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Agenda Item 3: Progress Report for March – October 2022

Progress Report by the Secretariat on the Implementation of COP22 Decisions

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PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP22 DECISIONS

COP 22 DECISION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	Status / PoW activities initiated	2022				2023			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<u>Decision IG.25/1</u> UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022- 2027	1. <i>Adopt</i> the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 (hereinafter referred to as "the MTS 2022-2027 "), set out in the Annex to this Decision, as key strategic framework for the development and implementation of the Programmes of Work of UNEP/MAP;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Call upon</i> Contracting Parties to fully take part and contribute to its implementation with the support from the Secretariat and MAP components to achieve its vision and concrete results on the ground;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Urge</i> MAP Partners, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, industry, the private sector and other stakeholders to collaborate and support the implementation of the MTS, ensuring synergy, harmonization of efforts, and optimization of the use of resources, avoiding duplication;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to maximize efforts for the implementation of the MTS in an integrated manner and for the mobilization of adequate resources and reach out, in cooperation with Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders;	YELLOW 5.2.5.b.								

	5. <i>Request also</i> the Secretariat to monitor and report on the MTS implementation on the basis of each biennial Programme of Work as adopted by the Conference of the Parties, highlighting the contribution of the Programmes of Work to the achievement of the MTS objectives, strategic outcomes and related targets and update to this aim the MAP Resource Mobilization Strategy for its implementation.	ORANGE 5.2.5.a.								
<u>Decision IG.25/2</u> Compliance Committee	1. <i>Take note</i> of the Activity Report of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2020-2021, set out in Annex I to the present Decision, that contains proposed amendments to the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee;	GREEN 5.2.4.								
	2. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to undertake a consultation process as soon as possible and not later than January 2023 with the Contracting Parties with a view to review the proposed amendments and report on the outcome at COP 23;	YELLOW 5.2.4.c.								
	3. <i>Adopt</i> the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2022-2023, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;	GREEN 5.2.4.								
	4. <i>Urge</i> those Contracting Parties who have not yet submitted their national implementation reports for the biennium 2018-2019 to do so, as soon as possible;	YELLOW 5.1.1.f.								
	5. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to submit their national implementation reports for the biennium 2020-2021 using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System by December 2022;	YELLOW 5.1.1.f., 5.1.3., 5.3.3.								
	6. <i>Elect and/or renew</i> , in accordance with the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, the membership of the Compliance Committee, set out in Annex IV to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	7. <i>Request</i> the Compliance Committee to report to the Contracting Parties at COP 23 on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions in	ORANGE								

	accordance with paragraph 31 of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.									
Decision IG.25/3 Governance	1. <i>Renew</i> their commitment to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach and endorse the Governance Mechanism for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach policy in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex I to this Decision;	GREEN 5.1.2.								
	2. <i>Approve</i> the draft Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between UNEP/MAP and the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) and between UNEP/MAP and the Parliamentary of the Mediterranean (PAM), set out in Annex II to this Decision, and request the Secretariat to proceed towards their signature;	GREEN 5.4.1.b.								
	3. <i>Also approve</i> the update of the Appendix of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNEP/MAP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (FAO/GFCM), set out in Annex III to this Decision;	GREEN 5.4.1.b.								
	4. <i>Endorse</i> the list of new and renewed MAP Partners, set out in Annex IV to this Decision;	GREEN 5.4.2.a., 5.4.2.b.								
	5. <i>Note with appreciation</i> the contribution of all partners to the work of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system, including in the difficult period of the Covid-19 pandemic, as an attestation of increased commitment and enhanced collaboration in the Mediterranean region for achieving the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention objectives and vision;	GREEN 5.4.2.a., 5.4.2.b.								
	6. <i>Encourage</i> the Secretariat to continue reaching out and working closely with partners to further strengthen and enhance collaboration and governance for the protection of the marine environment and coastal region and promoting sustainable development in the Mediterranean;	YELLOW 5.4.2.a., 5.4.2.b., 7.2.4.a.								
	7. <i>Approve</i> the membership of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) for the biennium 2022-2023, set out in	GREEN								

