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Introduction

1. At their Twentieth Ordinary Meeting (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, and its Protocols, requested the Specially Protected Area Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) to prepare on a trial basis, a meeting of the thematic focal points for Specially Protected Areas/Biological Diversity for the biennium 2018-2019, under the guidance of the Coordinating Unit, to achieve the greatest possible integration with the other themes of the Mid-Term Strategy (Decision IG.23/3).
2. The Fourteenth Meeting of Thematic Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity will be convened at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, at the Slovenija Hotel (Obala 33, 6320 Portorož), in Portorož, Slovenia, from 18 to 21 June 2019.
3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting with its deliberations.

Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened on Tuesday, 18 June 2019, at 9 a.m., by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit of the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and SPA/RAC.
5. All the MAP Focal Points and SPA/BD Focal Points have been invited to attend the meeting or to designate their representatives.
6. The relevant intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations have also been invited to designate their representatives to the meeting as observers.
7. As this meeting is held on a trial basis, SPA/RAC will act as Secretariat of the Meeting, supported by other MAP Component representatives who will present the documents they have elaborated and give assistance in their discussion, as appropriate.

Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.1 Rev.1	<i>Provisional List of Participants</i>

Agenda item 2 Organizational matters

2.1. Rules of procedure

8. The internal rules adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) as amended by the Contracting Parties (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.1/5 and UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/5) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

2.2. Election of officers

9. While observing the principle of equitable geographical distribution, the meeting will elect from amongst the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur.

2.3. Adoption of the agenda

10. The *Provisional Agenda* proposed by the Secretariat and issued as document UNEP/MED WG.461/1 and annotated in this document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will be also invited to review and adopt the timetable proposed at the end of this document.

2.4. Organization of work

11. It is proposed that the meeting be held in daily sessions from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.
12. It is expected that the meeting addresses all items of the agenda within the allotted sessions.
13. The morning of the day 1 (18 June 2019) will be allocated for the 6th meeting of SAP BIO National Correspondents.
14. It is proposed that the morning of the day 4 (21 June 2019) will be allocated for a field visit to be organised jointly with the Slovenian authorities.
15. On day 4 (21 June 2019), an afternoon session will take place from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 5 p.m. after adopting its report, including the annexes.
16. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all the plenary sessions.
17. The meeting documents will not be distributed in paper copies. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their own copies to the meeting.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/1 Rev.1	<i>Provisional Agenda</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/2 Rev.2	<i>Provisional Annotated Agenda</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.2 Rev.2	<i>Provisional List of Documents</i>

Agenda item 3 Status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) in the Mediterranean

18. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.461/3, the Secretariat will present a summary of the reports submitted by the Contracting Parties, through the online Reporting System of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The reporting period covered by these reports is the 2016-2017 biennium.
19. The Contracting Parties representatives will be invited to provide their comments about the provided overview and complement it, where necessary.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/3	<i>Report on the status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol)</i>

Agenda item 4 Progress report on activities carried out to implement the Biodiversity and Ecosystems core theme since the Thirteenth meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points

20. Referring mainly to document UNEP/MED WG.461/4, the Director of SPA/RAC will present the progress report on the activities carried out by SPA/RAC and other MAP Components, in relation with the Biodiversity and Ecosystems core theme, since the Thirteenth meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Alexandria, Egypt, 9-12 May 2017), highlighting the main achievements and challenges met during the implementation of the programme of work.
21. The meeting is expected to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme of work and to provide its comments, where necessary.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/4	<i>Progress report on the activities carried out to implement the Biodiversity and Ecosystems core theme since the Thirteenth meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.3	<i>Defining the Most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.457/5	<i>Report of the Meeting of Experts on the finalization of the Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.5	<i>Rationale for the draft guidelines for the conduct of environmental impact assessment (EIA)</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.6	<i>Rationale for the Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.</i>

UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.7 Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.458/6	<i>Report of the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.474/6	<i>Report of the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.9	<i>Data Management Policy</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.459/4	<i>Report of the Fifth Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)</i>
UNEP/MED WG. 461/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG. 460/Inf.3	<i>Information note on the methodology followed for evaluating the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)</i>
UNEP/MED WG. 461/Inf.12	<i>Update on the elaboration of the chapters on marine and coastal biodiversity of the report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean 2019 (SoED 2019)</i>

Agenda item 5 Conservation of Species and Habitats

5.1. Updating of the regional strategy and action plans for the conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal, Marine Turtles and Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea

22. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/5 containing the *Draft updated Regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean*, document UNEP/MED WG.461/6 containing the *Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean marine turtles* and document UNEP/MED WG.461/7 containing the *Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of cartilaginous fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea*.
23. The meeting will be invited to review the proposed amendments to the Action Plans and agree to their submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/5 Rev.1	<i>Draft updated Regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/6	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean marine turtles</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/7	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of cartilaginous fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea</i>

5.2. Evaluation of the impact of marine litter on the most representative marine species in the framework of the Marine Litter Regional Plan

24. Under this agenda item, the floor will be given to the Secretariat to introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/8 *Defining the most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and related monitoring Protocol* and the Information document UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.3 *Defining the most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24*.
25. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/8	<i>Defining the most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 and related monitoring Protocol</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.3	<i>Defining the most Representative Species for IMAP Candidate Indicator 24</i>

5.3. Updating of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea and the Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean

26. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/9 *Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea*, document UNEP/MED WG.461/10 *Draft Updated Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region* and document UNEP/MED WG.461/11 *Draft Updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean*.
27. The meeting will be invited to review the proposed updated Action Plan, updated Classification and updated Reference List and agree to their submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/9	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/10	<i>Draft Updated Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/11	<i>Draft Updated Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.457/5	<i>Report of the Meeting of Experts on the finalization of the Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean</i>

5.4. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

28. The Head of Office of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) will present the document UNEP/MED WG.461/12 *Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)*.
29. The participants will be invited to provide their opinion on the proposed guidelines and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/12	<i>Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.5	<i>Rationale for the draft guidelines for the conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</i>

5.5. Draft Updated Guidelines for Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea

30. Under this agenda item, the floor will be given to the representative of the Programme for the Assessment and Control of Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean (MED POL) to introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/13 *Updated Guidelines for Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea*.
31. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/13	<i>Updated Guidelines for Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea</i>

Agenda item 6 Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest

6.1. Evaluation of the implementation of the Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean

32. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.461/14, the Secretariat will present the *Draft Report on the evaluation of the implementation of the Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean*.
33. The participants will be invited to provide their opinion on the implementation of the Roadmap and, where necessary, additional information about activities undertaken by their countries/organizations.

34. It is expected that the final report integrating the comments and amendments provided by the Focal Points before and during the present meeting will be brought to the attention of the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for appropriate follow up.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/14 Rev.1	<i>Draft Report on the evaluation of the implementation of the Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean</i>

6.2. Outputs and deliverables of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM); and evaluation of the AGEM and its activities during its trial period

35. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the *Report on the Ad hoc group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) during its trial period (2018-2019)*, submitted to the meeting as document UNEP/MED WG. 461/15.
36. The meeting will be invited to assess the added value of the AGEM's outputs and deliverables and make a recommendation to the Contracting Parties on whether the group should be continued, adjusted or terminated.
37. The meeting will be also invited to review the concept notes produced by the AGEM and appearing as annexes to document UNEP/MED WG. 461/15, and propose recommendations to be considered and where relevant proposed to the meeting of MAP focal Points and to the COP 21 to move a step forward with the MPA agenda in the region.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/15	<i>Report on the Ad hoc group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) during its trial period (2018-2019)</i>

