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Third Meeting of Technical Experts on the
Application of the Ecosystem Approach by UNEP/MAP

Istanbul, Turkey, 10-11 March 2011

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction and meeting objectives

1. The second meeting of technical experts on the application of the ecosystem approach by the Mediterranean Action Plan, held in Barcelona, Spain on 6-7 July 2010, decided to hold a third meeting in March 2011 to elaborate on ecological objectives, taking into account the issues emerging from the finalized Integrated Assessment Report, socio-economic considerations, ICZM and cumulative impacts. Therefore the objective of the third meeting is to review the proposed ecological objectives associated with specific operational objectives and indicators.

2. At the kind invitation and support of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Turkey, the meeting will take place on 10-11 March 2011 at Crystal Hotel, Receppaşa Caddesi No:7 Taksim, Istanbul, Turkey

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2011

3. Registration of participants will take place from 08.30 and delegates are kindly asked to be in the Conference Room 15 minutes before the session starts.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting, election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:00-09.30)

4. The Meeting will be opened by the representative of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Turkey, Mr Sedat Kadioglu, Deputy Undersecretary and by the Officer-in-Charge of UNEP/MAP, Ms Maria Luisa Silva Mejias.

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

6. The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI) WG.355/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

7. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

8. The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda Item 2: Progress in implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (09:30-10:00)

9. The Secretariat will provide an update on the progress in implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap since the second meeting of experts held in Barcelona in July 2010.

Agenda Item 3: Proposed Mediterranean ecological objectives associated with its operational objectives and indicators Thursday 10 March (10:00-18:00), Friday 11 March (09:00 – 11:30)

10. The Secretariat will present the first draft of proposed ecological objectives and the overall reasoning for their selection.

11. The meeting is expected to embark in a discussion to review the proposed ecological objectives in the Mediterranean and approve them as amended, where appropriate.

12. The Secretariat will also make an introductory presentation on the set of operational objectives and indicators associated with each of the ecological objectives.

13. The meeting is expected to discuss the proposals, provide input and advise the Secretariat on how to further develop the operational objectives and indicators accordingly.

Working document: "Draft Proposed Ecological Objectives and Indicators in the framework of implementing the Ecosystem Approach by UNEP/MAP" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/3

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2011

Agenda Item 4: Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD (11:30-13:00)

14. The Secretariat will make a presentation on the proposed timeline for implementing the roadmap for the gradual application of the ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean.

15. The meeting is expected to provide feedback and advice on the basis of which the Secretariat will prepare after the meeting a draft decision for submission and consideration by the Government Designated Expert meeting in May 2011.

Working document: "Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP ecosystem approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD" UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/4

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of recommendations and conclusions (15:00-18:00)

16. The Meeting will examine, amend as appropriate, and adopt a set of draft conclusions and recommendations which will be prepared by the Secretariat based on the discussions and agreements of the meeting.

17. A full report (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/5) will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and circulated to all participants for review and amendments as appropriate before its adoption.

Agenda Item 6: Closure of the meeting (18:00)

18. The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 18.00 hours on Friday 11 March 2011.

Note:

Coffee breaks: 10.30-10.50 and 15.30-15.50 hrs

Lunch break March 10: 13.00-14.30 hrs

Lunch break March 11: 13.00-15.00 hrs (to facilitate drafting the conclusions of the meeting)

TIMETABLE

Thursday, 10 March 2011			
09:00 – 09:30	1. Opening of the meeting Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	Officer-in-Charge	Working Document/s UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.355/2
09:30 – 10:00	2. Progress in implementation of the Ecosystem Approach roadmap	Secretariat	Slide Presentation
10:00 – 18:00	3. Proposed Mediterranean ecological objectives associated with its operational objectives and indicators	Secretariat Participants	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.355/3
Friday, 11 March 2011			
09:00 – 11:30	3. Continued.	Secretariat Consultant	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.355/3
11:30 – 13:00	4. Proposed timeline for implementing UNEP/MAP Ecosystem Approach roadmap in synergy with MSFD	Secretariat Participants	Working Document/s UNEP/(DEPI)/MED WG.355/4
15:00 – 18:00	5. Adoption of recommendations and conclusions	Participants	Draft recommendations and conclusions (in session)
18:00	6. Closure of the meeting	Chairperson	