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**Report of the Meeting**

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## **Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents**

### **I. Introduction**

1. As provided for in the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAP BIO) (Decision IG.25/11 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, COP 22, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021) and as requested by Decision IG.26/5 of COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) should conduct a mid-term evaluation to assess the collective progress in the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and the Contracting Parties should review their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) accordingly to ensure the achievement of the Post-2020 SAPBIO objectives by 2030.

2. In this context, SPA/RAC convened the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents, in Athens, Greece, on 9-10 April 2025.

### **II. Attendance**

3. The following Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention were represented at the meeting: Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Union, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Montenegro, Spain, Türkiye.

4. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented as observers: Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

5. The following non-governmental organizations and other entities were also represented as observers: European Topic Centre for Spatial Analysis and Synthesis - University of Malaga (ETC-UMA), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

6. The United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP) Secretariat was represented at the meeting.

7. SPA/RAC acted as the secretariat of the meeting.

8. The full list of participants is attached as **Annex I** to the present report.

### **III. Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)**

9. The meeting was opened on Wednesday, 9 April 2025, at 9.00 a.m. by the representatives of the host country, UNEP/MAP and SPA/RAC.

10. Ms. Aimilia Drougas, National Focal Point for Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) from the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, welcomed participants to Athens for the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents, expressing honor in hosting this important gathering of policymakers and experts dedicated to biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean. She emphasized that the Post-2020 SAPBIO serves as a cornerstone for regional cooperation, guiding efforts to protect and restore ecosystems under the Barcelona Convention. Ms. Drougas highlighted the urgent need to accelerate action, strengthen partnerships, and implement transformative measures to halt biodiversity loss, a crisis that transcends borders. She reaffirmed Greece's commitment to the goals of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), noting the pressures on her country's rich natural heritage. The meeting was positioned as an opportunity to align national strategies, share innovative solutions and reinforce the importance of the Mediterranean as a global biodiversity hotspot. Ms. Drougas expressed

confidence that the expertise and collaboration would lead to meaningful outcomes, and looked forward to the insights and recommendations that would emerge from the discussions.

11. Mr. Christos Ioakeimidis, Quality Status Report (QSR) Programme Management Officer at UNEP/MAP, speaking on behalf of Ms. Tatjana Hema, MAP Coordinator, welcomed the participants to this important gathering and emphasised the importance of collective action to protect the biodiversity and natural resources of the Mediterranean. Mr. Ioakeimidis outlined the Post-2020 SAPBIO as UNEP/MAP's response to pressing environmental challenges, with the aim of achieving Good Environmental Status (GES) and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the post-2020 GBF of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). He explained the hierarchical structure of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, which includes a vision for 2050, a mission, three goals, 27 targets and 42 actions for 2030. He noted that the meeting would initiate a mid-term review of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, requiring input from Contracting Parties and partners to assess progress and identify areas where further efforts are needed. Mr. Ioakeimidis looked forward to insightful discussions and valuable recommendations coming out of the meeting.

12. Mr. Mahmoud Elyes Hamza, Director of SPA/RAC, welcomed the participants to the meeting and underlined the importance of their common commitment to address the pressing challenges facing biodiversity and natural resources in the Mediterranean region. He expressed his gratitude to the Government of Greece for hosting the meeting in Athens. Mr. Hamza highlighted the Post-2020 SAPBIO framework, derived from the CBD GBF, which is structured around three main goals to address the unique environmental challenges of the Mediterranean. He noted that the meeting would focus on the preliminary findings of the mid-term assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, in particular concerning the start-up activities and the monitoring framework. Acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the Contracting Parties and regional partner organizations to this assessment, Mr. Hamza expressed his confidence that the discussions would yield actionable outcomes and recommendations that would strengthen their collective efforts to achieve the goals of the Post-2020 SAPBIO. He concluded by emphasizing that the active involvement of all participants was crucial for success and looked forward to fruitful discussions.

#### **IV. Organizational matters (agenda item 2)**

##### **A. Rules of procedure**

13. The meeting agreed that the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its related 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), would apply *mutatis mutandis* to their deliberations at the meeting.

##### **B. Election of officers**

14. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure and with the principles of geographical and equitable gender representation, the meeting unanimously elected the following officers from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties:

Chairperson:	Ms. Aimilia Drougas (Greece),
Vice-chairpersons:	Ms. Silvia García Higuera (Spain),
	Ms. Lara Samaha (Lebanon),
Rapporteur:	Mr. Leonardo Tunesi (Italy).

##### **C. Adoption of the agenda**

15. The meeting adopted its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda circulated in document UNEP/MED WG.607/1 Rev.2.

16. The agenda is attached as **Annex II** to the present report.

#### **D. Organization of work**

17. The meeting agreed to follow the timetable proposed in the provisional annotated agenda (UNEP/MED WG.607/2).

18. The working languages of the meeting were English and French. Simultaneous interpretation was available.

#### **V. Steps undertaken towards the 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) at regional and national levels (agenda item 3)**

19. Under this agenda item, a representative of the Secretariat presented a brief overview of the steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO mainly at regional level. As an introduction, he briefed the meeting about the Post-2020 SAPBIO implementation and monitoring requirements and milestones as provided for by the Post-2020 SAPBIO chapter 7 (SAPBIO implementation and monitoring progress), Target T3.3 (Means for the assessment mechanisms), Action 34 (Post-2020 SAPBIO monitoring) and Action 35 (Support to run the SAPBIO). These milestones include:

- A mid-term assessment focusing on the start-up activities by 2025, along with the setting-up of assessment mechanisms within the MAP system, including the necessary means of implementation;
- An assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO compared to its expected results for 2027, by the year 2027; and
- An assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO compared to its expected results for 2030, by the year 2030.

20. He recalled the sub-regional approach for carrying out the periodic assessments of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, which had been welcomed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents (videoconference, 5 June 2024), and presented the composition of the team of international experts mobilized to carry out the current mid-term assessment, in close consultation with the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee and National Correspondents.

21. The representative of the Secretariat also presented the approach used for this first assessment, whereby a simplified table was prepared by SPA/RAC and distributed to the Contracting Parties (actions with a national scope) and to the member organizations of the Advisory Committee (actions with a regional scope). The simplified table includes binary questions to assess the progress of the start-up activities and other questions to identify gaps and challenges in implementation. In this regard, he informed the meeting that replies had been received from 16 States Contracting Parties and 8 partner organizations.

22. Another member of the Secretariat provided an update on the GBF implementation process and the outcomes of the Second resumed session of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome, Italy, 25-27 February 2025), including decisions on resource mobilization and the financial mechanism. The revised CBD GBF Resource Mobilization Strategy, which aims to facilitate resource mobilization, needs to be supported by enabling conditions at the national level, notably through the adoption of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) and a National Biodiversity Finance Plan. The Barcelona Convention's Post-2020 SAPBIO and its operational implementation at national level could be of great contribution in this regard.

23. A delegate noted that the establishment of a global fund to support developing countries, as decided by the CBD, may not be entirely relevant to the Barcelona Convention due to its operational

framework. He emphasized that while resources are crucial for biodiversity conservation, the Post-2020 SAPBIO process also addresses other vital components, including capacity building and information exchange.

24. The representative of Croatia briefed the meeting about her country's efforts towards implementing the Post-2020 SAPBIO at the national level. Marine and coastal biodiversity is central to the Nature Protection Strategy and Action Plan of Croatia. National targets have been developed in line with the GBF, which will inform the new Nature Protection Strategy and Action Plan for 2026-2035. At the European Union's (EU) level, the new Nature Restoration Regulation requires Member States to formulate a Nature Restoration Plan, addressing financing needs for restoration measures, assessing financial resources and tools, and analyzing harmful subsidies that undermine conservation objectives. Croatia will evaluate current subsidies, considering their financial, socio-economic impacts, and adverse effects on biodiversity.

25. Regarding the progress of the GBF and its interconnection with the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the representative highlighted the importance of the EU-level assessment related to the GBF, which provides an overview of EU indicators for monitoring progress toward GBF goals. Preliminary findings of the ongoing work by the European Commission (EC) and the European Environment Agency (EEA) indicate the availability of headline indicators at EU level and of "other" EU indicators that could help track progress in the implementation of the GBF.

26. The representative of Croatia also reported significant progress in the establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and the protection of the marine environment. The country is on track to fulfill its obligation to protect 30% of its marine area, with substantial sites designated within its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for seabirds, marine turtles and dolphins. Croatia is currently finalizing the documentation for these areas and it is anticipated that the government will adopt these designations before the summer.

27. The representative of France informed the meeting that her country has initiated the implementation of the ambitious Post-2020 SAPBIO strategy through various measures for marine biodiversity protection. Notably, France is working on integrating a compliance objective regarding biological fouling within the framework of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). Actions include establishing maintenance areas in ports to limit the spread of non-indigenous species (NIS), raising awareness among users of French regional information networks about invasive species (i.e. ALIEN networks), and the French Biodiversity Office's "Éconaviguer" (i.e. "Ecosail") programme focusing on antifouling toxicity. Furthermore, the MSFD outlines a monitoring programme for NIS, with France beginning operational tests in 2019, aiming for full implementation by 2027. In terms of indicators and the evaluation of marine and coastal spatial planning, France utilizes strategic documents that assess the initial state of marine waters, set objectives and indicators, and outline actions to mitigate human pressures. The upcoming generation of these strategic documents will also incorporate a trajectory for the development of enhanced marine protection.

28. The representative of Greece informed the meeting that her country has established a legal framework for the protection of marine wildlife. Since 2024, Greece has been coordinating a marine stranding network focusing on marine wildlife, involving four key parties managing cetaceans, monk seals, sea turtles and cartilaginous fish. In addition, Greece has started to implement six-year action plans for the Mediterranean monk seal and two cetacean species: the harbour porpoise and the bottlenose dolphin. A call has also been launched for the mapping of MPA habitats to improve conservation efforts.

29. The representative of EU informed the meeting about recent updates concerning the implementation of the MSFD relevant to Contracting Parties that are also EU Member States. The European Commission published a report on 4 February 2025, assessing Member States' programmes of measures under the MSFD. The analysis indicates progress in certain areas, such as marine litter and seafloor integrity; however, further efforts are needed to establish effective measures that directly

contribute to achieving Good Environmental Status (GES), notably by addressing key pressures on the marine environment. Additionally, an Evaluation of the MSFD was published on 6 March 2025, revealing that the Directive has been only partially effective, as GES has not been achieved for all marine waters and descriptors, partly due to factors beyond the Directive's scope. While the Directive has successfully enhanced data collection and knowledge creation, and has encouraged the development of holistic marine strategies among Member States, there remains significant potential for simplification and reduction of administrative burdens.

30. The representative of Libya informed the meeting that the Ministry of Environment has developed a Plan to address priorities and proposed steps for enhancing Libya's performance in the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO. He indicated that achieving the objectives of this plan will require support from SPA/RAC by 2027.

31. The representative of IUCN informed the participants that several offices of IUCN have been selected as regional centres or part of the regional centres of CBD to support the implementation of the global targets in the countries and that her office is very willing to cooperate with any of the Mediterranean countries if needed.

32. The meeting commended the diligent efforts of the Contracting Parties and regional partner organizations in conducting the mid-term assessment focusing on the start-up activities outlined in Annex III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and agreed that the Contracting Parties and partners that hadn't provided their feedback could send their inputs no later than Wednesday, 16 April 2025, to be considered in the working document on the findings of the mid-term assessment, which will be submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025).

33. The meeting recommended that SPA/RAC, in collaboration with relevant partners, offer training to enhance the skills necessary for the preparation and implementation of National Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Finance Plans, where needed.

#### **VI. Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities (agenda item 4)**

34. Referring mainly to working document UNEP/MED WG.607/3 entitled "Preliminary findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities", but also to information document UNEP/MED WG.607/Inf.7 entitled "Mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities: Sub-regional reports", the Secretariat presented 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.

35. The meeting commended the efforts of the Secretariat dedicated to the preparation of the documents related to the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities, including the sub-regional reports and the preliminary findings.

36. The meeting recommended that the conclusions of document UNEP/MED WG.607/3 "Preliminary findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities" highlight the successes achieved by the countries, alongside the challenges and gaps identified. It was also noted that the categories of challenges were very broad and that for some of them (e.g. policy framework, regulatory challenges, administrative management) it would be interesting to have examples or more concrete details of what these might be.

37. The meeting urged Mediterranean countries to prepare or revise their NBSAPs, if needed, to fully incorporate the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.

38. The meeting emphasized the need for Mediterranean countries to develop their National Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Finance Plans and advocate for increased national budgetary allocations to ensure the successful implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions, including the exploration of innovative financing mechanisms. The meeting also emphasized the need to involve qualified financial experts in the preparation of such financial plans and in the mobilization of funds in order to enhance effective resource allocation and support for the Post-2020 SAPBIO and other conservation initiatives.

39. The meeting recommended that Contracting Parties work towards reallocating a portion of environmentally harmful subsidies coming from blue economy activities – without increasing overall government spending – as a financially viable solution to boost funding for species recovery which would offer a cost-neutral way to support conservation funding.

40. To enhance resource mobilization efforts and strengthen collective capacity for biodiversity conservation in the region, the meeting recommended that the Barcelona Convention Secretariat initiate a collaborative dialogue with the secretariats of other regional sea conventions, such as the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR) and the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM). This dialogue should address the shared challenges faced by their Contracting Parties in financing and resourcing key activities related to biodiversity protection and conservation, with a focus on identifying new and innovative funding avenues.

41. The meeting recommended that the UNEP/MAP - SPA/RAC and relevant regional partners collaborate and joint efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.

42. The meeting recommended that SPA/RAC actively participate in relevant global processes occurring in the Mediterranean region, such as the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 3, taking place in Nice, France, on 9-13 June 2025) and the Intersessional workshop of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies (also in Nice, on 7-8 June 2025).

## **VII. Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment 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) (agenda item 5)**

43. Referring to document UNEP/MED WG.607/4 entitled “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)”, the representative of the Secretariat provided an overview of the context, objectives and principles that guided the preparation of this draft monitoring framework, and presented the different sections of the proposed Post-2020 SAPBIO Monitoring Table (Annex I of the document), including its sections on national scope actions by 2027 and 2030 and regional scope actions by 2027 and 2030, structured according to the 3 goals of the Post-2020 SAPBIO (i.e. Goal 1. Reduce the threats to biodiversity; Goal 2. Ensure that biodiversity is preserved and maintained or enhanced in order to meet people’s needs; and Goal 3. Enable the necessary transformative change, putting in place tools and nature-based solutions for implementation and mainstreaming).

44. The Secretariat also briefed the meeting on the Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF development process, highlighting the necessity of alignment between this framework and the Post-2020 SAPBIO Monitoring Framework.

45. With regard to the draft monitoring framework for the collective assessment of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and in particular Action 14 on Good Environmental Status (GES) in the “National Scope”



part, the representative of EU noted that the Parties that are EU Member States were currently reporting to the European Commission the results of their GES assessment, including for the descriptors relevant to the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and therefore this information was not yet available, but should be available for the 2027 deadline.

46. In this context, the meeting highlighted the opportunity for cooperation and coordination between future assessments of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and the EU MSFD, as well as other relevant reporting frameworks.

47. The meeting agreed to develop a user-friendly online reporting system for the Post-2020 SAPBIO assessments scheduled for 2027 and 2030 based on the following principles:

- The Post-2020 SAPBIO is a living document, requiring a flexible monitoring framework.
- Action-based assessment: relies on the 42 actions outlined in the Post-2020 SAPBIO Annex III.
- Ensure high level of coherence of the Post-2020 SAPBIO evaluation with the GBF Monitoring Framework.
- The monitoring framework should include specific questions to identify implementation achievements and gaps with the view to propose strategies and adjustments to address the identified gaps and challenges.

48. The meeting recommended preparing comprehensive guidelines on how to fill in the reporting format (e.g., brief introductory context, explicit mention of the expected results and targets, etc.).

49. In order to reduce the reporting burden on Contracting Parties, the meeting recommended that the Secretariat pre-fill the reporting format with information compiled from other reporting systems such as the Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS), the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP), regional action plan updates and other relevant sources.

50. The meeting recommended that SPA/RAC provide training on indicators at the regional level, while also acknowledging the importance of strengthening the capacities of Contracting Parties at the national level, such as through the establishment of monitoring units or the designation of dedicated officers.

51. The meeting requested the Secretariat to develop the indicators of the Monitoring Framework of the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO in 2026, in close consultation with the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents, and with their endorsement, to be used in the assessment of the Post-2020 SAPBIO collective implementation in 2027 and 2030.

52. The meeting discussed and reviewed the “Draft Monitoring Framework of the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO”, as presented in **Annex III** to this report, and agreed on its submission to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025).

### **VIII. Any other matters (agenda item 6)**

53. Under this agenda item and upon a request from the meeting, the Secretariat briefly presented the “Draft Guidelines to develop species recovery plans and implement emergency actions” outlined in information document UNEP/MED WG.607/Inf.5.

54. These guidelines were prepared by SPA/RAC in early 2025 and will be presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025). They are intended to assist the Contracting Parties in the development of national recovery plans for threatened species and those requiring management interventions, as listed under the SPA/BD Protocol Annex II and III, as required by the Post-2020 SAPBIO Action 2 on species recovery, which has been identified as a very high priority action.

55. The recovery plan guidelines present each step of recovery planning with key considerations and questions to be answered along the way, provide insights into legal obligations and existing policies for nature recovery, as well as some examples of recovery and emergency actions and an overview of advisories and training opportunities, and available databases.

56. The meeting thanked the Secretariat for this important tool and looked forward to further discussions at the upcoming SPA/BD Focal Points meeting.

57. A representative of one Contracting Party highlighted a case study from the guidelines on the recovery of European hake and Atlantic mackerel fish stocks. She noted that an article published the previous day in *The Guardian* reported on the precarious state of Atlantic mackerel, suggesting that it was at a breaking point. While she was not sure if this was the same stock mentioned in the guidelines, she suggested that a review of the case study might be warranted, as it has gained significant media attention.

58. At Egypt's request, the meeting was informed about the country's experience in financing its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). This process can be summarized in three key steps: identifying gaps, assessing needs, and proposing solutions, all guided by biodiversity finance experts and supported by a well-governed framework.

59. At the conclusion of the presentation, the representative of Egypt expressed his willingness to share their National Biodiversity Finance Plan and additional information on the process with other Contracting Parties that may find it useful as a reference.

#### **IX. Conclusions and recommendations (agenda item 7)**

60. The meeting reviewed, commented on, and approved the draft conclusions and recommendations as amended and attached to the present report as **Annex IV**.

#### **X. Closure of the meeting (agenda item 8)**

61. After expressing the usual courtesies, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 13.00 on Thursday, 10 April 2025.

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**Annex II**

**AGENDA**

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| <b>Agenda item 1</b> | <b>Opening of the meeting</b>   |
| <b>Agenda item 2</b> | <b>Organizational matters</b>   |
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|                      | 2.2. Election of officers   |
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| <b>Agenda item 3</b> | <b>Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels</b> |
| <b>Agenda item 4</b> | <b>Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities</b>  |
| <b>Agenda item 5</b> | <b>Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment 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)</b>      |
| <b>Agenda item 6</b> | <b>Any other matters</b>  |
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### **Annex III**

## **Draft Monitoring Framework of 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)**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. In 2021, the Contracting Parties to Barcelona Convention adopted the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO), hereinafter referred to as “Post-2020 SAPBIO”, as a Mediterranean action oriented marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation Policy aiming at contributing to the achievement of the good environmental status, to the Sustainable Development Goals and their respective targets, and the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework through the optic of the Mediterranean context.

2. The CoP22, urged the Contracting Parties to take the necessary measures, for the effective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and to report on their implementation in the framework of the MAP Barcelona Convention reporting system; and invited them to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by fully incorporating the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO; and maximise their efforts for their timely implementation. In this context, in relation to reporting by Parties on their implementation of the strategy, it was recommended during the elaboration of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, to ensure harmonisation and streamlining with other relevant reporting systems to avoid more burden on the Contracting Parties as for their reporting obligations to numerous conventions and agreements. It also urged the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to provide technical support for the implementation of the Post2020 SAPBIO, through technical cooperation, capacity building activities, and external resource mobilization.

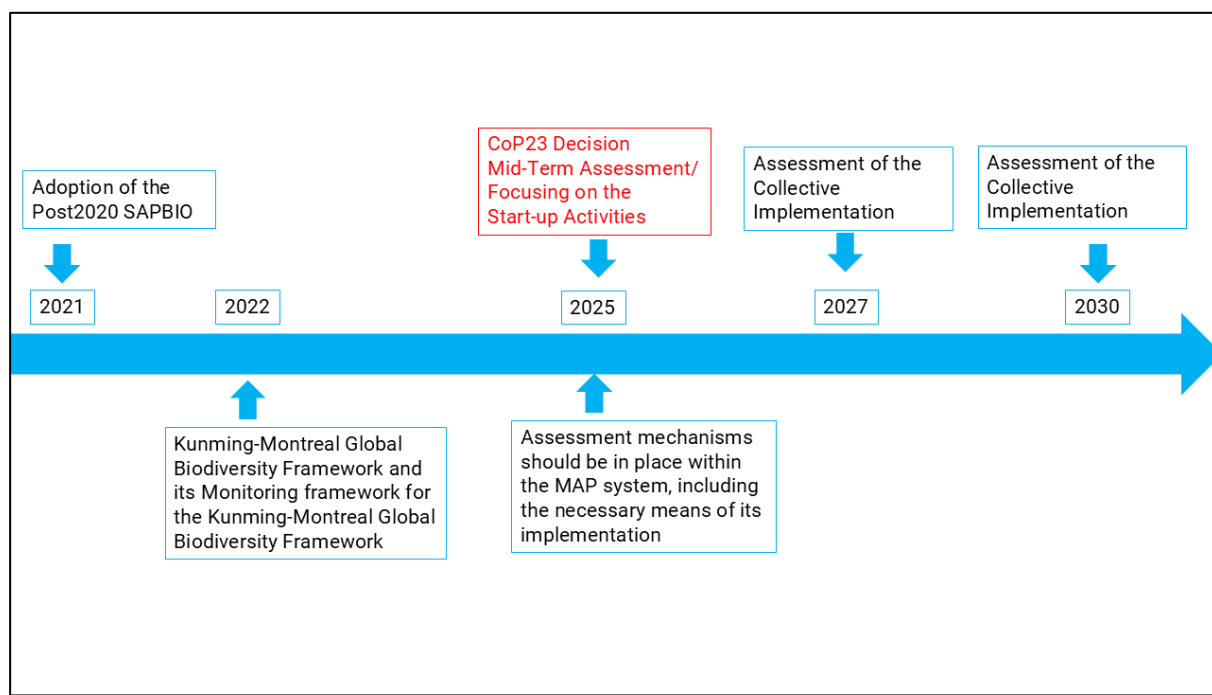
3. The chapter 7 of the Post2020 SAPBIO, focuses on the implementation and monitoring of the strategy as an alive/dynamic document and emphasizes the importance of setting measurable targets to track progress. It was agreed that by 2025, the necessary means for running the regional Post-2020 SAPBIO assessment mechanisms should be in place within the MAP system, allowing the timely analysis of progress based on objective/numerical elements of targets towards the Strategy Goals and document. The Targets and Actions (Annexe III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO) which are quantified could serve as indicators of implementation progress.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK**

4. The Post-2020 SAPBIO implementation status will be periodically reviewed at the Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention, through systematic national reporting of progress, facilitated by the relevant Regional Activity Centres. The reports will include progress with regards to the implementation of the national contributions to the Post-2020 SAPBIO, and data on the relevant Common Indicators of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) to monitor the effectiveness of the actions put in place, altogether building the basis of a Mediterranean assessment on the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, to ensure that by 2030 the regional targets are achieved through national and regional actions.

5. Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents will assess the progress made in implementing the Strategic Action Programme and update the work and projects scheduled. In the light of this assessment, the Meeting of Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents will suggest recommendations where necessary and propose amendments to the work schedule to be submitted to SPA/BD Focal Points Meetings and then the CoP24 for consideration as appropriate.

### **TIMELINE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK**



### **MONITORING FRAMEWORK OF THE POST-2020 SABBIO**

#### **Principles**

6. The Post2020 SAPBIO should be monitored as an alive/dynamic document, so the monitoring framework should need flexibility to allow adaptation. Targets and Actions which are quantified will serve as indicators of implementation progress. Thus, the monitoring framework should contain indicators based on the quantified Targets and Actions of the strategy.

7. Given that the targets are for 2027 and 2030, the collective assessment of implementation (at regional and national level) must be based on the 42 Actions identified in Annex III on Post2020 SAPBIO.

8. To minimize the reporting burden on the Contracting Parties in relation to their obligations under multiple conventions and agreements, and given that the Post-2020 SAPBIO serves as the Mediterranean's action-oriented policy for marine and coastal biodiversity conservation, contributing to the achievement of the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework within the Mediterranean context, it is crucial that the evaluation mechanism of the Post-2020 SAPBIO is aligned and harmonized with the Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Decision CBD/COP/DEC/15/5 of CBD CoP15, 2022).

9. To achieve the Post-2020 SAPBIO objectives by 2030, the collective assessment must identify the strategies, actions, and necessary adjustments to the Post-2020 SAPBIO (including targets, actions, and expected results) in order to address the gaps and challenges identified.

10. The Monitoring Framework (Annex I) is built around quantitative indicators that should be in line with the indicators of the Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework if relevant and applicable or be developed as region-specific indicators (Indicators for marine protected areas (MPAs), endangered species, and ecosystem health), related to each Target/Action and questions (binary question) to assess progress toward the expected results (expected results for 2027 and 2030).

11. Due to the recent finalization and adoption of the Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly its indicator components, the development of indicators for the Monitoring Framework of the Post-2020 SAPBIO has been delayed. This process will now be undertaken during the next biennium (2026-2027) and will be discussed in detail during the National Correspondent Meeting scheduled for 2026. The alignment with the global framework ensures a cohesive and harmonized approach to biodiversity monitoring and reporting. Further to the indicators baseline information will be identified as appropriate.

12. The Monitoring Framework incorporates specific questions designed to identify gaps and challenges in the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO Actions. These questions should focus on areas such as resource limitations, technical capacity, data availability, and institutional barriers. By systematically addressing these gaps and challenges, the Monitoring framework can provide actionable insights to improve the strategy, enhance effectiveness, and ensure the successful achievement of the Post-2020 SAPBIO objectives.

13. Hence, the Monitoring Framework enables Partner organizations and countries to conduct self-assessments and provide indicative progress updates efficiently. However, certain limitations must be acknowledged. Most notably, the assessment remains highly subjective, as the predefined response options lack quantitative benchmarks (e.g., what qualifies as sufficient progress for an action to be marked as "Yes"). Consequently, interpretations of progress may vary among respondents. This limitation stems from the absence of quantifiable indicators for the planned actions in Annex III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO. To this end the Means of verification section is obligatory.

14. With regards the targets related to the MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS (T.1.4<sup>1</sup> on effective systems of MCPAs and OECMs et T.1.5<sup>2</sup> on areas with enhanced protection levels) and subsequently the Action 15 on MCPAs and OECMS, they will not be considered by this Monitoring Framework as the Contracting Parties have already adopted during their 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting (Portoroz (Slovenia), 5-8 December 2023) the Evaluation and Monitoring Framework for the Post-2020 Regional Strategy for Marine and Coastal Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based

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<sup>1</sup> By 2030, at least 30 per cent of the Mediterranean Sea is protected and conserved through well connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, ensuring adequate geographical balance, with the focus on areas particularly important for biodiversity.

<sup>2</sup> By 2030, the number and coverage of marine and coastal protected areas with enhanced protection levels is increased, contributing to the recovery of marine ecosystems

Conservation Measures in the Mediterranean (Annex II of the present document) and on the basis of which the SPA/RAC shall undertake its mid-term and final evaluations, in 2026 and 2030 respectively.

**ANNEX I: THE MONITORING TABLE OF THE POST-2020 SAPBIO****National Scope Actions****2027**

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## National Scope Actions

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<b>2. SPECIES RECOVERY</b> Develop recovery plans and implement emergency actions for endangered and threatened species whose continued survival depends on such actions, including their habitats	T1.1 T2.1 T2.2		<b>2. Has your country developed recovery plans and implemented emergency actions (<i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i>) for species whose survival critically depends on such interventions</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<b>3. MARITIME TRAFFIC</b> Reduce the impact of maritime traffic (noise & collision) on sensitive marine species (Cetaceans, Turtles, others)	T1.1 T1.5 T1.7 T2.7 T2.9 T3.4		<b>3.1. Has your country developed and adopted protection measures against underwater noise and ship collisions, in alignment with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) 2014 guidelines?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																								
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<b>4. NIS/IAS COMMITMENT</b> Ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ballast Water and Sediments from Ships (BWM Convention), and adoption of the Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species (2022-2027)	T1.2 T3.2 T3.6 T1.7		<b>4. Has your country incorporated the provisions of the IMO Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention and the IMO Biofouling Guidelines into its national legislation, and implemented measures to address ballast water and biofouling risks in line with Mediterranean commitments?</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<b>6. NIS/IAS CONTROL</b> Take the necessary field actions to mitigate the impact from NIS/IAS	T1.1 T1.2 T1.7 T3.1 T3.4		<b>6. Has your country implemented control or eradication actions for the most problematic Invasive Alien Species (IAS), including interventions in at least 50% of identified priority sites?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>8. EIA/SEA</b> Implement environmental assessments, considering cumulative	T1.1 T1.3 T1.5 T2.6 T3.4		<b>8. Has your country integrated specific measures and indicators for biodiversity protection into Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedures, particularly to address impacts from tourism, aquaculture, and maritime traffic?</b>																												

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<b>11. SPATIAL PLANNING</b> Support countries for the development of systematic conservation planning taking into account ICZM, land use/marine use planning and management aspects in the context of MSP	T1.4 T1.6 T1.7 T2.6 T2.7 T2.8		<p><b>11. Has your country formulated maritime and coastal spatial plans that include 50% of its coastal length and marine surface area, as well as 100% of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs), while ensuring biodiversity values are integrated into all coastal and maritime sectoral policies and activities?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																								
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<b>12. RESTORATION</b> Support restoration of ecosystems providing key services, those degraded and expected to become increasingly critical in a changing climate, such as wetlands and shallow seashore habitats among others	T1.6 T1.8 T3.5 T3.7		<b>12.1 Has your country completed an inventory of ecosystems with the highest ecological relevance and/or regeneration potential?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>13. CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Increase climate change impacts monitoring and contributions to	T1.3 T1.7 T1.8 T2.8 T3.10		<p><b>13.1. Has your country integrated Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) into a climate change monitoring network?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td><td>In progress</td> </tr> </table>		Yes		In progress																																
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<b>14. GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS</b> Promote actions, including scientific research, with the view of achieving GES for all biodiversity-related ecological objectives within the Ecosystem Approach EcAp/IMAP	T1.7 T2.1 T2.2 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5		<p><b>14.1. Has your country achieved Good Environmental Status (GES) for biodiversity-relevant ecological objectives under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) framework?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</th></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"> </td></tr> </table> <p><b>14.2. Has your country identified gaps that hinder good GES evaluation?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical capabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender disparities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)				<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable		
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<b>17. INVERTEBRATES</b> Survey distribution and abundance, and assess status and main anthropogenic pressures, over priority invertebrate species with focus on C. rubrum, P. nobilis, and vermetid platforms	T1.1 T1.2 T1.6 T2.1 T2.2 T2.3		<b>17.1. Has your country conducted distribution, abundance, and status assessment studies for priority invertebrate species?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)					
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<p><b>23. SMALL SCALE FISHERIES</b> Promote the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Small Scale Fisheries (VGSSF) and comanagement practices in</p>	<p>T1.1 T2.4 T2.5 T2.8 T2.9 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5</p>		<p><b>23. Has your country enhanced the capacity of small-scale fisher organizations to engage in co-management models within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), and established measures to control Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, including recreational fishing, with full participation from relevant sectors?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes																														
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<b>24. AQUACULTURE</b> Support developing the Post2020 GFCM Aquaculture and Fisheries strategy - transforming the aquaculture industry through science-based solutions and marine spatial planning (MSP) tools	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.6 T1.7 T2.6 T2.7 T2.8 T2.9 T3.4 T3.5 T3.7		<p><b>24. Has your country adopted best practices in aquaculture, including innovation, improved aquatic health and biosecurity, responsible antimicrobial use, certification, traceability, and nature-based solutions?</b></p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources														
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<b>26. INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY</b> Integrate biodiversity values into national and local development planning processes, into the strategies and planning processes of marine-related economic sectors, into national accounting as appropriate, reporting systems, and into the assessment of environmental impacts	T1.3 T1.7 T2.8 T2.9 T3.4 T3.6 T3.7 T3.9	<b>26.1. Has your country assessed the integration of biodiversity conservation concerns into sectoral strategies and planning processes—such as Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, coastal tourism, ports, maritime transport, wind farms, and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)/Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs)—and drafted proposals to enhance economic activities that actively protect and restore biodiversity</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		
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<p><b>28. POLITICAL WILL AND COORDINATION</b> Ensure political will and recognition at the highest levels of</p>	<p>T1.5 T1.6 T1.7 T1.8 T2.4 T2.6</p>		<p><b>28. Has your country established effective coordination mechanisms between competent authorities responsible for managing marine areas and land-based coastal zones across administrative levels (e.g., national, regional, local) and sectors (e.g., environment, fisheries, tourism, urban planning)?</b></p>																																						

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<b>29. STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION</b> Facilitate stakeholder engagement to address conflict between users, build capacity to contribute to the SAPBIO enforcement, particularly in MPA planning and management, through proper participation of all stakeholders in a	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.6 T2.3 T2.4 T2.5 T2.6 T2.8 T2.9 T3.4 T3.5		<p><b>29. Has your country established formal and informal platforms to ensure the participation of relevant sectors and stakeholders—including local/subnational authorities, the private sector, civil society, women, youth, academia, and scientific institutions—in decision-making processes for priority areas such as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), fisheries management, and enforcement mechanisms</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																								
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<b>30. TOP-DOWN AND BOTTOM-UP SCALING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS</b> Scale down international commitments into national plans and to local level, streamlining the approach, targets and actions of the Post-2020 into national strategies and into local planning processes, while facilitating the bottom-up feeding of local proposals into future planning	All targets		<b>30.1. Has your country established active alliances among governments, businesses, scientists, and opinion leaders to implement the Goals of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for Biodiversity (SAPBIO), ensuring co-responsibility and co-ownership through administrative transparency, stakeholder dialogue, and participatory governance at all levels?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities						
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<b>31. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT</b> Enable the compliance of the provisions of the SPA/BD and the ICZM Protocols and related Action Plans at national level by strengthening capacities and cooperation between judiciary and administrative bodies	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.7 T2.4 T2.8 T2.9 T3.1 T3.4 T3.7 T3.8		<b>31. Has your country-initiated capacity-building programs for judiciary and administrative actors along the environmental enforcement chain—including environmental agencies, inspectors, auditors, police, prosecutors, and judges—to strengthen their understanding and application of environmental legal frameworks?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)					
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<b>32. IMAP REFINEMENT</b>	T2.1 T2.2 T2.3		<b>32.1. Has your country refined its ecological objectives by specifying and quantifying Good Environmental Status (GES)</b>																																

<p>Identification of the gaps that hinder the good environmental status evaluation, and in case needed, support countries to fill them out</p>	<p>T3.1 T3.2 T3.5</p>		<p><b>at appropriate assessment scales (e.g., regional, national, habitat-specific)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table> <p><b>32.2. Has your country further developed candidate indicators to monitor biodiversity drivers, pressures, and response measures and aligned these efforts with Mediterranean frameworks like IMAP?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		
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<p><b>33. IMAP IMPLEMENTATION</b> Update national monitoring programmes in light of the new elements of IMAP, and achieve regular reporting</p>	<p>T2.1 T2.2 T2.3 T3.1 T3.2 T3.5</p>		<p><b>33. Has your country adopted harmonized reporting formats, aligned with frameworks like the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP), to report on common biodiversity-related indicators for achieving Good Environmental Status (GES)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities				
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<b>34. Post-2020 SAPBIO MONITORING</b> Allow the Contracting Parties to periodically review and report, harmonized with IMAP and UNEP/MAP monitoring frameworks, on the status of implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO	T3.1 T3.2 And all Targets		<b>34. Has your country established a harmonized monitoring process for the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for Biodiversity (SAPBIO), aligned with the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) and other UNEP/MAP frameworks, including biennial progress reporting to the Barcelona Convention system?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<p><b>36. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE Post-2020 SAPBIO AT NATIONAL LEVEL</b> Enhance the national capacities to implement the Post-2020 SAPBIO, to manage MPAs and vulnerable marine and coastal habitats and species within and across national jurisdictions, with particular attention to less developed countries, and towards reducing the gender and the digital divide</p>	<p>T3.4 T3.5 And all Targets</p>		<p><b>36.1. Has your country, particularly at national and subnational administrative levels, conducted a comprehensive capacity assessment to address the needs and priorities of marine conservation objectives?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</th> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>36.2. Has your country subsequently developed and tested impactful training modules to strengthen institutional abilities to monitor and improve management effectiveness?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)					Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		
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<p><b>38. AWARENESS</b> Increase awareness, understanding and appreciating of the values and threats to the marine environment, stimulating improved behavior, and of the responses and good practices, by targeting decision-makers and the general public, through reinforced and renewed mechanisms, including mass communications</p>	<p>T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.7 T2.4 T2.8 T2.9 T3.6 T3.9</p>		<p><b>38. Has your country start the implementation of the Mediterranean Communication and Awareness Strategy to promote storytelling, engage media on flagship species conservation (e.g., cetaceans, turtles), and raise public awareness about plastic waste, ghost nets, marine protected areas (MPAs), invasive species risks, and other SPA/RAC priorities?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources								
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<b>41. SUSTAINABLE FUNDING</b> Develop sustainable funding strategies with, as appropriate,	All Targets		<b>41. Has your country developed and adopted sustainable funding strategies for marine and coastal biodiversity conservation, including the establishment of national or local trust funds supported by revenue streams such as tourism tolls, fishing licenses, plastic bag levies, or environmental</b>																																

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<b>3. MARITIME TRAFFIC</b> Reduce the impact of maritime traffic (noise & collision) on	T1.1 T1.5 T1.7		<b>3. Has your country implemented appropriate regulations and measures to significantly reduce the impact of noise and collision from maritime traffic in identified vulnerable areas?</b>																																

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<b>4. NIS/IAS COMMITMENT</b> Ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ballast Water and Sediments from Ships (BWM Convention), and adoption of the Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management and invasive species (2022-2027)	T1.2 T3.2 T3.6 T1.7		<p><b>4.1. Has your country actively collaborated in the enforcement of the Mediterranean Ballast Water Management Strategy (2022-2027)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory framework																				
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<p><b>5. NIS/IAS CAPACITY</b> Strengthen the capacity of the Mediterranean countries to deal with alien marine species</p>	<p>T1.2 T1.7 T3.4</p>		<p><b>5.1. Has your country conducted a baseline study of alien marine species, on the presence of alien marine species, the pathways of their introduction, and the state of their population trends, including those used in aquaculture, within the framework of (IMAP)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>5.2. Is your country collecting data and monitoring alien marine species, on the presence of alien marine species, the pathways of their introduction, and the state of their population trends, including those used in aquaculture, within the framework of (IMAP)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical capabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender disparities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes		
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<b>14. GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS</b> Promote actions, including scientific research, with the view of achieving GES for all biodiversity-related ecological objectives within the Ecosystem Approach EcAp/IMAP	T1.7 T2.1 T2.2 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5		<b>14. Has your country achieved Good Environmental Status (GES) for all biodiversity-related ecological objectives, demonstrating positive trends verified by scientific knowledge, through effective implementation of the Ecosystem Approach and its roadmap?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>17. INVERTEBRATES</b> Survey distribution and abundance, and assess status and main anthropogenic pressures, over priority invertebrate species with focus on <i>C. rubrum</i> , <i>P. nobilis</i> , and vermetid platforms	T1.1 T1.2 T1.6 T2.1 T2.2 T2.3		<p><b>Has your country completed distribution, abundance, and conservation status assessments for <i>Corallium rubrum</i> (red coral), <i>Pinna nobilis</i> (noble pen shell), and vermetid reef platforms?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)					
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<b>18. VERTEBRATES</b>	T1.6 T1.7		<b>Has your country established comprehensive assessments of the distribution, conservation status, and main anthropogenic</b>																																

Establish the distribution, status, and the main anthropogenic pressures of species listed under Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol	T2.1 T2.3 T3.2		<p><b>pressures for all species listed under Annex II of the SPA/BD Protocol?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td> </tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<b>19. HABITATS</b> In coastal and offshore waters, inventory and cartography key Mediterranean habitats, and assess their status and main anthropogenic pressures	T1.2 T1.4 T1.6 T2.2 T2.3 T2.7 T3.2 T3.10		<p><b>19.1. Has your country completed comprehensive cartography of key habitats in all identified priority areas, including 100% of protected areas, Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs), and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																								
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<b>20. NIS/IAS Database</b> Develop the shared georeferenced database (MAMIAS), user-friendly platform, to continuously monitor the status and pathways of non-indigenous species and support early warning	T1.2 T2.1 T2.2 T2.3 T3.1 T3.2 T3.5 T3.7		<b>20. Has your country established continuous monitoring systems to track the status and pathways of non-indigenous species (NIS) and invasive alien species (IAS), and actively shared this data through the MAMIAS platform to support regional efforts in mitigating ecological and economic impacts of these species?</b>  <input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="In progress"/> <input type="text" value="Not yet"/> <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>  <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <input type="text" value="Policy framework"/> <input type="text" value="Regulatory framework"/> <input type="text" value="Financial resources"/> <input type="text" value="Administrative management"/> <input type="text" value="Technical capabilities"/> <input type="text" value="Gender disparities"/> <input type="text" value="Public participation"/> <input type="text" value="Other (please specify)"/> <input type="text" value="None"/>  <b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>		
<b>21. OVERFISHING and IUU</b>	T1.1 T2.4 T2.5		<b>21.1. Has your country a standardized data collection?</b>  <input type="text" value="Yes"/>		

Implement science-based management plans to effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, including phasing out harmful fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing	T2.8 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5		<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable	<p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>21.2. Has your country a discharge control systems?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> </table>		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None			Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		
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<p><b>22. BY-CATCH</b> Develop a national mechanism and implement agreed and scientifically tested by-catch mitigation measures, to eliminate all intentional or accidental killing of threatened or endangered species and/or in bad conservation status</p>	<p>T1.1 T2.1 T2.4 T2.5 T2.8 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5</p>		<p><b>22.1. Has your country developed a comprehensive bycatch mitigation mechanism, including the adaptation and/or ban of fishing gears most harmful to biodiversity (especially seabed ecosystems)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable																								
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<b>23. SMALL SCALE FISHERIES</b> Promote the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Small Scale Fisheries (VGSSF) and co-management practices in professional small-scale fisheries, advised by traditional ecological knowledge and the best available science	T1.1 T2.4 T2.5 T2.8 T2.9 T3.1 T3.4 T3.5		<b>23.1. Has your country enhanced the capacity of small-scale fisher organizations to engage in co-management models within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), and fishing grounds?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<p><b>26. INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY</b> Integrate biodiversity values into national and local development planning processes, into the strategies and planning processes of marine-related economic sectors, into national accounting as appropriate, reporting systems, and into the assessment of environmental impacts</p>	T1.3 T1.7 T2.8 T2.9 T3.4 T3.6 T3.7 T3.9		<p><b>26. Has your country mainstreamed biodiversity conservation into the strategies and planning processes of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), as well as sectors including fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, coastal tourism, ports, maritime transportation, education, and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)/Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources							
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<b>27. STREAMLINE Post-2020 SAPBIO</b> Streamline the Post-2020 SAPBIO and Regional strategies and action plans, developed in the framework of the SPA/BD Protocol, into national strategies, action plans and legal frameworks	All targets		<b>27. Has your country fully integrated and streamlined the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for Biodiversity (SAPBIO) into national biodiversity conservation and development frameworks, ensuring alignment with Mediterranean regional priorities?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>29. STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION</b> Facilitate stakeholder engagement to address conflict between users, build capacity to contribute to the SAPBIO enforcement, particularly in MPA planning and	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.6 T2.3 T2.4 T2.5		<b>29. Has your country established formal and informal platforms to ensure the participation of all relevant sectors and stakeholders—including local and subnational authorities, the private sector, civil society, women, youth, academia, and scientific institutions—in decision-making processes for priority sectors, adopting a whole-of-society approach?</b>																														

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<p><b>30. TOP-DOWN AND BOTTOM-UP SCALING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS</b> Scale down international commitments into national plans and to local level, streamlining the approach, targets and actions of the Post-2020 into national strategies and into local planning processes, while facilitating the bottom up feeding of local proposals into future planning</p>	<p>All targets</p>		<p><b>30.1. Has your country achieved positive results in implementing the updated 1995 SPA/BD Protocol?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management																
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<b>31. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT</b> Enable the compliance of the provisions of the SPA/BD and the ICZM Protocols and related Action Plans at national level by strengthening capacities and cooperation between judiciary and administrative bodies	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.7 T2.4 T2.8 T2.9 T3.1 T3.4 T3.7 T3.8		<b>31. Has your country completed capacity-building initiatives for judiciary and administrative resources across the enforcement chain—including environmental agencies, inspectors, auditors, police, prosecutors, and judges—to strengthen the application of environmental legal frameworks?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2">Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)					
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<b>32. IMAP REFINEMENT</b> Identification of the gaps that hinder the good environmental	T2.1 T2.2 T2.3		<b>32. Has your country refined its ecological objectives in relation to scales of assessment, specification and further quantification of GES?</b>																																

status evaluation, and in case needed, support countries to fill them out	T3.1 T3.2 T3.5		<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<b>33. IMAP IMPLEMENTATION</b> Update national monitoring programmes in light of the new elements of IMAP, and achieve regular reporting	T2.1 T2.2 T2.3 T3.1 T3.2 T3.5		<p><b>33. Has your country reported on common indicators for the biodiversity-related ecological objectives of Good Environmental Status (GES), as defined under the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework																				
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<b>34. Post-2020 SAPBIO MONITORING</b> Allow the Contracting Parties to periodically review and report, harmonized with IMAP and UNEP/MAP monitoring frameworks, on the status of implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO	T3.1 T3.2 And all Targets		<b>34.1. Has your country established a consistent reporting schedule used by all institutions involved to record biennial progress in implementing the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme on Biodiversity (SAPBIO)?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>36. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE Post-2020 SAPBIO AT NATIONAL LEVEL</b> Enhance the national capacities to implement the Post2020 SAPBIO, to manage	T3.4 T3.5 And all Targets		<b>36. Has your country ensured that key personnel (e.g., MPA managers, field technicians, local authorities in environment, fisheries, and enforcement) are sufficiently trained and maintain close coordination with Mediterranean partners to implement the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme on Biodiversity (SAPBIO) in their respective roles?</b>																																

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<b>37. NETWORKING</b> Support existing regional, subregional and/or transboundary networks, or develop new ones as needed, to enhance capacities, knowledge, experience and opportunity sharing, inter alia, on topics as NIS/IAS, migratory species, MPA management, habitat restoration, reduced bycatch, harmonized monitoring, compliance with law and	T1.1 T1.2 T2.2 T1.6 T2.3 T2.4 T2.5 T2.6 T2.9 T3.2 T3.4 T3.5 T3.9 T3.10		<p><b>37. Has your country developed and strengthened human networks at national, sub-regional, focusing on priority themes such as invasive species (NIS/IAS), migratory species conservation, MPA management, habitat restoration, bycatch reduction, harmonized monitoring, and legal compliance, to enhance capacities, share knowledge and best practices, and foster joint actions?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																								
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<b>38. AWARENESS</b> Increase awareness, understanding and appreciating of the values and threats to the marine environment, stimulating improved behaviour, and of the responses and good practices, by targeting decision-makers and the general public, through reinforced and renewed mechanisms, including mass communications	T1.1 T1.2 T1.3 T1.5 T1.7 T2.4 T2.8 T2.9 T3.6 T3.9		<b>38.1. Has your country adopted the Mediterranean Communication and Awareness Strategy, targeting key audiences such as mass media, policymakers, economic stakeholders (land/sea sectors), academia, and civil society?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b>  <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		
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<p><b>39. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION</b> Promote the integration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems conservation</p>	<p>T1.3 T2.8 T3.4 T3.7</p>		<p><b>39.1. Has your country integrated marine biodiversity conservation strategies and tools into school and university curricula?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table>		Yes																																				
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<b>40. EMPLOYMENT</b> Adequately increase the employment, notably public employment in direct relation to marine biodiversity conservation (and eventually include redirecting existing one) as basic component for future blue economy wise development	All Targets		<b>40. Has your country achieved a minimum doubling of public employment directly linked to marine biodiversity conservation since the baseline year, as part of regional efforts?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Regulatory framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Gender disparities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Public participation</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Regulatory framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Gender disparities		Public participation		Other (please specify)		None		
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## Regional Scope Actions

Regional Scope Actions 2027		Goal 1: Reduce the threats to biodiversity			
ACTION	SAPBIO Targets	Indicator	Questions related to the expected results by 2027	Means of verification	CBD/GBF Target
<b>2. SPECIES RECOVERY</b> Develop recovery plans and implement emergency actions for endangered and threatened species whose continued survival depends on such actions, including their habitats	T1.1 T2.1 T2.2	Indicators of the Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework if relevant and applicable or be developed as region-specific indicators	<div><div></div>Yes</div> <div><div></div>In progress</div> <div><div></div>Not yet</div> <div><div></div>Not Applicable</div> <div>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</div> <div><div></div>Policy framework</div> <div><div></div>Financial resources</div> <div><div></div>Administrative management</div> <div><div></div>Technical capabilities</div> <div><div></div>Other (please specify)</div> <div><div></div>None</div> <div>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</div> <div></div>		
<b>6. NIS/IAS CONTROL</b> Take the necessary field actions to mitigate the impact from NIS/IAS	T1.1 T1.2 T1.7		<b>6. Has your organisation contributed to regulating the introduction and spread of the most harmful invasive alien species (IAS) at the Mediterranean level, achieving the following targets:</b>		

	T3.1 T3.4		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Preventing IAS impacts in 100% of the most vulnerable areas and/or priority sites,</b></li> <li><b>2. Reducing the number of protected species threatened by IAS by 50%, and</b></li> <li><b>3. Effectively managing 50% of the most significant pathways of IAS introduction?</b></li> </ol> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="2"><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"></td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>					
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<b>9. WIND ENERGY</b> Advocate that wind farms, are regulated in MCPAs, and cannot be developed elsewhere before their effects on the marine environment biodiversity and human activities have been	T1.1 T1.3 T1.7 T1.8 T2.7 T2.8 T2.9		<b>9. Has your organisation developed and presented a proposal for the regulation and impact assessment of wind farm installations within areas identified as critical for marine and coastal biodiversity to the Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress																						
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<p><b>10. MINERALS</b> In line with the precautionary principle, the exploitation of minerals should not be authorised until the effect on the marine environment, biodiversity and related human activities have been sufficiently researched and the risks are understood and alternatives assessed.</p>	<p>T1.1 T1.3 T1.7 T1.8 T2.7 T2.8 T2.9</p>		<p><b>10. Has your organisation developed and presented a proposal to regulate the prospection and exploitation of inorganic minerals on or under the seabed to the Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties, ensuring alignment with Mediterranean marine biodiversity conservation goals?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Not yet</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Not Applicable</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Policy framework</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Financial resources</td> </tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources								
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<b>16. BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM</b> Establish an open access Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform	T2.1 T2.2 T2.3 T3.2 T3.5 T3.7		<b>16. has your organization (SPA/RAC) progressed toward centralizing georeferenced information on Mediterranean biodiversity key components into an open-access Mediterranean Biodiversity Platform by 2027?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Other (please specify)		None		
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<b>35. SUPPORT TO RUN THE SAPBIO</b> Provide sufficient human and financial resources to the MAP system in order to efficiently run the implementation, follow-up and assessment mechanisms for the Post-2020 SAPBIO	T3.2 T3.3 And all Targets		<b>35.1. Has your organisation (the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) system) established the regional follow-up and assessment mechanisms for the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme on Biodiversity (SAPBIO), enabling timely analysis of progress toward its goals and targets using objective, numerical indicators?</b> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable							
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<b>37. NETWORKING</b> Support existing regional, subregional and/or transboundary networks, or develop new ones as needed, to enhance capacities, knowledge, experience and opportunity sharing, inter alia, on topics as NIS/IAS, migratory species, MPA management, habitat restoration, reduced bycatch, harmonized monitoring, compliance with law and regulations, and other subjects relevant to the Post-2020 SAPBIO	T1.1 T1.2 T2.2 T1.6 T2.3 T2.4 T2.5 T2.6 T2.9 T3.2 T3.4 T3.5 T3.9 T3.10		<b>37. Has your organisation established human networks at regional, sub-regional to advance priority marine conservation themes, ensuring these networks are sufficiently resourced to maintain a functional hub, user-friendly website, and regular knowledge-exchange mechanisms—particularly addressing capacity-building needs in less developed countries, recently established Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and all Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs)?</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>None</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Other (please specify)		None		
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1. SPECIES AND HABITATS PLANS Update Mediterranean action plans for selected species and habitats listed under the SPA/BD Protocol	T1.1	Indicators of the Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework if relevant and applicable or be developed as region- specific indicators	<b>1. Can your organization confirm that at least 30% of species and habitats not in favourable status in 2020 have now achieved Good Environmental Status (GES) or demonstrate strong positive trends, with priority given to benthic habitats—ensuring the decline of coralligenous formations and marine vegetation has been halted and sea-floor integrity is maintained?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr><tr><td></td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>			
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<b>9. WIND ENERGY</b> Advocate that wind farms, are regulated in MCPAs, and cannot be developed elsewhere before their effects on the marine environment, biodiversity and human activities have been sufficiently researched, the risks are understood and alternatives assessed	T1.1 T1.3 T1.7 T1.8 T2.7 T2.8 T2.9	<b>9. Has the Barcelona Convention formally adopted the proposal to regulate and assess the impacts of wind farm installations in areas critical for marine and coastal biodiversity?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> <b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Financial resources</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Administrative management</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Technical capabilities</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Other (please specify)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>None</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td><b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b></td></tr><tr><td></td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework		Financial resources		Administrative management		Technical capabilities		Other (please specify)		None	<b>Any relevant additional information or comments (if any)</b>			
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<b>10. MINERALS</b> In line with the precautionary principle, the exploitation of minerals should not be authorised until the effect on the marine environment, biodiversity and related human activities have been sufficiently researched and	T1.1 T1.3 T1.7 T1.8 T2.7 T2.8 T2.9	<b>10. Has the Barcelona Convention formally adopted regulations governing the prospection and exploitation of inorganic minerals (e.g., polymetallic nodules, phosphates) in or under the seabed to safeguard Mediterranean marine ecosystems?</b> <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable																
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<b>19. HABITATS</b> In coastal and offshore waters, inventory and cartography key Mediterranean habitats, and assess their status and main anthropogenic pressures	T1.2 T1.4 T1.6 T2.2 T2.3 T2.7 T3.2 T3.10		<p><b>19.1. Has your organisation completed comprehensive cartography of key marine and coastal habitats in all identified priority areas—including 100% of protected areas, Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs), and Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Policy framework</td></tr> </table>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable		Policy framework				
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<p><b>34. Post-2020 SAPBIO MONITORING</b></p> <p>Allow the Contracting Parties to periodically review and report, harmonized with IMAP and UNEP/MAP monitoring frameworks, on the status of implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO</p>	<p>T3.1 T3.2 And all Targets</p>		<p><b>34. Did your organisation supported when appropriate and/or by voluntary in-depth peer review by experts including from other parties, the Mediterranean countries to record biennial progress in the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO?</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>In progress</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not yet</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Not Applicable</td></tr> </table> <p><b>What are the challenges and difficulties encountered (if any)?</b></p>		Yes		In progress		Not yet		Not Applicable						
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## ANNEX II

### EVALUATION AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR THE POST-2020 REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (as adopted by CoP23 Decision IG.26/5)

Output	Indicator	Mid-term target 2026	Final target 2030	Means of verification
<b>The Strategy overall target: By 2030, at least 30 per cent of the Mediterranean Sea is protected and conserved through well connected, ecologically representative and effective systems of marine and coastal protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, ensuring adequate geographical balance, with the focus on areas particularly important for biodiversity</b>				
--	% coverage of MCPAs and OECMs in the Mediterranean Sea	15% of the Mediterranean Sea	30% of the Mediterranean Sea	MAPAMED database <sup>3</sup>
<b>Strategic Outcome 1: Governance arrangements for MCPAs and OECMs are inclusive and effective in delivering conservation and livelihood outcomes</b>				
<b>Output 1.1:</b> Legal frameworks and institutional arrangements of MCPAs and OECMs allow for opportunities for participatory management	Number of Contracting Parties with legal frameworks and institutional arrangements of MCPAs allowing for opportunities for participatory management.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	National reports
	Number of Contracting Parties with legal frameworks and institutional arrangements of OECMs allowing for opportunities for participatory management, considering the objectives of such OECMs.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Official data provided by the Contracting Parties
<b>Output 1.2:</b> Governance arrangements for MCPAs and OECMs are inclusive and equitable	Number of Contracting Parties with governance structures and mechanisms (e.g., a national commission or other) for MCPAs established and functional, that facilitates inclusive and equitable governance.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	National reports Official data provided by the

<sup>3</sup> SPA/RAC should ensure that the MAPAMED database is expanded to cover all the indicators agreed upon under this Evaluation and Monitoring Framework, and includes coastal protected areas, provided that relevant data and information are shared by the Contracting Parties to inform the MAPAMED database for these indicators.

	Number of Contracting Parties with appropriate procedures and mechanisms for the effective participation of and/or coordination with other stakeholders in OECM processes.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Contracting Parties
<b>Output 1.3:</b> National, regional, transboundary and cross sectoral co-operation for the establishment and management of MCPAs and OECMs are strengthened	Number of Contracting Parties with multi-sectoral cooperation tools (e.g., committees, consultations, agreements, etc.) for MCPAs or OECMs established.  Number of transboundary co-operation agreements for MCPAs or OECMs.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention  3 Agreements	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention  5 Agreements	National reports  Official data provided by the Contracting Parties
<b>Output 1.4:</b> Adaptive planning and management frameworks of MCPAs and OECMs that anticipate, learn from and respond to changes in decision-making are strengthened	Number of MCPAs that have management plans.  % of MCPAs applying adaptive management.  % of OECMs that have flexible procedures in place to ensure that results from monitoring, evaluation, consultation, and multiple knowledge sources are used to inform management and planning processes.	50% of MCPAs  50% of MCPAs  50% of OECMs	100% of MCPAs  100% of MCPAs  100% of OECMs	MAPAMED database
<b>Strategic Outcome 2: MCPA coverage increased through the expansion of soundly-designed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of MCPAs</b>				
<b>Output 2.1:</b> Areas of importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services are identified	Number of Contracting Parties that have identified areas of importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, serving to inform MCPAs establishment process.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	National reports  Official data provided by the Contracting Parties
<b>Output 2.2:</b> Distribution of MCPA systems across the Mediterranean Sea is balanced	The unbalanced MCPA distribution between the 4 Mediterranean sub-regions (Adriatic Sea; Aegean - Levantine Sea; Ionian Sea and Central Mediterranean Sea; and Western Mediterranean Sea) is reduced.	The unbalanced distribution is reduced by 50%	The distribution is balanced	MAPAMED database

	<u>Baseline: % coverage of MPAs per Mediterranean sub-region<sup>4</sup>:</u> Adriatic Sea: 4.8% Aegean - Levantine Sea: 2.1% Ionian Sea and Central Mediterranean Sea: 1.8% Western Mediterranean Sea: 20.4%			
<b>Output 2.3:</b> MCPA coverage in areas beyond national jurisdiction is increased	The coverage of MPAs in ABNJ <sup>5</sup> is increased. <u>Baseline: % coverage of MPAs in ABNJ: [less than 1.85%]<sup>6</sup></u>	The coverage of MPAs in ABNJ is increased by 50%	The coverage of MPAs in ABNJ is increased by 100%	MAPAMED database
<b>Output 2.4:</b> The number and coverage of MCPAs with enhanced protection levels is increased	% coverage of NTZs <sup>7</sup> within MCPAs/OECMs. <u>Baseline: % cumulative surface of no-go, no-take or no-fishing area<sup>8</sup>: 0.04%</u>	2% of the Mediterranean Sea	5% of the Mediterranean Sea	MAPAMED database National reports
<b>Strategic Outcome 3: Marine and coastal OECMs in the Mediterranean are identified, recognized and reported towards post-2020 global and regional targets</b>				
<b>Output 3.1:</b> Awareness in Contracting Parties and stakeholders on OECMs enhanced and guidance for the application of OECM criteria provided	Number of Contracting Parties that established processes to evaluate the application and identification of OECMs, applying the guidance for application of OECM criteria.	50% of the States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	100% of the States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	National reports Official data provided by the Contracting Parties
<b>Output 3.2:</b> OECMs identified, recognized and reported to regional and global databases by	Surface of OECMs recognized and reported.	OECM surface complementing MPA surface to 15%	OECM surface complementing MPA surface to 30%	MAPAMED database

<sup>4</sup> Source: SPA/RAC and MedPAN, MAPAMED 2019 edition.

<sup>5</sup> The extent of ABNJ in the Mediterranean depends on the number of EEZs declared by coastal States. If all the coastal States declare their EEZ, there will be no more ABNJ.

<sup>6</sup> Figure to be updated by SPA/RAC on the following versions of the draft document (information requested from the Pelagos Agreement Permanent Secretariat).

<sup>7</sup> No-Take Zones are geographically defined zones within marine protected areas that do not allow any fishing, mining, drilling, or other extractive activities.

<sup>8</sup> Source: MedPAN: The Mediterranean MPA management database, 2021.

Contracting Parties and regional organizations				
<b>Output 3.3:</b> Effectiveness of identified OECMs is enhanced, including through prioritization in cross-sectoral marine spatial planning	<p>Number of OECMs included within MSP measures adopted by the Contracting Parties using OECMs to contribute to the 30% target for the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Number of projects to evaluate the effectiveness of OECMs.</p>	<p>3 OECMs</p> <p>3 projects</p>	<p>6 OECMs</p> <p>6 projects</p>	<p>National reports</p> <p>Official data provided by the Contracting Parties</p>
<b>Output 3.4:</b> New OECMs are established and recognized OECMs expanded	<p>Guidance document on future OECM designation, recognition and reporting</p> <p>Number of new OECMs established at Mediterranean level contributing to the 30% collective target on protected areas and OECMs.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10 OECMs</p>	<p>--</p> <p>20 OECMs</p>	<p>Guidance document</p> <p>MAPAMED database</p>
<b>Strategic Outcome 4: MCPAs are effectively managed and their conservation outcomes successfully delivered</b>				
<b>Output 4.1:</b> All MCPAs have adaptive management plans adopted, effectively implemented and periodically reviewed	MCPAs have adaptive management plans adopted, effectively implemented and periodically reviewed.	50% of MCPAs	100% of MCPAs	MAPAMED database
<b>Output 4.2:</b> Sufficient and sustainable resources for the establishment and management of MCPAs in the Mediterranean are mobilized	% of MCPAs where financial constraints are not threatening the capacity of management to achieve the site's objectives.	50% of MCPAs	100% of MCPAs	MAPAMED database
<b>Output 4.3:</b> Individual and institutional capacity for MCPA management is enhanced	<p>% of MPCAs with adequate numbers of appropriately trained staff provided by the responsible entity.</p> <p>Number of Contracting Parties with MCPA institutions in place.</p>	<p>50% of MCPAs</p> <p>11 States Contracting Parties</p>	<p>100% of MCPAs</p> <p>All States Contracting Parties</p>	<p>MAPAMED database</p> <p>National reports</p>

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<b>Output 4.4:</b> Surveillance and enforcement in MCPAs are strengthened and ensured, and user compliance is promoted	% MCPAs having regular surveillance.	50% of MCPAs	100% of MCPAs	National reports MAPAMED database
<b>Output 4.5:</b> Monitoring of conservation outcomes and evaluation of management effectiveness are strengthened across the MCPA system	% MCPAs with regular monitoring identifying biological threat and socio-economic indicators	50% of MCPAs	100% of MCPAs	MAPAMED database
	% MCPAs carrying out regular site-level management effectiveness evaluations	50% of MCPAs	100% of MCPAs	
<b>Strategic Outcome 5: Actions and support for MCPAs and OECMs are mobilized</b>				
<b>Output 5.1:</b> Awareness, understanding and appreciation of the values of, and threats to, MCPAs and OECMs across government and non-government stakeholders, the private sector, the youth and wider society	Number of Contracting Parties with targeted communication and awareness strategies as standalone or as part of other national activities.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	National reports
	Number of CPs having education programmes including MCPAs and OECMs.	11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention	Official data provided by the Contracting Parties
	% of positive attitudes towards MCPAs/OECMs across wide stakeholder groups.	30% positive attitudes towards MCPAs/OECMs	60% positive attitudes towards MCPAs/OECMs	Stakeholder survey

<b>Output 5.2:</b> Political support for the establishment and management of MCPAs and biodiversity conservation is increased	<p>% of MCPAs receiving regular adequate funds from government budgets for management.</p> <p>Number of Contracting Parties that consider MCPAs in Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Spatial Planning processes.</p>	<p>50% of MCPAs</p> <p>11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p>	<p>100% of MCPAs</p> <p>All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p>	<p>National reports</p> <p>Official data provided by the Contracting Parties</p>
<b>Output 5.3:</b> The contribution of MPCAs and OECMs to sustainable development goals, the blue economy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the wider society are recognized and accounted for	<p>Number of Contracting Parties with MCPA/OECM considerations included into national plans and policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>Number of Contracting Parties with MCPA/OECM considerations included into national plans and policies for sustainable blue economy growth.</p> <p>Number of national Public Relation (PR) and awareness initiatives in relation with MCPA/OECM targeting the wider society</p>	<p>11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p> <p>11 States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p> <p>1 per Contracting Party</p>	<p>All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p> <p>All States Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention</p> <p>2 per Contracting Party</p>	<p>National reports</p> <p>Official data provided by the Contracting Parties</p> <p>Media produced (social media platforms, videos, etc.)</p>

## **Annex IV**

### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat (UNEP/MAP) organized the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Correspondents 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) (hereinafter referred to as the “Meeting”) in Athens, Greece, on 9-10 April 2025.

#### **Participation**

2. All the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee, were invited to attend the meeting or to designate their representatives.

3. The following Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention were represented at the meeting: Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Union, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Montenegro, Spain, Türkiye.

4. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented as observers: Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

5. The following non-governmental organizations and other entities were also represented as observers: European Topic Centre for Spatial Analysis and Synthesis - University of Malaga (ETC-UMA), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

6. The Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat (UNEP/MAP) was represented at the meeting.

7. SPA/RAC acted as the secretariat of the meeting.

#### **Organizational matters**

8. The Meeting agreed that the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its related 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), would apply *mutatis mutandis* to their deliberations at the meeting.

9. The Meeting unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairperson:	Ms. Aimilia DROUGAS (Greece)
Vice-chairpersons:	Ms. Silvia GARCÍA HIGUERA (Spain)
	Ms. Lara SAMAHA (Lebanon)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Leonardo TUNESI (Italy)

10. The meeting agreed on the following conclusions and recommendations:

## **General considerations**

**11.** The Meeting acknowledged that the Barcelona Convention is leading in biological diversity strategic planning compared to other regions, exemplified by the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol developed in 1995 and the first “Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity” (SAPBIO) in 2003.

**12.** To enhance resource mobilization efforts and strengthen collective capacity for biodiversity conservation in the region, the Meeting recommended that the Barcelona Convention Secretariat initiate a collaborative dialogue with the secretariats of other Regional Sea Conventions, such as the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR) and the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM). This dialogue should address the shared challenges faced by their Contracting Parties in financing and resourcing key activities related to biodiversity protection and conservation, with a focus on identifying new and innovative funding avenues.

### **Agenda item 3: Steps undertaken towards the 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) at regional and national levels**

**13.** The Meeting commended the diligent efforts of the Contracting Parties and Regional Partner Organizations in conducting the mid-term assessment focusing on the start-up activities outlined in Annex III of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and agreed that the Parties and Partners that hadn’t provided their feedback could send their inputs no later than Wednesday, 16 April 2025 to be considered in the working document on the findings of the mid-term assessment, which will be submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025).

**14.** The Meeting recommended that SPA/RAC, in collaboration with relevant partners, offer training to enhance the skills necessary for the preparation and implementation of National Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Finance Plans, where needed.

### **Agenda item 4: Review the findings of the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities**

**15.** The Meeting commended the efforts of the Secretariat dedicated to the preparation of the documents related to the mid-term assessment focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO start-up activities, including the sub-regional reports and the preliminary findings.

**16.** The Meeting emphasized the need for Mediterranean countries to develop their National Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Finance Plans and advocate for increased budgetary allocations at the national level to ensure the successful implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO actions, including the exploration of innovative financing mechanisms.

**17.** The Meeting urged Mediterranean countries to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), if needed, to fully incorporate the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.

**18.** The Meeting recommended that the UNEP/MAP - SPA/RAC and relevant regional partners collaborate and joint efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.

**19.** The Meeting recommended that the conclusions of document UNEP/MED WG.607/3 entitled “Preliminary Findings of the Mid-Term Assessment Focusing on the Post-2020 SAPBIO Start-Up



Activities” highlight the successes achieved by the countries, alongside the challenges and gaps identified.

**20.** The Meeting recommended that Contracting Parties work towards reallocating a portion of environmentally harmful subsidies coming from Blue economy activities – without increasing overall government spending – as a financially viable solution to boost funding for species recovery which would offer a cost-neutral way to support conservation funding.

**21.** The Meeting highlighted the opportunity for cooperation and coordination between future assessments of the Post-2020 SAPBIO and the European Union Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), as well as other relevant reporting frameworks.

**22.** The Meeting recommended that SPA/RAC actively participate in relevant global processes occurring in the Mediterranean region, such as the 2025 UN Ocean Conference (taking place in Nice, France, on 9-13 June 2025) and the “Intersessional workshop of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies” (also in Nice, on 7-8 June 2025).

**23.** The Meeting emphasized the need for the involvement of qualified finance experts in the elaboration of National Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Finance Plans and in fund mobilization to enhance effective resource allocation and support for the Post-2020 SAPBIO and other conservation initiatives.

**Agenda item 5: Review of the draft Monitoring Framework of the collective assessment 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)**

**24.** The Meeting agreed to develop a user-friendly online reporting system for the Post-2020 SAPBIO assessments scheduled for 2027 and 2030 based on the following principles:

- The Post-2020 SAPBIO is a living document, requiring a flexible monitoring framework.
- Action-based assessment: relies on the 42 actions outlined in the Post-2020 SAPBIO Annex III.
- Ensure high level of coherence of the Post-2020 SAPBIO evaluation with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Monitoring Framework.
- The monitoring framework should include specific questions to identify implementation achievements and gaps with the view to propose strategies and adjustments to address the identified gaps and challenges.

**25.** The Meeting recommended preparing comprehensive guidelines on how to fill in the reporting format (e.g., brief introductory context, explicit mention of the expected results and targets, etc.).

**26.** In order to reduce the reporting burden on Contracting Parties, the Meeting recommended that the Secretariat pre-fill the reporting format with information compiled from other reporting systems such as the Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS), the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP), regional action plan updates and other relevant sources.

**27.** The Meeting recommended that SPA/RAC provide training on indicators at the regional level, while also acknowledging the importance of strengthening the capacities of Contracting Parties at the national level, such as through the establishment of monitoring units or the designation of dedicated officers.

**28.** The Meeting requested the Secretariat to develop the indicators of the Monitoring Framework of the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO in 2026, in close

consultation with the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents, and with their endorsement, to be used in the assessment of the Post-2020 SAPBIO collective implementation in 2027 and 2030.

**29.** The Meeting discussed and reviewed the “Draft Monitoring Framework of the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO” and agreed on its submission to the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025).