	Annex V to this Decision;	5.2.2.								
	8. <i>Endorse</i> the MCSD's recommendation to adjust paragraph 9.II. of the MCSD Composition in the MCSD Constitutive Documents (Decision IG.22/17), so that the mandate of the MCSD Members under the group of parliamentarians may be renewable for more than one additional term taking into consideration the need for rotation and for geographical balance to the extent possible, and request the Secretariat to reflect this amendment in the MCSD Constitutive Documents (Decision IG.22/17);	GREEN 5.2.2.								
	9. <i>Adopt</i> the "Common Operational Principles for MAP Components", set out in Annex VI to this Decision, and request the governments of MAP Components' Host Countries to take the necessary measures to implement them.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.25/4</u> Assessment Studies	1. <i>Endorse</i> the Summary for Policy-Makers (SPM) of the first Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1) on the current situation and risks for the future of climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean basin, set out in Annex I to this Decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to take concrete steps to address the issues raised in Annex I to this Decision in their environmental and sectoral policies;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat to make all possible efforts to overcome the knowledge gaps identified in MAR 1;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to provide adequate and sustained support, to MedECC, and its science-policy-society interface within the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention system, and encourage larger participation from all the Mediterranean and women scientists;	YELLOW 3.3.1.								
	5. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat (Plan Bleu) to continue its institutional support to MedECC hosting its secretariat and make efforts in collaboration with MAP Partner Institutions and Organizations and Contracting Parties to	YELLOW 5.4.3.a.								

	provide the necessary financial support to MedECC work and operation;								
	6. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to further mainstream the results of MAR1 and other results stemming from MedECC into relevant UNEP/MAP work, in particular the MED 2050 Foresight exercise, the Mediterranean Observatory on the Environment and Development managed by Plan Bleu in collaboration with UNEP-GRID, and to continue the dissemination and communication of MAR1 and its SPM;	YELLOW 6.1.1.a, 6.3.15.							
	7. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat and invite the Contracting Parties to properly disseminate the results of the MAR1 and its Summary for Policy makers in all relevant national and international fora beyond Barcelona Convention.	YELLOW 7.1.1.b.							
<u>Decision IG.25/5</u> Amendments to Annexes I, II, and IV to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities	1. <i>Adopt</i> the amendments to the Annexes I, II and IV to the LBS Protocol, set out in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN							
	2. <i>Agree</i> , in accordance with Article 23 (2) (iv), to determine a period of 60 days since the adoption of this Decision, within which, any Contracting Party that is unable to approve the amendments to so notify the Depositary in writing;	GREEN							
	3. <i>Request</i> the Depositary to communicate without delay to all Contracting Parties the adopted amendments, pursuant to article 23 (2) (iii) of the Barcelona Convention.	GREEN							
<u>Decision IG.25/6</u> Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the	1. <i>Adopt</i> the amendments to the Annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea, set out in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN							
	2. <i>Agree</i> , in accordance with Article 23 (2) (iv), to determine a period of 60 days since the adoption of this Decision, within which, any Contracting Party that is unable to approve the amendments to notify so the Depositary	GREEN							

Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea	in writing;									
	3. <i>Request</i> the Depositary to communicate without delay to all Contracting Parties the adopted amendments, pursuant to article 23 (2) (iii) of the Barcelona Convention.	GREEN								
<u>Decision IG.25/7</u> Amendments to the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Amended Annexes I, II, III, IV and VII A to the Offshore Protocol, set out in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to control and timely report on the harmful and noxious substances and materials listed in Annexes I and II, using the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS), in line with the reporting obligations under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention and Article 30 of the Offshore Protocol;	ORANGE 1.2.4.								
	3. <i>Welcome</i> the collaborative approach and support offered by industry partners with a view to establishing an effective and sustainable framework to facilitate the implementation of the Offshore Protocol and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan;	GREEN								
	4. <i>Agree</i> , in accordance with Article 23 (2) (iv), to determine a period of 60 days since the adoption of this Decision, within which, any Contracting Party that is unable to approve the amendments to notify so in writing the Depositary;	GREEN								
	5. <i>Request</i> the Depositary to communicate without delay to all Contracting Parties the adopted amendments, pursuant to article 23 (2) of the Barcelona Convention.	GREEN								
<u>Decision IG.25/8</u> Regional Plans on Urban Wastewater Treatment and	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Regional Plan on Urban Wastewater Treatment in the framework of Article 15 of the Land-based Sources Protocol, set out in Annex I to this decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Adopt</i> the Regional Plan on Sewage Sludge Management in the framework of Article 15 of the Land-based Sources Protocol, set out in	GREEN								

Land Based Sources Protocol	(b) Annex III – “Potential Research Topics” to promote and support scientific research by the Contracting Parties and scientific community to fill the knowledge gaps on marine litter sources and impacts as well as to support implementation of relevant measures; (c) Annex IV – “2021 Baseline Values and Threshold Values for IMAP Common Indicator 22” to facilitate the assessment of Good Environmental Status in the Mediterranean, under the IMAP Ecological Objective 10 on Marine Litter;									
	3. <i>Call upon</i> the Contracting Parties to effectively implement the Regional Plan on Marine Litter and its measures and to report to the Secretariat, accordingly, as provided for in its Article 19;	YELLOW								
	4. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat (MED POL and SCP/RAC) to provide, upon request and subject to availability of funds, the necessary assistance to the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the measures provided for in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter, specifically through the provision of support for the implementation of technical guidelines developed in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)-Barcelona Convention system, including the new Guidelines to tackle Single Use Plastic Products in the Mediterranean (UNEP MED WG.515/Inf.23);	YELLOW								
	5. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat (MED POL and SCP/RAC) to promote the work undertaken by the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) - Barcelona Convention system on sharing best practices on marine litter management and combating plastic pollution in other international fora, such as the UNEP Global Programme of Action, the UNEP Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and partnerships, such as the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership; and to actively contribute to the work developed in that fora by inter alia sharing and promoting Contracting Parties efforts in combating marine litter, including plastic pollution;	YELLOW								

	6. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties, intergovernmental organizations, donor agencies, industry, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions to support the implementation of the different measures of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter providing sufficient financial, technical and scientific contribution;	YELLOW								
	7. <i>Further encourage</i> the work of Marine Litter Platform, established in the Mediterranean region by a number of stakeholders, to facilitate the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter and further coordinate efforts for a plastic-free and litter-free Mediterranean, and to this aim, request the Secretariat to continue its efforts to strengthening and further expanding this coordinating Platform, by including inter alia the industry, in order to maximize synergies, complementarities, and impacts on the ground with the view to facilitating the achievements of the ambitious objectives of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter in close collaboration with the Contracting Parties.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.25/10</u> MAP Data Policy	1. <i>Adopt</i> the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) Data Policy as set out in Annex I to the present Decision;	GREEN								
	2. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) to provide the necessary technical support to Contracting Parties and to address any needs identified to fully implement the UNEP/MAP Data Policy;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Call upon</i> the Contracting Parties to take effective measures to implement the UNEP/MAP Data Policy.	YELLOW								
<u>Decision IG.25/11</u> Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO), hereinafter referred to as “Post-2020 SAPBIO”, as a Mediterranean action oriented marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation Policy aiming at contributing to the achievement of the good environmental status, to the Sustainable Development Goals and their respective targets, and the CBD Post-2020	GREEN								

Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	Global Biodiversity Framework through the optic of the Mediterranean context, set out in Annex I to the present decision;									
	2. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures, for the effective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and to report on their implementation in the framework of MAP Barcelona Convention reporting system;	YELLOW								
	3. <i>Invite</i> the Contracting Parties to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by fully incorporating the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO; and maximise their efforts for their timely implementation;	YELLOW 5.2.7.								
	4. <i>Invite</i> the relevant organisations, in particular the members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee, to continue contributing to the efforts by the Contracting Parties in implementing Post-2020 SAPBIO, as appropriate in close collaboration with the Secretariat (SPA/RAC);	YELLOW 5.2.7.								
	5. <i>Urge</i> the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to provide technical support for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, through technical cooperation, capacity building activities, and external resource mobilization;	YELLOW 5.2.7.								
	6. <i>Invite</i> the Secretariat, to conduct a mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO by 2025 and Contracting Parties to review their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans accordingly to ensure the achievement of the Post-2020 SAP BIO objectives by 2030;	ORANGE								
	7. <i>Invite</i> the relevant International Organisations, Funding Agencies, International Donor Community and Contracting Parties as appropriate to give due consideration to the priority actions of SAP BIO in their programming for supporting actions in the Mediterranean region.	YELLOW 5.5.2.								
<u>Decision IG.25/12</u> Protecting and	1. <i>Adopt</i> the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures in the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred as to “the Post-2020 Regional	GREEN								

	- Banc des Kabyles Marine Reserve (Algeria) in 2023, - Habibas Islands (Algeria) in 2023, - Les Calanques National Park (France) in 2023, and - Portofino Marine Protected Area (Italy) in 2023;								
	8. <i>Adopt</i> the Criteria for inclusion of Specially Protected Areas in the Directory of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas, including the associated updates in the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS), set out in Annex III to this Decision;	GREEN							
	9. <i>Call upon</i> the Contracting Parties to report on the Specially Protected Areas to the Directory of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas based on the adopted Criteria, at the time of submitting their national implementation reports under Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention, starting with the national implementation reports for the biennium 2020-2021 to be submitted by December 2022; to this aim also encourage the Contracting Parties to report on other effective area-based conservation measures;	YELLOW 2.2.1., 2.2.2.							
	10. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to: a) provide an analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas and as appropriate on other effective area-based conservation measures, at every meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points, and b) maximize synergies and foster closer cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations to assess potential other effective area-based conservation measures under their mandate;	YELLOW 2.2.1., 2.2.2.							
	11. <i>Welcome</i> the progress made in relation to synergies with other Secretariats in spatial-based protection and management measures for marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area, and request the Secretariat to continue to strengthen these synergies with the objectives to ensure the conservation and the sustainable use of the marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean through the application of the Ecosystem Approach.	YELLOW 2.2.1.							

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	contribution in the amount of EUR 1,192,968 and the host country contribution of EUR 689,600 (USD 800,000); and the use of the MTF positive cash balance at the amount of EUR 2,619,269;								
	5. <i>Approve</i> the use of the budget appropriations as set out in Table 3 Summary of Activities, and Administrative Costs by MAP Component;	GREEN							
	6. <i>Approve</i> the assessed 2022-2023 ordinary contributions from Parties shown in Table 2 “Expected Ordinary Income” of the Annex to this Decision, which is based on the 2019-2021 scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 73rd Session in Resolution A/RES/73/271 noting that the scale of assessment for the UN Regular Budget for the triennium 2022-2024 is expected to be approved by the General Assembly of the UN in December 2021 and that the new scale of assessment will be applied, when released, to calculate the assessed contributions for 2022-2023;	GREEN							
	7. <i>Request</i> the Executive Director of UNEP, subject to the approval of the United Nations Environment Assembly, to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through 31 December 2023;	GREEN							
	8. <i>Approve</i> the staffing of the Coordinating Unit including MED POL for 2022-2023 as indicated in Table 4a. “Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of the Secretariat” in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN							
	9. <i>Take note</i> of the staffing of REMPEC for 2022–2023 as indicated in Table 4b, “Details of Salaries and Administrative Costs of REMPEC” in the Annex to this Decision;	GREEN							
	10. <i>Take note</i> of the external funding secured by the Secretariat and MAP Components in the amount of EUR 19,436,256 and external non-secured funding in the amount of EUR 7,617,000 for the implementation of the Programme of Work 2022-2023;	GREEN							
	11. <i>Authorize</i> the Coordinator in line with Decision IG.21/15 on the Financial Rules and Procedures for the Funds of the Barcelona Convention,	YELLOW							

	Procedure 2, paragraph 6, to approve transfers within the same Programme and Component up to 20 per cent within the criteria: a. funds to be transferred are savings achieved upon committing funds for full delivery of activities planned in the approved Programme of Work, b. the transferred funds are strictly used for achieving the outcomes of the Programme of Work of concerned biennia in line with the outcomes of the 2022-2027 Midterm Strategy; and c. such transfers are reported for information at the first meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties following occurrence of such transfers;										
	12. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to strictly adhere to Procedure 4.2 of the Financial Rules and Procedures and pay their contributions to the MTF in the first quarter of each year to allow for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Work;	YELLOW									
	13. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat to keep up to date information on the status of Contracting Parties' contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund and to continue to post it in a publicly available place on the UNEP/MAP website and report, for information, to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in their periodical meetings on the status of unutilized resources;	YELLOW									
	14. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to adhere to nomination deadlines of their representatives in meetings of the MAP system and to avoid modifications and cancellation of their travel in order to minimize losses arising from the increase of airfare and cancellation fees and inefficiencies;	YELLOW									
	15. <i>Urge</i> the Contracting Parties to consider increasing their voluntary contributions in cash and/or in kind in support of the implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of Work and to support the resource mobilisation activities of the Secretariat;	YELLOW									
	16. <i>Invite</i> other partners including industry to contribute adequate human and financial resources to meet the external funding requirements for priorities still unfunded under the 2022-2023 Programme of Work and Budget;	YELLOW									

	17. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat, in consultation with UNEP Headquarters, bearing in mind the Decision IG. 17/5 “Governance Paper” adopted by COP 15 (Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008), to explore possible ways of simplifying the structure of the Programme of Work and Budget to ensure that Contracting Parties have a clear understanding of the priorities and the relationship with the MTS when adopting the budget;	ORANGE								
	18. <i>Request</i> the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare for careful consideration by the MAP Focal Points and, after further refinement, approval by COP 23 a result-based Programme of Work and Budget for 2024-2025, explaining the key principles and assumptions on which it is based and taking into account the progress achieved during the implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of Work, providing information on the consultation process followed for its preparation, and in full alignment with the MTS.	ORANGE								