAP enriched with the elements identified in and recommended by the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (MED QSR) and validated by the respective governing bodies of MAP Barcelona Convention System, namely the CORMONs and the Components’ Focal Points Meetings

Agenda item 4: Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast (IMAP):

- (a) Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, and 21;
- (b) Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27;
- (c) Updated Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 15 and 16;
- (d) Guidance Factsheet for Common Indicator 25;
- (e) Assessment Criteria for Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species (NIS)

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.630/6; UNEP/MED WG.630/7 UNEP/MED WG.630/8; UNEP/MED WG.630/9 UNEP/MED WG.630/10
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.3; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.5; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.7; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.9; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.11; UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.12

13. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL Programme) will introduce Working Documents UNEP/MED WG.630/6 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Common Indicators 13,14, 17, 18, 20, and 21*” and UNEP/MED WG.630/7 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27*”.

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (PAP/RAC) will introduce Working Documents UNEP/MED WG.630/8 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 15 and 16*” and UNEP/MED WG.630/9 “*Guidance Factsheet for Common Indicator 25*”.

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) will introduce Working Document UNEP/MED WG.630/10 “*Updated Reference List of Species and Habitats, Assessment Criteria and Scales, Threshold and Baseline Values for Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species*”, consolidating in a comprehensive manner all related information on assessment criteria (i.e., Reference List of Species and Habitats, Assessment Criteria and Scales, Threshold and Baseline Values) for the Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species (NIS) cluster of IMAP.

16. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse, as appropriate: (a) the Indicator Guidance Factsheets for Pollution, and Coast and Hydrography clusters of IMAP for their use by the Secretariat, respective MAP Components, Contracting Parties and relevant Mediterranean agencies/laboratories; and (b) the assessment criteria for biodiversity and non-indigenous species (NIS) as well as to recommend their inclusion as an annex to the upgraded IMAP.

Agenda item 5: Main Elements of the Draft Decision on the Ecosystem Approach to COP 24

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17. Under the Agenda Item the Secretariat will present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.630/5 “*Elements for a draft Decision on the Upgraded Ecosystem Approach and Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast, from the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group to the MAP Focal Points*”.

18. The Meeting is expected to review the elements outlined above and prepare a Draft Decision based on the proposed elements and Meeting deliberations for further submission to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (Athens, Greece, 16-19 September 2025).

Agenda item 6: Any Other Business

19. Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

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20. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend as appropriate, and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations, as prepared by the Rapporteur, including the Draft Decision.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

21. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Monday, 15 September 2025, at 17:30.

Proposed Timetable

Monday, 15 September 2025		Related Documents
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	<i>UNEP/MED WG.630/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/2</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.1</i>
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Policy and Roadmap for the Mediterranean 2026-2035	<i>UNEP/MED WG.630/3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.5</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.7</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.8</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.9</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.10</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.11</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/Inf.12</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 15:45	Agenda Item 4: Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast: (a) Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, and 21; (b) Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27; (c) Updated Guidance Factsheets for Common Indicators 15 and 16; (d) Guidance Factsheet for Common Indicator 25; (e) Assessment Criteria for Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species (NIS)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.630/6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/7</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/8</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/9</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.630/10</i>
15:45 – 17:00	Agenda Item 5: Main Elements of the Draft Decision on the Ecosystem Approach to COP 24	<i>UNEP/MED WG.630/5</i>
17:00 – 17:15	Agenda item 6: Any Other Business	
17:15 – 17:30	Agenda Item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting	