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Introduction

1. At their Twenty-third Meeting (COP 23; Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, and its Protocols, invited the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC), to convene in 2025 the Seventeenth Meeting of Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD Focal Points) for the biennium 2024-2025.

2. The Seventeenth Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points will be convened at the kind invitation of the Turkish Government, at the Pullman Istanbul Hotel & Convention Center (Yenibosna Merkez, 1. Asena Sk. No:15, 34295 Bahçelievler) in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 20 to 22 May 2025.

3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened on Tuesday, 20 May 2025, at 9.00 a.m., by the representatives of the host country, the Coordinating Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and SPA/RAC.

5. All 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. SPA/RAC will act as Secretariat of the meeting.

Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.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 gender and 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.608/1 Rev.1 and annotated in this document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained at the end of this document, including as appropriate any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “Any other matters” of the provisional agenda.

2.4. Organization of work

11. It is proposed that the meeting be held in daily sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to adjustments, as necessary.

12. It is expected that the meeting addresses all items on the agenda within the allotted sessions.

13. On day 3 (22 May 2025), an afternoon session will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m. after adopting its report including the report technical annexes.

14. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all the plenary sessions.

15. 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.608/1 Rev.1	<i>Provisional Agenda</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/2 Rev.1	<i>Provisional Annotated Agenda</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/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 in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol)

16. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.608/3, the Secretariat will present a summary of the reports submitted by the Contracting Parties, through the online Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS). The reporting period covered by these reports is the 2022-2023 biennium.

17. 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.608/3	<i>Report on the status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol)</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.3	<i>Implementation Status of the SPA/BD Protocol – Quantitative Overview [available in English only]</i>

Agenda item 4: Progress report on the activities carried out by SPA/RAC under the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy for the interim period: April 2023-April 2025

18. Referring mainly to document UNEP/MED WG.608/4, the Secretariat will present the progress report on the activities carried out by SPA/RAC under the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy for the interim period: April 2023-April 2025, highlighting the main achievements and challenges met during the implementation of the programme of work.

19. The meeting is expected to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the SPA/RAC programme of work and to provide its comments, where necessary.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/4 Rev.1	<i>Progress report on the activities carried out by SPA/RAC under the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy for the interim period: April 2023-April 2025</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.4	<i>Guidelines to recovery plans and implement emergency actions for endangered and threatened species [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.5	<i>Mediterranean Blue Carbon Strategy [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.6	<i>Status of the implementation of the GEF FishEBM MED project "Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean" [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.7	<i>Introduction of appropriate measures for the reduction of new introductions and for eradication/control of NIS in priority sites [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.8	<i>Status and Management of Blue Crabs in the Mediterranean, Best Practices and Measures [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.9	<i>Mid-Term Review of the Ballast Water Management Strategy for the Mediterranean Sea (2022-2027)</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.10	<i>Guidelines for reducing discharge of solid wastes from fishing boats [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.11	<i>Information note on the ILIAD project - Integrated Digital Framework for Maritime Data and Information Services [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.12	<i>Progress Report on the MCPAs component of the EU-funded SEMPA Project</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.13	<i>SPA/RAC communication strategy</i>

Agenda item 5: Conservation of Species and Habitats

5.1. Updating of the Action Plan for the conservation of marine turtles in the Mediterranean

20. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/5 containing the Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of marine turtles in the Mediterranean.

21.The meeting will be invited to review the proposed amendments to the Action Plan and agree to its submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/5	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean</i>

5.2. Updating of the Action Plan for the conservation of cartilaginous fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea

22.Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/6 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 Plan and agree to its submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/6	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of cartilaginous fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.14	<i>Overview on the status of elasmobranch in the Adriatic region [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.31	<i>Socio-Economic Impact Study on Implementing Conservation Measures for Cartilaginous Species in the Gulf of Sirte, Libya [available in English only]</i>

5.3. Updating of the Regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean

24.Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/7 containing the Draft updated regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean.

25.The meeting will be invited to review the proposed amendments to the regional strategy and agree to its submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/7	<i>Draft updated regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.15	<i>Status of the implementation of the MED Monk seal Project [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.16	<i>Mediterranean Monk Seal: A comprehensive set of monitor and research techniques for the study and conservation of Monachus monachus in the Mediterranean Sea [available in English only]</i>

5.4. Updating of the Action Plan for the conservation of the coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions in the Mediterranean Sea

26. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/8 including the Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of the coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions in the Mediterranean Sea.

27. The meeting will be invited to review the proposed amendments to the Action Plan and agree to its submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/8	<i>Draft updated Action Plan for the conservation of the Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bio-concretions in the Mediterranean Sea</i>

5.5. Evaluation of the Regional Action Plans approach for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and recommendations for the way forward

28. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.608/9, the Secretariat will introduce the Draft evaluation of the Regional Action Plans approach for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and recommendations for the way forward.

29. The meeting will be invited to review the evaluation and proposed recommendations for the way forward and agree to submit the latter as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for consideration.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/9	<i>Draft Evaluation of the Regional Action Plans approach for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and recommendations for the way forward</i>

5.6. The List of the Regional Action Plans' Partners

30. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/10 containing the Draft List of the Regional Action Plans' Partners.

31. The meeting will be invited to consider the applications along with the Secretariat's evaluation and to decide whether or not to grant the title of Regional Action Plan Partner to the new applicants.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/10	<i>Draft List of the Regional Action Plans' Partners</i>

5.7. Proposals for amendment to Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol

32. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.608/11 "Proposals for amendment to Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol".

33. The floor will be given to the Contracting Parties having made such proposals for amending Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol.

34.The meeting will be invited to consider the proposals and make recommendations on the subject and agree to their submission, as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/11 Rev.1	<i>Draft amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean” and Proposals for amendment of Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol</i>

Agenda item 6: Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest

6.1. Report by the Chair of the *Ad hoc* Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) on the group’s works during the biennial period 2024-2025

35.Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.608/12, the Secretariat, followed by the AGEM Chair, will present the Report by the Chair of the *Ad hoc* Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) on the group’s works during the period 2024-2025.

36.The meeting is expected to provide comments and views on the AGEM work, where necessary.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/12	<i>Report by the Chair of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) on the group’s works during the period 2024-2025</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.17	<i>Report of the Fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) (Teleconference, 21 March 2025)</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.18	<i>Report of the Fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) (Teleconference, 15 April 2025)</i>

6.2. Draft guidance document on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures in the Mediterranean: identification and Criteria application

37.Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the Draft guidance document on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM) : identification and Criteria application in the Mediterranean, submitted to the meeting in document UNEP/MED WG.608/13.

38.The meeting will be invited to review the proposed draft guidance document and provide guidance on the way forward.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/13	<i>Draft guidance document on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM) : identification and Criteria application in the Mediterranean</i>

6.3. Analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs

39. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.608/14 including an analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs.

40. The Contracting Parties representatives will be invited to provide their comments about the provided analysis report and complement it, where necessary.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/14	<i>Analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs</i>

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

6.4.1. Report on the Ordinary Periodic and Extraordinary Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List

41. The Secretariat will introduce the Report on the Ordinary Periodic and Extraordinary Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List, undertaken in 2024/2025 and contained in document UNEP/MED WG.608/15. SPA/RAC mandate concerning the 2024-2025 SPAMI ordinary and extraordinary reviews is related to the following twenty-five SPAMIs:

Ordinary review:

- Karaburun Sazan National Marine Park (Albania),
- The Blue Coast Marine Park (France),
- The Embiez Archipelago - Six Fours (France),
- Capo Carbonara Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- Penisola del Sinis - Isola di Mal di Ventre Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- Porto Ceseo Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- Lara-Toxeftra Turtle Reserve (Cyprus),
- Port-Cros National Park (France),
- Cerbère-Banyuls Marine Nature Reserve (France),
- Pelagos Sanctuary for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (France, Italy and Monaco),
- Egadi Islands Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- Landscape Park Strunjan (Slovenia),
- Alboran Island (Spain),
- Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park (Spain),
- Cap de Creus Natural Park (Spain),
- Columbretes Islands (Spain),
- Mar Menor and Oriental Mediterranean zone of the Region of Murcia coast (Spain),
- Medes Islands (Spain),
- Sea Bottom of the Levante of Almeria (Spain), and
- Cetaceans Migration Corridor in the Mediterranean (Spain).

Extraordinary review:

- Palm Islands Nature Reserve (Lebanon),
- Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon),
- La Galite Archipelago (Tunisia),
- Kneiss Islands (Tunisia), and
- Zembra and Zembretta National Park (Tunisia).

42.The meeting is expected to consider the ordinary periodic and extraordinary review reports and provide recommendations as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/15	<i>Report on the Ordinary Periodic and Extraordinary Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List</i>

6.4.2. Inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List

43.The Secretariat will inform the meeting that no proposals have been received for inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List during the intersession.

44.The meeting will be invited to provide recommendations as appropriate.

Agenda item 7: Status of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Roadmap

45.The Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.608/16 on the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Roadmap for the interim period from April 2023 to April 2025, highlighting key achievements related to biodiversity and non-indigenous species.

46.The meeting is expected to review the progress made and provide guidance on the way forward, while exploring ways to enhance synergies among relevant outputs and outcomes at both, national and regional levels.

47.In addition, the meeting is expected to review the following appendices:

- i. Appendix A – Proposal of common indicators of the EcAp Ecological Objective 4 on Marine Food Webs under the Barcelona Convention;
- ii. Appendix B – Draft EcAp Ecological Objective 6 on Sea-floor Integrity under the Barcelona Convention;
- iii. Appendix C – Proposal of indicators based on phytoplankton and zooplankton for relevant IMAP biodiversity indicators; and
- iv. Appendix D – Draft Assessment Methodologies, Criteria and Thresholds for Biodiversity Common Indicators CI1 and CI2.

48.The meeting is expected to agree on theses appendices submission to the Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group and Meeting of MAP Focal Points.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/16	<i>Status of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Roadmap</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.19	<i>Desk review on the available information on marine food webs in the Mediterranean [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.20	<i>State of the art regarding the available information on GES and the effects of climate change and other cumulative pressures in its determination in the Mediterranean [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.21	<i>Update on the progress made related to Candidate Indicator 24: Trends in the amount of litter ingested by or entangling marine organisms focusing on selected mammals, marine birds, and marine turtles</i>

UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.22	<i>Report on the meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries, online, 6-7 June 2024</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.23	<i>Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, Videoconference, 2 October 2024</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.24	<i>Revised Ecosystem Approach Roadmap: Main Elements, Process and Timeline [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.25	<i>Revised Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme: Main Elements and Outline [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.26	<i>Terms of Reference for the CORMONs, CORESA and Online Working Groups and Flow of Interaction between Ecosystem Approach and MAP Governing Bodies [available in English only]</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.27	<i>Report on the meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries, Athens, 7-8 April 2025</i>

Agenda item 8: Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)

8.1. Mid-term assessment with focus on startup activities of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)

49. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.608/17, the Secretariat will present the main findings of the mid-term assessment with a focus on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities, highlighting the main achievements and challenges for the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions with national and regional scopes.

50. The meeting is expected to review the main findings of the mid-term assessment with a focus on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities and the recommendations of the Eleventh meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents and agree to their submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for consideration and adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/17	<i>Mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</i>
Information document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.28	<i>Report of Tenth Meeting of the SAPBIO National Correspondents</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.29	<i>Report of Eleventh Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents</i>
UNEP/MED WG.608/Inf.30	<i>Mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities with national scope: sub-regional reports [available in English only]</i>

8.2. Monitoring Framework of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)

51. While referring to document UNEP/MED WG.608/18, the Secretariat will present the Draft Monitoring Framework of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).

52. The meeting will be invited to review the draft Monitoring Framework and agree to its submission as appropriate to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/18	<i>Draft Monitoring Framework for the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</i>

Agenda item 9: Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2026-2027

53. The Secretariat will present the Draft Programme of Work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2026-2027 contained in document UNEP/MED WG.608/19.

54. 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 UNEP/MAP Draft Programme of Work for 2026-2027, that will be submitted to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and COP 24 for adoption.

Working document(s) of special relevance for this agenda item	
UNEP/MED WG.608/19	<i>Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2026-2027</i>

Agenda item 10: Any other matters

55. 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

56. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the report of the meeting, as well as the report technical annexes prepared by the Secretariat and submitted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting

57. The meeting is expected to be closed on Thursday 22 May 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

DAY 1: Tuesday 20 May 2025

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<i>Welcoming of the participants and registration</i>
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Agenda item 2: Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Rules of procedure 2.2. Election of officers 2.3. Adoption of the agenda 2.4. Organization of work
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Agenda item 3: Status of implementation of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol)
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Agenda item 4: Progress report on the activities carried out by SPA/RAC under the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy for the interim period: April 2023-April 2025
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Agenda item 5: Conservation of Species and Habitats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. Updating of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean 5.2. Updating of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Cartilaginous Fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea 5.3. Updating of the Regional strategy for the conservation of monk seal in the Mediterranean 5.4. Updating of the Action Plan for the conservation of the Coralligenous and Other Calcareous Bio-concretions in the Mediterranean Sea 5.5. Evaluation of the Regional Action Plans Approach for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and recommendations for the way forward 5.6. The List of the Regional Action Plans' Partners 5.7. Proposals for amendment to Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break (at the hotel)</i>
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Agenda item 6: Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest

	<p>6.1. Report by the Chair of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean (AGEM) on the group's works during the biennial period 2024-2025</p> <p>6.2. Draft guidance document on Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures in the Mediterranean: identification and Criteria application</p> <p>6.3. Analysis of the reports on Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) for the Directory of Mediterranean SPAs</p>
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 6: Conservation of sites of particular ecological interest (Continuation)</p> <p>6.4. List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI List)</p> <p>6.4.1. Report on the Ordinary Periodic and Extraordinary Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List</p> <p>6.4.2. Inclusion of areas in the SPAMI List</p>

DAY 2: Wednesday 21 May 2025

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Agenda item 7: Status of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Roadmap
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 8: 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>8.1. Mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the 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>8.2. Monitoring Framework of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)</p>
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch (at the hotel)</i>
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Agenda item 9: Draft Programme of work of SPA/RAC for the biennium 2026-2027

3:30 –4:00 p.m.	Agenda item 10: Any other matters
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DAY 3: Thursday 22 May 2025

Morning	<i>Preparation of the meeting report by the Secretariat</i>
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting
5:15 – 7:00 p.m.	<i>SPA/RAC 40th Anniversary</i>