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**Narrative introduction to the draft activities and deliverables proposed by SPA/RAC
to 2026-2027 PoW**

1. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* have been prepared following the guiding elements included in the “Guiding elements for the preparation of 2026-2027 UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW)” prepared by the Secretariat. As this marks the third and last biennium of the MTS cycle (2022-2027), most of the proposed activities are in continuation of those started in the present biennium to implement relevant priority actions included in the existing regional strategies already adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention as well as those newly adopted at their 23rd meeting (COP 23, Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023).
2. In developing the *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC*, due consideration has been given to the contribution of its expected deliverables to the achievement of the 2022-2027 MTS programmes’ objectives, strategic outcomes and related targets. Special attention is given to long-term strategic outcomes that require sustained efforts beyond a single biennium, such as threatened and endangered species and habitats conservation, ecosystem restoration, nature-based technical solutions, mass mortality linked to heat waves, marine and coastal protected areas establishment and management, SPAMI periodic review, EcAp/IMAP activities, etc.
3. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* aim at assisting the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, in particular, by protecting, preserving and managing, in a sustainable and environmentally sound way, areas of particular natural or cultural value, notably by establishing and fostering effective management of specially protected areas and by protecting, preserving and restoring threatened or endangered species of flora and fauna, and their habitats, in line with the SPA/RAC mandate.
4. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* have been developed considering the priorities defined in the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) in the Mediterranean, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 22nd meeting, and the Regional Action Plans and Strategy on threatened and endangered species and key habitats. Its deliverables aim at contributing, based on the available budget (both MTF and externally mobilized funds), to the implementation of Instruments and Decisions taken by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention: the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol); in particular COP 22 Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027, Decision IG.25/11 Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO), Decision IG.25/12 Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance, Decision IG.25/13 Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), Decision IG.26/5 Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration, Decision IG.26/4 Amendments to annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, Decision IG.26/3 The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a renewed ecosystem approach policy in the Mediterranean and IG.26/14 Programme of Work and Budget for 2024-2025 Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023).
5. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* also consider relevant current and emerging global and regional frameworks and processes, including SDG 5.5, 13.2, 14.1, 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 12.2, 15.5, 15.1, 15.8, 15.9, 15.a, 17; UN Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15 outcomes and particularly the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), UNFCCC

and Paris Agreement, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the international legally-binding instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), etc.

6. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* are developed mainly under six MTS Programmes, namely, “Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity”, “Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean”, “Governance”, “Together for a Shared Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast” and “Towards a Stronger Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”. Particular attention will be paid to the collaboration with other MAP Components toward a more integrated MAP action and to the cooperation with relevant regional partners with the aim to achieve a more coherent and inclusive regional partnership.

MTS Programme “Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity”

7. The main objective of the *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* under this programme is to support the Contracting Parties in their efforts towards improving ecosystem resilience through restoration of those with best regeneration potential, to assist them in establishing, expanding and effectively managing a comprehensive, coherent and effective Mediterranean network of MCPAs and OECMs, based on the orientations and priorities of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and other relevant global frameworks and targets, improving the status of conservation of Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats and minimizing non-indigenous species introductions and controlling their introduction pathways. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties to identify and implement national measures to restore the most resilient marine and coastal habitats, as a means to allow successful restoration experiences during the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration and build capacities for more challenging ones in the future, including through the elaboration of tools and guidelines, specific training and countries’ field actions in collaboration with Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC and REMPEC as well as relevant regional and national organisations for many of the proposed activities, through:

- supporting the Contracting Parties in protecting and conserving the Mediterranean Sea through well-connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs) and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs), and in particular through declaring and extending their MPA/Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs), identifying and reporting OECMs, including transboundary areas and in Areas Beyond National Jurisdictions (ABNJ), designating protected areas with enhanced protection levels, and enforcing efficient management measures for their long-term conservation.
- Assisting the Contracting Parties for the evaluation of the existing SPAMIs (through the SPAMI periodic review for 10 sites) and strengthening effective SPAMI management through continuing and fostering SPAMI Twinning Programmes.
- ensuring continuous knowledge enhancement, management measures definition and implementation, conservation status assessments of marine and coastal species and habitats covered by the updated Regional Action Plans and the Annex II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol, in line with the IMAP requirements, data knowledge and experience sharing, networking and capacity building programmes organisation (scientific symposia and conferences, workshops and thematic regional, sub-regional and national training sessions), regional action plans/strategy update, National Action Plan elaboration improvement and adaptation of measures to mitigate the impact and interaction with anthropogenic activities and/or climate change.
- undertaking state of play on existing practices and measures for biodiversity restoration including their scientific evaluation and sharing best practices applicable to the Mediterranean, as well as through implementing pilot/demonstration and concrete actions, when possible and appropriate.

MTS Programme “Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean”

8. The main objective of the *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* under this programme is to support the Contracting Parties in identifying and implementing nature-based technical solutions to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change on marine and coastal. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage assisting the Contracting Parties through:

- improving the national capacities on Climate change adaptation planning in particular to address issues affecting marine resources and fisheries sector, in coastal areas

MTS Programme “Governance”

9. The main objective of the *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC* under this programme is to contribute to the effective implementation and enforcement by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, of MAP Policies, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels. The aim is to ensure policy coherence and complementarity among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system’s policy and regulatory instruments, to enhance partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement including with the private sector, civil society organisations and science-policy interface and the implementation of coordinated approaches to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols with the guidance and collaboration of the Coordinating Unit.

More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties through:

- Organising the Eighteenth Meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points and the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondent and Advisory Committee meetings.
- Conducting the elaboration of the mid-term (2026) evaluation of the Post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECM in the Mediterranean, through its Evaluation and Monitoring Framework, with conclusions and recommendations for the Strategy implementation by 2030.
- Supporting National Biodiversity Strategic Action Programmes (NBSAPs) elaboration in alignment with the Post-2020 SAPBIO.
- Bilateral working exchanges with global and regional institutions of relevance for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions linked to their prerogatives.
- Promoting the title of “Partner” to the Regional Action Plans for the conservation of threatened or endangered species and marine key habitats: “Regional Action Plans Partners”.
- Updating and promoting the funding proposals prepared within the Post-2020 SAPBIO Resource Mobilisation Strategy (RMS), in consultation with the Contracting parties, the other MAP Components, the SAPBIO Advisory Committee, to further support the Contracting Parties in implementing the Post-2020 SAPBIO priority actions, the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for MCPAs and OECMs and the regional Action Plans

MTS Programme “Together for a Shared Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”

10. The UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC, aims to enhance IMAP monitoring, capacity building, and citizen survey guidance to ensure the provision of updated, quality-assured data particularly through the implementation of the EU-funded projects SEMPA and EcAp Med Plus. This data will support decision-making by the Contracting Parties, facilitate GES assessment, and strengthen a science-based IMAP. The programme also focuses on advancing Ecological Objective 4 on marine food webs and improving common indicators for pelagic habitats.

More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables envisage to assist the Contracting Parties through:

- Continuing the supporting of the development and implementation of National/Sub-regional Monitoring Programmes in line with the biodiversity cluster of IMAP and reporting results through the IMAP Info System.
- Continuing the development of the IMAP Ecological Objective 4 on marine food webs under the Barcelona Convention and the development of EO1 CI1 and CI2 on pelagic habitats.

- Developing citizen survey guidance for NIS monitoring under IMAP to strengthen public awareness and participation.
- Providing national assistance and capacity building activities for the implementation of EO1 and EO2
- Developing and updating the common indicators factsheets related to Biodiversity (EO1) and Sea-floor Integrity (EO6)

MTS Programme “Towards a Stronger Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast”

The main objective of the activities and deliverables proposed by SPA/RAC under the UNEP/MAP PoW for 2026-2027 is to sensibilise stakeholders and policymakers about key environmental priorities, promote solutions and initiatives for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, foster synergies with national and regional partners for greater impact and sustainability, support digital transformation by leveraging digital technologies to strengthen networking and MAP’s visibility, in coordination with INFO/RAC. More specifically, the proposed activities and deliverables aim to assist the Contracting Parties by:

- Developing communication materials and organising events to enhance the engagement of key actors and decision-makers and raise their involvement in biodiversity conservation actions, including those related to marine protected areas, threatened and endangered species & habitats and the sustainable use of marine resources in the Mediterranean, while showcasing best practices, collective achievements, and the impact of conservation and management actions.
- Organizing the SPAMI Day and awarding SPAMI Certificates.
- Producing communication materials, conducting awareness campaigns, and organizing local events with national and local stakeholders to highlight the socio-economic and ecological benefits of conservation for local communities.
- Enhancing networking and increasing visibility through online tools, while assessing and implementing improvements via the update of the communication strategy.

12. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC*, are built on and aim at strengthening the result-based management (RBM) approach that has been already followed in the previous PoW cycles as well as the integration, to the extent possible, of the UNEP/MAP work.

13. Lessons learned from previous biennia have also been taken into consideration, particularly in terms of the feasibility of planned deliverables, implementation flexibility to be considered when programming, the number and size of planned actions and how to consolidate activities of a similar nature.

16. The *activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP POW 2026-2027, proposed by SPA/RAC*, consist of the following elements: the MTS 2022-2027 programmes and outcomes under which the PoW is developed. Under each outcome, are presented, respectively, the main activities and expected deliverables that would be produced, as well as the Lead Component (i.e., SPA/RAC), the other Components expected to contribute to the activity and the partners that would be involved to achieve the expected deliverables. Are, also, indicated in the tables for each main activity, the core MAP mandates and COP decisions as rationale that supports its relevance, as well as the SDG’s references and global agenda to which it is linked.

Programme 1. Towards a Pollution and Litter Free Mediterranean Sea and Coast Embracing Circular Economy						
Main activity	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets
Outcome 1.1. Strategies and Action plan addressing marine litter and plastics developed and implemented through comprehensive, coherent and collaborative approaches						
1.1.1. Undertake national, subregional, regional actions to boost the implementation of the Marine Litter Regional Plan in the Mediterranean	a) “Adopt-a-beach” measures implemented in 5 countries in 22 sites involving civil society. b) “Fishing-for-Litter” measures implemented in 4 countries in 12 sites involving local and fishermaen association. c) Minimum 2 joint activities implemented with partners of the ML Regional Cooperation Platform or GPML. d) Up to 7 CPs supported to implement the upgraded IMAP Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) on Marine Litter and its Indicators. e) Intercalibration Exercise for Collection and Analyses of Floating Microplastic Samples between Mediterranean Laboratories established.	MED POL	CU, SCP/RAC; REMPEC, SPA/RAC, EU funded ML MED PLUS Project,	CU, SCP/RAC; REMPEC, SPA/RAC, EU funded ML MED PLUS Project,	LBS Protocol (Articles 3, and 4) COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets (Annex I) COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol (Articles 11, 12, 15) COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	12.4; 12.5; 14.1 ; 5.5, 5.c;

Outcome 1.2. A holistic and efficient response to land and sea - based pollution, as a part of overall Ecosystem Approach policy for the Mediterranean, (chemicals, contaminants, eutrophication, noise, oil and emerging pollution) for a sustainable Mediterranean coastal and marine ecosystem is implemented						
1.2.3 Promote sustainable Desalination Sector in the Mediterranean	Support provided to at least 2 CPs for implementing desalination guidelines with the focus of the brine management	MEDPOL	CU, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC	CPs, Fondazione Univerde, Global water Intelligence	UNEP/MED WG.563/13: Guideline on Regional Standards for Discharge from Desalination Plants and Decision Support Systems for Sustainable Desalination Technologies in the Mediterranean	6.3; 6.a; 12.4;
Programme 2. Towards Healthy Mediterranean Ecosystems and Enhanced Biodiversity						
Outcome 2.1. Ecosystem resilience improved through restoration of those with best regeneration potential						
2.1.1. Promote the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean: Identify innovative actions, capitalize and promote replication	a) 5 country factsheets with specific policy recommendations based on Action Sites experiences. The only Mediterranean site is the Venice Lagoon in Italy where the focus will be on making recommendations on adopting adaptive management for salt marshes restoration/conservation b) Final Advocacy paper to promote awareness on government strategies at stakeholder level for wetland restoration	Plan Bleu	CU, SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC	H2020 Waterlands project Partners	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Specific section: 4.4. Enabling tools for marine biodiversity conservation	14.2; 14.4; 14.5

c) Recovery plans and emergency actions , both in situ and ex situ as required, for endangered and threatened species whose depends on such actions, developped and implemented for at least for 2 species to e be decided at the SPA/RAC FP meeting	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components a s relevant	Contracting Parties,Agreed Action Plan Par tners; EuroMe d Dialogue 4 N ature, IUCN-med,	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5
d) At least X Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the Restoration programme of Pinna nobilis.	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Par tners,IUCN-Med	Annex V of the COP22 Decision IG.26/5 -Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5
e) Inventory of ecosystems with the highest ecological relevance and/or regeneration potential (as nursery areas, carbon stocks, avoiding coastal erosion, preventing or reducing the impact of natural disasters) such as Posidonia beds, coralligenous assemblages, wetlands, and dune systems, among others, developed at least in 2 countries	SPA/RAC	CU, PAP RAC, Plan Bleu	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Partners, IUCN- Med	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 4,11,12,20 of SPA/BD Protocol	14.2; 14.4; 14.5
f) Mainstreamed restoration of coastal ecosystems and landscapes into ICZM/coastal plans and programmes in at least 2 countires g) Methodology for preparation of restoration plan in coastal zones developed and presented to the CPs	SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC	CU, Plan Bleu/RAC	CPs; Mediterranean Forest Initiative	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 10, 11,12, 18, 27 and 32)	15.9; 15.1; 15.2; 14.1; 14.2
Outcome 2.2. Comprehensive, coherent Mediterranean network of well-managed MPAs and OECMs in place, expanded, effective and sustainable					

2.2.1. 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	a) Guidance on operational measures and associated protective measures for the effective implementation of PSSAs (shipping activities) (in view of 30x30 commitments) to be submitted to REMPEC Focal Points	REMPEC	SPA/RAC	IMO, ACCOBAMS, PELAGOS Agreement	COP 23 Decision IG.26/5; Article 11 Emergency & Prevention Protocol	5, 14
	b) Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) operational to guide the implementation of the Post-2020 MCPA & OECM Regional Strategy in order to achieve the 30x30 CBD Target operational (meetings, webinars, tools, etc.)	SPA/RAC	CU	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	Annex I of the COP22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance Annex 1 of the COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	5, 14, 17
	c) Management and business plans elaborated for MCPAs in Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia based on sound scientific knowledge, comprehensive consultation and engagement of stakeholders.	SPA/RAC	CU	Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1
	d) MCPA management effectiveness improved through the implementation of management plans and capacity building programme in Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.	SPA/RAC,	CU	Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1

			MedPO, MedPAN		
e) Management effectiveness assessed in existing MCPAs/SPAMIs in Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia using the Integrated Management effectiveness Tool (IMET).	SPA/RAC,	CU	Contracting Parties, Relevant national authorities, GFCM, ACCOBAM S, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	5.5 14.2;14.5; 15.1
f) Best practices shared, direct and indirect MPA-related community gathered, priority action for effective implementation of the MCPA-OECM g) Visibility and advocacy on MPAs in the Mediterranean increased and commitments for achieving 30by30 strengthened through the Fourth edition of the Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	EU funded SEMPA project, MedPAN (co-organizer with SPA/RAC), REMPEC, ACCOBAMS, GFCM, IUCN-Med, WWF (technical partners), host country environmental authorities, local partners.	COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.1
h) OECMs are identified, recognized, and reported at national and regional levels through capacity building and awareness-raising activities (meetings, workshops, tools, webinars, trainings, etc.)	SPA/RAC,	CU, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	Respective Contracting, AGEM members, FAO, GFCM, IMO,	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective	5.5; 14.2;14.5; 15.0

				ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	
	i) Analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs elaborated, for submission to SPA/RAC FP meeting	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points	COP22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	14
	j) Status report on the Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean elaborated and disseminated	SPA/RAC	CU	MedPAN, MPA managers, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO	COP22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	14,17
2.2.2. Ensure effective SPAMI management and evaluation	a) SPAMI management status kept under review: SPAMI ordinary review (10 SPAMIs): 04 Ordinary review in 2026: - Marine Protected Area of Tavolara-Punta Coda Cavallo (Italy), - Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto (Italy), - Miramare Marine Protected Area (Italy), and - Plemmirio Marine Protected Area (Italy); 06 Ordinary review in 2027: - Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve (France), - Marine Protected Area of Capo Caccia-Isola Piana (Italy), - Punta Campanella Marine Protected Area (Italy), - Al-Hoceima National Park (Morocco), - Archipelago of Cabrera National Park (Spain), and - Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs (Spain).	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Point, SPAMI Managers, Technical Advisory Commissions	COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17

	b) SPAMI Twinning Programmes developed: (i) exchange visits implemented for management issues diagnosis, habitats conservation & fishing impacts, (ii) Medium-term on-the-job training implemented in twinned SPAMIs, (iii) Peer-to-peer support and mentoring: actions to strengthen management effectiveness in twinned SPAMIs and/or joint monitoring programmes implemented.	SPA/RAC	CU	SPAMIs, National authorities, NGOs	COP 22 Decision IG.25/12 - Protecting and conserving the Mediterranean through well connected and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, including Specially Protected Areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance	14,17
	c) SPAMI network is supported through implementing activities contributing to their effective management or through possible declaration of new SPAMIs, 2 CPs supported	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points, GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	COP23 Decision IG.26/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17
Outcome 2.3. Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats in favourable status of conservation						
2.3.1. Implement regional and national actions to boost the implementation of the Action Plans on marine key habitats	a) Status of implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea assessed and Action Plan updated	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	National experts and organizations, NGOs, MPN, SPA/BD Focal Points, Agreed Action Plans Partners; GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN	Annex II of the COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean, Action 1 of the Post-2020 SAPBIO: COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6

	b) Scientific updates shared, to take stock of newest knowledge and address emergent issues of the marine key habitats, proceedings disseminated through 8 th Mediterranean Symposium on marine vegetation, 5 th Mediterranean Symposium on the Conservation of the Coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions and 4 th Mediterranean symposium on the dark habitats	SPA/RAC			COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
	c) Measures related to conservation in the Mediterranean marine ecosystems to respond to mass mortality events linked to heatwaves' events implemented	SPA/RAC			Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14, 17, 19 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
2.3.2. Effectively implement the updated regional Strategy and Action Plans for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and share related best practices	a) Status of implementation of the Action plans for the conservation of cetacean in the Mediterranean assessed and action plans updated	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF MedPO, MedPAN, Agreed Action Plan Partners,	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the	14.2; 14.4; 14.5
	b) Priority actions to fill key knowledge gaps (through scientific research), for threatened and endangered species supported, including monitoring and threats mitigation (i.e., Marine Litter, Underwater Noise, Collision, CC, etc.) .					
	c) Conservation status of threatened and endangered species improved at national and regional levels as provided for in the related updated regional Action Plans and strategy (Monk seal, Cartilaginous fishes, marine Turtles, cetaceans and marine & coastal Birds).					

					COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 1,2,14 and 18 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	
	d) NAP + integrating fisheries within the blue economy and aligned with the Post 2020 SAPBIO goals and targets, including investment plan, drafted in interested CPs	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 14, 32 and 33 of Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5
	e) Interested CPs supported in the establishment of a national public-private blue economy partnership.				Action 14, 32 and 33 of Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	
2.3.3. Implement conservation measures and share best practices related to threatened and endangered species listed in Annex II	a) Capacity building and best practices shared through a Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries	SPA/RAC	CU and other Components as relevant	Contracting Parties, Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	14.2; 14.4; 14.5
	b) Capacity building and best practices shared on cartilaginous identification and conservation, including rescue center twining programme for turtles					

to SPA/BD Protocol				<p>COP22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p> <p>Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Action 1,2,14 and 18 of the Post 2020 SAPBIO COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</p> <p>Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol</p>	
	<p>c) Mechanism to deal with Bycatch mitigation including the adaptation and/or ban of fishing gears most harmful to biodiversity including on the seabed, developed and their implementation started in several countries so that the bycatch of species in bad conservation status is reduced to a level that allows full recovery</p>		<p>GFCM, ACCOBAMS, IUCN- Med, Agreed Action Plan Partners</p>	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation;</p> <p>COP22 Decision IG.25/13 Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p> <p>Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Action 22 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management</p>	<p>14.2; 14.4; 14.5</p>

					of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	
					Article 11, 12, 13, 14 of the SPA/BD Protocol	
Outcome 2.4. Non -indigenous species introductions minimized and introduction pathways under control						
2.4.1. Update and implement the regional action plan on Non-Indigenous Species (NIS) and species introductions, as well as targeted measures of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)	a) Scientific updates shared, to take stock of newest knowledge and address emergent issues related to NIS through 3rd Mediterranean Symposium on the Non-Indigenous Species.	SPA/RAC	REMPEC	Agreed Action Plan Partners	Article 13 of the SPA/BD Protocol Action 4, 5, 6, 14, 201 of the COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Annex IV of the Decision IG.25/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
	b) Measures to cope with the negative effects of non-indigenous species on biodiversity as well as those of other potential stressors identified and disseminated.	SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries		14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
	c) Priority actions supported for the full and effective implementation of the updated regional NIS Action Plan.	SPA/RAC	REMPEC	Agreed Action Plan Partners	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
	d) Targeted technical support provided to CPs for the ratification and implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention as well as for the implementation of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species.	REMPEC	CU, SPA/RAC	IMO, GEF, UNDP, EBRD, ACCOBAMS, Pelagos Agreement, HELMEPA	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6 - Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment Annex IV of the Decision IG.25/5: Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14
	e) Regional Guidelines on Management of Biofouling and related capacity building activities in at least 3 CPs developed				COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) (CSO 5)	

	<div>f) Regional information and decision support system or tool developed.</div> <div>g) Guidelines for the development of national law to give effect to the BWM Convention once ratified, as well as secondary regulations and technical arrangements for its enforcement, developed and submitted to REMPEC Focal Points;</div> <div>h) A regional online BWM Working Group to drive the process towards harmonization of BWM measures in the region established and report submitted to REMPEC Focal Points;</div>				COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)	
Programme 3. Towards a Climate Resilient Mediterranean						
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.)						
3.1.1. Mainstream adaptation to climate change into local ICZM plans	a) Planning capacities to address climate change impact on fishery sector and marine resources in coastal areas through trainings and support for the development of related measures	CU, SPA/RAC		GFCM and GEF FishEBM Med partners and beneficiary countries	Monitoring and assessment of biodiversity and NIS related common indicators of the COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediter ranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Action 13 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	5.5; 13.2; 13.b
3.1.2. Establishment of Community of practice for coastal climate adaptation	c) State of play of the current landscape of funding opportunities at global and regional for climate change adaptation to enhance the relevant capacities of the CPs	CC/RAC	CU and other Components	EU, UfM, Green Climate Fund, UNFCCC, CBD, IMO	COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Strategic Direction 3.1. Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.1; 14.2

	d) The potential of blue carbon ecosystems to support climate change mitigation efforts in the Mediterranean region identified, building and adding value to the existing recent studies	CC/RAC	SPA/RAC; Plan Bleu/RAC; PAP/RAC	EU, UfM, Blue Mediterranean Partnership, Pamex, Mediterranean Posidonia network	Decision IG.22/2 MSSD 2016-2025 Strategic Action 4.3.3. COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Strategic Direction 2.2.	13.1, 13.2, 14.2, 14.5; 17.6; 17.9
Outcome 3.2. Nature-based, technical solutions promoting prevention or reduction of the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems and increase resilience to climatic variability and change						
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.	c) 1 policy paper on ecosystem restoration (marine/coastal/terrestrial ecosystems) to be presented at the annual institutional dialogue event with Euro Mediterranean partners in 2026 and 2027 and travel to cover expenses of participants (from south Med countries)	Plan Bleu/RAC	SPA/RAC	Partners from the Interreg Euro Med D4N project	COP19 - Decision IG.22/2 - MSSD	15
	d) 2 annual dialogue summary reports (1 in 2026 and 1 in 2027) on ecosystem restoration with a focus on governance challenges related to marine/coastal restoration challenges and implications of the EU Nature Restoration Law in the Mediterranean region.					
	e) One SIMPEER exercise carried out on national forest strategies (or other relevant topic based on needs) back to back with an Annual Institutional Dialogue event, involving 3 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention: one from each shores (priority to those CP who haven't done it in previous exercises)..					
	h) Framework and Pathways to upscale Nature- based Solutions across the Mediterranean coastal zones, including a component on public participation	PAP/RAC	CU, PB/RAC, SPA/RAC	DesireMed project INCORE MED project	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 10, 22, 23, 27 and 32); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	13.3; 14; 15
Programme 4. Towards the Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Resources Including Circular and Blue Economy						

Outcome 4.1. Sustainability of coastal and marine resources achieved through the synergetic implementation of planning and management approaches, including the adequate consideration of Land-Sea Interactions (LSI)						
4.1.2. Implement CAMP Projects	a) CAMP Türkiye specific activities reports delivered (Inception Report, Report on ecological status of coastal and marine areas in relation to IMAP objectives (biodiversity, NIS, etc.); Climagine Report, Report on pollution control and marine litter reduction in Izmir area) b) CAMP Malta specific activities reports delivered (Inception Report, Report on ecological status of coastal and marine areas in relation to IMAP objectives (biodiversity, NIS, etc.); Climagine Report)	SPA/RAC		Participating CPs	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 18, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 22, 26, 27 and 32); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	All SDGs, as appropriate
4.1.2. Assist CPs in preparing National ICZM Strategies and coastal plans	a) At least 2 CPs, upon request, are supported for the implementation of selected measures under the adopted ICZM National Strategies b) Co-developed Coastal plans focused on coastal adaptation and resilience c) Exchange of experience with other regional seas in addressing integrated coastal and marine planning and management	PAP/RAC, CPs	Plan Bleu/RAC, other as relevant	Participating CPs, IOC-UNESCO	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 18, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 22, 26, 27 and 32); COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	All SDGs as appropriate
4.1.3. Assist CPs in implementing MSP	a) Support national actions towards MSP (Albania, Tunisia), including preparation of technical sectoral studies and data standards, also addressing land-sea interactions b)Organizing up to 2 national MSP trainings c) Capitalizing on Transboundary CAMP Otranto - Feasibility study on ABMT in the Adriatic-Ionian region	PAP/RAC, CPs	CU, SPA/RAC, other as relevant	Albania, Tunisia; CPs	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 3 and 9); COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM; COP23 Decision IG.26/13	SDGs 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15

4.1.4. Update methodological guidance for ICZM / MSP/ CCA in the Mediterranean	a) Regional hands-on guidance document for MSP in the Mediterranean, updating MSP tools and MSP Workspace b) Regional showcasing of Methodological Guidelines for the preparation of the Coastal Plans c) Support tool for integrated planning available on ICZM Platform d) Booklet of methodological insights to implement participatory approaches for ICZM developed	PAP/RAC	CU, Plan Bleu/RAC, SPA/RAC, other as relevant	INCORE-Med project	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 18, 15, 27 and 32); COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	All SDGs as appropriate
4.1.5. Strengthen MSP governance in the Mediterranean	a) Improved capacities through implementing regional MSP trainings (up to 2) showcasing practical examples, lessons learned and future needs b) MSP Working Group acting and contributing to MSP in the Mediterranean (up to 4 meetings in biennium) c) Support provided to strengthen cooperation with other MSP governance mechanisms existing in the region, including Med MSP COP	PAP/RAC	CU, SPA/RAC, other as relevant		COP23 Decision IG.26/10; COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	SDGs 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15
Outcome 4.3. Innovative environmental management and economic instruments implemented for the protection and efficient use of coastal and marine resources						
4.3.1. Support the effective use by CPs of economic instruments and other tools for nature conservation and sustainable development in order to diversify the policy mix in the Mediterranean	a)1 open interactive mapping of relevant seagrass restoration sites and actions in the Mediterranean b)1 regional action plan for seagrass restoration including guidelines for the integration of the value of seagrass services c)final project conference organized enhancing seagrass ecosystem services integration through Policy and Advocacy	Plan Bleu	SPA/RAC	ARTEMIS Project consortium	COP22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	SDG 14.6 but also cross-cutting, in particular SDGs 8, 11, 12, 14

Programme 5. Governance						
Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach related COP decisions, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels						
5.1.1. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with legally binding obligations under Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	a) Progress on ratification of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention; Facilitation and/or technical support provided upon request.	CU	MAP Components	Participating CPs and their relevant authorities and institutions	Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 Targets;
	b) Contracting Parties develop national policies, legislation and mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of the BC Protocols. c) Technical assistance to CPs to develop national policies, regulatory frameworks and which are consistent with the BC and its Protocols is provided. d) Status of implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols reviewed, achievements and issues at stake identified. e) Coordinated assistance to address cases of implementation difficulties and or possible noncompliance situations.	CU, Compliance Committee	MAP Components	MEAs, UNEP	Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14
5.1.2 Effective Implementation and Enforcement of Post- 2020 SAPBIO	a) At least 2 Mediterranean countries are assisted to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by fully incorporating the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	17.14
	b) The collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO assessed				Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17
	c) Socio-economic and ecological impacts of Post- 2020 SAPBIO actions with very	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the	

	high priority are measured, analyzed, and documented			Correspondents , advisory committee members	Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	
5.1.3. Mid-term evaluation of the post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECMs in the Mediterranean	a) Mid-term (2026) evaluation of the Post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECM in the Mediterranean undertaken, through its Evaluation and Monitoring Framework, with conclusions and recommendations for the Strategy implementation by 2030 elaborated	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points, AGEM members, regional Partners	COP22 Decision IG.26/5 -Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration	14,17
5.1.5. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with ICZM Protocol	a) Status of the implementation of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM Action Plan and reccomandation for possible update submitted to MAP FP meeting	PAP/RAC	CU, Other relevant componetns		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 17, 20 and 32)	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
	b) Report on comparative analysis of the land policy instruments for coastal management					
Outcome 5.2. Systemic strengthening and effective functioning and delivery of MAP decision-making and advisory bodies ensured, and efficiency enhanced with new digital approaches						
5.2.1. Deliver successfully COP 24 of MAP Barcelona Convention	a) COP 25 Declaration, Decisions including the PoW 2026-2027 reviewed and adopted, recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the MCSD reviewed. b) Progress achieved during the biennium 2024-2025 reviewed and acknowledged. c) Status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols reviewed. d) MAP visibility and outreach enhanced.	CU	All MAP Components	Host country, CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 targets; 17.14

5.2.2. Deliver successfully the 22nd Meeting of the MCSD	a) 22 nd Meeting of the MCSD successfully convened; Strengthened Partnerships for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean. b) MCSD Meeting organized with Partners, Inputs provided to COP 25 to the Contracting Parties. c) 2 meetings of the MCSD Steering Committee.	CU	All MAP Components	Host Country, MCSD Members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.26/2	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
5.2.3. Deliver successfully the main institutional meetings of MAP (Bureau, Consultation FP Meeting, MAP Focal Point, EcAp Coordination Group and Thematic/Components Focal Points).	a) The 98 th , 99 th and 100 th Meetings of the Bureau as well as a Bureau meeting on the eve of COP 25 successfully held. b) Progress of implementation of the MAP PoW 2026-2027 reviewed on a 6-monthly basis. c) Guidance provided to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties on specific issues. d) Main directions of the new PoW 2028-2029 defined.	CU	All MAP Components	UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 - Mandates of the Components of MAP COP 19 Decision IG.22/17 - Reform of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and Updated MCSD Constitutive Documents	All SDG 14 targets, 17.14
	e) Meeting of the MAP Focal Points preceded by the MAP Component/Thematic Focal Points and back-to-back with the EcAp Coordination Group Meetings. f) Progress on POW implementation reviewed; EcAp Roadmap Implementation and other related COP decisions implementation reviewed. g) Draft decisions to COP 25 reviewed and negotiated, PoW and Budget reviewed, etc. h) Technical products of MAP components reviewed by the Components Focal Points meetings. i) Integrated sessions organised based on thematic approach.	SPA/RAC			COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets COP 18 Decision IG.21/15 - Financial Regulations and Rules and Procedures for the Contracting Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 32 and 33)	All SDG 14 targets, 17.14

5.2.4. Organize Compliance Committee Meetings	a) 2 Compliance Committee Meetings successfully convened; Non-compliance situations addressed and brought to the attention of COP 25. b) Interactions and possible joint sessions with Compliance Committees of other MEAs held (e.g. ESPOO).	CU, Compliance Committee	MEDPOL, RACs	Compliance Committees under relevant MEA	Decision IG.26/1	
5.2.5. Formulate the MAP MTS 2028-2033 through an inclusive, participatory Contracting Parties' driven process.	a) MTS 2022-2027 evaluation and review successfully delivered; b)MTS 2028-2033 prepared and submitted to MAP FP and COP 25 through a participatory process and under Parties' leadership.	CU	All MAP Components	CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.25/1, Decision IG.26/2	Crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
5.2.6. Strengthen the MAP result-based programmatic framework including gender mainstreaming and sustianability of operations	a) Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW. b) Gender is mainstream in MTS, Projects and MAP Component activities Implementation	CU	RACs, MED POL		Decision IG.26/2	5.5; 5.a; 5.b; 5.c
5.2.7. Support the ownership and capacity building of CPs in integrating MSSD objectives and actions within National Sustainable Development Strategies	a) Needs Analysis conducted on ownership and capacity building of CPs b) Implementation of SIMPEER on a voluntary basis conducted c)Online regional workshop held on outcomes of and b) for follow up	CU	Plan Bleu/RAC, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2,5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

5.3.1. Maximize synergies with Post 2020 Global agenda for the implementation of SAP BIO	a) Effective working exchanges with Global institutions of relevance for the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions linked to their prerogatives ensured.	SPA/RAC, CU	PAP/RAC, REMPEC, Plan Bleu	CPs, UNEP, CBD, BBNJ, IMO, SCBD, FAO GFCM, UNFCCC, IUCN, IMO, UN-Oceans, UNESCO- IOC, IPBS	Action 37, 38, 41, 42 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17
5.3.3. Strengthen cooperation for joint reporting under the BC and its Protocols	a)Mechanism developed for promoting mutual supportiveness with other relevant international instruments on reporting. b)Support for reporting provided at national level (e.g. e-reporting modules, twinning approach). c)Workshop to support Contracting Parties with Reporting obligations	CU and INFO/RAC	RACs, MEDPOL	MEAs	Decision IG.26/1	All SDGs as relevant
Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface						
5.4.1. Promote the title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats "Regional Action Plans Partners" (In-house expertise, online meetings)	a) Regional Action Plans Partners Title promoted, and the list of Action Plan Partners established for each Regional Action Plan	CU	CU, relevant RACs	RAPs Partners	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership COP 23 Decision IG,26/5 Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17

5.4.2. Strengthen participation and contribution of civil society including MAP partners and private sector to the work of MAP BC system	a)New MAP Partners added and existing MAP Partners renewed; Enhanced engagement of MAP Partners in policy development and implementation. b)Annual round table discussions held (back-to-back with other meetings).	CU	RACs, MEDPOL	MAP Partners, NGOs, CPs	COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership	17.6; 17.9; 17.14; 17.16; 17.17
Outcome 5.5. Coordinated approaches implemented to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols						
5.5.1. Development of project proposals to support Parties' institutions on initial implementation of Post- 2020 SAPBIO	a) Preparation and inception regional/ subregional level Projects for key priority strategic actions of Post-2020 SAPBIO ensured.	SPA/RAC	CU /Other RACs as per thematic	CPs, SPA/BD FPs, technical partners, Public and private donors	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17
Programme 6. Towards Monitoring, Assessment, Knowledge and Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast for Informed Decision-Making						
Outcome 6.2. Science-based IMAP, 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))						
6.2.1. Strengthen the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes for all clusters and deliver quality assured data	a) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on biodiversity and NIS.	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5
	b) At least 7 CPs supported through capacity building, monitoring directives application and quality assured data production.	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	

				scientific institutions		
	c) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSYstem in a timely manner on coast and hydrography	PAP/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU		COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 16)	13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 13.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.5; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.5; 15.9
	d) At least 7 CPs supported with capacity-building to ensure delivery of quality-assured data on coast and hydrography					
6.2.2. Upgrade the assessment component of IMAP including possible integrated assessment for all IMAP clusters. Focus on assessment criteria and thresholds (CI 1, 2, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, CCI 25)	a) CORMON meetings on biodiversity and NIS organized annually	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.6
6.2.3. Further develop IMAP Common Indicators	a) GES and Targets developed for Common indicator of the Ecological objective 4 on marine food Webs.	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU MSFD technical bodies;	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.7
	b) Common indicators using phytoplankton and zooplankton developed to assess the GES of pelagic habitats					

	c) Guidance Factsheet for climate change related indicators	PAP/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC, CC, Other relevant components	National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; EU technical bodies	Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 16, 22 and 23)	13.3; 14; 15.9
6.2.4. Review and update of the common indicators factsheets related to Biodiversity (EO1) and fisheries (EO3)	a) Common indicators factsheets updated as appropriate for biodiversity, NIS b) Common indicators for factsheet for Sea-floor Integrity developed.	SPA/RAC	CU, IMAP Task Force	GFCM, National IMAP competent authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions; GFCM; EU MSFD technical bodies;	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.8
Outcome 6.3. IMAP implementation and Environment and Development Observation provide updated and quality assured data in support of decision-making by Contracting Parties and assessment of GES.						

6.3.1. Strengthen national capacities to apply harmonized and standardized monitoring and assessment practices related to pollution and marine litter in line with IMAP	a)Intercalibration exercise is set to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicator 18.	MEDPOL	CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force		COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol COP23 Decision IG.26/3 - The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean	14.a
	b)Analyses undertaken in up to 7 CPs to identify national counterparts with the greatest needs regarding provision of equipment for sampling, analysis, processing and quality assurance of data. c)Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 17 and 20. d)Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 13 and 14. Ie)ntercalibration exercise undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to floating microplastics (IMAP Common Indicator 23).					
6.3.2. Strengthen the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan monitoring framework and a regional observatory on the environment and development	a)National assistance and capacity building activities provided for the implementation of EO1 and EO2	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5
	b)Citizen survey guidance for NIS monitoring under IMAP developed to strengthen public awareness and participation.					

	g) 3 comprehensive technical factsheets drafted with scope and rationale, method, definition, population on Technical feasibility of 3 new indicators to complement the MSSD dashboard (on Food security index; on Fisheries & aquaculture; on harmful subsidies) (In -house expertise ; consultancy)	Plan Bleu/RAC	SPA/RAC	FAO, GFCM, OECD	COP19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD) COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	
6.3.3. Maintain Biodiversity databases as appropriate, regularly update databases content and elaborate an operational strategy for marine biodiversity data management, in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Policy	a) Georeferenced Information on Mediterranean Biodiversity key components is centralized in the SPA/RAC open access platform, Miditerranean Biodiversity Plateform (MBP)	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	ACCOBAMS, MedPAN, IUCN, GFCM, national biodiversity focal points	Action 16 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 : Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).	14.2, 14.5, 15.1, 15.5, 17,6
	b) SPA/RAC website operational and regularly updated.	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, other components		Action 37,38 and 39 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP23 Decision IG.25/11 : Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).	14.2, 15.1, 17.16
6.3.9. Maintain and update IMAP Info System with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented	a)IMAP Info System hardware and software platform upgraded and expanded to ensure fully operational reporting by CPs. b)Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for remaining Candidate IMAP Common Indicators. c)New Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for additional modules related to existing IMAP Common Indicators. d)Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) fine tuned for IMAP Common Indicators already in place	INFO/RAC	MED POL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC	Accobams, GFCM		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15