6.3. List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI List)

6.3.1. Ordinary Periodic Review of SPAMIs

38. The Secretariat will introduce the *Report on the Ordinary Periodic Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List*, undertaken in 2019 (UNEP/MED WG.461/16). This review concerned the following nineteen SPAMIs:
- (1) Blue Coast Marine Park (France);
 - (2) Embiez Archipelago - Six Fours (France);
 - (3) Port-Cros (France);
 - (4) Pelagos Sanctuary for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (France, Italy and Monaco);
 - (5) Capo Carbonara Marine Protected Area (Italy);
 - (6) Marine Protected Area of Penisola del Sinis - Isola di Mal di Ventre (Italy);
 - (7) Porto Cesareo Marine Protected Area (Italy);
 - (8) Palm Islands Nature Reserve (Lebanon);

- (9) Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon);
- (10) Alboran Island (Spain);
- (11) Columbretes Islands (Spain);
- (12) Mar Menor and the Oriental Mediterranean zone of the region of Murcia coast (Spain);
- (13) Medes Islands (Spain);
- (14) Natural Park of Cabo de Gata-Níjar (Spain);
- (15) Natural Park of Cap de Creus (Spain);
- (16) Sea Bottom of the Levante of Almeria (Spain);
- (17) Kneiss Islands (Tunisia);
- (18) La Galite Archipelago (Tunisia); and
- (19) Zembra and Zembretta National Park (Tunisia).

39. The meeting is expected to consider the Ordinary review reports and provide recommendations as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/16	<i>Report on the Ordinary Periodic Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List</i>

6.3.2. Inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List

40. While referring to document UNEP/MED WG.461/17 *Draft Proposals of areas for inclusion in the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI List)*, the Secretariat will inform the meeting about the proposals received for inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List.
41. The presentation report for each candidate SPAMI will be presented by the delegation of the concerned country.
42. The meeting will be invited to examine the conformity of the proposed areas with the guidelines and common criteria of the SPA/BD Protocol, and to provide recommendations as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/17	<i>Draft Proposals of areas for inclusion in the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI List)</i>

6.3.3. Updating of the Format for the periodic review of SPAMIs

43. The Secretariat will present the *Draft updated Format for the periodic review of SPAMIs* presented in document UNEP/MED WG.461/18.
44. The meeting will be invited to review the proposed updated Format and agree to its submission to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for adoption as appropriate.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/18	<i>Draft updated Format for the periodic review of SPAMIs</i>

6.4. Draft Joint Cooperation Strategy on Spatial-based Protection and Management Measures for Marine Biodiversity

45. While referring to document UNEP/MED WG.461/19 *Draft Joint Cooperation Strategy on Spatial-based Protection and Management Measures for Marine Biodiversity: Explanatory Note*, the Secretariat will inform the meeting about the progress undertaken in the process of elaboration of the Joint Cooperation Strategy document.
46. The meeting will be invited to provide its opinion on the Joint Cooperation Strategy.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/19 Rev.1	<i>Draft Joint Cooperation Strategy on Spatial-based Protection and Management Measures for Marine Biodiversity. Explanatory Note</i>

6.5. Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) within the framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan

47. Under this agenda item, the floor will be given to the Head of Office of REMPEC to introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/20 *Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan*.
48. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/20	<i>Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.6	<i>Rationale for the Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPA) within the Framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan</i>

Agenda item 7 Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Roadmap

7.1. Implementation of the first phase (2016-2019) of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP - Biodiversity and non-indigenous species) in the framework of the EcAp Roadmap

49. The Secretariat will present the document UNEP/MED WG.461/21 *Implementation of the first phase (2016-2019) of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP - Biodiversity and non-indigenous species) in the framework of the EcAp Roadmap*.

50. The meeting will be invited to take note and comment the document and agree to its submission to the EcAp Coordination Group and the MAP Focal Points meetings for appropriate follow up.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/21	<i>Implementation of the first phase (2016-2019) of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP - Biodiversity and non-indigenous species) in the framework of the EcAp Roadmap</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.7 Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.458/6	<i>Report of the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.474/6	<i>Report of the Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries</i>

7.2. IMAP information system platform related to biodiversity and non-indigenous species cluster

51. Under this agenda item, the floor will be given to the representative of the Information and Communication Regional Activity Centre (INFO/RAC) to introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/22 *Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species: Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for Selected IMAP Common Indicators*.
52. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/22	<i>Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species: Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for Selected IMAP Common Indicators</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.9	<i>Data Management Policy</i>

7.3. Methodological Guidance of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM in the Mediterranean

53. Under this agenda item, the floor will be given to the representative of the Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) to introduce document UNEP/MED WG.461/23 *Methodological Guidance for Reaching Good Environmental Status (GES) Through ICZM*.
54. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposal and make recommendations on the subject.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/23	<i>Methodological Guidance for Reaching Good Environmental Status (GES) Through ICZM</i>

Agenda item 8 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)

8.1. Evaluation of the implementation of the SAP BIO during 2004-2018 and orientations for the elaboration of a new post 2020 SAP BIO document

55. While referring to document UNEP/MED WG.461/24 *Draft evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO) and orientations for the elaboration of a post-2020 SAP BIO*, and document UNEP/MED WG.461/25 *Conclusions and recommendations of the consultation process to evaluate the implementation of the SAP BIO (Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region)*, the Secretariat will inform the meeting about the evaluation of the SAP BIO implementation along 2004-2018, the methodology followed as per document UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.11 *Information note on the methodology followed for evaluating the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)*, and the orientations for the elaboration of a new Post-2020 SAP BIO document for the period 2021-2035 and beyond.
56. The participants are expected to contribute with their experience and opinions about the SAP BIO implementation at regional and national levels and provide guidance and proposals as appropriate to submit the evaluation to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for adoption and to take decision on the convenience to develop a Post-2020 SAP BIO tailored to the biodiversity conservation challenges towards 2035 and beyond.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/24 UNEP/MED WG.460/3	<i>Draft evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO) and orientations for the elaboration of a post-2020 SAP BIO</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/25	<i>Conclusions and recommendations of the consultation process to evaluate the implementation of the SAP BIO (Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region) (To be issued after the of SAP BIO National Correspondents)</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.459/4	<i>Report of the Fifth Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)</i>
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.460/Inf.3	<i>Information note on the methodology followed for evaluating the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP BIO)</i>

8.2. Analysis of coherence between regional documents adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and the ICZM policy framework

57. The Secretariat will then give the floor to the representative of PAP/RAC to present the document UNEP/MED WG.461/26 *Analysis of coherence between regional documents adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and the ICZM policy framework*, together with the findings from applying the proposed methodology to SAP BIO. The participants will be invited to review the presented information and provide their comments to PAP/RAC on this analysis of coherence between SPA/BD and ICZM policy frameworks and its usefulness to aid defining the orientations of the Post-2020 SAP BIO.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/26	<i>Analysis of coherence between regional documents adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and the ICZM policy framework</i>

8.3. Update on the elaboration of the chapters on marine and coastal biodiversity of the report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean 2019 (SoED 2019)

58. The Secretariat will then provide an update to the meeting on the elaboration of the 2019 Report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (SoED), focusing on its chapters on biodiversity, as per Information document UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.12 *Update on the elaboration of the chapters on marine and coastal biodiversity of the report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean 2019 (SoED 2019)*.

Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/Inf.12	<i>Update on the elaboration of the chapters on marine and coastal biodiversity of the report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean 2019 (SoED 2019)</i>

Agenda item 9 Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2020-2021

59. The Secretariat will present the *Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2020-2021* (document UNEP/MED WG.461/27).
60. Based on the comments and recommendations of the meeting, the Secretariat will elaborate a revised version of the document that will serve as basis for the SPA/RAC activities to be integrated in the MAP and Components Draft Programme of Work for 2020-2021, that will be submitted to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 21 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.461/27	<i>Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2020-2021</i>

Agenda item 10 Any other matters

61. 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 provisional agenda.

Agenda item 11 Adoption of the report

62. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft report prepared by the Secretariat and submitted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 12 Closure of the meeting

63. The meeting is expected to be closed on Friday 21 June 2019, at 5.30 p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

DAY 1: Tuesday 18 June 2019

8.30 - 9.00	<i>Welcoming of the participants and registration</i>	
9.00 - 9.30	Agenda item 1	Opening of the meeting
9.30 - 12.30	6th Meeting of SAP BIO National Correspondents	
12.30 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30 -16.00	Agenda item 2.1	Rules of procedure
	Agenda item 2.2	Election of officers
	Agenda item 2.3	Adoption of the agenda
	Agenda item 2.4	Organization of work
14.30 -16.00	Agenda item 3	Status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) in the Mediterranean
	Agenda item 4	Progress report on activities carried out to implement the Biodiversity and Ecosystems core theme since the Thirteenth meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points
16.00 - 17.30	Agenda item 5.1	Updating of the regional strategy and action plans for the conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal, Marine Turtles and Cartilaginous Fishes in the Mediterranean Sea
	Agenda item 5.2	Evaluation of the impact of marine litter on the most representative marine species in the framework of the Marine Litter Regional Plan
17.30 - 18.30	<i>Side event</i>	<i>Marine biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation:</i> - <i>Update of the status of Pinna nobilis</i> - <i>Climate change adaptation in MPA planning</i>

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9.30 - 11.30	Agenda item 5.3	Updating of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea and the Reference List of Marine Habitat Types for the Selection of Sites to be included in the National Inventories of Natural Sites of Conservation Interest in the Mediterranean
	Agenda item 5.4	Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
	Agenda item 5.5	Updated Guidelines for Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea
11.30 - 12.30	Agenda item 6.1	Evaluation of the implementation of the Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs to Achieve Aichi Target 11 in the Mediterranean
12.30 - 13.30	<i>Side event</i>	<i>The 2017- 2019 MAVAs projects implemented by SPA/RAC and its Partners in the Mediterranean region</i>
13.30 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30 - 17.30	Agenda item 6.2	Outputs and deliverables of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM); and evaluation of the AGEM and its activities during its trial period
	Agenda item 6.3.1	Ordinary Periodic Review of SPAMIs
	Agenda item 6.3.2	Inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List
	Agenda item 6.3.3	Updating of the Format for the periodic review of SPAMIs
17.30 - 18.30	<i>Side event</i>	<i>The MedFund: the environmental trust fund for Mediterranean MPAs</i>

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9.30 - 11.00	Agenda item 6.4	Draft Joint Cooperation Strategy on Spatial-based Protection and Management Measures for Marine Biodiversity
	Agenda item 6.5	Mediterranean Offshore Guidelines and Standards: Draft Common Standards and Guidelines for Special Restrictions or Conditions for Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) within the framework of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan
11.00 - 12.30	Agenda item 7.1	Implementation of the first phase (2016-2019) of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP - Biodiversity and non-indigenous species) in the framework of the EcAp Roadmap
	Agenda item 7.2	IMAP information system platform related to biodiversity and non-indigenous species cluster
	Agenda item 7.3	Methodological Guidance of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM in the Mediterranean
12.30 - 13.30	<i>Side event</i>	<i>Towards an ecologically representative and efficiently managed network of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas - MedMPA Network Project</i>
13.30 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30 - 16.00	Agenda item 8.1	Evaluation of the implementation of the SAP BIO during 2004-2018 and orientations for the elaboration of a new post 2020 SAP BIO document
	Agenda item 8.2	Analysis of coherence between regional documents adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and the ICZM policy framework
	Agenda item 8.3	Update on the elaboration of the chapters on marine and coastal biodiversity of the report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean 2019 (SoED 2019)
16.00 - 17.30	Agenda item 9	Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2020-2021
	Agenda item 10	Any other matters
17.30 - 18.30	<i>Side event</i>	<i>The 2018 exploration campaign for areas of deep ecological interest</i>

DAY 4: Friday 21 June 2019

Morning	<i>Field visit organized by SPA/RAC and the Slovenian authorities (Preparation by the Secretariat of the Draft Report of the meeting)</i>	
14.30 - 17.30	Agenda item 11	Adoption of the report
	Agenda item 12	Closure of the meeting