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**MAP Component:** Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL

**Date:** March 2024 – February 2027

### GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Marine Litter MED PLUS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The Marine Litter MED PLUS project's objective is to further support and expand the implementation of the updated Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for Marine Litter (EO10) including its upgrade, as well as to enhance interregional cooperation for enhanced and effective marine litter management across the seas.</p> <p>Building on Marine Litter MED projects executed since 2016, the Marine Litter MED PLUS project will further support the implementation of the updated Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean at national, sub-regional and regional level with a particular focus on southern Mediterranean countries namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.</p> <p>The overall objective of the Marine Litter MED PLUS project is to reduce and prevent the generation of marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea through an expanded implementation of key reduction and prevention measures as provided for in the updated Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean. The project aims at enhancing the implementation of the selected measures in terms of geographical scope and impact. The project will also support the upgrade of IMAP EO10, including for IMAP Candidate Common Indicator 24.</p> <p>Interregional Cooperation will be further enhanced in particular through tangible interventions in the Black Sea, in cooperation with the Black Sea Commission (BSC), as well as in the Mediterranean with General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).</p> <p>The Marine Litter MED PLUS project activities will be implemented by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat and MAP Components (i.e. MED POL, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC and REMPEC) in line with their respective mandates and areas of expertise. The Marine Litter MED PLUS project provides an important contribution to the implementation of UNEP/MAP Mid-Term-Strategy for 2022-2027 and Programme of Work for 2024-2025. The Marine Litter MED PLUS Project is expected to be implemented over a period of 36 months, from March 2024 to February 2027, with an EC contribution of USD 1,200,000 supplemented by UNEP/MAP co-financing from the MTF of USD 156,000).</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p><b>OUTCOME 1: Support the Southern Mediterranean countries in implementing and developing/updating National Action Plans (NAPs) addressing Marine Litter in the context of the updated Marine Litter Regional Plan and the ongoing negotiation for the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and further expand the implementation of key measures</b></p> <p><u>Output 1.1: Support the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) on marine litter and streamline their implementation vis-à-vis the implementation of the legally-binding updated Marine Litter Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, also considering EU-policies on marine litter and waste and the developments within the framework of the Global Treaty on Plastics:</u></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

- a) Streamline the provisions and needs of the updated Marine Litter Regional Plan, as well as those which will result from the Global Treaty on Plastics, into the guidelines for developing upgraded NAPs with regards to marine litter and plastic pollution.
- b) Develop and agree on a region-wide agreed short list of key prevention and reduction measures for marine litter and plastic pollution for inclusion to the updated NAPs.
- c) national NAPs developed addressing marine litter prevention, reduction, and monitoring and assessment.

Output 1.2: Scale up and expand implementation of “Adopt-a-beach” and “Fishing-for-Litter” measures at local and national level in selected countries of South-Eastern Mediterranean:

- a) Further expand the implementation of “Adopt-a-beach” pilots in selected countries of the South-Eastern Mediterranean by retaining and further expanding the existing survey network with at least 1 additional site per country and integrate the pilots into the IMAP-based national monitoring programme for IMAP Common Indicator 22.
- b) Further expand the implementation of “Fishing-for-litter” pilots in selected countries of the South-Eastern Mediterranean by retaining and further expanding the existing network with at least 1 additional fishing port and 3 fishing vessels.
- c) Conduct an assessment regarding the national regulatory framework pertinent to the collection of waste in fishing ports in selected countries of the South-Eastern Mediterranean, as well as for existing best practices to facilitate the collection of marine litter collected from fishing activities (incl. establishment of recycling areas in ports for waste collection and disposal, environmental accreditation to fishermen, release of penalties/fines for illicit traffic of waste, awards and incentives to fishermen, etc.) and propose where possible its upgrade with the development of specific decree.

Output 1.3: Assess the contribution of tourism in the generation of marine litter from land- sources in selected countries of the South-Eastern Mediterranean:

- a) Reduce the consumption of selected/priority single-use plastics (including those tackled in the SUP Directive) with a focus in engaging with businesses of the hospitality sector (hotels, restaurants and cafés – HORECA) through voluntary commitments and a certification/labelling scheme;

Output 1.4: Address sea-based sources of marine litter, enable knowledge development, including on lost containers at sea in the Mediterranean and strengthen best practices related to the provision of reception facilities as well as the delivery of ship-generated waste in ports and marinas:

- a) Promote best practices for the provision of reception facilities in ports and marinas, and demonstrate pilot implementation in selected countries;
- b) Develop standard Waste Reception and Handling Plans (WRHP), enhance knowledge on the impact of cruise ships in the Mediterranean, promote best practices for the reception and handling of ship-generated waste, notably from cruise ships in ports and marinas, at national, subregional/regional levels, and demonstrate pilot implementation in selected countries.
- c) Assess the legal and regulatory framework for lost containers at sea (focusing on non-hazardous material) that is in place in the Mediterranean, including specific case study examples from Mediterranean countries;

d) Prepare an assessment study with a focus on the quantities of lost containers at sea, including mapping of the respective seafloor areas around the Mediterranean, and propose best practices for the marking and relevant retrieval actions of lost containers at sea.

**OUTCOME 2: Further advance the implementation of IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter**

Output 2.1: Support further advancement on IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) Marine Litter:

- a) Support monitoring of IMAP Common Indicator 23 (floating microplastics) including data acquisition and report into IMAP InfoSystem in 4 Countries.
- b) Support national capacities in monitoring IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 through the establishment and operationalization of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes across the region and enabling data submission to IMAP InfoSystem;
- c) Support the transformation of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 among IMAP Common Indicators.

Output 2.2: Upgrade IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) Marine Litter:

- a) Upgrade IMAP EO10 Indicators, including to reflect riverine input of marine litter, microplastics coming from wastewater treatment plants and other elements taking into consideration the outcomes of the respective consultation with the Mediterranean Countries.

**OUTCOME 3: Enhance Interregional/Regional Cooperation, Partnerships and Synergies on Marine Litter:**

Output 3.1: Support marine litter governance in the Black Sea region and the Bilateral Cooperation between UNEP/MAP and BSC:

- a) Scale up and expand implementation of “Adopt-a-beach” pilots at local and national level in selected countries of the Black Sea region.
- b) Progressively operationalize at least 1 national monitoring programme in the Black Sea region.
- c) Support regional capacities on marine litter monitoring and development of guidelines for key marine litter indicators of the BS-IMAP.

Output 3.2: Strengthen Knowledge in Addressing Marine Litter Generation from Aquaculture and Fisheries:

- a) Conduct an assessment on inputs of marine litter coming from aquaculture and fisheries with a focus on the Mediterranean.

Output 3.3: Strengthen Interregional Cooperation Among the 4 Regional Seas (OSPAR, HELCOM, BSC, UNEP/MAP on Aspects Pertinent to Marine Litter Monitoring:

- a) Support the organization of an interregional meeting/workshop for the 4 Regional Seas (OSPAR, HELCOM, BSC, UNEP/MAP) surrounding Europe with a focus on monitoring riverine inputs of marine litter and microplastics coming from Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Output 3.4: Streamline the Joint Workplan of the Regional Cooperation Platform to the Action Tracks of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) and enhance synergies with its Digital Platform:

- a) Support and further expand the Regional Cooperation Platform and its joint workplans with the actions tracks of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) and enhance synergies and links with its Digital Platform.

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| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia                                                                                    |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | USD 1,200,000 (Including PSC)<br>USD 156,000 supplemented by UNEP/MAP co-financing from the MTF                                             |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | GPGC/ENRTP Core Funds (Supplemented by MTF Co-financing)                                                                                    |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                  |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | UNEP/MAP, MED POL, SPA/RAC, SCP/RAC (MedWaves), REMPEC, BSC, Ministries of Environments and Maritime Transport of the Beneficiary Countries |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 01/03/2024– 28/02/2027<br>36 months                                                                                                         |

#### INFO ON COMPONENT'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit– MED POL: Executing Agency/Overall project Management/coordination                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2024-2027: USD \$1,382,677                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | SCP/RAC, REMPEC, SPA/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | UNEP/MAP 2024-2025 Outcomes 1.1, 1.2, 5.2, 5.4, 6.2                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The MTF co-financing of the project over the period 2024 - 2027 is: USD \$182,677                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | MAP Components provide their technical, substantive and supervision capacities to the project in line with their specific mandates approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.                            |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator<br>Focal Points at MAP Component level:<br>MED POL: Olfat Hamdan<br>SPA/RAC: Lobna Ben Nakhla<br>MedWaves: Matias Ibáñez Sales<br>REMPEC: Ivan Sammut, Head of Office |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Coordinating Unit (CU)</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>          | March 2024 – March 2027       |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Supporting the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties in implementing ecosystem approach to achieve GES - EcAp MED PLUS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>Based on the achievements of EcAp MED III project, the overall objective of the EcAp MED PLUS project is to further streamline the support to the institutional and technical capacities as well as the ownership of the seven South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in the process of upgrading the policy development and implementation of the EcAp (Ecosystem approach) and the IMAP (Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme), at regional and national levels, thus ensuring a sound progression in the achievement of the GES and the SDGs in the Mediterranean.</p> <p>More in details, building on the main achievements of EcAp MED III, the EcAp MED PLUS project will further support Southern Mediterranean countries, namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia., to address the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the next phase of the implementation of the EcAp policy and roadmap, in particular by supporting the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties on the IMAP update at regional level and national level and the related update of the IMAP Info System;</li> <li>- Further strengthen and progressively improve South Mediterranean Contracting Parties capacities and ownership for an effective IMAP implementation;</li> <li>- Complementarily to the above-mentioned specific objectives, support South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in reviewing/developing/upgrading the national Programmes of Measures (PoM) and NAPs (National Action Plans);</li> <li>- Support South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in further developing cooperation capacities and opportunities at regional and sub-regional level on achieving GES and SDGs in the Mediterranean;</li> </ul> <p>Further develop and streamline a solid base for a broadened Science Policy Interface (SPI) approach.</p> <p>In this framework EcAp MED PLUS is considered indispensable in order to maintain and reinforce the momentum and commitment but also to upscale the achievements of the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties developed during the implementation of the previous three phases of EcAp MED, while providing an integrated contribution to the concrete implementation of UNEP/MAP 2022-2027 Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and the next biennial COP adopted Programmes of Work (PoW), i.e. 2024-2025 and 2026-2027.</p> <p>The EcAp MED PLUS project activities will be implemented by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat and MAP Components (i.e. MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC, Plan Bleu and INFO/RAC) in line with their respective mandates and areas of expertise. The EcAp MED PLUS Project is expected to be implemented over a period of 36 months, from March 2024 to February 2027</p> |

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| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <p>The project will evolve around 4 main Outcomes, developed into specific Outputs, as follows:</p> <p><b>OUTCOME 1: Support the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in the revision process of the IMAP at regional and national level and IMAP Info System update.</b><br/> <u>Output 1.1:</u> Support the contribution to IMAP renewal at regional level by the Beneficiary Countries.<br/> <u>Output 1.2:</u> Support the elaboration of reviewed IMAP national programmes by the Beneficiary Countries.<br/> <u>Output 1.3:</u> IMAP Info System update</p> <p><b>OUTCOME 2: Strengthen and stabilise the capacities and ownership that the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties have progressively developed in delivering national IMAP and quality assured data</b><br/>         (All Outcome 2 activities are implemented in coordination and with the contribution of SEMPA and Marine Litter MED PLUS projects)<br/> <u>Output 2.1:</u> Definition and implementation of best practices and lessons learned, as well as relevant recommendations from the 2023 Med 2023 QSR related to measures sharing.</p> <p><b>OUTCOME 3: Support the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in the revision/development/upgrade of Programmes of Measures (PoM) at national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs).</b><br/> <u>Output 3.1:</u> Preparing the revision/development/upgrade of Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs).<br/> <u>Output 3.2:</u> Revision/development/upgrade of Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs).</p> <p><b>OUTCOME 4: Reinforce and streamline regional governance, synergies and SPI on Ecosystem Approach implementation and GES achievement in the Mediterranean.</b><br/> <u>Output 4.1:</u> Sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learned with other Regional Sea Conventions and other regional partners<br/> <u>Output 4.2:</u> Promote and define lines of cooperation with key EU and recently developed regional policy frameworks/implementation action plans, with particular focus on the EU external dimension at Mediterranean level and for the benefit of the Beneficiary Countries</p> |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | EC contribution of USD 2,200,000<br>supplemented by UNEP/MAP co-financing from the MTF of USD 286,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | EC contribution / MTF Co-financing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC and INFO/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 01/03/2024– 28/02/2027<br>(36 months)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | <p>UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit: Executing Agency/Overall project Management/coordination and outcome 4, Reinforce and streamline regional governance, synergies and SPI on Ecosystem Approach implementation and GES achievement in the Mediterranean;</p> <p>MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC: on Output 1.1, Support to the contribution to IMAP renewal at regional and national level by the Beneficiary Countries; Output 1.2, Support the elaboration of reviewed IMAP national programmes by Beneficiary Countries;</p> <p>INFO/RAC: on Output 1.3, IMAP System update;</p> <p>MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC, Plan Bleu: on Outcome 2, Strengthen and stabilise the capacities and ownership that the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties have progressively developed in delivering national IMAP and quality assured data;</p> <p>MED POL and SPA/RAC: on Outcome 3 - Support the South Mediterranean Contracting Parties in the revision/development/upgrade of Programmes of Measures (PoM) at national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs).</p> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2024-2027: USD 2,486,652                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | <p>MED POL: activities related to IMAP renewal of Egypt and Israel; of Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs) of Morocco and Israel .</p> <p>SPA/RAC: activities related to IMAP renewal of Algeria, Libya and Tunisia; of Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs) of Algeria, Libya and Tunisia.</p> <p>PAP/RAC: activities related to IMAP renewal of Lebanon and Morocco; of Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level and of National Action Plans (NAPs) of Lebanon and Egypt.</p> <p>INFO/RAC: activities related to the IMAP Info System;</p> <p>PB/RAC: activities related to the Programme of Measures (PoM) at regional/national level, of National Action Plans (NAPs) and Science Policy Interface component of the project.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-2025 Outcomes 1.2, 2.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 6.2, 6.3,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The MTF co-financing of the project over the period 2024 - 2027 is: USD 286,652                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | MAP Components provide their technical, substantive and supervision capacities to the project in line with their specific mandates approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator</p> <p>Focal Points at MAP Component level:</p> <p>CU: Samar Kilani</p> <p>MED POL: Olfat Hamdan</p> <p>SPA/RAC: Yassine Ramzi Sghaier</p> <p>PAP/RAC: Marko Prem</p> <p>INFO/RAC: Arthur Pasquale</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC: Antoine Lafitte</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Coordinating Unit (CU) – MED POL, SCP/RAC, INFO/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 1 May 2020 – 31 March 2026                                                   |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Reducing Pollution from Harmful Chemicals and Wastes in Mediterranean Hot Spot and Measuring Progress to Impact<br/>Child Project 1.1 (GEF ID 9684)<br/>GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The overall objective of this project is to achieve measurable reductions in levels of POPs and mercury in priority Mediterranean coastal hot spots and catchment areas.</p> <p>This objective will be achieved through a multi-focal area collaboration between the GEF Chemicals and Waste and International Waters focal areas, with two project components aiming to a) reduce land-based sources of pollution (GEF Chemicals and Waste component) and b) improve monitoring capacity in order to be able to measure these and future reductions in pollution levels (GEF International Waters component).</p> <p>Component 1: Chemicals and Waste, aims to improve human health and coastal habitats, through reduction of wastes and harmful chemicals (POPs and mercury) in coastal hotspots and catchment areas. Ultimately project activities should lead to a tangible reduction of land-based pollutants in Mediterranean countries, through the disposal of over 2,000t of POPs and over 50t of Mercury waste, in line with the Chemicals and Waste Focal Area objective CW2 to “reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances”. The project will contribute to Programs 3 (Reduction and Elimination of POPs); and Program 4 (Reduction or elimination of anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury to the environment).</p> <p>Under Component 2, regional cooperation frameworks will be used and strengthened through the project interventions to identify priorities and actions that will lead to increased environmental and socioeconomic benefits in the Mediterranean. Activities will be performed to assist the Mediterranean countries to update the 2005 baseline regarding transboundary issues that affect the state of their marine and coastal environments, analyze causes and impacts of identified/ prioritized issues, and recommend areas where adequate responses are needed to ensure attainment of GES. The update will include a gender assessment and strengthen the knowledge base on several pertinent topics (such as impact of climate change on natural and socio-economic systems, impact of pollution on marine ecosystems, potential for blue economy development, etc.), looking also at trends and future scenarios. Capacities to monitor and report (referring to national, regional and global scales) will be enhanced, enabling (in conjunction with other MedProgramme projects and components) the assessment of progress towards stress reduction impacts and achievement of relevant SDG targets.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p>Output 1.1: Management and disposal of 2,000 Tons of POPs</p> <p>Output 1.2: Management and safe storage of 50 Tons of mercury</p> <p>Output 1.3: Long term new POPs reduction through pilot activities on new POPs alternatives</p> <p>Output 1.4: Mercury reduction through pilot activities on mercury</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                                  | <p>alternatives</p> <p>Output 2.1: Updated TDA including gender assessment</p> <p>Output 2.2: Report on progress to impacts</p> <p>Output 2.3: Offshore monitoring strategy and identification of 20 locations for the offshore monitoring stations</p> <p>Output 2.4: Data sharing policy for the Mediterranean</p> <p>Output 3.1: Knowledge Management strategy shares knowledge from Child Project 1.1</p> <p>Output 3.2 Regular monitoring and evaluation of project progress and results</p> |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia, and Turkiye                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Total budget (USD)</b>                        | US\$ 14,250,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Chemical and Waste (US\$11,250,000) and International Waters (US\$3,000,000) focal Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | MED POL, SCP/RAC and Plan Bleu/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 May 2020 – 31 March 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to Component 1 disposal and prevention of POPs and Mercury and Component 2 develop of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | <p>Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$14,250,000</p> <p>CU project budget: US\$4,348,000</p> <p>MED POL US\$8,877,000</p> <p>SCP/RAC project budget: US\$775,000</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC project Budget: US\$250,000</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | <p>MED POL is coordination the technical execution of both Components 1 and 2. For Component 1 coordinating the work on POPs and Hg. For Component 2 Coordinate and support project activities (TDA, offshore monitoring, data sharing policy); provision of data and expertise, support to TDA team/ working groups, consultations through the MED POL Focal Points</p> <p>SCP/RAC is executing and providing technical support to new POPs prevention pilots.</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC is supporting the TDA update, coordinate/ conduct the preparation of selected thematic assessments (in particular for socio-economic topics); foresight scenarios; contribute to identification and prioritization of issues, causal chain analysis for TDA.</p> |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                             | The project implementation is closely linked to IMAP implementation (project Component 2), to reduction of LBS of pollution (project Component 1), and to the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                            | <p>As such it was related to UNEP/MAP POW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 1.1.4, 1.3.1, 1.4.3, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.2</p> <p>It is related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcomes 1.2, 5.2, 6.1, 7.1</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | <p>The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$53,146,727. In detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP/MAP US\$386,032 (in-kind)</li> <li>• SCP/RAC US\$ 4,075,718 (in-kind)</li> <li>• Plan Bleu/RAC US\$542,000 (in-kind)</li> <li>• Recipient Governments US\$48,142,977 (in-kind)</li> </ul>            |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the protocols dealing with LBS of pollution. Moreover, the Project support the IMAP effort of the Convention through the definition of a new TDA and thematic assessments and causal chain analysis. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 2 and SDG 12.</p>            |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator<br/> MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal (Programme Management Officer); Ertan Ozturk (CW programme officer)<br/> Focal Points at MAP Component level:<br/> MED POL: Olfat Hamdan<br/> Plan Bleu/RAC: Antoine Lafitte<br/> MedWaves: Jesus Garcia Maestro<br/> Plan Bleu/RAC: Antoine Lafitte</p> |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <p><b>Mediterranean Pollution Hot Spots Investment Project</b><br/> <b>Child Project 1.2 (GEF ID 9717)</b><br/> <b>GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The overall objective of this project is to improving water security, human and ecosystem health, and climate resilience in coastal hot spots. Child Project 1.2 will generate major innovative investments in Mediterranean coastal areas at risk of groundwater over-exploitation, loss of coastal habitats and eutrophication, in line with National Action Plans (NAPs) for the implementation of the SAP-MED on land based pollution reduction, and consistent with priorities and coastal management strategies emerging from the results of the MedPartnership. The infrastructure improvements promoted by the project will also contribute to the supply of additional, reliable sources of water that can be used in agriculture and/or forestry, thus reducing the pressure on the region's already scarce water sources. GEF funding will support the selection and design of the investments, and the capacity building related to them. The project has 2 Components.</p> <p><u>Component 1</u> will identify and prepare nutrient reduction investments to support the depollution of the Mediterranean Sea and provide an additional source of water thus improving the economic situation for fisheries, agriculture/forestry and tourism in the target areas while at the same time improving the health and the environmental situation for the people living in these areas. Component 1 will focus on enabling investments in pollution reduction from domestic wastewater targeting recognized pollution hotspots (NAPs) in three Mediterranean countries: Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia. Details on the hotspots to be targeted are provided in the following sections.</p> <p><u>Component 2</u> will provide for harmonization and upgrading of the existing or development of new standards for sectors and activities causing significant pressures on marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean. This will strengthen policy framework for the implementation of Component 1 investments and contribute to the overall effectiveness of environmental management in the region. The Component 2 will focus on wastewater treatment, sludge management, desalination and aquaculture. It will build upon and complement the ongoing work on the development of six new/updated pollution reduction regional plans by the MAP/ Barcelona Convention, as well as the GFCM work on further development of legal framework for sustainable aquaculture).</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p>Output 1.1 Preparatory studies finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.2 Capacity-building activities to enable the national water and sanitation companies to better operate and maintain wastewater collection and treatment systems finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.3 Targeted surveys and studies to enable informed decision-making and enhance the sustainability of the investments and their beneficial impacts, prepared.</p> <p>Output 1.4 Public awareness raised on the benefits of proper wastewater disposal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                                  | <p>Output 1.5 Gender equality mainstreamed in the wastewater sector in Egypt.</p> <p>Output 1.6 Preparatory studies, finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.7 Responsibilities defined, and operation procedures developed and submitted for adoption by relevant authorities.</p> <p>Output 1.8 Monitoring and evaluation capacity of MOEW and WEs improved.</p> <p>Output 1.9 Surveys and studies to enable informed decision-making and enhance the sustainability of the investment and of its beneficial impacts, prepared.</p> <p>Output 1.10 Gender equality mainstreamed in the wastewater sector in Lebanon.</p> <p>Output 1.11 Preparatory studies, finalized.</p> <p>Output 1.12 Capacity enhancement of ONAS to operate and maintain wastewater systems completed.</p> <p>Output 1.13 Wastewater Master Plans for the targeted regions are updated.</p> <p>Output 2.1 Regional standards on wastewater management; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.2 Regional standards on sludge management; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.3 Regional standards on desalination; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>Output 2.4 Regional standards for reducing pollution from aquaculture; regional and national measures to implement standards developed and submitted for deliberation of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.</p> |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | The entire Mediterranean region for Component 2 (Standards) and Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia for Component 1 on investments supported by the European Investment Bank (EIB).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$5,000,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$5,000,000) focal Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | EIB and MED POL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 May 2020 – 31 August 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to Component 2 on harmonization of relevant regional standards. |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | <p>Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$5,000,000</p> <p>UNEP/MAP US\$ 963,250</p> <p>EIB US\$4,036,750</p>                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | MED POL is coordinating the technical execution of the Component 2                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | The project implementation contributes to the reduction of LBS of pollution (project Component 2), and to the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy.<br>UNEP/MAP PoW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 2.1.1, 2.2.2<br>UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcome 1.2 |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2026 is US\$546,451,400. In detail:<br>EIB and other financial institutions US\$520,000,000 (in-cash and hard loan)<br>Recipient Governments US\$26,451,400 (in-kind)                                         |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the protocols dealing with LBS of pollution. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 6.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator<br>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal<br>Focal Points at MAP Component level:<br>MED POL: Olfat Hamdan                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <p><b>Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Water Security, Climate Resilience and Habitat Protection.</b></p> <p><b>Child Project 2.1 (GEF ID 9687)</b></p> <p><b>GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The overall objective of this project is to Improving water security, human and ecosystem health, and climate resilience in coastal hot spots. Child Project 2.1 will play a crucial role in achieving the desired impacts of the MedProgramme by assisting countries, coastal zone managers and populations to protect and use sustainably the available coastal freshwater supply threatened by evolving climatic conditions, pollution, and competition at the water nexus, and to adopt coastal zone management and land use policies respectful of the intrinsic vulnerabilities, carrying capacity, and cultural, social and economic functions of the Mediterranean coasts and ecosystems. The project consists of two Components:</p> <p><u>Component 1:</u> Coastal Zone Management aims to support the implementation of comprehensive ICZM approaches, including: 1) Preparation, adoption and support to implementation of gender sensitive National ICZM Strategies, or coastal plans, marine spatial plans and plans focused on coastal resilience to Climate Variability and Change adopting the Integrative Methodological Framework (IMF) developed under MedPartnership; 2) Translation of intrinsic environmental vulnerabilities (ecosystems, climate, and groundwater) into Coastal Zone Use Capability or suitability maps and related guidance; 3) Use of ICZM tools and instruments; and 4) Capacity building activities for ICZM, MSP and adaptation to climate variability and change (all project countries).</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Management of Coastal Aquifers and Related Ecosystems aims to implement sustainable management policies and practices in the five coastal aquifers considered of priority importance by the countries and in the coastal ecosystems related to them, while conducting sub-regional trainings and national dialogues on conjunctive surface and groundwater management solutions in coastal areas. This Component will support the implementation of actions foreseen in the two Sub-Regional Action Plans developed under the MedPartnership (Adriatic Basin; and South, Central and Levantine Basin) on the sustainable management of coastal aquifers and groundwater-related ecosystems agreed upon by the countries as part of MedPartnership.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p>Output 1.1: Multi-stakeholders' consultations on ICZM Protocol ratification and implementation.</p> <p>Output 1.2: Inter-Ministerial Coordination mechanisms for coastal management in place.</p> <p>Output 1.3: ICZM Strategies/plans developed and adopted.</p> <p>Output 1.4: A series of training events in ICZM, MSP and CVC adaptation developed and implemented.</p> <p>Output 1.5: Raised awareness on the approaches promoted by the project (with attention to the engagement of private sector).</p> <p>Output 2.1: Detailed assessments of the current state of priority coastal aquifers and related coastal ecosystems, vulnerability maps and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                  | <p>recommendations for land use planning addressing relevant stakeholders, including private sector, national and local water associations and water users.</p> <p>Output 2.2: National Dialogues identifying potential conjunctive management solutions, including stakeholders' training modules designed and implemented.</p> <p>Output 2.3: National Assessments of Submarine Groundwater Discharges and of Marine – Freshwater Interactions.</p> <p>Output 2.4: Priority aquifers coastal management plans produced including design and field testing of aquifer monitoring multi-purpose networks and protocols.</p> <p>Output 2.5 Facilitation of broader adoption of approaches promoted by the project with attention on long term sustainability and engagement of private sector, national and local water associations and water users.</p> |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$7,000,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$7,000,000) focal Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | PAP/RAC<br>Plan Bleu/RAC<br>UNESCO IHP<br>GWP Med                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 May 2020 – 31 March 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the 2 project's components.                                                       |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$7,000,000<br>UNEP/MAP US\$1,315,000<br>PAP/RAC US\$1,820,000<br>Plan Bleu/RAC US\$360,000<br>UNESCO IHP US\$2,825,000<br>GWP Med US\$680,000                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | PAP/RAC is coordinating the technical activities on ICZM Implementation<br>Plan Bleu is executing Participatory Approach for ICZM Implementation<br>UNESCO-IHP is coordinating the work on the sustainable management of Coastal Aquifers.<br>GWP Med is executing activities on IWRM. |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                             | The project implementation contributes to the implementation of the ICZM protocols and to the reduction of several stresses relevant to the                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                                                            | <p>Convention on water resources due to climate change assessed in cooperation with other regional interested stakeholders.</p> <p>As such it was related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 4.2.2, 4.4.2, 4.5.1, 4.7.1, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.5.1, and 5.6.1.</p> <p>It is related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcomes 3.2, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.5, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3</p> |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | <p>The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$143,270,231. In detail:</p> <p>UNEP/MAP US\$ 158,852 (in-kind)</p> <p>PAP/RAC US\$ 5,509,509 (in kind)</p> <p>Plan Bleu US\$ 741,000 (in kind)</p> <p>UNESCO US\$ 6,000,000 (in kind)</p> <p>GWP Med US\$ 240,000 (in kind and in cash)</p> <p>Recipient Governments US\$ 129,660,870 (in-kind)</p>        |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the ICZM protocol and supports the climate change adaptation efforts of the Convention. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15.</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator</p> <p>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal</p> <p>Focal Points at MAP Component level:</p> <p>Plan Bleu/RAC: Antoine Lafitte</p> <p>Michael Karner (Project officer)</p>                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <p><b>Mediterranean Coastal Zones: Managing the Water-Energy-Food and Ecosystems Nexus</b><br/> <b>Child Project 2.2 (GEF ID 9685)</b><br/> <b>GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The overall objective of this project is balancing of competing water uses in priority coastal areas through water, food, energy and ecosystems integrated governance, to enhance environmental security and sharing of benefits.</p> <p>Child Project 2.2 will be key in informing the policy and management paradigm of natural resources in the Mediterranean. It will achieve that by introducing practical assessment and consultation approaches related to Nexus striving to link these with investment development, allowing the Water and Environmental policy and management approaches at the coastal and marine area to be informed by and/or inform the Energy and Agricultural decision making. This will foster sectoral integration resulting in improved design, hence applicability, of related policies responding to the carrying capacity, structure and functions of the Mediterranean coastal and marine natural and anthropogenic environment. The project consists of four Components:</p> <p><u>Component 1:</u> Institutional Strengthening aims to: 1) Identify the level of integration among Nexus sectors' strategic documents in each country; 2) Initiate discussion and decide on a strategic document e.g. a Roadmap describing orientations, partners, capacities and steps for the introduction of Nexus approach considerations in the natural resources management frameworks; 3) Raise awareness, increase understanding and enhance capacities of institutions and stakeholders, through knowledge exchange and cross-fertilization regarding the Nexus approach.</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Addressing Nexus issues affecting the Mediterranean LME will: (i) facilitate integrated policy making and management in the countries of focus applying novel tools; (ii) create the basis for the replication of such activities in other countries and scales.</p> <p><u>Component 3:</u> Testing and upscaling Nexus solutions will strive to attract a range of interested financing partners, public and private (including Corporate Social Responsibility partners), since its early stages.</p> <p><u>Component 4:</u> Consultation and outreach will create the conditions for the introduction and implementation of the Nexus approach in the management of natural resources.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p>Output 1.1: Regional Dialogue and Capacity Building on Nexus assessment and approach.</p> <p>Output 2.1: New or existing inter-institutional bodies convening and steering the development of Nexus Assessments and strategic documents.</p> <p>Output 2.2: Water-energy-food-ecosystems Nexus Assessments and multi-stakeholder consultation dialogues in priority coastal areas.</p> <p>Output 2.3: Nexus strategies/action plans for priority coastal areas, possibly as part of other strategic documents for coastal areas.</p> <p>Output 3.1: Nexus demonstration activities.</p> <p>Output 4.1: Identified interventions, including potential sources of funding.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                  | Output 5.1: A Stakeholders Engagement Strategy (SEG) coherent with the MedProgramme Gender Mainstreaming and Knowledge Management Strategies. |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.                                             |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$ 3,500,000                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) International Waters (US\$3,500,000) focal Areas.                                                         |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                                    |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | GWP Med                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 May 2020 – 31 March 2026                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | Coordination of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the 4 project's components.                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (USD)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$3,500,000<br>UNEP/MAP US\$564,000<br>GWP Med US\$2,936,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | GWP Med is executing the technical activities of the entire project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | The project implementation contributes to the sustainable use of coastal resources and to the harmonization of legal instruments and governance on water, energy, food and ecosystem.<br>As such it was related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 4.2.2, 4.4.2, 4.5.1 and 4.7.1<br>It is related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcomes 3.1, 4.1 |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$11,309,871. In detail:<br>UNEP/MAP US\$79,871 (in-kind)<br>GWP Med US\$4,000,000 (in kind and in cash)<br>Recipient Governments US\$7,230,000 (in-kind)                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The Project gives direct support to the reduction of several stresses relevant to the Convention on water resources due to climate change assessed in cooperation with other regional interested stakeholders. The outcomes of the project also contribute to SDG 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15.                                                       |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator<br>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**MAP Component:** Coordinating Unit (CU) – SPA/RAC

**Date:** 27 April 2021 – 31 June 2026

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**Title** Management Support and Expansion of Marine Protected Areas in Libya. Child Project 3.1 (GEF ID 10158) GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9670)

**Description and main objective(s)**

The Libyan coast represents the majority of the southern central Mediterranean coastal area in North Africa. It was identified as one of several hotspots of marine and coastal biodiversity in the region. The overall goal of the project is not only increasing the marine protected area coverage in terms of countable areas, but to make sure that those areas are effectively and equitably managed. Setting up an effective, gender equitable, representative and well-connected system of marine and coastal protected areas in Libya as a necessary pre-requirement for achieving Aichi targets in this country.

Child Project 3.1 constitutes Component 3 of the MedProgramme: Protecting Marine Biodiversity. It will address the capacity barriers that hinder the sustainability and effectiveness of the MPA network in Libya, namely through the establishment of MPA management support mechanisms in priority MPAs. This Child Project will include: (i) the assessment of the legal and institutional mechanisms for MPAs; (ii) the collection and centralization of data on marine biodiversity and ecosystems (national platform); and (iii) communication and awareness about MPAs and marine biodiversity and ecosystems. In particular, the specific work in Libya will be focused on advancing the Ain-El-Ghazalah and Farwa Lagoon MPAs towards a phase of operational sufficiency by building the capacity of MPA practitioners, developing the management plan through a step-by-step participatory planning process to ensure the effective protection of ecological and socioeconomic values of the areas. Due to security concerns, the third initial pilot site of El Kouf National was replaced during the first project Steering Committee meeting with the new proposed pilot site of Garah Islands.

The project consists of three Components:

**Component 1: Improving Governance and Management Support**  
This Component is based on the assumption that establishing effective marine resource governance (including the legislative and jurisdictional framework, policies, and mechanisms used to support decision-making and the rule of law) is a key factor of the successful management of marine protected areas. Establishing effective marine resource governance requires long-term commitment to develop the formal and informal arrangements, institutional capacity, public engagement processes and social behavior that determines how resources are managed for present and future generations. The Project 3.1 aims at establishing an operational governance structure for marine protected areas in Libya through four major activities: 1) Assess the current governance structure in charge of MPAs in Libya; 2) Conduct a national consultation process to define and adopt the most suitable governance structure for the country; 3) Develop processes and tools to make operational the strategy; and 4) Implement processes and tools on the ground.

**Component 2: Participation and Institution Strengthening**

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|                                                  | <p>This Component is based on the assumption that the selection, financing and management of marine protected areas should be a participatory process that involves not only the governmental sector, but also the growing civil society sector, which represent local stakeholders and active non-governmental organizations as one of the factors that can contribute to the successful partnership in managing marine protected areas. Component 2 will strive to strengthen the institutional and participatory management approach between governmental and nongovernmental key players in the marine protected areas sector in Libya with special focus on fishers. This will be achieved through several activities: 1) Identifying the core CSOs to be involved in the project implementation; 2) Signing of a collaboration agreement between the administration and the core CSOs defining their specific roles in the project implementation; 3) Providing training for CSOs governance staff and local fishers on MPAs identification, management and sustainable fishery; and 4) Developing three collaborative projects between the administration and the CSOs for the co-management of the targeted MPAs in Libya.</p> <p>Component 3: Awareness-raising and Communication</p> <p>This Component is based on the assumption that the message of communication and conservation with all stakeholders, the general public and decision makers is a key to success of the present project. This Component is focused on the adoption and implementation of a communication and awareness raising strategy on marine protected areas in Libya, using traditional means (TV, radio and leaflets) and the trending mass communication platforms that reached wider audiences such as social media and internet sites. This communication component is in line with the MedProgramme's Knowledge Management Strategy, as to increase awareness also with the existing regional and national organizations involved in marine conservation in the Mediterranean and in Libya respectively.</p> <p>UNEP/MAP is the Executing Agency of the Child Project, the participating country is Libya. The Executing Partners are SPA/RAC, WWF Med and IUCN Med.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <p>Output 1.1: A governance structure for MPAs in Libya developed and submitted for approval</p> <p>Output 1.2: Inventory of marine and coastal sites of conservation interest in Libya and monitoring programmes</p> <p>Output 1.3: On-site MPA management unit and management plan in at least one MPA</p> <p>Output 2.1: Civil society organizations (CSO) participatory platform, with a focus on gender stakeholders</p> <p>Output 2.2: Capacity building programme towards MPA governance, knowledge and management</p> <p>Output 3.1: Awareness-raising and communication campaigns and materials, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public and decision makers</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Libya                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$ 1,376,147                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Biodiversity (US\$ 1,376,147) focal Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Overall Coordination: Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator<br>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b> | SPA/RAC: Mahmoud Elyes Hamza; Atef Limam |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>              | 27 April 2021 – 31 June 2026             |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | Coordination of all project activities and supporting the coordination with other Child Projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2021-2026: US\$1,376,147<br>UNEP/MAP US\$ 486,146<br>SPA/RAC US\$ 296,667<br>WWF Med US\$ 296,667<br>IUCN Med US\$ 296,667                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | SPA/RAC is coordinating the technical activities on "A governance structure for MPAs in Libya developed and submitted for approval"<br>IUCN leads the activities on the "Inventory of marine and coastal sites of conservation interest in Libya and monitoring programmes"<br>SPA/RAC and WWF are co-leading the activities on "On-site MPA management unit and management plan in at least one MPA"<br>WWF and IUCN Med are co-leading the activities on "Civil society organizations (CSO) participatory platform, with a focus on gender stakeholders"<br>SPA/RAC, WWF and IUCN Med are co-leading the activities on "Capacity building programme towards MPA governance, knowledge and management"<br>SPA/RAC, WWF and IUCN Med are co-leading the activities on "Awareness-raising and communication campaigns and materials, on the value and importance of MPAs, targeting the general public and decision makers" |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | The project implementation contributes to the implementation of the SPA protocol. As such it was related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2024-2025 Outcomes 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.4, 5.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$ 5,972,611<br>In detail:<br>UNEP/MAP US\$ 158,852 (in-kind)<br>IUCN US\$ 829,000 (in kind)<br>WWF Mediterranean US\$ 1,284,000 (in kind)<br>SPA/RAC US\$ 1,251,553 (in kind)<br>State of Libya US\$ 2,500,000 (in kind)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The Project gives direct support to the implementation of the SPA protocol. The outcomes of the project also contribute to Aichi Targets 6 and 11 and SDGs 14 and 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)<br>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal<br>SPA/RAC: Mahmoud Elyes Hamza; atef Limam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Coordinating Unit (CU)</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 1 May 2020 – 31 March 2026    |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <p><b>Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Environment and Climate Regional Support Project</b></p> <p><b>Child Project 4.1 (GEF ID 9686) - GEF MedProgramme (GEF ID 9686)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The overall objective of this project is fostering the MedProgramme-wide learning and dissemination of knowledge, effective portfolio coordination and synergistic interactions among CPs, gender mainstreaming and monitoring progress to impacts.</p> <p>Child Project 4.1 will play key role within the MedProgramme as it “implements mechanisms for Programme-wide learning and dissemination of knowledge, monitoring the Programme’s progress to impacts, and fostering synergistic interactions among Child Projects”.</p> <p>The project, while ensuring coordination and monitoring of all MedProgramme’s Child Projects, will have as main focus increasing the capacity of main stakeholders to address the major environmental problems affecting the Mediterranean coastal areas and shallow marine environments: pollution, impacts of climate change, coastal zone and marine resources degradation.</p> <p>The project will develop its support function through three main lines of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Knowledge sharing and Dissemination</li> <li>(ii) Coordination and synergies</li> </ul> <p>The Child Project 4.1 will support and create benefit to all the MedProgramme’s Child Projects, implementing agencies and executing partners, while benefiting from the support received, will in turn actively interact with Child Project 4.1 by contribution to the Programme’s Knowledge Management Strategy through their participation in stocktaking events, dialoguing and systematically contributing with information on progress, milestone achievements and events, environmental data and scientific advances, and issues affecting project implementation. Moreover, by ensuring integrated coordination of the eight (8) Child Projects of the MedProgramme, the Child Project 4.1 will allow for the monitoring and execution of the Programme’s Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p>Output 1.1: Knowledge management platform in place.</p> <p>Output 1.2: Communication, Outreach and Awareness Raising Products and Activities produced.</p> <p>Output 1.3: Mechanisms to promote the broader adoption and replication of the successful policies, practices and technologies implemented under the MedProgramme available for stakeholders of the Programme.</p> <p>Output 2.1: Monitoring mechanism of MedProgramme progress to impacts established.</p> <p>Output 2.2: Mechanisms in place to establish synergistic interactions among Child Projects and with other relevant initiatives and stakeholders, and to take stock of progress and challenges at the MedProgramme level.</p> <p>Output 2.3: Cooperation and synergy with IW: LEARN.</p> <p>Output 2.4: Monitoring mechanism to assess progress on gender actions across the MedProgramme in place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco and Tunisia.                          |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$2,500,000                                                                                                              |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF) Chemical and Waste (US\$500,000) and International Waters (US\$2,000,000) focal Areas. |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.                                                 |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | -                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 May 2020 – 30 April 2025 (tbc)                                                                                           |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | Coordination and execution of all project activities, next to leading on communication and visibility activities of the project and undertaking some specific project tasks related to the consistent execution of the entire MedProgramme and its 8 Child projects.                                                                                  |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2020-2025: US\$2,500,000<br>UNEP/MAP US\$2,500,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | The project implementation contributes to the sustainable use of coastal resources and to the Barcelona Convention resource mobilization strategy.<br>As such it was related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2020-2021 Strategic Outputs 1.1.2, 1.1.4, 1.3.2, 1.4.1, 1.4.4 and 7.3.1<br>It is related to UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcomes 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2 |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | The co-financing of the project over the period 2020-2025 is US\$ 6,623,920. In detail:<br>UNEP/MAP US\$838,578 (in kind and in cash)<br>Recipient Governments US\$5,785,342 (in-kind)                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The Project gives direct supports to efforts of the Convention on producing knowledge on the marine and costal ecosystems and in mainstreaming gender into the operation of the MAP system.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Tatjana Hema (UNEP/MAP Coordinator)<br>MED PCU: Mohamad Kayyal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Coordinating Unit (CU)</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>          | August 2023 - August 2027     |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Bolstering Mediterranean biodiversity and MCPAs for nature (SEMPA Project)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The Overall Objective and expected impact of the project is to protect the biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea and support the achievement of its Good Environmental Status. This will be achieved through a connected, ecologically representative, effectively managed and monitored network of MCPAs, through a gender-responsive approach, as well as through the setting up of mechanisms which ensure reliable, regionally agreed assessment of biodiversity and hydrography aspects. As such, the project will provide a significant contribution towards achieving a high level of sustainable development in this region. The specific objectives of the two projects components are: a) Support the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region and b) Continue support on IMAP implementation with a particular focus on biodiversity &amp; NIS , Hydrography &amp; coast and interlinkages with climate change, expanding the scope of the support to SEIS implementation and its related indicators to biodiversity and climate change.</p> <p>The project will also have a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability: ensuring that actions become progressively self-sustained;</li> <li>• Awareness raising: working to promote long-term behavioural changes in local populations toward biodiversity conservation;</li> <li>• Gender mainstreaming: promote gender equality and gender related aspects, especially in the designation and management processes of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPAs).</li> </ul> <p>The project is in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, the commitments made under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including the Paris Agreement and at following COPs, as well as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP 15, the EU Strategy for Adaptation, and the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. The measures are also in line with and feed into the implementation of the recently agreed UNEP/MAP - EEA Joint Work Plan 2022-2030. The work plan includes, among its major products, support for the generation of data and information including indicators development/population, national capacity building activities, as well as the development of tools, methods and approaches to measure sustainability achievement and effectiveness of responses and the preparation of sustainability gap report, addressing achievement of SDGs and targets and Barcelona Convention and Protocols objectives. The actions contribute to several SDGs: SDG5: Gender equality, SDG13: Climate Action, SDG 14: Life below water and SDG 15: Life on land.</p> <p>The SEMPA Project is expected to be executed over 48 months, from August 2023 to August 2027, with an overall budget of EUR 4,000,000, and adds value to the achievements of the EU funded IMAP-MPA, EcAp-MED III as well as Marine Litter MED II projects.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | The project will strengthen and further develop the Mediterranean network of ecologically representative, inter-connected and effectively                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

managed MCPAs. It will also support the achievement of GES as well as the assessment of progress towards GES. This will be achieved through the following Components, each of which include their respective Outcomes and Outputs.

**COMPONENT 1 – Improvement and support to the development of a comprehensive and coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed and monitored MCPAs**

Outcome 1: Improved on-site MCPA management and mechanisms that ensure MCPA sustainability.

Outcome 2: Enhanced collaboration at regional scale between local, national and regional stakeholders involved in the management and communication on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.

**COMPONENT 2 – Promotion and support to the IMAP implementation at the regional, sub-regional and national scale**

Outcome 3: IMAP biodiversity, NIS and Hydrography clusters and its interlinkages with climate change endorsed by COP for implementation to generate evidence-based assessment of policy implementation including on the relative aspects of EU green Deal.

**COMPONENT 3 – Project management, coordination and gender mainstreaming**

Outcome 4: Effective and timely project coordination and implementation ensured.

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| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Algeria , Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 4,000,000 EUR                                                                   |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | EU - DG NEAR B2. Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South                        |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit. Overall coordination of the project execution.      |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC                                                                |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | August 2023 to August 2027<br>(48 months)                                       |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <p><b>Output 1.1:</b> Support on the identification and designation of new MCPA, elaboration of MCPA management plans and provision of support for their effective implementation.</p> <p><b>Output 1.2:</b> Improvement of existing MCPA management through capacity building and initiation of management plan implementation.</p> <p><b>Output 2.1:</b> Organization of the 4th edition of the Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean.</p> <p><b>Output 3.1:</b> Support the development of the IMAP toward the integration of climate change, biodiversity and hydrography related indicators and indicators related to pressures and drivers, in synergy with H2020 indicators</p> |
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|                                                                                            | <b>Output 3.2:</b> Monitoring carried out in identified stations for biodiversity, NIS and hydrography common indicators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | SPA/RAC : 1.651.869 USD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | UNEP/MAP - PAP/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | <p><b>Outcome 2.2. Comprehensive, coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed MPAs and OECMs in place, expanded, effective and sustainable</b></p> <p><b>2.2.1.</b> Support the Contracting Parties in protecting and conserving the Mediterranean Sea through well-connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>The SEMPA project is building on (i) the lessons learned from the MedPartnership and the EU-funded MedMPA Network and IMAP-MPA projects to support MCPAs to replicate results and best practices, whilst moving at the same time towards a more operational phase where stakeholders are fully engaged in decision-making processes and where MCPAs play effectively their ecological, social and economic roles. It will contribute to protect the biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea and support the achievement of its Good Environmental Status, through a connected, ecologically representative, effectively managed and monitored network of MCPAs, through a gender-responsive approach, as well as through the setting up of mechanisms which ensure reliable, regionally agreed assessment of biodiversity and hydrography aspects. As such, the project will provide a significant contribution towards achieving a high level of sustainable development in this region.</p> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Marc ATTALLAH, Associate Project Officer (UNEP/MAP)</p> <p>Zsuzsanna SANDOR, Associate Finance Officer (UNEP/MAP)</p> <p>Atef LIMAM, MPAs Projects Officer (SPA/RAC)</p> <p>Wassim GAIDI, MPAs Projects Associate Officer (SPA/RAC)</p> <p>Yassine Ramzi SGHAIER, IMAP Projects Officer (SPA/RAC)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>SPA/RAC</b>              |
| <b>Date:</b>          | December 2022- October 2025 |

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| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Med-Monk seal Project: Enhancing knowledge and awareness on monk seal in the Mediterranean</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | The overall objective of the Project is to support the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention to implement the Priority Goals stated in the newly updated Regional Strategy for the Conservation of Mediterranean Monk Seal. This will be done in synergy with the IMAP and the Ecosystem Approach and any ongoing projects contributing to the conservation of the species. A capacity building programme will be conducted to increase the capacity of organisations from countries where monk seal sightings are occurring more and more frequently. The project will then tailor country-specific monitoring initiatives in collaboration with the national partners to be implemented in the second and third years. The training and monitoring activities will take into account the work from the IUCN-led project on standardising the Field Protocol for monk seal monitoring to have comparable results at the end of the project. Finally, a public awareness campaign will be launched in synergies with other project leaders supported by the Monk Seal Alliance. |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | (Countries from group B and C (as defined by the Regional Strategy) have the capacity and the necessary knowledge to launch monitoring programmes on the national scale. Links and networking between the organisations is now well established and standardised data from the initiatives is compiling. Communication tools are created and distributed to reach the various stakeholders Data from the project is hosted in a publicly accessed database                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Algeria, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 270.320 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Monk seal Alliance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | SPA/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | Algeria (CNRDPA), Egypt (EEAA and AFWP), Italy (ISPRA and Archipelagos), Lebanon (CNRS), Libya (EGA and NWRES), Morocco (AGIR and DEF), Syria (Ministry of Local Administration and Environment, and the High Institute of Marine Research) and Tunisia (APAL).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | December 2022- October 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | The SPA/RAC will lead the implementation of the project activities related to the implementation of the capacity building programme to increase the capacity of organisations from countries where monk seal sightings are occurring more and more frequently, followed by achievement of |
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|                                                                                            | monitoring initiatives in collaboration with the national partners in synergy with the IMAP biodiversity national programme as well as a public awareness campaign at national level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities</b>                                       | (EUR), 270.320 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s),</b>                                    | UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outputs 2.3.2, 2.3.3 (activities 2.2.3.1; 2.3.31) UNEP/MAP PoW 2022-2023 Outcome 2.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The project objectives will contribute to the priorities of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO), but mainly the implementation of the Priority Goals stated in the newly updated Regional Strategy for the Conservation of Mediterranean Monk Seal. |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Lobna BEN NAKHLA, Programme Officer - Species Programme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## MAP COMPONENT PROJECT FICHE (NON-MTF FUNDED)

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>PAP/RAC</b>          |
| <b>Date:</b>          | August 2022 – July 2025 |

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| <b>Title</b>                                     | Improved science-based maritime spatial planning to safeguard and restore biodiversity in a coherent European MPA network (MSP4BIO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | <p>Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP) enables a more integrated and sustainable planning of ocean uses and resources. It is a key instrument towards integrated maritime policy and blue economy. Thus, one would expect that the designation of marine protected areas (MPAs), would be incorporated into MSP. In practice, however, there is only little integration between them. Theoretical work has been done on the issue but the development and validation of such integrated approaches is still needed.</p> <p>The main objective of MSP4BIO is to develop an integrated and modular Ecological-Socio-Economic (ESE) management framework for the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems. The solutions developed in the project will fill gaps on marine biodiversity and its management, by better linking spatial ecological features with socio-economic elements. The framework will take into account the criteria and objectives of relevant policies (MSFD, WFD, MSPD, CFP, etc.) and contribute to the EU Biodiversity Strategy (EUBS) 2030, the Convention on Biological Diversity post-2020 framework and other relevant regional policy documents.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <p>Specific expected results of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitation of decision making thanks to Decision Support Tools (DST)</li> <li>- Holistic and coherent approach to MSP through a flexible Ecological-Socio-Economic (ESE) framework</li> <li>- Reduction of biodiversity knowledge gap</li> <li>- Increase of the dialogue between science and policy</li> <li>- Coherent MPA network</li> </ul> <p>The project will have 30 deliverables, resulting from 7 work-packages.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | The project is implemented in five European Sea Basins (Atlantic, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean, North Sea) where six test sites have been selected to conduct the analysis and to showcase and operationalise the ESE management framework.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 3,490,504 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | EU Horizon Europe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Sustainable Projects (SPro)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | Cerema, CCMS, GMU, UCA, Nantes University, UTARTU, WWF MMI, WWF EPO, CORPI, HELCOM, CNR, VLIZ, SYKE, UAC, NIMRD, PAP/RAC, SEASCAPE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | August 2022 – July 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | <p>PAP/RAC is one of the partners on the project but it is not a lead partner in any of the work packages (WP).</p> <p>PAP/RAC will participate in WPs related to system approach to biodiversity considerations, socioeconomic management framework for MPAs and MSP integration, operationalisation and participation in test sites, policy coherence and co-production of solutions, communication, dissemination and exploitation.</p> <p>The most important part of the work relates to policy coherence and co-production of solutions where the following outputs are expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State of the art on key barriers and levers for policy coherence</li> <li>- Future directions for the EU, regional seas and national implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy in the coastal and marine regions</li> <li>- Policy solutions for MSP based on science-policy dialogues</li> <li>- Joint policy recommendations</li> </ul> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 141,868 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | n.a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | UNEP/MAP POW 2022-2023 Outcome 5.5 (activity 5.5.3. Undertake capacity building on ICZM, MSP and CC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | n.a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>The results of the project could be of multiple use for the overall MAP system as they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribute to policy integration of ecosystem approach and MSP</li> <li>- Provide regional considerations to the implementation of EU policy framework</li> <li>- Support the implementation of ICZM Protocol, Conceptual framework for MSP in the Mediterranean and post-2020 SAP BIO.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Marina Markovic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>         |
| <b>Date:</b>          | <b>1.1.2022 - 31.12.2026</b> |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>WaterLANDS - Water-based solutions for carbon storage, people and wilderness</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | WaterLANDS aims to enable an upscaling of the restoration of wetlands. Socio-economic factors, insufficient stakeholder engagement, lack of government commitment, lack of funding and inadequate exchange of knowledge of restoration methods have all been identified as barriers to successful restoration. Consequently, most restoration has been modest in scale, has occurred mainly where there is a single landowner or responsible organization, and has often been undertaken principally for reasons of conservation. WaterLANDS will work to overcome these barriers. The project will investigate the combination of factors that will enable wetland restoration to spread across Europe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p><b>Outcome 1 :</b> Demonstrate wetland restoration and establish a basis for scaling up restoration</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> Identify barriers to restoration and integrated solutions for upscaling</p> <p><b>Outcome 3:</b> Foster cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration to co-create restoration at identified “action sites”</p> <p><b>Outcome 4:</b> Apply a community-led paradigm of stakeholder engagement in the co-design of restoration</p> <p><b>Outcome 5:</b> Ensure that relevant past experience from “knowledge sites” informs future wetland restoration</p> <p><b>Outcome 6:</b> Provide tailored financial solutions and resources for each restoration site</p> <p><b>Outcome 7:</b> Incubate a restoration legacy through guidelines, tools, information, knowledge and facilities to support restoration on a continental scale.</p>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                | <u>Total project budget: €23,068,483</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>         | European Commission (Horizon 2020 project)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>       | University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Other partners</b>                    | National University of Ireland Galway (IE), Department of Housing, Local Governance and Heritage (IE), Irish Rural Link (IE), Erinn Innovation Limited (IE), Umweltverband WWF Österreich (A), Prospex Institute (BE), WWF Bulgaria (BG), Stolichna Obshtina (BG), Tartu Ülikool (EE), Sihtasutus Eestima Looduse Fond (EE), Riigimetsa Majandamise Keskus (EE), Tootsi Turvas AS (EE), ITA-Suomen Yliopisto (FI), Geologian Tutkimuskeskus (FI), Plan Bleu (RAC) (FR), Fondation Tour du Valat (FR), Succow Stiftung (DE), Università CA' Foscari (IT), We are here Venice (IT), Wageningen University (NL), Stichting Wetlands International (NL), Stichting Katholieke Universiteit (NL), Provincie Groningen (NL), Staatsbosbeheer (NL), Centrum Ochrony Mokradel (PL), Uniwersytet Warszawski (PL), Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (ES), Uppsala Universitet (SE), Natural England (UK), Scottish Wildlife Trust (UK), University of Leeds (UK) |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                   | National University of Ireland Galway (IE), Department of Housing, Local Governance and Heritage (IE), Irish Rural Link (IE), Erinn Innovation Limited (IE), Umweltverband WWF Österreich (A), Prospex Institute (BE), WWF Bulgaria (BG),                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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### Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible

Plan Bleu is mainly involved in WP3 "Aligning Governance" through activities aiming to identify policy and governance conditions that contribute to the successful development and implementation process for ecological restoration of wetland and associated ecosystems.

Plan Bleu is leading Task 3.1 Characterising supportive governance and policy (M1-M18)

Plan Bleu is contributing to:

- Sub-task 3.2.1 – Analysis of specific governance challenges and gaps at Action Sites and mapping of local and regional policies and alignment with EU policies.
- Task 3.3 - A roadmap for policy and governance / Sub-task 3.3.2 - Plan Bleu will lead the advocacy work by producing advocacy papers to promote awareness at a stakeholder level of government strategies for wetland restoration
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Plan Bleu/RAC will also contribute to WP7 related to Communication, Dissemination, Data and Knowledge Management and Exploitation of results.

Contribution to Task 7.3 – Publications, Events & Outreach

Sub-task 7.3.1 – Report on WaterLANDS events

Co-lead sub-task 7.3.2 – Conferences and Events - Co-organisation of the final event with UCD

Co-lead Task 7.4 – Knowledge management and Transfer of Results (M6-M60)

Sub-task 7.4.1 – Identification of Key Exploitable Results and development of Knowledge Transfer Plans; capitalisation (M12-M60)

Sub-task 7.4.2 – Policy Outreach and Advocacy activities (M6-M60) : Production of Policy factsheet studies; Submission of the advocacy paper to the COP of the Barcelona Convention

### Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)

Total project budget for 2022-2027: 389,750€

### Other MAP Components involved

N/A

### Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)

2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication

3.2.1. Mainstream nature- based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/green economy.

### MTF budget allocation if applicable

N/A

**Justification/Comments  
on MAP Component's  
involvement and added  
value to MAP system**

- Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system
- Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 (Thematic Programme 2: Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity), to the implementation of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- Contribution to the MSSD 2016-2025 (SD 2.1: Promote the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources and Ecosystems; SD 2.3: [...] enhance stakeholder awareness on the value of ecosystem services and the implications of biodiversity loss; 4.1.2. Assess, communicate, protect and enhance climate change adaptation capacity of ecosystems such as coasts, wetlands and forests, as well as their mitigation services, as in the case of forests and marine areas)
- Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations

**Focal Point at MAP  
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| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Community4Tourism</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | <p>The project Community4Tourism, the Thematic Community project of the Interreg Euro-MED Sustainable Tourism Mission aims to contribute to the EU territorial cooperation and its transnational dimension through the objectives included in the Programme and the main goals of the Mission 4, related to the Enhancement of Sustainable Tourism in the MED Area and the transition towards a climate-neutral and resilient society.</p> <p>This project is based upon the main objective of improving a better governance of cooperation, both policy governance and multi-sectoral, multi-level and transnational territorial governance, with a strong focus on environment and climate, promoting a smarter and greener Mediterranean, which is in line with the European Green Deal, the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and the Territorial Agenda 2030. The project is built upon the outputs of the Interreg MED 14/20 Sustainable Tourism and BleuTourMed Projects but reinforces its objectives to current new challenges.</p> <p>It integrates the 4 Programme's specific objectives, as tourism has shown to be a transversal issue in the MED area, involving all kinds of stakeholders, agents and territories. It will address its activities to pursue the consolidation of a competitive innovation ecosystem, to support a circular economy, to promote climate change adaptation, and to enhance nature and biodiversity. As a result of its activities, it will come up with jointly developed solutions and promote cooperation across borders.</p> <p>The Community4Tourism project aims to optimise the conditions for knowledge sharing of Thematic Projects, enhance the value of their results and amplify their outreach collectively, while mobilising the relevant regional, national and transregional actors, to support the transfer and integrating the results of the Thematic Projects into policymaking, including outside MED area.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | The Community4Tourism project aims to optimise the conditions for knowledge sharing of Thematic Projects, enhance the value of their results and amplify their outreach collectively, while mobilising the relevant regional, national and transregional actors, to support the transfer and integrating the results of the Thematic Projects into policymaking, including outside MED area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | <p>Euro-Mediterranean countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain</p> <p>IPA cooperation Area: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro</p> <p>The partnership is composed of 8 members, 5 based in the MED Area (Spain, France, Croatia, Italy and Greece) 1 from an IPA country (Albania) and 1 based outside the MED area (Belgium). They are 1 public administration responsible for tourism, 2 Universities, 1 network of universities, 3 EU networks (1 specialised in tourism), 1 Regional Activity Centre of the Mediterranean action plan.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 4.999.996,05 million EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>   | ERDF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b> | Barcelona Provincial Council (DIBA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other partners</b>              | Barcelona Provincial Council (DIBA) (Spain), University of Thessaly (UTH) (Greece), Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE) (Croatia), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)(France), Network of European Regions for Sustainable and Competitive Tourism (NECSTouR (Belgium), UNIMED-Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED) (Italy), University of Tirana (UT) (Albania) Plan Bleu/RAC.<br>+ 30 Associated Partners |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>             | January 2023 – September 2029 -81 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate the Mediterranean Cluster on “Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches” in collaboration with NECSTOUR</li> <li>- Contributing to the UN SDGs indicators of the MPs</li> <li>- Manual for the implementation of ICZM protocol at regional level + training</li> <li>- Organization of annual meetings of the clusters -reports</li> <li>- Policy documents and reports</li> <li>- Organization of events</li> <li>- Potential study visits plan for policy makers</li> <li>- Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Tourism</li> </ul>                                         |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 603.445,00 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | Associated partner: MedWaves                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | 4.2.2. Support Contracting Parties' engagement into concrete actions to better balance economic development and environmental protection in the coastal tourism sector (2022-2023)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 9227 EUR / year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</li> <li>● Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work, particularly the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).</li> <li>● Articulate dialogues at regional and national level with territorial approaches and local actors from modular projects, transferring field experiences and good practices.</li> <li>● Capitalize and sustain relevant activities focusing on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.</li> </ul> <p>Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations.</p> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Chloé Martin; cmartin@planbleu.org<br>Samson Bellières; sbellieres@planbleu.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>          |
| <b>Date:</b>          | January 2023 – September 2029 |

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| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Dialogue4Nature</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | The Dialogue4Nature is an Institutional Dialogue project from the governance call of the Interreg Euro-MED programme. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the transition to a climate-neutral and resilient society, by protecting, restoring and valorizing the natural environment and heritage of the Mediterranean region. This will be applied by promoting improved governance and coordination between Mediterranean actors to harmonize nature conservation policies and mainstream them into sectoral policies.                                                                              |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | The project will foster cooperation and to promote a more participatory and integrated policy process for climate change and biodiversity, including sub-national and civil society. In this manner, natural capital will be mainstreamed into social and environmental policy, not only helping to protect the environment but also to improve people's health and well-being and to ensure a more resilient socio-economic model.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Euro-Mediterranean countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain<br>IPA cooperation Area: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro<br>The partnership is built on 2 International organisations, 1 Ministry, 2 Regions, 1 network of cities and 1 Regional Activity Centre of the UNEP/MAP. Associated partners incorporate additional 32 mediterranean networks representing cities (FAIC), civil society (WWF Mediterranean), research (Arab Network for Environment and Development, UNIMED) , marine protected areas (MedPAN), Regions (CPRM), UNEP MAP Regional Activity Center. |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 4.000.000,00 million EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | ERDF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Region of Crete (RoC) (Greece)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | IUCN Med (Spain), MedCities (Spain), The Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism (Montenegro), Sardinia region (Italy), MARINE INSTITUTE (Croatia), Plan Bleu/RAC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | January 2023 – September 2029 / 81 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | Coordinate the Transfer work package:<br>Lead the working group on Restoration/Nature-based Solutions and organisation of annual dialogues in collaboration with the TCP<br>Policy documents and reports<br>Communication activities |
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|                                                                                            | <p>Support the establishment of a Mediterranean network on Nature: Mediterranean Resilience Network (MRN)</p> <p>Development of national peer learning experiences to facilitate post-2020 SAP-BIO and national biodiversity strategies</p> <p>Mainstream key policy and governance approaches within and outside Med area</p> <p>Participate to the elaboration of policy-oriented documents</p> <p>Organisation and participation in key international events</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 789.853,00 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | Associated partner: PAP/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | 2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication (TBC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 157.970,60 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</li> <li>- Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work, particularly the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), Post- 2020 SAP-BIO.</li> <li>- Articulate dialogues at regional and national level with territorial approaches and local actors from modular projects, transferring field experiences and good practices.</li> <li>- Capitalize and sustain relevant activities focusing on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services, Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.</li> <li>- Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations.</li> </ul> <p>1.Connectivity of natural ecosystems: IUCN Med+MESPU;<br/>2.Promote climate change mitigation and adaptation: MedCities+RoC; 3.Valorize socio-economic value of biodiversity: MI +RoS; 4.Restoration/Nature-based Solutions: Plan Bleu+RoC</p> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Arnaud Terrisse, aterrisse@planbleu.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>          |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2026 |

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| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Governing sustainable tourism in territories with high environmental value: reconnecting tourism and NATure For addressing the Climate Crisis with an ecosystem-based approach</b><br><b>Acronym : NaTour4CChange</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | NaTour4CChange is a test project which aims at enhancing sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean basin by promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches. The project will build based on fruitful experiences at Mediterranean and global level to test solutions for increasing the resilience of coastal destinations in the Mediterranean.<br>The project will identify and promote common methods to allow associating Regions (carefully selected and considered as pilot sites) to assess their tourism-related climate adaptation and mitigation priorities. Plans, strategies and cooperative governance are key elements to foster climate action. For the selected coastal destinations, cross-sector teams will provide adapted tourism climate action plans, focusing on climate adaptation, for which, nature based solutions will be tested, to ensure their feasibility, while innovative destination marketing and communication approaches will engage private stakeholders, visitors and residents in climate actions. |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 strategies and action plans related to tourism sector in the Mediterranean (5 Regional strategies on climate mitigation and adaptation for the coastal tourism sector, 6 destination climate action plans for coastal tourism sector);</li> <li>• 6 tested NbS reports;</li> <li>• A capitalization report describing the whole approach for planning CC resilience in the tourism sector (lesson learnt, recommendations);</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Euro-Mediterranean and Mediterranean at regional scales by having a good geographical balance between eastern and western shores of the Mediterranean for the pilot regions and destinations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 2,997,944.13 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Interreg Funds (80%) and MAP (20%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Institute for tourism (IFT) of Croatia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | CRPM (FR), IUCN (ES), ANDTOUR (ES), RAS (IT), NATURA-JADERA (HR), RoC (EL), HSPN (EL), MPSV HNZ (BA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <p>In the project, Plan Bleu will coordinate different activities in its role as Regional Activity Centre of the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and expertise in sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean. Plan Bleu will lead the WP1, related to the development of methodologies in order to design the Climate Change (CC) action planning for project's Regions and will supervise all the activities planned in WP1 in order to ensure their achievement respecting the set planning. On the other hand, Plan Bleu is in charge of one activity in the WP2. The main outputs in the WP1 and WP2 that will be produced by Plan Bleu and its partners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WP1 coordination with the production of the WP1 coordination plan (approach to delivery, main tasks, roles, responsibilities and budget) and the associated monitoring and evaluation plan (key indicators, data collection methods);</li> <li>• Construction, dissemination and analysis of a survey of available best practices on climate action in coastal tourism destinations. This survey will integrate different cross-cutting topics related to the assessment of climate change contributions by sector, risk analysis, climate change mitigation and adaptation, etc. with a focus on climate resilience. The survey outputs will support the development of the methodology for the following assessments. The main outputs of this activity will be gathered in a report sheet on best practices;</li> <li>• Approach to the identification and assessment of the main coastal tourism-related issues concerning climate change mitigation &amp; adaptation in tourism at Regional and Destination level. Plan Bleu will coordinate the production of a methodological framework for Regions which will support the assessment of the main coastal tourism-related issues concerning CC mitigation and adaptation, to be used in each project's pilot Region. Another methodological framework will be produced for Destinations which will be used in each project's pilot Destinations;</li> <li>• Identification and assessment of the main coastal tourism-related issues concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation of each Regional territory. 5 technical reports will be built to highlight the different assessment results conducted in each pilot region.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | 365,005.00 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                             | <p>4.2.1-Promote sustainable and resilient tourism in the Mediterranean Region</p> <p>3.2.1-Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/green economy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                         | 73,000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Justification/Comments on MAP  
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value to MAP system**

- Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system
- Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Program of Work 2024-2025
- Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations
- Contribution to the MSSD 2016-2025 (SD 2.1: Promote the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources and Ecosystems;  
SD 2.5: Ensure access of local producers to distribution channels and markets, including the tourism market; SD 3.1: Apply holistic and integrated spatial planning processes and other related instruments, as well as improved compliance with respective rules and regulations, to increase economic, social and territorial cohesion and reduce pressures on the environment; SD 5.5: Promote the integration of sustainability principles and criteria into decision-making on public and private investment; SD 6.1: Enhance regional, sub-regional and cross-border dialogue and cooperation, including on emergency-preparedness).