<p>e)QA/QC tool upgraded and developed for all IMAP CIs data flows according to the nature of the indicator.</p> <p>f)Helpdesk human resources dedicated to Daily Support to Contracting Parties in the reporting process.</p> <p>g)Additional automatic "Helpdesk" section implemented into the IMAP Info System to support CPs into the reporting process, recording all the requests to be used for statistical purposes.</p> <p>h)IMAP Assistance/Training meetings organized with Contracting Parties (at least un workshop for each beneficiary country) dedicated to the IMAP reporting process.</p> <p>i)Cooperation with relevant Regional Organization (i.e. Accobams, GFCM, etc.) in order to facilitate the interoperability between IMAP and their Infosystems and databases as appropriate.</p> <p>j) A specific section implemented into the IMAP Info System, as webform, to allow the CPs to officially provide information about the state of reporting in the country.</p> <p>k)"User management" system upgraded and adapted to MAP CU and MAP Components needs.</p> <p>l)A Data Analytics dashboard implemented into the IMAP Info System providing aggregation of monitoring data, dedicated to MAP Components assessment and also accessible to public users.</p> <p>m)Geographical section upgraded and customized for IMAP monitoring data visualization into the IMAP Info System and fully integrated in KMP.</p>					
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	n)Additional functionalities implemented in the IMAP Info System dedicated to MAP Components: data analysis and data export in different formats through specific tools implemented ad hoc; possibility of queries and layout the results in tables with data filtering; extensive customization, analysis and data visualization through Python modules (Python notebook, ex. Jupiter lab of WEKEO DIAS-CMEMS).					
6.3.10. Ensure full implementation of the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure for the geographical data and maps	a) InfoMAP Spatial Data infrastructure maintained, tuned and upgraded. Implementation of information layers provided. Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened. b) Dedicated assistance and support trainings to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data c) Creation of user profiles and groups ensured. d) Support training on the implemented Geoviewer for the visualization of georeferred data delivered. e) Basic and thematic layers collected, developed and visualized. f) Spatial data and metadata from UNEP/MAP, CPs, RACs and other sources integrated and reviewed Finalization of the integration of InfoMAPNode into the Knowledge Management Platform	INFO/RAC	MAP Components			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5,6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.13. Undertake Copernicus data analysis/integration of Copernicus Service to support	a) Analysis of Copernicus Services products in cooperation with EEA to promote fully exploitation for IMAP data collection. b) Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes..	INFO/RAC	MAP Components	EEA		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15

indicator and data collection and ingestion						
Programme 7. For Informed and Consistent Advocacy, Awareness, Education and Communication						
Outcome 7.1. Stakeholders and policymakers properly informed about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and aware of the environmental priority issues						
7.1.1. Disseminate knowledge of the state of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through indicators (In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation, web services, social media channels)	a)Fact sheets/brochures to communicate the impact of biodiversity conservation and priority actions towards 2030 providing background information and summaries (biodiversity, MPAs, etc.); b)Stories incorporating testimonials , videos and infographics on effective management and conservation practices identified and collected; c)Mini social media campaigns on collaborative achievements with partners; Media relations developed	SPA/RAC; INFO/RAC	MAP Communicati on Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	cross cutting especially SDG 14 Targets
	d) Communication and advocacy/policy materials (Infographics, videos, reports, etc.) produced and promoted to improve conservation status of vulnerable species at national and regional levels.			ACCOBAMS; GFCM; IUCN-Med; Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean COP 22 Decision IG.25/13 - Action Plans for the conservation of species and habitats under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and	All SDG 14 Targets

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7.1.3. Implement MAP Communication Strategy	d)SPA/RAC communication strategy implemented and updated	SPA/RAC			COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets
Outcome 7.2. Citizen and general public awareness and outreach raised through citizen science and digital campaigns						
7.2.1. Enhance public awareness and outreach on UN and MAP Days observance and their topics	b) SPAMI Day celebrated in collaboration with SPAMI managers and CSOs, through awareness raising activities and digital campaigns with: -2026 SPAMI Day celebrated in presential -2027 SPAMI Day celebrated locally at interested and volunteer SPAMIs	SPA/RAC	MAP Communicati on Task Force		COP 23 Decision IG.26/14 - COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 (Post-2020 SAPBIO) - COP 22 Decision IG. 25/12 (MCPAs & OECMs) - COP 21 Decision IG. 24/06 (SPAMI)	All SDG 14 Targets
	c) Mediterranean Coast Day celebrated: Promotional/awareness raising material prepared; Two regional celebrations and two on-line campaigns organized; Support provided to local Coast Day celebrations.	PAP/RAC	CU, INFO/RAC, MAP Communicati on Task Force, All Components as relevant		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 6, 15 and 32)	All SDG 14 Targets
7.2.2. Enhance public awareness and outreach on key MAP topics for general and specific targets (MAP Partners, Civil Society, Private sector, Youth etc.)	a)Communication materials, awareness campaigns and local events co-created and co-organized with Focal Points, SPAMI managers and partners to demonstrate the socio-economic and ecological benefits of conservation for local communities.	SPA/RAC	MAP Communicati on Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets