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1. The preliminary draft of the UNEP/MAP **Programme of Work (PoW)** for the 2026-2027 biennium has been prepared based on all key elements included in the MTS 2022-2027 (UNEP/MED IG.25/1), including priorities, objectives, and strategic outcomes.
2. In developing the draft 2026-2027 PoW, careful consideration has been given to the contribution of its expected deliverables to the achievement of MTS programmes and outcomes. Special emphasis was placed on outcomes requiring a long-term implementation timeline, particularly those spanning the entire six-year MTS cycle, as well as those directly linked to or continuing ongoing work from the current biennium.
3. The activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-2027, proposed by INFO/RAC in the draft, aim to facilitate information collection and sharing, enhance public awareness and participation, and improve decision-making processes at regional, national, and local levels. In this context, these activities will ensure the provision of adequate and up-to-date information and communication services, as well as infrastructure technologies, to Contracting Parties for the implementation of Article 12 on public participation and Article 26 of the Barcelona Convention on reporting. Additionally, they will support compliance with reporting requirements under the various Protocols, thereby strengthening MAP information management and communication capabilities.
4. The draft 2026-2027 PoW has been developed with reference to priorities outlined primarily in the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria. Its deliverables are designed to contribute, based on the available budget (MTF), to the implementation of the following Instruments and Decisions adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention:
  - - **COP16 Decision UNEP/MED IG.19/8 Annex II** – Mandates of the MAP Components – Mandate of the Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication
    - **COP17 Decision UNEP/MED IG.20/13 Annex IV** – UNEP/MAP Communication Strategy
    - **COP19 Decision UNEP/MED IG.22/7**– Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria
    - **COP21 Decision UNEP/MED IG.24/22 Annex I**– Operational Communication Strategy
    - **COP22 Decision UNEP/MED IG.25/10** – MAP Data Policy
5. The draft 2026-2027 PoW also takes into account relevant current and emerging global and regional frameworks and processes, including SDG 4, SDG 5, SDG 6, SDG 13, SDG 14, and SDG 17, which are pertinent to the proposed activities, as well as key regional and global instruments and processes to which these activities will contribute.
6. The draft proposal of INFO/RAC activities in the 2026-2027 PoW is primarily structured under three MTS Programmes:
  - **MTS Programme Foundational 5: Governance**
  - **MTS Enabling Programme 6: Towards monitoring, assessment, knowledge, and vision of the Mediterranean Sea and coast for informed decision-making**

- **MTS Enabling Programme 7: For informed and consistent advocacy, awareness, education, and communication**

Special attention will be given to collaboration with all other MAP Components, given the cross-cutting role and mandate of INFO/RAC within the UNEP/MAP system.

#### **MTS Programme Foundational 5: Governance**

7. The main objective of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-2027, proposed by INFO/RAC under this programme, is to ensure the full implementation of the MAP Data Policy at regional and, where appropriate, national levels.

Specifically, the draft 2026-2027 PoW envisages:

- An enhanced MAP Data Policy document, including annexes covering all available data flows, to provide a comprehensive foundation for its implementation.
- Strengthening the capacities of Contracting Parties to implement the MAP Data Sharing Policy through closer support and dedicated workshops.
- Applying the MAP Data Policy principles to monitoring data collection from countries with reference to the completed IMAP call.

#### **MTS Enabling Programme 6: Towards Monitoring, Assessment, Knowledge, and Vision of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast for Informed Decision-Making**

8. The primary objectives of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-2027, proposed by INFO/RAC under this programme, are to maintain and enhance the InfoMap platform, ensure the effective operation of reporting systems, and evolve the Data Centre towards standardized data flow management. Additionally, the IMAP Info System will be completed and maintained with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented, and the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure will be fully operational for geographical data and maps. The integration and analysis of Copernicus data will support indicator development and data collection.

More specifically, the draft 2026-2027 PoW envisages:

- Maintaining and updating the InfoMap System through hardware and software upgrades to efficiently host UNEP/MAP datasets and ensure full integration into the Knowledge Management Platform.
- Migrating, integrating, harmonizing, and updating MAP Component databases into the InfoMap System to ensure full harmonization with the Knowledge Management Platform.
- Advancing Data Centre standardization for improved data flow integration.
- Enhancing all InfoMAP tools, including INFO/RAC Cloud tools for document repositories and dashboards integrated into the Knowledge Management Platform.
- Providing dedicated assistance for MAP data reporting through 24/7 online support, workshops, and training sessions.

#### **MTS Enabling Programme 7: For Informed and Consistent Advocacy, Awareness, Education, and Communication**

9. The main objectives of the activities and deliverables of the UNEP/MAP PoW 2026-2027,

proposed by INFO/RAC under this programme, are to enhance MAP System visibility, disseminate knowledge on the Mediterranean Sea and Coast, improve institutional communication, and support MAP advocacy at COP24.

More specifically, the draft 2026-2027 PoW envisages:

- Delivering MED News the MAP Newsletter, on a monthly basis.
- Positioning COP24 of the Barcelona Convention as a key regional conference (COP24 website, Communication Pavilion, videos, promotional material).
- Celebrating UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention System anniversaries.
- Running digital communication campaigns to raise public awareness on MAP topics and observance days.
- Promoting the Knowledge Management Platform and its links with global and regional platforms through dedicated events/webinars, participation in conferences, digital campaigns and social media.
- Advancing digital transformation strategies within the MAP System.
- Enhancing MAP educational capacity through e-learning initiatives, with a focus on youth.
- Promoting Mediterranean sustainability awards to support advocacy efforts for sustainable urban management and a circular economy.
- Tailor a Web App for Citizen Science for various stakeholders (citizens, scientists, students).

10. The draft 2026-2027 PoW builds on and strengthens the results-based management (RBM) approach followed in previous PoW cycles. Lessons learned from past biennia have been integrated, particularly regarding feasibility, implementation flexibility, scope of planned actions, and consolidation of similar activities.

11. Despite efforts to mobilize additional funding sources, INFO/RAC will primarily rely on MTF funds for the biennium. In the 2024-2025 biennium, the Centre benefited from voluntary contributions, particularly from the France Voluntary Contribution and the Bilateral Agreement with MASE, the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security. In this regard, INFO/RAC will continue to explore potential contributions from Contracting Parties.

12. The draft table of the 2026-2027 PoW includes all the UNEP/MAP CU and MAP Components programme sheets, with activities relevant to INFO/RAC highlighted in purple.

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 5.1. Effective Implementation and Enforcement by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, MAP Policies, including Ecosystem Approach related COP decisions, the MSSD and Programmes of Measures achieved at regional and national levels							
5.1.1. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with legally binding obligations under Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	a) Progress on ratification of the Protocols of the Barcelona Convention; Facilitation and/or technical support provided to 3 CPs upon request.	CU	MAP Components	Participating CPs and their relevant authorities and institutions	Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 Targets;	
	b) Contracting Parties develop national policies, legislation and mechanisms for the implementation and enforcement of the BC Protocols. c) Technical assistance to CPs to develop national policies, regulatory frameworks and which are consistent with the BC and its Protocols is provided. d) Status of implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols reviewed, achievements and issues at stake identified. e) Coordinated assistance to address cases of implementation difficulties and or possible noncompliance situations.	CU, Compliance Committee	MAP Components	MEAs, UNEP			
					Decision IG.26/1, Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 Targets;	
	a) At least 2 Mediterranean countries are assisted to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by fully incorporating the relevant elements of the Post-2020 SAPBIO	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	17.14	
5.1.2. Effective Implementation and Enforcement of Post-2020 SAPBIO	b) The collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAP BIO assessed	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17	