**Focal Point at MAP Component**

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>         |
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| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Adapt-Pelagos</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | <p>The Adapt-Pelagos project aims to promote existing best practices in the blue economy in order to facilitate the adoption of available solutions by local stakeholders in the Pelagos Sanctuary. Plan Bleu has recently published several documents on existing good practices in the Mediterranean concerning the priority themes identified in the Pelagos Agreement management plan (2022-2027): "Pelagos against pollution" and "Slow Tourism". As part of the Adapt-Pelagos project, Plan Bleu is proposing to organise capitalisation and capacity-building workshops for local stakeholders in the Pelagos Sanctuary on the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainability of cruises and yachting.</li> <li>2. Sustainable tourism and adaptation to climate change and integrated coastal zone management (ICZM).</li> <li>3. Carrying capacity, marine protected areas.</li> <li>4. Blue economy indicators (transversal to the three previous themes)</li> </ol> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <p>Each workshop will involve the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identifying the needs and good practices already underway in the Sanctuary area. Plan Bleu and the Lab'Homer (University of Toulon) will carry out research and contact key players, and prepare a scoping note for the three thematic workshops.</li> <li>2. Organising the workshops in collaboration with the key players, depending on the theme.</li> <li>3. The preparation and publication of a Workshop Report (Minutes), including a "Key Points" section with the main conclusions and most relevant comments.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Pelagos Sanctuary; France, Italy and Monaco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 220,000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Pelagos Initiative (UBS Optimus Foundation and Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Plan Bleu/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | University of Toulon - Lab'Homer; University of Nice Côte d'Azur; Région Sud PACA; Institute of Oceanography of Monaco; Scientific council of Lerins islands; UNEP-WCMC; Port of Genova; Monaco Yacht Club - Sea Index Project; Interregional Directorate for the Mediterranean Sea (DIRM), PAP/RAC, RAMOGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | January 2024 – December 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | <p>Plan Bleu is the Lead Partner of this project and will carry out the main activities in collaboration with the project partners.</p> <p>The main outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying the needs and good practices already underway in the Sanctuary area. Plan Bleu and the Lab'Homer (University of Toulon) will carry out research and contact key players, and prepare a scoping note for the three thematic workshops.</li> <li>- Organising the workshops in collaboration with the key players, depending on the theme.</li> <li>- The preparation and publication of a Workshop Report (Minutes), including a "Key Points" section with the main conclusions and most relevant comments.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, as part of the wider Programme of Work of Plan Bleu, the workshop discussions will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribute to the development of a chapter for the future flagship report on "The Sustainability of the Mediterranean Blue Economy", planned for 2025, which will feed into the revision of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) and provide suggestions for key indicators to monitor progress in the Mediterranean. The chapter in question will focus on the Pelagos Sanctuary region.</li> <li>- This will lead to the production of a "Policy Brief" on "Blue Economy Indicators", a concise document aimed at policy-makers, which will be presented at COP 2025.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 220 000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | PAP/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | <p>4.2.2. Support Contracting Parties' engagement into concrete actions to better balance economic development and environmental protection in the coastal tourism sector;</p> <p>4.2.4. Boost targeted actions for a sustainable and inclusive Blue economy transition at regional and national levels</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 56,000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</li> <li>● Contribute to the development of a chapter for the future flagship report on "The Sustainability of the Mediterranean Blue Economy", planned for 2025, which will feed into the review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) and provide suggestions for key indicators to monitor progress in the Mediterranean.</li> <li>● Contribute to the MSSD 2016-2025: (SD 2.1: Promote the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources and Ecosystems; SD 4.1.2. Assess, communicate, protect and enhance climate change adaptation capacity of ecosystems such as coasts, wetlands and forests, as well as their mitigation services, as in the case of forests and marine areas; SD 5.6: Ensure a greener and more inclusive market that integrates the true environmental and social</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

cost of goods and services in order to reduce social and environmental externalities)

- Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations

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| <b>Date:</b>          | 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2026 |

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| <b>Title</b>                                     | Accelerating the Restoration of Seagrass Meadows in the Mediterranean area through Innovative ecosystem-service based Solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | <p>Accelerate the restoration of seagrass meadows and their ES in the Euro-MED area by improving restoration techniques, developing financial solutions and integrating seagrass values into policy and investment programmes. To accelerate the restoration of seagrass meadows in the Euro-MED area, ARTEMIS integrates the societal and monetary values of seagrass ES into technical (state-of-the art restoration protocols), financial (first-of-their-kind Payment for Ecosystem Services schemes (PES) targeting multiple ES) and relevant public and private policies and investments.</p> <p>We implement 4 transnational pilots covering all restoration stages (from transplantation in degraded areas to the enhancement of protected ones) and levels of policy (from absence of restoration policies to protection Decrees), leading to the following outputs for restoration and blue economy actors: public authorities, research centres, NGOs, companies, tourism agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1. &gt;2 hectares of seagrass meadows restored with 10x returns in ES and €2M additional funding secured via PES agreements.</li> <li>• 2. Transnational outputs: i) Euro-Med action plan and opportunity map for seagrass restoration, ii) roadmap for corporate integration of seagrass ES, iii) technical seagrass restoration toolbox, iv) actionable framework for seagrass valuation and storytelling, v) ready-to-use guidelines for seagrass PES.</li> </ul> <p>10 project partners from 5 countries provide multidisciplinary expertise (economics, ecology, policy, stakeholder engagement, innovation) to deliver joint pilots, peer learning and policy development, replicable across the Euro-MED area.</p> |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A roadmap for corporate integration of seagrass ecosystem services</li> <li>• A Euro-MED Action Plan for Seagrass Restoration</li> <li>• A seagrass restoration toolbox</li> <li>• A transnational framework for seagrass ES valuation</li> <li>• A cookbook for Seagrass PES Scaling</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Euro-Mediterranean countries, including France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Bulgaria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 3M€                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Interreg Euro-MED (80%)& MAP (20%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | Plan Bleu/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | ISPRA (IT), HCMR (GR), Bax & Company (SP), ECOACSA (SP), Denkstatt (BG), Monfalcone (IT), MEDSEA (IT), Consell de Menorca - IME/OBSAM (SP), The Green Tank (GR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | <p>Plan Bleu will be the Lead Partner for the ARTEMIS project, building on its role as Regional Activity Centre of the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and expertise in wetland socio-economic benefits &amp; restoration, ES valuation, and policy development and improvement. Plan Bleu will also be the WP4 leader on governance and policy impact. The main outputs in WP4 that will be produced by Plan Bleu and its partners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roadmap for the integration of seagrass ES into corporate sustainability (carbon, water, biodiversity) strategies and reporting procedures. The roadmap will include a summary of regulatory and voluntary corporate frameworks (EU taxonomy for sustainable activities) and relevant gaps and opportunities for the inclusion of seagrass ES. Practical recommendations will be presented on target setting, measurement and financing models including PES.</li> <li>● Euro-MED action plan for seagrass restoration upscaling by 2030 based on project results and a wide consultation process with seagrass restoration actors. It will include tangible actions to be completed by 2030 in order to revert seagrass degradation in Euro-MED and upscale restoration efforts by 2030, feeding into relevant Biodiversity Agendas. The Action Plan will include chapters on technical restoration, valuation and integration into public and private markets and governance frameworks.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 508,000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | <p>2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication</p> <p>3.2.1. Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/ green economy</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 101,000 EUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</p> <p>Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025</p> <p>Contribution to the MSSD 2016-2025 (<i>SD 2.1: Promote the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources and Ecosystems; SD 2.3: [...] enhance stakeholder awareness on the value of ecosystem services and the implications of biodiversity loss; 4.1.2. Assess, communicate, protect and enhance climate change adaptation capacity of ecosystems such as coasts, wetlands and forests, as well as their mitigation services, as in the case of forests and marine areas</i>)</p> <p>Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Arnaud Terrisse (<a href="mailto:aterrisse@planbleu.org">aterrisse@planbleu.org</a>)</p> <p>Alice Wittevrongel (<a href="mailto:awittevrongel@planbleu.org">awittevrongel@planbleu.org</a>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>         |
| <b>Date:</b>          | January 2023 – December 2025 |

### GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Feu vert pour les zones humides côtières en Méditerranée / Green light for coastal wetlands in the Mediterranean</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | The project aims to conserve and restore Mediterranean coastal wetlands as Nature-based Solutions to climate change. It proposes to combine scientific production, advocacy and action on the ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p><b>Outcome 1</b> : The best scientific knowledge on the state of Mediterranean wetlands and solutions for their conservation is available and appropriate for the stakeholders concerned.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2</b>: The Green Light mechanism is up and running, identifying Mediterranean coastal wetlands to be restored as a priority</p> <p><b>Outcome 3</b>: Restoration of a wetland (Akyaka site in Turkey)</p> |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                | <u>Total project budget: €712,300</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>         | Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>       | Tour du Valat, France, Alliance Méditerranéenne pour les zones humides                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other partners</b>                    | MedWet, Plan Bleu/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                   | January 2023 – December 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | Plan Bleu will host the data from this project on the Mediterranean Observatory for the Environment and Sustainable Development. The results of the project will be summarized in the third edition of the report on the state of Mediterranean wetlands (MWO-3). To make it easier for decision-makers to take this report into account, Tour du Valat and Plan Bleu will draw up a policy-paper based on the key messages in the report. Tour du Valat, Plan Bleu and MedWet will promote MWO-3 and its by-products at the Ramsar and Barcelona Convention COPs and potentially at any event considered appropriate that brings together scientists, civil society and decision-makers (climate and biodiversity COPs, events organised by the FPA2, etc.). |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | Total project budget for 2023-2025: 30,000€                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                             | 2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 3.2.1. Mainstream nature- based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/green economy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>N/A</p> <p>Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system<br/>Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 (<i>Thematic Programme 2: Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity</i>), to the implementation of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration<br/>Contribution to the MSSD 2016-2025 (<i>SD 2.1: Promote the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources and Ecosystems; SD 2.3: [...] enhance stakeholder awareness on the value of ecosystem services and the implications of biodiversity loss; 4.1.2. Assess, communicate, protect and enhance climate change adaptation capacity of ecosystems such as coasts, wetlands and forests, as well as their mitigation services, as in the case of forests and marine areas</i>)<br/>Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations</p> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Antoine Lafitte, <a href="mailto:alafitte@planbleu.org">alafitte@planbleu.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>                             |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 1.1.2023 - 31.12.2026 (updated 16 February 2024) |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>PERMAGOV - IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF MARINE GOVERNANCE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The main objective of PERMAGOV is to contribute to the realisation of the EU Green Deal objectives by improving implementation and performance of EU marine policies. PERMAGOV's project goals are therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) co-developing and applying a Marine Governance Performance Assessment Framework to assess how institutional barriers, informal and informal collaborations and e-governance tools enable and constrain the capability of actors to implement EU marine policies within the regime complexes of Marine Energy, Maritime Transport, Marine Life and Marine Litter; and</li> <li>2) co-producing collaborative and e-governance improvements and (institutional) Multi-Layered Collaborative Marine Governance Strategies which enhance the capability of end-users to contribute to the implementation of EU marine policies related to the four regime complexes to achieve the EU Green Deal goals.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <p><b>Outcome 1 :</b> enhance new knowledge and design or improve tools to achieve better informed decision-making processes, social engagement and innovation, supporting the implementation of the European Green Deal.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> contribute to the development or improvement of innovative multi-layer governance models enabling sustainability and resilience of EU and international science-policy interfaces.</p> <p><b>Outcome 3:</b> better understanding by the policy making community of the institutional barriers such as lock-ins, path dependency, bounded rationality, political inertia and power imbalances in the formulation and implementation of marine policies.</p> <p><b>Outcome 4:</b> better understand formal and informal policy governance work streams or processes, including public consultation and encompassing local, regional, national, European and global ocean governance aspects.</p> <p><b>Outcome 5:</b> Stronger e-government and easily achievable open government data facilitate greater access to public services.</p> <p><b>Outcome 6:</b> Appropriate communication, exchange, coordination and management is enabled at regional, national and European level.</p> <p><b>Outcome 7:</b> Improved collaborative governance performance allowing social and technical innovations to provide opportunities for the social contract between the State and the citizenry through increased transparency, enabling better spatial planning and natural resource management, ultimately leading to increased trust in policy making.</p> |

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| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>          | <u>Total project budget: € 4.919.744</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>   | European Commission (Horizon Europe research and innovation program) and UK Research and Innovation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b> | Wageningen University, NL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Other partners</b>              | Aalborg University, DK ; UiT The Arctic University of Norway, NO ; Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, DE ; The Finnish Environment Institute, FI ; LifeWatch ERIC, ES ; Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy, DK ; European Shippers Council, BE ; WWF Italia, IT ; Plan Bleu, FR ; The Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission, FI ; Arctic Energy Partners, NO ; The Queen’s University of Belfast, UK ; 21c Consultancy, UK ; Celtic Sea Power, UK. |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>             | 01/01/2023 from 31/12/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <p>Plan Bleu plays 2 roles as:</p> <p>1- e-governance partner focusing on engagement, information provision, digital transformations and e-governance services. Through its observatory, Plan Bleu illustrates the trends of relations between the state of the environment and development and follows the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable development through a dashboard via an open source digital platform offering various functionalities to share interactive data.</p> <p>2- consortium end-user for the Mediterranean case studies (4 and 9).</p> <p>Marine Life. Case 4: Sustainable fisheries in Mediterranean MPAs: here the focal point of PERMAGOV's contribution to the end-user's work is to develop collaborative strategies for monitoring and enforcement, in which (better) use of existing data systems and forging links with newly developed digital tools, such as for seafood traceability, can serve both improved biodiversity conservation and sustainable small-scale fishing. At the broader level of objectives, the lessons from the Italian context might directly inform developments in countries in the Mediterranean region.</p> <p>Marine plastics. Case 9: Marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea: This case study will contribute to better coordination of data and policy making and implementation by identifying how and which (monitoring) data plays a role in the MSFD, the Barcelona Convention, and circular and plastic waste management policies, who develops and manages this data and for whom and what policy making processes. By identifying complementarities, mismatches and gaps, digital tools and data management approaches can be identified and developed to allow for a better harmonization and sharing of data. This data should be geared towards contributing to the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, where governments committed to pass plastic reduction policies, support industry to minimize plastic packaging and redesign products, and change consumer habits.</p> |
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| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for 2023-2026: 282.963 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | Not directly but the 2 cases where Plan Bleu is involved also concern 2 MAP's components (SPA-RAC regarding Case 4 and MedPOL regarding case 9)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | Thematic programme 1 - Activity 1.1.2. Support Contracting Parties in addressing plastic pollution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</p> <p>At the regional level, the key to the adoption of the results is the regional organizations such as the HELCOM and Plan Bleu which contribute to the implementation of the Regional Seas Conventions for the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.</p> <p>Will contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025 (Thematic programme 1)</p> <p>Support the implementation of Post SAP Bio -Decision IG.24/7 (case 4)</p> <p>Support the implementation of the regional plan on marine litter (case 9)</p> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Antoine Lafitte; <a href="mailto:alafitte@planbleu.org">alafitte@planbleu.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>MAP Component</b>                             | <b>Plan Bleu/RAC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Date</b>                                      | 01.04.2025 – 31.12.2027 (29/04/2025 last update)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>GENERAL INFO ON OVERALL PROJECT</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Title</b>                                     | <b>Inclusive Coastal Resilience in the Euro-Med</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b>         | <p>Increase the capacity of regional and local governments and civil society organizations to define plans and implement solutions in coastal and marine planning and management, in order to achieve climate adaptation and ecosystem-based sustainable development and resilience in a deliberative and systemic way, strengthening public participation and inclusive democracy approaches to prevent and address actual or potential conflicts.</p> <p>The project will transfer and adapt the Scenario Workshops and Adaptation Pathways (SWAP) methodology and Democracy Labs (DLAB) in four pilot sites:</p> <p>Catalonia Region (Spain). SWAP x1</p> <p>Algarve Region (Portugal). DLAB x1</p> <p>Region of Sardinia (Italy). SWAP &amp; DLAB x2</p> <p>City of Kastela (Croatia). DLAB x1</p>                                                                                |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory cartographies and climate risk perception maps</li> <li>• Update of participatory GIS</li> <li>• Strategies / Actions Plans on climate adaptation in the context of ICZM and MSP in Catalonia &amp; Sardinia</li> <li>• Institutional documents with a commitment to adopt nature-based solutions and integration in plans in Algarve and Kastela</li> <li>• Regional and local strategies to integrate Democratic Innovations, DLABs outcomes in ICZM and MSP governances structures in Sardinia, Algarve &amp; Kastela</li> <li>• Policy briefing nature-based solutions identification and the integration of participatory processes like SWAPs and DLABs in the context of ICZM/MSP</li> <li>• Booklet of methodological insights on the implementation of the SWAP and DLABs</li> <li>• Online Module courses</li> </ul> |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Euro-Mediterranean countries, including France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Estonia, Croatia, and Portugal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 2 487 000 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>   | Interreg Euro-MED 80%, MTF 20%                                                                                                         |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b> | Εθνικό και Καποδιστριακό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών / National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (GR)                                     |
| <b>Other partners</b>              | Plan Bleu/RAC (FR), PAP/RAC (CR), PI RERA (CR), IUAV (IT), Sardinia Region (IT), Sciaena (PT), Tallinn University (EE), ECO-UNION (ES) |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>             | 01/04/2025 - 31/12/2027                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan Bleu will lead WP3 - Integration of participatory processes in ICZM and MSP governance structures, and will ensure overall coordination of WP activities in collaboration with the Lead Partner and all project partners.</li> <li>As part of WP1 and in collaboration with PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu will conduct a preliminary study on the characterization of the governance landscape in the pilot sites, including an analysis of relevant policies, a mapping of stakeholders and the institutional framework.</li> <li>In WP2, Plan Bleu will pilot the production of a synthesis report on the selected NbSs resulting from the participatory workshops (SWAP and DLABs) in collaboration with other partners.</li> <li>In WP4, Plan Bleu will lead the production of a Policy Brief and the organization of the policy seminar in Marseille.</li> <li>Plan Bleu will be responsible for coordinating collaborative activities with the governance projects of the Mission for Natural Heritage (D4N, of which Plan Bleu is already a partner, and C4N), in close collaboration with the lead partner and the Interreg Euro-MED Joint Secretariat.</li> </ul> <p>Plan Bleu and PAP/RAC play a central role in ensuring the transferability of project results, offering critical perspectives to improve the sustainability of project results in line with the results amplification strategy. They have an important advisory role on pilot cases and ensure the dissemination of project results in Euro-Mediterranean institutional networks concerning ICZM/MSP and the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).</p> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | 240 000 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | PAP/RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | <p>POW24/25</p> <p>3.1.1 Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans<br/>3.2.1 Mainstream nature-based solutions into regional policies implementation, including for adaptation and mitigation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development/ green economy.<br/>3.3.1 Develop and provide policy recommendations to address thematic impacts of climate change<br/>4.1.1 Prepare National ICZM strategies<br/>4.1.3 Prepare ICZM or coastal plans<br/>4.1.4 Assisting CPs in implementing MSP<br/>4.1.6 Update methodological guidance for the preparation of coastal plans<br/>4.2.6 Foster source-to-sea management in the Mediterranean region<br/>5.4.3 Strengthen SPI networks and enhance partnership with scientific institutions to support MAP Barcelona Convention system<br/>6.1.1 Support transition towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future in the Mediterranean at 2050 - Building Back Better using strategic participatory foresight</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | 48 000 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase visibility of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention system</li> <li>• Contribute to the implementation of the MAP Programme of Work 2026-2027</li> <li>• Contribution to the MSSD 2026-2035 (tbc in December 2025):</li> </ul> <p>SD1.1 Strengthen compliance with implementation and monitoring of regional requirements and policy frameworks of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention for coastal and marine management<br/>SD1.2 Promote balanced and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources<br/>SD4.1 Increase scientific knowledge, raise awareness, and develop technical capacities to deal with climate change and ensure informed decision-making at all levels, recognising and protecting the climate adaptation and mitigation services of natural ecosystems<br/>SD4.1 Accelerate the uptake of climate smart and climate resilient responses<br/>SD4.4 Encourage institutional, policy and legal reforms for effective mainstreaming of climate change responses into national and local development frameworks in all sectors<br/>All SDs under objective 6 "Improve governance in support of resilience and sustainable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and strengthen close collaboration with key stakeholders and regional organizations</li> </ul> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | <p>Alice Wittevrongel (awittevrongel@planbleu.org)<br/>Insa Behrens (ibehrens@planbleu.org)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean - (FishEBM MED) (GEF ID 10560)

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>Coordinating Unit (CU) – SPA/RAC</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 08 April 2024 – 30 December 2026        |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean - (FishEBM MED)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The Mediterranean has sustained fisheries exploitation since ancient times. Today, industrial, semi-industrial and small-scale fisheries coexist in the region, each using a large variety of fishing gear to harvest a multi-species marine environment extremely rich in biodiversity. In contrast with other major fishing areas in the world, where fishing fleets extend their operations well onto the high-seas to target select stocks, the Mediterranean Sea generally lacks large mono-specific fisheries and instead exploits a variety of benthic and pelagic stocks of fish, as well as molluscs and crustaceans. In addition, since the Mediterranean is a semi-enclosed sea, exploited stocks are mostly shared among the fishing fleets of littoral States, which calls in turn for the need to ensure very strong cooperation and coordination among them in the elaboration and implementation of those measures which are essential for the sustainable management of the fisheries. While the fishery sector has traditionally been engraved in the socio-economic fabric of the Mediterranean region, its output compared to other emerging sectors of the last decades (e.g. tourism, oil and gas exploration, etc.) has been often overlooked. However, the sector offers employment opportunities to several hundred thousand people, it supplies quality protein and many other essential nutrients for human consumption in local and regional markets, and it creates many other indirect benefits, such as safeguarding coastal communities. Furthermore, these benefits go precisely where they are needed – to some of the most vulnerable coastal communities of the region. With anthropogenic impacts steadily increasing their pressure on the Mediterranean stocks, the notion of a production-oriented sector has been challenged by the need for an ecosystem approach to fisheries. Only through sound ecosystem-based management of Mediterranean fisheries can the potential for stronger productivity be unlocked in a sustainable way. This project therefore 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.</p> <p>The project will be implemented through the following five Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Component 1 – Strengthened capacity to manage commercial fisheries, with particular focus on SSF</li> <li>• Component 2 – Enhanced integration of emerging monitoring, control and surveillance technologies in the fight against IUU fishing</li> <li>• Component 3 – Integrated ecosystem-based management tools and ecosystem approach to biodiversity protection and sustainable fisheries</li> <li>• Component 4 – Innovative blue economy solutions accounting for the fishery sector</li> <li>• Component 5 – Knowledge management and outscaling</li> </ul> |

The project aligns with the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SAPBIO) and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean's (GFCM) 2023 strategy. It seeks to implement key objectives of these frameworks by:

1. Enhancing capacity for sustainable fisheries management, in line with SAPBIO's goals for biodiversity conservation.
2. Integrating advanced monitoring technologies to address IUU fishing, as prioritized in the GFCM 2023 strategy.
3. Implementing ecosystem-based management tools, as advocated for by both SAPBIO and GFCM to ensure long-term sustainability.
4. Developing innovative blue economy solutions, aligning with the objectives of both frameworks to promote sustainable economic development.
5. Sharing knowledge and best practices, fostering collaboration and learning, as emphasized in SAPBIO and GFCM strategies to promote regional cooperation and capacity building.

By aligning with these frameworks, the project contributes to regional efforts for the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable fisheries management in the Mediterranean.

**Main output(s)**

**Component 1 – Strengthened capacity to manage commercial fisheries, with particular focus on SSF**

- o Output 1.1: Regional data collection for fisheries, including SSF and recreational fisheries, processed in support to socio-economic analysis and fisheries management
- o Output 1.2: Investments in management plans and measures promoted, including for SSF and recreational fisheries
- o Output 1.3: Value chains modelled in view of identifying best practices and entry points for innovation, including the certification of select fisheries
- o Output 1.4: Reinforced synergies with the private sector to support market-driven opportunities in the fisheries sector
- o Output 1.5: Participation in the regional network of SSF platforms reinforced in order to provide social protection support to its members

**Component 2 – Enhanced integration of emerging monitoring, control and surveillance technologies in the fight against IUU fishing**

- o Output 2.1: Losses in national economies generated by IUU fishing activities assessed through the application of an ad hoc methodology at the country level
- o Output 2.2: Impacts of IUU fishing on main commercial marine living resources incorporated in stock assessments
- o Output 2.3: Information on legal frameworks relating to IUU fishing and fisheries crimes collected, analysed and disseminated, including through a regional repository
- o Output 2.4: Application of technology in the field of control and surveillance, including small-scale fishing, tested and tailored to the capacity of countries

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|                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Output 2.5: International Plan of action to fight IUU and Regional Plan of Action to fight IUU implemented through national plan of actions, including measures to reduce bycatch and abandoned fishing gear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                  | <p><b>Component 3 – Integrated ecosystem based management tools and ecosystem approach to biodiversity protection and sustainable fisheries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Output 3.1: Area-based and innovative management tools identified and applied to reduce overexploitation of fisheries and enhance ecosystem productivity</li> <li>o Output 3.2: Monitoring of good environmental status of Mediterranean ecosystems and biodiversity ensured, with established link to pollution impacts and sustainable use of marine ecosystem services; adaptation strategies to climate change formulated</li> <li>o Output 3.3: Measures identified to cope with the negative effects of non-indigenous species on biodiversity well as those of other potential stressors</li> <li>o Output 3.4: Training programmes and case studies to strengthen national capacity towards the development of fisheries tenure interventions</li> </ul> |
|                                                  | <p><b>Component 4 – Innovative blue economy solutions accounting for the fishery sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Output 4.1: Analysis carried out on how the fishery sector can mobilize investments, including in diversification of livelihoods (e.g. aquaculture planning, pesca-tourism), against the background of marine spatial planning</li> <li>o Output 4.2: Factsheets on successful innovative solutions for the fishery sector and sustainable use of marine ecosystem services prepared in view of attracting blue economy related investments</li> <li>o Output 4.3: Endorsed pilot NAP+ with investment plan(s) tested in at least one country</li> <li>o Output 4.4: New partnerships implemented through the NAP+, enabling the participation of the private sector in blue economy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      |
|                                                  | <p><b>Component 5 – Knowledge management and outscaling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Output 5.1: Initiatives promoted to support countries in encouraging strategic investment enabling, among others, public and private partnerships</li> <li>o Output 5.2: Lessons learnt, and best practices disseminated to showcase the benefits of the concerted GFCM-MAP approach in aligning different national and regional priorities      5.2.1 Framework for the collection of information on project progress and achievements for use in communications</li> <li>o Output 5.3: Outreach &amp; communication strategy developed and implemented, including coordination and awareness-raising meetings with co-financing partners and participation in relevant global GEF-related fora</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Mediterranean Sea riparian countries (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | US\$ \$97,883,439                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | Global Environment Facilities (GEF/SCCF/LDCF) Biodiversity, International Waters Focal Area (US\$ 7,273,973) focal Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | FAO and UNEP (Implementing Agency)-GFCM (Executing Agencies).+UNEP/MAP CU+SPA/RAC (Executing Agencies)..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Other partner</b>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | 08 April 2024 – 30 December 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b>         | Coordination of project activities, next to leading on several activities under component 3 and 4. as well as communication and visibility activities of the project under component 5. SPA/RAC is responsible for implementing components 3 and 4 of their program. Component 3 focuses on ecosystem-based management tools for sustainable fisheries and biodiversity protection, including monitoring environmental status, identifying the impact of fisheries, and adapting to climate change. Component 4 focuses on innovative blue economy solutions for the fishery sector, including data collection and identifying priorities, and implementing partnerships through the National Action Plan development process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | Total project budget for MAP 2022-2026: US\$ 2,130,122.5714                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | <p>POW 2022-2023 : Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation</p> <p>POW 2024-2025: Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation; Outcome 2.4. Non -indigenous species introductions minimized and introduction pathways under control; Outcome 3.1. Legal, policy and institutional framework strengthened at the regional and national level to efficiently address climate change related challenges (flooding, erosion, land degradation, pollution, disasters etc.); Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface; Outcome 6.2. Science-based IMA, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science-policy interface and decision making (in-house expertise, consultancy, publication, toolbox, national technical support, pilots(s));</p> |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | The Project contributes to SDG 5.5; 13.2; 13.b; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5; 14.6; 14.7;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Mohamad KAYYAL (UNEP/MAP), Atef OUERGHUI (Ecosystem Programme Officer, SPA/RAC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>MAP Component:</b> | <b>PAP/RAC</b>               |
| <b>Date:</b>          | January 2024 – December 2028 |

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>DesirMED - Demonstration and mainstrEaming of nature-based Solutions for climate Resilient transformation in the MEDiterranean</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>Overall, DesirMED will strengthen knowledge and capabilities of Mediterranean regions and communities to take leadership and ownership in their transformative climate change adaptation pathways and accelerate the implementation of transformative solutions required to increase their resilience over the long term.</p> <p>DesirMED will increase ambition, ownership and capability of regional Mediterranean leaders and communities through proven transformative climate change adaptation approaches. In DesirMED, nature-based solutions will be prioritized, together with innovative technologies and inclusive social practices. Recognising that successful adaptation generally occurs at local and regional levels, DesirMED involves a multilevel set of actors in 5 Demonstrating regions and 3 Replicating Regions working hand-in-hand with scientific partners to foster holistic approaches to implement transformative adaptation. DesirMED, by engaging at the regional level key institutions in a multi-level governance framework, will act as a catalyser to trigger and accelerate the necessary action in key community systems.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Main output(s)</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed climate risk assessment for key systems based on generic system approach for biogeographical region and its archetypical landscapes</li> <li>• Systemic visioning of engaged regions and communities on climate resilience objectives and inclusive transformation</li> <li>• Needs analysis on enablers of transformative solutions and setting of regional priorities</li> <li>• Regions and communities have developed and tested a whole range of transformative solutions, putting nature-based solutions (NbS) at the heart of building systemic climate resilience.</li> <li>• These place-based transformative solutions are a combination of technological, financial, governance and social innovation, leading to an increase of the resilience and adaptation capacity to climate change within the engaged regions and communities.</li> <li>• These place-based transformative solutions have been developed, tested and brought closer to the market. And are shared in adequate as much as possible databases and networks spanning all European biogeographical regions and beyond.</li> <li>• Systemic solutions are related to systemic (physical geographical) resources and socio-economic characteristics of archetypical landscapes and are validated across the cases and regions</li> <li>• Systemic solutions are packaged in regional adaptation pathways and scenarios towards achieving objectives and transformation goals and following priorities, supported by methodology and guidance</li> <li>• Systemic solutions and development of adaptation pathways are supported by quantitative models and decision support toolbox.</li> <li>• Engaged regions and communities have drafted an adaptation plan focused on priorities for achieving objectives and transformation</li> </ul> |

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|                                                  | <p>goals based on transformative solutions and pathways supported by achieved tech, finance, governance and social enablers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Societal understanding of need for adaptation towards climate resilience and transformation, and the underlying fundament of R&amp;I is increased by a process of managing community involvement, awareness raising and dedicated information sharing.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Geographical scope and countries involved</b> | Mediterranean biogeographical area – 5 demonstrating regions (Valencia Region, Spain; Sardinia Region, Italy; Split-Dalmatia County, Croatia; Eastern Macedonia Thrace, Greece; and Comunidade Intermunicipal das Beiras e Serra da Estrela, Portugal) and 3 replicating regions (Région Sud - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France; Potenza Province, Italy; and Cyprus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Total budget (EUR)</b>                        | 18 412 257.4 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Main source(s) of funding</b>                 | EU Horizon Europe (Call: HORIZON-MISS-2022-CLIMA-01)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Lead organization (manager)</b>               | CMCC (Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Other partners</b>                            | FUNDACION TECNALIA; INOVA+, DIMOKRITIO PANEPISTIMIO THRAKIS; CLIMATE-KIC; STICHTING DELTARES; STICHTING WAGENINGEN RESEARCH; Dynamic Vision; BWB CONNECT CLG; UICN, UNION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA CONSERVATION; REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA*RAS IT Partner; Split-Dalmatia County; MUNICIPIO DO FUNDÃO; Conselleria de Agricultura, Desarrollo Rural, Emergencia; Valenciana d'Aprofitament Energetic de Residus; Medi XXI GSA; PERIFEREIA ANATOLIKIS MAKEDONIAS KAI THRAKIS; ENERGEIAKO GRAFEO KYPRION POLITON; PROVINCIA DI POTENZA; ISTITUTO POLITECNICO DE CASTELO; ASSOCIACAO PARA UM CENTRO DE ESTUDOS; Comunidade Intermunicipal das Beiras e Serra da Estrela PT Partner Municipality of Paggaios; EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION; CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE; CRITERIA (Città, Ricerche, Innovazione, Ambiente); IMC - International Marine Centre Onlus; MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND COST FOUNDATION; University of Split, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture; UDRUGA ZA PRIRODU OKOLIS I ODRZIVI RAZVOJ SUNCE; CMMI CYPRUS MARINE AND MARITIME INSTITUTE; CONSEIL REGIONAL PROVENCE ALPES COTE D'AZUR |
| <b>Start/end dates</b>                           | January 2024 – December 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <p>PAP/RAC is a part of Project's Split-Dalmatia Cluster, which participates in the Project as Demonstrating Region (DR) i.e. a region that has already developed a climate adaptation plan and is ready to implement innovative solutions. Regional transformative adaptation journeys will be developed by project partners from DRs jointly with scientific partners, building on existing plans or strategies harmonised and mainstreamed across various policy areas and economic sectors.</p> <p>In particular, PAP/RAC will lead the Work Package 3 <i>"Identify opportunities to scale up the demonstrated portfolio of solutions and foster their mainstreaming across the Med and beyond"</i>. WP 3's Integrated Scalability Pathways, designed within DesirMED for mainstreaming innovative solutions and NbS and their associated implementation process in all regional strategies and initiatives, will be customised, tested and validated in participating Regions, and the</p> |
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|                                                                                            | <p>resulting Scalability Plans will be delivered in line with the regional priorities. Apart from WP3, PAP/RAC's activities will be particularly focused on WP5 (Governance and Engagement) and WP7 (Capacity building), but PAP/RAC will participate in all the Project's WPs.</p> <p>Moreover, PAP/RAC will participate in dialogues, peer-to-peer exchange, mutual learning among 8 Med regions and across different geographical and policy contexts.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                                 | 435 625.00 €                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                                     | By far the most relevant outcome from UNEP MAP's 2022-2023 POW is Outcome 3.2. <i>Nature-based, technical solutions implemented to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change</i> , but the Project relates also to certain other outcomes (e.g. 3.1, 3.2, 5.4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                                 | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Justification/Comments on MAP Component's involvement and added value to MAP system</b> | <p>Resulting innovative solutions and their associated implementation processes will be scaled-up to be mainstreamed through the Mediterranean.</p> <p>The outputs/outcomes of DesirMED could be of multiple use for the overall MAP system since these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- contribute to the implementation of the 2022-2023 PoW (and beyond) – in particular POW's Outcome 3.2;</li> <li>- comply fully with the implementation of ICZM Protocol, and its Common Regional Framework (CRF)</li> <li>- contribute to the implementation of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework;</li> <li>- support the implementation of MSSD (in particular its Objective 4)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Focal Point at MAP Component</b>                                                        | Ivan Sekovski                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## MAP COMPONENT PROJECT FICHE (NON-MTF FUNDED)

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| <b>Title</b>                             | <b>SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND MODELS FOR DIGITAL TWIN OCEANS – SEADITO</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description and main objective(s)</b> | <p>The EU Mission i.e. ‘Restore our Ocean and Waters’ (Mission Ocean) aims to protect and restore the health of our ocean and waters (hydrosphere) through research and innovation, citizen engagement, and blue investments by 2030. An important cross-cutting action to support this mission is the creation of the European Digital Twin Ocean (EU DTO) announced more than a year ago in February 2022, and being a part of the so-called Destination Earth (DestinE), which is a key initiative of the EC aiming at developing a highly accurate digital model of the Earth on a global scale. This model will monitor, simulate, and predict the interaction between natural phenomena and human activities. The ambition of the EU DTO is to make ocean knowledge readily available to citizens, entrepreneurs, scientists, and policymakers by providing them with an innovative set of user-driven, interactive modelling and visualisation tools. The first version of the EU DTO, available by 2024-25, will focus on physical, chemical, and some ecological data and models, leaving behind socio-economic aspects, except some selected data and models stored in EMODnet, related to maritime activities like fishery, aqua-culture, and energy production. Besides, data on cultural and behavioural patterns (the human dimension) is absent. Therefore, improved, and co-created maritime-related social-ecological data and models are needed to integrate the human dimension into EU DTO to better support adaptive management and policy goals for the coastal and marine realms. This objective will be reached by addressing the following specific sub-objectives with associated indicators to measure the progress of their implementation, and their relation to the work programme. Specific objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To implement interoperable, social-ecological spatial decision-support components for a wide range of social-ecological models aimed at the EU DTO as well as other DTO platforms, applying a multi-actor approach</li> <li>2. To develop integrated social-ecological models and indicators to assess the impact of environmental change, policy alternatives, management decisions, and their related uncertainties.</li> <li>3. To extend the boundaries of social-ecological models by investigating and developing methodologies for analysis of qualitative parameters for capturing cultural and behavioural patterns including their uncertainties.</li> <li>4. To provide solutions for ensuring long-term, reliable accessibility and availability of spatially explicit data for social-ecological models based on FAIR principles and persistent protocols to maintain the connections between different types of data</li> <li>5. To develop participatory processes and methods for effective stakeholder engagement and what-if scenarios on social-ecological links and policy options, to support other projects including Mission Blue Parks and Mission Lighthouses</li> </ol> |

## Main output(s)

The SEADITO project delivers a wide range of results, which contributes to the following expected outcomes by the end of the project period, where the first expected outcome, is divided into two to make the analysis more precise:

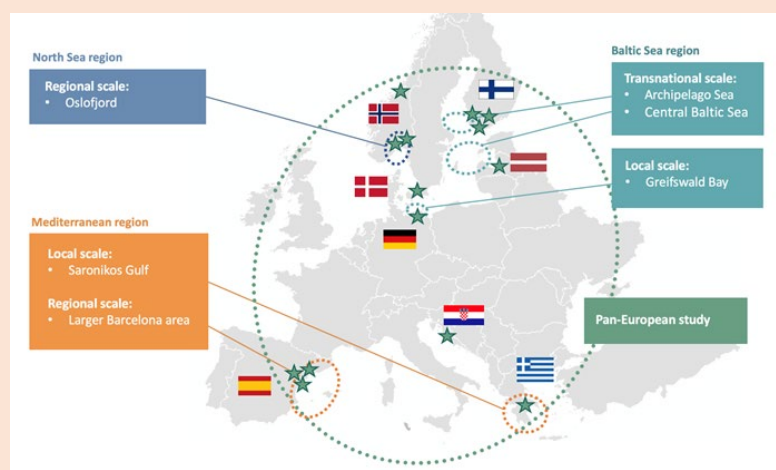
1A Solutions to the challenges of marine social-ecological modelling that will allow for their seamless incorporation in the framework of the DTO, taking into consideration their complex nature.

1B Interoperability and utilisation of transdisciplinary data; integration of models with different spatial and temporal resolutions, calculation of uncertainties, and visualisation of the workflows and results for clear communication to end-users, stakeholders, and decision makers.

2 Social-ecological models, developed with a multi-actor approach, that would help assess the impacts of environmental changes, human pressures and policy implementation on the overall ocean health, blue economy, and societal prosperity.

3 Improved understanding of complex social-ecological systems, aiming at better management of human activities, policy implementation, responding to societal needs and avoiding negative outcomes of policies such as the loss of jobs, overfishing, decreased ecosystem services in general.

## Geographical scope and countries involved



*Location of partners and case study areas*

## Total budget (EUR)

3 467 338 €

## Main source(s) of funding

Horizon Europe call HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-8

## Lead organization (manager)

Aalborg University (AAU): Denmark

## Other partners

Finnish Geospatial Research Institute (NLS FGI)  
Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)  
SINTEF AS (SINDIG)  
SINTEF Ocean AS (SOCEAN)  
Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (LIAE)  
Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research (IOW)  
University of Girona (UdG)  
The Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)  
Hellenic Centre of Marine Research (HCMR)  
Centre for Economic Development, Transport, and the Environment of Southwest Finland (Var-ELY)  
GALP Costa Brava (GALP)  
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|                        | Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) |
| <b>Start/end dates</b> | March 2024 – March 2027                                       |

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| <b>Description of project output(s) for which the MAP Component is responsible</b> | <p>PAP/RAC will be involved as a partner to the implementation of case studies in the Mediterranean in particular the tasks under 4.1 (Stakeholder identification and involvement), 4.2 (Specification, collection, and quality of data), 4.3 (Operationalization of case study-specific social-ecological models), and 4.5 (Synthesizing case study results) of this WP. The focus of PAP/RAC will be the indicator systems and stakeholder involvement. The case studies are designated for testing, calibrating, and validating the social-ecological models developed in SEADITO for coupling social and socio-economic data with the ecological data already planned to be part of the EU DTO and for providing feedback to the development of the EU DTO-compatible spatial decision supports tools in WP2 by involving end-users (T4.4). Linked together conceptually with the DAPSIR butterfly model, the case studies represent the diversity of coastal and marine social-ecological systems in Europe and will operate as an arena for addressing ecological, environmental, social, and economic challenges to our oceans and seas, driven by climate change and relevant human drivers as identified by the stakeholders (T4.1). They are selected to represent different scales (from local to Pan-European), different European regional seas (experiencing different climate change impacts, from water scarcity in the Mediterranean to increased precipitation in the North and Baltic Sea), and different degrees of naturalness/urbanization (from rural to metropolitan). The lessons learned across all case studies will be addressed in T4.5. The lead partner for the WP4 is the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research (IOW).</p> <p>Two case studies are from the Mediterranean region, namely: Saronikos Gulf, local case study (Lead: HCMR). The aim is to investigate socio-ecological effects of several opposing human activities on the marine ecosystem services for building a sustainable blue economy. Larger Barcelona, regional case (Lead: CSIC). The aim is to assess the status of the coastal marine ecosystem goods and services (CMES) and the cumulative human pressures they currently experience and may experience in climate change scenarios, to provide tools for decision making aimed to implement sustainable blue economy activities.</p> |
| <b>Project budget for MAP Component's activities (EUR)</b>                         | 25,000 € (3 person months out of 406 during 36 months)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Other MAP Components involved</b>                                               | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Most relevant UNEP/MAP POW outcome(s)/output(s)</b>                             | <p>3.1.1. Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans</p> <p>4.2.5. Strengthen community of MSP practice in the Mediterranean</p> <p>5.1.2 Advance the implementation of Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean and IMAp in coherence with regional and global developments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MTF budget allocation if applicable</b>                                         | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Justification/Comments on  
MAP Component's  
involvement and added  
value to MAP system**

The results of the project could be of multiple use for the overall MAP system as they:

- contribute to the implementation of the 2024-25 PoW and Mid-Term Strategy because fully in line with these two documents;
- comply fully with the implementation of ICZM Protocol and its Action Plan as well as the Decision on MSP;
- support the implementation of MSSD and IMAP.

**Focal Point at MAP  
Component**

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