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Anavyssos, Greece, 27 -28 May 2025

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with Decision IG.26/14 on “UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the biennium 2024 – 2025”, and Decision IG.26/3 on “The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean”, as adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023, including the revision of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) and the enhancement of IMAP, UNEP/MAP is organizing the Joint Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on Pollution and Marine Litter Monitoring to be held in Anavyssos, Greece, on 27 -28 May 2025.

2. The objectives of the Joint Meeting of CORMONs, are to:

- Review the proposed update of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) for the Mediterranean, for EOs 5, 9, 10, and 11;
- Review the proposed updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Pollution Indicators;
- Review the proposed updated Proposal for Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24;
- Review the proposal related to GES definition and Targets for pollution litter cluster including governance of the implementation of ecosystem approach, with a particular focus on CORMONs.

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

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 AM (EET) on 27 May 2025 by the Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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Information Document:	UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.1/Rev.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 will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officers

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

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.626/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions are planned to be held in two plenary sessions from 09:30 to 12:30, and from 14:30 to 17:30 during this two-day Meeting as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the two sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the 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 28 May 2025 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: IMAP Update

a. IMAP Pollution Ecological Objectives and Indicators

b. IMAP Marine Litter Ecological Objective and Indicators

Working Documents:	UNEP/MED WG.626/3/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.626/6 UNEP/MED WG.626/9
Information Document:	UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.3

11. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present a number of elements pertinent to the ongoing process for revising the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Policy for the Mediterranean and its Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast, including the following working documents:

- a) Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/3/Rev.1 “IMAP update for Ecological Objectives 5, 9 and 11”;
- b) Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/6 “IMAP update for Ecological Objective 10”; and
- c) Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/9 “Revised IMAP for Pollution and Marine Litter (EO5, EO9, EO10, EO11)”.

12. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/3/Rev.1, titled “*IMAP Update for Ecological Objectives 5, 9, and 11*,” the MED POL Programme will present the revised Good Environmental Status (GES) targets for the following IMAP Common Indicators CIs 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26, and 27.

13. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/6 “IMAP update for Ecological Objective 10”, MED POL will present the proposed rationale for updating IMAP EO10, including the 1 new indicator on riverine litter and the upgrade of Candidate Indicator 24 among the Common Indicators of EO10, including a proposal for GES definition and target for the two (2) new/upgraded Indicators.

14. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/9 “Revised IMAP for Pollution and Marine Litter (EO5, EO9, EO10, EO11)”, changes to the IMAP document approved in 2016 will be presented

for the pollution and marine litter section, with a view to reflect the most recent development in this field as per the outcome of the respective COP decisions and findings/recommendations of the MED 2023 QSR.

15. The Meeting is expected to review these documents and endorse their submission to the forthcoming MED POL Focal Points Meeting scheduled for June 2025.

Agenda item 4: Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Pollution Indicators

Working Documents:	<i>UNEP/MED WG.626/4/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.626/5/Rev.1</i>
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16. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/4/Rev.1 and WG.626/5/Rev.1, the Secretariat will present the changes introduced to the CIs on Pollution and Noise Guidance factsheets reflecting the changes agreed since 2016 agreed by the CORMONs, EcAp CG Meetings, as well as the outcomes and recommendations of MED 2023 QSR.

17. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse these documents for no objection by the Meeting of the MED POL FPs and submission to the forthcoming EcAp CG Meeting scheduled for September 2025.

Agenda item 5: Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24

Working Document:	<i>UNEP/MED WG.626/7</i>
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18. MED POL will present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/7 “Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24”. This updated version of the Document includes a number of revised elements, including written comments received from 3 Contracting Parties, new data submitted to IMAP Info System from 5 Contracting Parties, and additional review comments received from the respective Online Working Group on Marine Litter (OWG-ML) assigned with the task to support the Secretariat in this regard.

19. The Meeting is expected to review the proposal and endorse its submission to the upcoming Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (June 2025).

Agenda item 6: Terms of Reference and Flow of Interaction for the Correspondence Groups on Monitoring and Online Working Groups

Working Document:	<i>UNEP/MED WG.626/8</i>
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20. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.626/8 “Terms of Reference and Flow of Interaction for the Correspondence Groups on Monitoring and Online Working Groups”, MED POL will present the elements relevant to the CorMons’ mandate including the flow of interactions with other relevant MAP governing bodies.

21. The Meeting is expected to endorse the flow of interactions between the CorMons and the other MAP governing bodies and agree to submit this proposal to the upcoming Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (June 2025).

Agenda item 7: Any Other Business

22. 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 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

23. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations, capturing the outcomes of the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

24. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 on Wednesday 28 May 2025.

Proposed Timetable

Day 1, 27 May 2025		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.626/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.626/2 UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.1/Rev.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: IMAP Update a. IMAP Pollution Ecological Objectives and Indicators b. IMAP Marine Litter Ecological Objectives and Indicators	UNEP/MED WG.626/3/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.626/6 <i>UNEP/MED WG.626/9</i> UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.3
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 4: Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Pollution Indicators	UNEP/MED WG.626/4/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.626/5/Rev.1

Day 2, 28 May 2025		
09:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 4: Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Pollution Indicators	UNEP/MED WG.626/4/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.626/5/Rev.1
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 5: Baseline Values (BV) and Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24	UNEP/MED WG.626/7
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda item 6: Terms of Reference and Flow of Interaction for the Correspondence Groups on Monitoring and Online Working Groups	UNEP/MED WG.626/8
15:30 – 16:00	Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting	