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Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring (CORMON Marine Litter)

Videoconference, 29 January 2025

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with Decision IG.26/14 on “UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget for the biennium 2024 – 2025”, and Decision IG.26/3 on “The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean”, as adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023, including the revision of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) and the enhancement of IMAP, UNEP/MAP is organizing the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring (CORMON Marine Litter) to be held online on 29 January 2025.

2. The objectives of the CORMON Marine Litter Meeting, are to review and endorse the following:

- a) Preliminary proposal for revising IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO 10) on Marine Litter;
- b) Proposal for updating the Baseline Values (BV) and establishing Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24;
- c) Proposal for updating the environmental targets for IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter;
- d) Preliminary elements for an intercalibration exercise for the collection and analyses of floating microplastic samples between Mediterranean laboratories.

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

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 AM (EET) on 29 January 2025 by the Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme/ Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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a) Rules of Procedure

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

b) Election of Officers

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

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.601/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

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

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the two sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The Meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 29 January 2025 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Proposal for Revising IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter

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11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the preliminary proposal for revising IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter (UNEP/MED WG.601/3), in line with the preliminary elements presented during the 11th Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group Meeting (Online, 2 October 2024).

12. Moreover, the Secretariat (MED POL and SPA/RAC) will present the proposal for updating the Baseline Values (BV) and establishing Threshold Values (TV) for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 at the level of the Mediterranean region (UNEP/MED WG.601/4).

13. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the proposals for updating IMAP EO10 as well as updating the BV and establishing TV for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, for further submission to the Meetings of CORMON Marine Litter (May 2025, tbc) and MED POL Focal Points (June 2025, tbc).

Agenda item 4: Proposal for Updating the Environmental Targets for IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter

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14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present a proposal for updating the environmental targets for IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10 - Marine Litter) and its Common Indicators, including a proposal for interim environmental targets (UNEP/MED WG.601/5).

15. The Meeting is expected to discuss and endorse the proposal, for further submission to the Meetings of CORMON Marine Litter (May 2025, tbc) and MED POL Focal Points (June 2025, tbc).

Agenda item 5: Supporting the Initiation of an Intercalibration Exercise for the Collection and Analyses of Floating Microplastic Samples from Mediterranean Laboratories

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16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (MED POL) will present the preliminary elements for an intercalibration exercise for collection and analyses of floating microplastic samples between Mediterranean Laboratories. The working document UNEP/MED WG.601/6 supplements the guidelines for monitoring floating microplastics through a two-phase process including: (a) a dedicated in situ training session in two reference laboratories; and (b) an Intercalibration exercise between the different Mediterranean laboratories.

17. The Meeting is expected to review and most importantly to support the establishment of an intercalibration exercise for collection and analyses of floating microplastic samples between Mediterranean laboratories the guidelines and endorse their submission to the Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points (June 2025, tbc).

Agenda item 6: Any Other Business

18. Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

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Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

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

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

21. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 on Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Proposed Timetable

Wednesday 29 January 2025		Related documents
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.601/1 UNEP/MED WG.601/2 UNEP/MED WG.601/Inf.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: Proposal for Revising IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter	UNEP/MED WG.601/3 UNEP/MED WG.601/4
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 4: Proposal for Updating the Environmental Targets for IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter	UNEP/MED WG.601/5
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 5: Supporting the Initiation of an Intercalibration Exercise for the Collection and Analyses of Floating Microplastic Samples from Mediterranean Laboratories	UNEP/MED WG.601/6
16:30 – 16:45	Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business	
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda Item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30	Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting	UNEP/MED WG.601/7