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PROTOCOL

1. PROTOCOL RATIFICATIONS

In 1987 and the beginning of 1988, the following 5 new ratifications of the Protocol for the Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas took place:

Greece, January 26, 1987
Israel, October 28, 1987
Cyprus, November 27, 1987
Spain, December 22, 1987
Malta, January 11, 1988

This brings the total number of ratifications of this Protocol to 13 (See Annex I).

2. GUIDELINES

The document bearing the title "Guidelines for the selection, creation and management of the Mediterranean protected marine and coastal areas and for the dissemination of relevant information", prepared by the Centre was revised and amended at the Meeting of the National Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas (Athens, June 1-4, 1987). The 5th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Athens, 7-11 September 1987) took note of this document. It was published in 500 copies and is currently being disseminated.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENOA DECLARATION

Article 17, point e: Protection of marine species threatened with extinction (e.g. Monachus Monachus, sea turtle). Protection of the Mediterranean Monachus Monachus: The Centre, in collaboration with IUCN, prepared the basic document for the Meeting of experts to develop an Action Plan for the Conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal. This meeting was organized jointly by UNEP and IUCN and took place in Athens, on the 11th and 12th of January 1988. Furthermore, action on dissemination of pertinent information is formulated by the Centre during visits in the various States.

Article 17, point h: Identification and protection of at least 50 new sites, or marine/coastal reserves of Mediterranean interest.

A. Activities developed in collaboration with countries, various organizations and during meetings. In addition to the general activities of dissemination of information through the National Focal Points, more important action was carried out within the framework of programmes concerning Specially Protected Areas, especially in collaboration with Turkey, Malta, Israel and Tunisia. It is expected that some of these activities will be further developed in 1988. In this connection, the Centre is at the disposal of the countries requesting it to send experts to contribute to the implementation of this goal. Relevant activities are also promoted during conferences and meetings by encouraging national and regional conservation groups to send relevant information.

No official creation was announced in 1987. In 1985 there had been 4, in 1986, 5 (for details see SPA NEWS).

B. Establishment of a group of experts entrusted with the Conservation of Coastal Mediterranean Ecosystems (Conservation des Ecosystèmes Côtiers Méditerranéens - CECM) in close collaboration with the Ecology Commission of IUCN:

1. Objectives

- a. Establishment of selection criteria
- b. Application of criteria for site selection in the Mediterranean Coastal States.

2. First meeting of the CECM group of experts (Arles, France, 27-28 January 1987).

3. Second meeting of the CECM group of experts (Paphos, Cyprus, 28-29 September 1987). At this meeting, the experts established a list of 28 sites important at regional level which should be protected. The experts recommended that the Southern Mediterranean countries convene a meeting to carry out a similar action.

4. The third meeting of the CECM group of experts will be held in Carthage (Tunisia) in June 1988, with participation mainly from the Southern Mediterranean coastal States.

C. The next step will be the transmission to the competent authorities in each country of the recommendations of experts, so that activities can be coordinated for the protection of most of the selected sites.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS Status as at 31 March 1988

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ANNEX I

	Convention (1)		Dumping (2)		Emergency (3)		Land-Based Sources (4)		Specially Protected Areas (5)	
	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification
Albania	--									
Algeria	--	16 Feb 81/AC	--	16 Mar 81/AC	--	16 Mar 81/AC	--	2 May 83/AC	--	16 May 85/AC
Cyprus	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	16 Feb 76	19 Nov 79	17 May 80	27 Nov 87	--	27 Nov 87
Egypt	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	16 Feb 76	24 Aug 78/AP	--	18 May 83/AC	--	8 Jul 83
France	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	16 Feb 76	11 Mar 78/AP-R	17 May 80	13 Jul 82/AP-R	16 Feb 83	2 Sep 86/AP-R
Greece	16 Feb 76	3 Jan 79	11 Feb 77	3 Jan 79	16 Feb 76	3 Jan 79	17 May 80	26 Jan 87	3 Apr 82	26 Jan 87
Israel	16 Feb 76	3 Mar 78	16 Feb 76	1 Mar 84	16 Feb 76	3 Mar 78	17 May 80	--	3 Apr 82	28 Oct 87/R
Italy	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	16 Feb 76	3 Feb 79	17 May 80	4 Jul 85	3 Apr 82	4 Jul 85
Lebanon	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	16 Feb 76	8 Nov 77/AC	17 May 80	--	--	--
Libya	31 Jan 77	31 Jan 79	31 Jan 77	31 Jan 79	16 Feb 76	31 Jan 77	17 May 80	--	--	--
Malta	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	16 Feb 76	30 Dec 77	17 May 80	--	3 Apr 82	11 Jan 88
Monaco	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	16 Feb 76	20 Sep 77	17 May 80	12 Jan 83	3 Apr 82	--
Morocco	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	16 Feb 76	15 Jan 80	17 May 80	9 Feb 87	2 Apr 83	--
Spain	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	16 Feb 76	17 Dec 76	17 May 80	6 Jun 84	3 Apr 82	22 Dec 87
Syria	--	26 Dec 78/AC-R	--	26 Dec 78/AC	--	26 Dec 78/AC	--	--	--	--
Tunisia	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	25 May 76	30 Jul 77	17 May 80	29 Oct 81	3 Apr 82	26 May 83/R
Turkey	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	16 Feb 76	6 Apr 81	--	21 Feb 83/AC	--	6 Nov 86/AC-R
Yugoslavia	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	15 Sep 76	13 Jan 78	--	--	30 Mar 83	21 Feb 86
EEC	13 Sep 76	16 Mar 78/AP	13 Sep 76	16 Mar 78/AP	13 Sep 76	12 Aug 81/AP	17 May 80	7 Oct 83/AP	30 Mar 83	30 Jun 84/AP
1- Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution										
Adopted (Barcelona):										
Entry into force:										
16 February 1976										
12 February 1978										
2- The Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft										
Adopted (Barcelona):										
Entry into force:										
16 February 1978										
3- The Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency										
Adopted (Barcelona):										
Entry into force:										
16 February 1978										
4- The Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources										
Adopted (Athens):										
Entry into force:										
17 May 1980										
5- The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas										
Adopted (Geneva):										
Entry into force:										
3 April 1982										
23 March 1986										
Accession	-	AC								
Approval	-	AP								
Reservation	-	R								