

MedMPAnet PROJECT

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*Sustain the Med
Boost MPAs*

THE MedMPAnet PROJECT II

The regional project « **Towards an ecologically representative and efficiently managed network of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas** » is a 30-month project (2016-2018) managed by UNEP/MAP, co-executed by RAC/SPA, WWF-MedPO and MedPAN, and financially supported by the European Union.

It builds on the achievements of the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership project), and contributes to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol.

The global objective of the project is to support achieving a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Mediterranean, which ensures the long term conservation of key elements of the marine biodiversity and gives significant support to the sustainable development of the region.

RAC/SPA activities have been given the name of « MedMPAnet project II » and focus on the following actions:

- Establishing new MPAs through their ecological characterization (Lebanon), and management and business planning (Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia) in order to extend the existing regional network and enhance its ecological representativeness ;
- Strengthening MPA regional coordination to ensure long-term networking through (i) the setting up of an Ad hoc group of experts focused on Mediterranean MPA issues under the SPA/BD Protocol and (ii) the organization of the 2016 Mediterranean MPA forum ;
- Sharing knowledge and raising awareness about MPAs in the Mediterranean by (i) upgrading and updating the Mediterranean MPA database (MAPAMED), (ii) elaborating the MPA status report 2016, (iii) evaluating the 2020 MPA' roadmap implementation and (iv) developing information and communication tools on MPAs.

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