	c) Socio-economic and ecological impacts of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions with very high priority are measured, analyzed, and documented	SPA/RAC	CU, Relevant RACs	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents), advisory committee members	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17
5.1.3. Mid-term evaluation of the post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECMs in the Mediterranean	a) Mid-term (2026) evaluation of the Post-2020 Regional Strategy on MCPAs and OECM in the Mediterranean undertaken, through its Evaluation and Monitoring Framework, with conclusions and recommendations for the Strategy implementation by 2030 elaborated	SPA/RAC	CU	SPA/BD Focal Points, AGEM members, regional Partners	<b>COP22 Decision IG.26/5</b> -Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SAPMIs) and ecosystem restoration	14,17
5.1.4. Ensure Contracting Parties compliance with adopted monitoring and reporting under Barcelona Convention Protocols  (in-house expertise, national assistance)	a) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligation under the Prevention and Emergency Protocol and related IMO Conventions.	REMPEC	CU, INFO/RAC, DG ECHO	IMO, DG ECHO, EMSA	<b>COP 15 Decision IG.17/5</b> - Governance paper	All SDG 14 targets
	b) BCRS, REMPEC Country Profile, MEDGIS-MAR, MIDSIS-TROCS, MENELAS Information System maintained; and updated by all Contracting Parties.				<b>COP 18 Decision IG.21/1</b> - Compliance Committee including renewal of members, the modification of the rules of procedure and the Programme of Work of the Compliance Committee	
	c) Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean established and awareness raised on its use				<b>COP 18 Decision IG.21/9</b> - Establishment of a Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention  <b>COP 22 Decision IG.25/16</b> - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	
	d) Awareness raised and support provided on reporting obligation under the ICZM Protocol	PAP/RAC	CU, INFO/RAC		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 31)	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
5.1.5. Strengthen Contracting Parties action to comply with ICZM Protocol	a) Status of the implementation of the Common Regional Framework for ICZM Action Plan and recommendation for possible update submitted to MAP FP meeting b) Report on comparative analysis of the land policy instruments for coastal management	PAP/RAC	CU, Other relevant componetns		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 17, 20 and 32)	Targets of SDG2 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15

5.1.6 Ensure MAP Data Policy full implementation at regional and as appropriate at national levels	a) MAP Data Policy Annexes related to each UNEP/MAP data flow tuned and updated. b) Dissemination activities carried out among CPs in order to facilitate the Data Policy implementation; c) Assistance/training workshops for CPs for MAP data sharing Policy implementation on general and particular (at country level) issues; d) Effectiveness of MAP Data Policy principles application in time evaluated (e.g. through monitoring on data retrieved from Countries); e) Support MAP Components and CU in the correct and full interpretation of MAP Data Policy and its application at country level.	INFO/RAC	CU, MAP Components	UNEP	COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance COP22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	SDG 14 Targets
Outcome 5.2. Systemic strengthening and effective functioning and delivery of MAP decision-making and advisory bodies ensured, and efficiency enhanced with new digital approaches						
	s					
5.2.1. Deliver succesfully COP 25 of MAP Barcelona Convention  (in-house expertise, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, side events, travel arrangements)	a) COP 25 Declaration, Decisions including the PoW 2026-2027 reviewed and adopted, recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the MCSD reviewed. b) Progress achieved during the biennium 2024-2025 reviewed and acknowledged. c) Status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols reviewed. d) MAP visibility and outreach enhanced.	CU	All MAP Components	Host country, CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.26/2	All SDG 14 targets;17.14



5.2.2. Deliver succesfully the 22nd Meeting of the MCSD  (in-house expertise, consultancy, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meetings)	a) 22nd Meeting of the MCSD successfully implemented (2027), strengthened Partnerships and ownership for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean. b) MCSD Inputs provided to COP 25 c) 2 meetings of the MCSD Steering Committee successfully implemented	CU	Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
5.2.3 Deliver succesfully the main institutional meetings of MAP (Bureau, Consultation FP Meeting, MAP Focal Point, EcAp Coordination Group and Thematic/Components Focal Points).  (in-house expertise, consultancy, Host Country Agreement, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meetings)	a) The 98th, 99th and 100th Meetings of the Bureau as well as a Bureau meeting on the eve of COP 25 successfully held.	CU	All MAP Components	UNEP, MEA, IMO and all REMPEC's Partners, Host country authorities, MAP Partners, SPA/RAC partner organizations (observers)	COP 15 Decision IG.17/5 - Governance paper  COP 16 Decision IG.19/5 - Mandates of the Components of MAP  COP 19 Decision IG.22/17 - Reform of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and Updated MCSD Constitutive Documents  COP 18 Decision IG.21/3 - Ecosystems Approach including adopting definitions of Good Environmental Status (GES) and targets  COP 18 Decision IG.21/15 - Financial Regulations and Rules and Procedures for the Contracting Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean  Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 32 and 33)	All SDG 14 targets , 17.14
	b) Progress of implementation of the MAP PoW 2026-2027 reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.	MEDPOL				
	c) Guidance provided to the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties on specific issues.	PLAN BLEU				
	d) Main directions of the new PoW 2028-2029 defined.	REMPEC				
	e) Meeting of the MAP Focal Points preceded by the MAP Component/Thematic Focal Points and back to back with the EcAp Coordination Group Meetings.	SPA/RAC				
	f) EcAp Roadmap Implementation and other related COP decisions implementation reviewed.	PAP/RAC				
	g) Draft decisions to COP 25 reviewed and negotiated, PoW and Budget reviewed, etc.	SCP/RAC				
	h) Technical products of MAP components reviewed by the Components Focal Points meetings.	INFO/RAC				
	i) Integrated sessions organised based on thematic approach.					
5.2.4. Organize Compliance Committee Meetings  (in-house expertise, conference services, travel arrangements)	a) 2 Compliance Committee Meetings successfully convened; Non-compliance situations addressed and brought to the attention of COP 25. b) Interactions and possible joint sessions with Compliance Committees of other MEAs held (e.g. ESPOO).	CU, Compliance Committee	MEDPOL, RACs	Compliance Committees under relevant MEA	Decision IG.26/1	All SDG 14 targets; 16.3; 17.14; to a lesser extent SDGs 6, 12, 13

5.2.5. Formulate the MAP MTS 2028-2033 through an inclusive, participatory Contracting Parties's driven process.  In house expertise, consultancy, meetings of MAP Focal Points (working documents in 2 languages, information documents, conference services).	a) MTS 2022-2027 evaluation and review successfully delivered; b) MTS 2028-2033 prepared and submitted to MAP FP and COP 25 through a participatory process and under Parties' leadership.	CU	All MAP Components	CPs, MAP Partners	Decision IG.25/1, Decision IG.26/2	Crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
	Preparation of a concept note for project proposals aimed at supporting the implementation of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework, facilitating access to available funding opportunities and enabling stakeholders to engage in new adaptation initiatives across the region	CC/RAC	CU		Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 Decision IG.26/13 - Assessment Studies: Summary for Policymakers of the MedECC Special Report on Climate and Environmental COP 19 Decision IG.22/6 - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas Decision IG. 22/2 MSSD 2016-2025 Decision IG.24/3 – Governance COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.1; 13.a; 17.3	
	Practical guide to facilitate access to global funding opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation developed and submitted to FPs of CC/RAC	CC/RAC	CU		Decision IG. 22/6, Decision IG. 22/2 Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027 Decision IG.24/3 – Governance COP23 Decision IG.26/12 - Establishment of a Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change	13.2; 13.a; 17.6	
5.2.6. Strengthen the MAP result-based programmatic framework including gender mainstreaming and sustianability of operations  (in-house expertise, consultancy, MAP Task Force meetings, regional and international meetings)	a) Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW. b) Gender is mainstream in MTS, Projects and MAP Component activities Implementation	CU	RACs, MEDPOL		Decision IG.26/2	5.5; 5.a; 5.b; 5.c	
5.2.7 Support the ownership and capacity building of CPs in integrating MSSD objectives and actions within National Sustainable Development Strategies  (in-house expertise, consultancy, regional meetings)	a) Needs Analysis conducted on ownership and capacity building of CPs b) Implementation of SIMPEER on voluntary basis conducted c) Online regional workshop held on outcomes of a) and b) for follow up	CU	Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	

5.2.8 Promote outreach and regional synergies, funding opportunities and enhanced partnership of MSSD flagship initiatives  (in-house expertise, regional meetings)	a) 2 Online regional workshops (1 per year) successfully implemented to maximise funding opportunities b) Targeted actions under MSSD Flagship initiatives implemented in collaboration with the leading partners	CU	Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC and other MAP Components	MCSD Members, MAP Partners, regional Stakeholders, MSSD flagship initiatives Leaders and Partners	Decision IG.22/2 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 5.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
5.2.9. Organize SAPBIO correspondents meetings	a) Two meeting of the SAP BIO National Correspondants organised (two presential meeting in 2026 and 2027) and reports available.	SPA/RAC	All MAP Components	CPs (SPA/BD FPs, SAPBIO Correspondents)	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17	
5.2.10. Enhancing Inter-Ministerial and inter-sectoral coordination frameworks at national levels	Externally funded projects executed effectively and in coordination with PoW.	MEDPOL	CU, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	BSC		All SDGs as relevant	
	Support operation of established IMCs upon request	PAP/RAC	CU, all components as relevant		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 6 and 7); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	16, 17	
Outcome 5.3. Policy coherence and complementarity ensured among relevant work at global, regional and national levels and among MAP-Barcelona Convention system's policy and regulatory instruments							
5.3.1. Maximize synergies with Post 2020 Global agenda for the implementation of SAPBIO	a) Effective working exchanges with Global institutions of relevance for the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions (BBNJ, GBF, CBD, Rregional Sesa strategic Directions) linked to their prerogatives ensured.	SPA/RAC, CU	PAP/RAC, REMPEC, Plan Bleu	CPs, UNEP, CBD, BBNJ, IMO, SCBD, FAO GFCM, UNFCCC, IUCN, IMO, UN-Oceans, UNESCO- IOC, IPBS	Action 37, 38, 41, 42 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17	
5.3.2 Mainstreaming of transboundary EIA and SEA in Barcelona Convention Framework	a) Guidelines for environmental assessment in a transboundary context b) Analysis of existing legal instruments and experience in the Mediterranean on transboundary EA c) Training and capacity building on EA in a transboundary context	CU / PAP/RAC		UNECE, ESPO	COP23 Decision 26/14 Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 29 and 32)	All SDGs as relevant	

5.3.3. Strengthen cooperation for joint reporting under the BC and its Protocols  (in-house expertise, national trainings, twinnings)	a) Mechanism developed for promoting mutual supportiveness with other relevant international instruments on reporting. b) Support for reporting provided at national level (e.g. e-reporting modules, twinning approach). c) Workshop to support Contracting Parties with Reporting obligations	CU and INFO/RAC	RACs, MEDPOL	MEAs	Decision IG.26/1	All SDGs as relevant	
Outcome 5.4. Enhanced partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement, including with the private sector and science policy interface							
5.4.1. Promote the title of Partner to Regional Action Plan for the conservation of threatened species and marine key habitats "Regional Action Plans Partners"(In-house expertise, online meetings)	a) Regional Action Plans Partners Title promoted, and the list of Action Plan Partners established for each Regional Action Plan	SPA/RAC	CU, relevant RACs	RAPs Partners	COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership COP 23 Decision IG,26/5 Specially Protected Areas (SPAs), Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) and Ecosystem Restoration	14,17	
5.4.2. Strengthen participation and contribution of civil society and private sector to the work of MAP BC system  (in-house expertise, support attendance in MAP meetings, round tables)	a) New MAP Partners added and existing MAP Partners renewed; Enhanced engagement of MAP Partners in policy development and implementation. b) Annual round table discussions held (back-to-back with other meetings).	CU	RACs, MEDPOL	MAP Partners, NGOs, CPs	COP 22 Decision IG.25/3 - Governance COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership	17.6; 17.9; 17.14; 17.16; 17.17	
	c) Comprehensive plan of actions implemented, including the resource mobilization strategy for the effective and sustainable delivery of the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (2016-2024)	CU, REMPEC					
5.4.3. Strengthen SPI networks and enhance partnership with scientific institutions to support MAP Barcelona Convention system  (In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation)	COR ESA meeting and evaluation of coastal & marine socio-economic activities	CU	PLAN BLEU			DG 14 Targets; SDG 17.14; 17.16; 17.17	Activity linked to EcApMEDPLUS projetc,
	a) National Action Plans for the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) developed for 3 CPs.						

5.4.4. Implement the targeted actions of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)  (in-house expertise, consultancy, conference services, venue, travel arrangements, regional meeting, national assistance)	b) Mid Term review of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) undertaken.	REMPEC	CU	IMO, EMSA, UfM, WestMed Initiative	COP 22 Decision IG.25/16 - Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	SDGs 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, Especially; 12.4; 14.1	
	c) Thematic meeting of REMPEC FP held in the first year of the biennium for this purpose. (included under 5.3.e. above thus additional budget required)						
	d) Youth and Gender Mianstraeaming Strategy to encourage more pariticipation of youth and women developed and submitted to REMPEC Focal Points						
Outcome 5.5. Coordinated approaches implemented to strengthen public institution capacities for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols							
5.5.1. Development of project proposals to support Parties' institutions on initial implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO	a) Preparation and inception regional/ subregional level Projects for key priority strategic actions of Post-2020 SAPBIO ensured.	SPA/RAC	CU /Other RACs as per thematic	CPs, SPA/BD FPs, technical partners, Public and private donors	Action 34 and 35 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11 - Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO)	14,17	
5.5.2. Undertake capacity building on ICZM, MSP and CC	a) Training materials updated for the English and French edition of the MedOpen virtual training course. b) Two runs of MedOpen Advanced organised d) Syrian Virtual University supported through delivering seven two-hours lectures on ICZM for their Master's Degree students on Natural Resources Management	PAP/RAC			Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 25, 26 and 32); COP 21 Decision IG.24/5	4, 13, 14, 15	

# Programme 6

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 6.1. Inclusive and participatory foresight activities conducted at regional and national and local levels, with associated capacity-building							
<p>6.1.1. Support transition towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Future in the Mediterranean at 2050 – Building Back Better using strategic participatory foresight</p> <p>(In-house expertise, consultancy, workshop, publication, translation)</p>	<p>a) 4 national workshops to support transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin (avoid the worst scenario and promote the best one). b) 1 regional report with the main outputs</p>	PLAN BLEU	CU		COP 22 Decision IG. 25/4 - Assessment studies	crosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	<p><b>Short rationale:</b> the activity will support voluntary countries on transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin (avoid the worst scenario and promote the best one) with 4 national workshops on transition pathways around the basin and well designed national reports with the main outputs taking stock of what is existing at country level as foresight policies and strategies to promote the need for integration of MAP decisions with sectoral national and regional policies. The beneficiary countries could be Egypt, Turkiye, Liban and Montenegro, Italy, Spain.</p>
	<p>a) 1 regional workshop as a Foresight exercise on future opportunities for the mediterranean non-conventional water resources sector (desalination and wastewater reuse) between 2026 and 2050</p>	PLAN BLEU		IME, FAO, other unconventional water resources expert to be mobilize for such scenarios	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies	SDG 6, especially SDG target 6.3	<p><b>Short rationale:</b> The activity is focusing on non-conventional water resources in studying the potential interest to rely on technologies such as REUSE and desalination to complement the availability of water. A foresight exercise could be carried out on this theme for some candidate countries (e.g. Morrocco, Tunisia).</p>
	<p>d) 1 regional report with the main outputs as deliverable on transition pathways towards 2050 for a sustainable future of the basin e) 1 regional workshop on a Foresight exercise on future opportunities for the mediterranean non-conventional water resources sector (desalination and wastewater reuse) f) Vulnerability mapping of coastal zones with high tourism assets g) foresight visualisation tools &amp; modelling scenarios (coastal &amp; urban planning h) One Recommendations booklet for decision-makers to strengthen tourism resilience</p>	PLAN BLEU		Region SUD	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies	cross cutting	<p>To deliver a full MTS implementation, this is a new deliverable proposed. Mentioned in the MTS 2022-2027: outcome 4.,2 Short rationale: Capitalizing on the success of a first territorial foresight project in Valbonne in France (CASAadapt project), Plan Bleu intends to replicate the project methodology on another coastal destination of Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur Region. The central aim of the project is to bring together and collaborate with researchers, urban planners, artists and local authorities to support the construction of contrasting scenarios for adapting the tourism sector to climate change, in line with local socio-history. These scenarios will then be translated into developments that are consistent with local socio-ecosystems. 3 consultation workshops based on a collective territorial foresight method will be held along with dissemination products.</p>
Outcome 6.2. Science -based IMAP, foresight and other assessments and assessment tools for strengthened science -policy interface and decision making							
<p>6.2.1. Strengthen the implementation of national IMAP-based monitoring programmes for all clusters and deliver quality assured data ( in-house expertise, consultancy, IMAP TF, CORMONs)</p>	<p>a) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on biodiversity and NIS</p>	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment <b>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7</b> - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	EcAp Med Plus project
	<p>b) At least 7 CPs supported with capacity-building; application of monitoring guidelines; and to ensure delivery of quality-assured data</p>	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment <b>COP 19 Decision IG.22/7</b> : Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	<p>c) 21 CPs implement national IMAP and report quality assured data to the IMAP InfoSystem in a timely manner on coast and hydrography</p>	PAP/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU		COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 16)	13.1; 13.2; 13.3; 13.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.5; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.5; 15.9	





6.3.1. Strengthen national capacities to apply harmonized and standardized monitoring and assessment practices related to pollution and marine litter in line with IMAP  (Consultancies, UN-UN Agreement)	a) Intercalibration exercise is set to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicator 18.  b) Analyses undertaken in up to 7 CPs to identify national counterparts with the greatest needs regarding provision of equipment for sampling, analysis, processing and quality assurance of data.  c) Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 17 and 20.  d) Intercalibration exercise and TC are undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to IMAP Common Indicators 13 and 14.  e) Intercalibration exercise undertaken to support the Quality Assurance related to floating microplastics (IMAP Common Indicator 23).	MEDPOL	CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force CU, MAP Components, IMAP Task Force		COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria COP 20 Decision IG.23/6 - 2017 Mediterranean Quality Status Report COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 22 Decision IG.25/9 - Amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol COP 23 Decision IG.26/3 - The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Meditterran	14.a	
6.3.2. Strengthen the MSSD and SCP Regional Action Plan monitoring framework and a regional observatory on the environment and development  (In-house expertise, workshop, consultancy, translation, web services)	a) National assistance and capacity building activities provided for the implementation of EO1 and EO2	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	b) Citizen survey guidance for NIS monitoring under IMAP developed to strengthen public awareness and participation.	SPA/RAC	Relevant RACs, CU	National IMAP competent laboratories/ authorities; relevant national and international scientific institutions	COP 15 Decision IG.17/6: Implementation of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities that may affect the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	4.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	Strengthen Plan Bleu’s observatory analysis (statistical analysis and maps) on water sector a) Data and information on water sector available on the regional Observatory	PLAN BLEU	INFO/RAC, CU	UNEP/GRID	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	SDG 6	Short rationale: In recent years, many databases and respective datasets have been acquired, harmonized and analyzed within different Plan Bleu’s publications and observatory products. However, the analysis was made at a simple statistical level. Even if trends were identified and compared between countries and different time periods, some datasets presented extreme values or weird evolution patterns. More robust statistical analysis would be required in order to identify potential correlations between one, two or multiple variables. What’s more, it would strengthen the academic dimension of the Plan Bleu by carrying out and discussing robust and appropriate statistical tests for identified variables (directly/indirectly related to water) and potentially proving their joint statistical relationship(s) and dependence(s) (e.g. between different sectors of activity and their impacts on water resources), at different scales.
	MSSD dashboard revision and update including the MSSD Core SDI in line with SDG and IMAP a) 1 regional workshop to discuss and propose an update of the MSSD dashboard b) The updated version of the MSSD dashboard (In -house expertise ; consultancy)	PLAN BLEU	CU		COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	crosscutting	Short rationale: regular update of the MSSD dashbord inclucing new ones (core SDI)
	Exploration of potential new indicators and data for consideration by the Contracting Parties,"post-GDP indicators" to measure sustainable development more holistically in the Mediterranean a) 1 technical document exploring the possibility to develop a Post GDP indicator for the Mediterranean. (In -house expertise ; consultancy)	PLAN BLEU	CU	OSPAR, HELCOM, GOAP and including input from JRC/MARE	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	SDG 8	Short rationale: Plan Bleu is considering a new initiative on "post-GDP indicators" to measure sustainable development more holistically in the Mediterranean. This would align with recent initiatives such as the Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP) indicator (see Ouyang et al 2020), a tool developed to economically assess ecosystem services and to value nature in decision making. This approach allows us to quantify ecosystem benefits like carbon sequestration and water purification, promoting development that values ecological health alongside economic growth. The Plan Bleu activity would begin with a workshop gathering experts to discuss alternatives and develop actionable metrics. The insights from the event would be consolidated into a brief technical paper outlining key post-GDP indicators, which Plan Bleu could refine, expand upon in future work and ultimately include in its Observatory.



	Technical feasibility of 3 new indicators to complement the MSSD dashboard (on Food security index; on Fisheries & aquaculture; on harmful subsidies) <b>a) 3 comprehensive technical factsheets drafted with scope and rationale, method, definition, population. (In -house expertise ; consultancy)</b>	PLAN BLEU	SPA/RAC	FAO, GFCM, OECD	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	SDG 2; 12	<b>Short rationale:</b> Based on the revision of the MSSD 216-2025, capitalizing the work initiated during the biennium 2024-2025 and the pioneering work on core SDI, Plan Bleu will propose an update of the sustainability dashboard in reviewing the root core set of the 28 indicators and in studying the feasibility to add 3 new indicators on : fisheries and aquaculture ; food security index and on on harmful subsidies. The link between the MSSD dashboard and the MSSD flagship initiatives will be done as much as possible, the flagships having their own monitoring system.
	Further develop functionalities of the regional observatory <b>a) Regional observatory running with updated functionalities (consultants &amp; in-house expertise)</b>	PLAN BLEU	INFO/RAC	UNEP/GRID	COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/17 - Assessment studies	rosscutting especially on SDGs 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	<b>Short rationale:</b> technical fonctionnalies updated according to new standards developped by UNEP/GRID and with the Knowledge Management Platform of the MAP system management by INFO/RAC. Further development of functionalities of the Mediterranean Observatory allow high level visualization of human induced pressures and state of the environment.
	a) SCP indicators dashboard is further updated and the latest data is uploaded within WESR Mediterranean (MapX).  b) SCP Indicators are updated in the MSSD Dashboard in line with the new MSSD and the SCP-related targets in the Strategy.	SCP/RAC	Plan Bleu		COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD) (Objective 5)	5.5; 5.a; 8; 12	Follow-up of current bienium with additional deliverable and action (b) on new SCP related-indicators and update of the MSSD Dashboard.
6.3.3.Maintain Biodiversity databases as appropriate, regularly update databases content and elaborate an operational strategy for marine biodiversity data management, in line with the UNEP/MAP Data Policy	a) Georeferenced Information on Mediterranean Biodiversity key components is centralized in the SPA/RAC open access platform, Miditerranean Biodiversity Plateform (MBP)	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, REMPEC, PAP/RAC	ACCOBAMS, MedPAN, IUCN, GFCM, national biodiversity focal points	Action 16 of the Post2020 SAPBIO : COP 22 Decision IG.25/11: Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).	14.2, 14.5, 15.1, 15.5, 17,6	MEDEXPOL 26 will be based on the outcomes of the 2024-2025 activities Data bases and sets, platforms and reviewed; factsheets prepared and reviewed by the OFOG Meeting and CORMON Pollution. The updating of the Study on Trends will be fundamental for future policy considerations including the contribution towards MTS, MSSD and horizontal policies Furtehrmore a deatiled coordinated effort is required with INFO/RAC on the future sustainability of reporting platforms and websites.
	b) SPA/RAC website operational and regularly updated.	SPA/RAC	INFO/RAC, other components	National focal points, web development agencies	Action 37,38 and 39 of the Post2020 SAPBIO: COP 23 Decision IG.25/11: Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO).	14.2, 15.1, 17.16	
6.3.4. Streamline shipping and offshore data-sharing and monitoring platform with infoMAP System  (in-house expertise, consultancy, IMAP TF, awareness raising)	a) Update the Study on the trends and Outlook on the impact of pressures from the maritime and offshore sector and impact assessment of the measures implemented through the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031) and the Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.	REMPEC	INFO/RAC, CU, MEDPOL	IOGP, IMO, EMSA, HELMEPA, EU, HELCOM, OSPAR, BONN	COP 19 Decision IG.22/3 - Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan in the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil  COP 19 Decision IG.22/7 - Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria  COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance  COP 22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	14.a ; 9.5	
	b) Organise MEDEXPOL 2026 on Data Sharing, Monitoring and Reporting : latest developments and achievements shared, recommendations made for futher improvements or alignment.						
	c) IMAP CI 19 Guidance Document updated						
6.3.5. Maintain and update InfoMap System towards a fully integration into the Knowledge Management Platform	a) Hardware and software upgrade of the InfoMAP System in order to host in a fully efficient way the datasets collected by UNEP/MAP. b) InfoMap technological infrastructure upgraded into the Knowledge Management Platform: architecture, functionalities and usage.	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15	
6.3.6. Ensure effective operation of the BCRS on line reporting system.	a) Barcelona Convention Reporting system maintained, tuned and upgraded. b) System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated. c) Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling reporting modules d) Towards a full interopeability with EEA ReportNET 3 model with collaborative approach, API integration e) Consolidated dashboard of the data entered in the System. f) Interoperability: possibility of downloading data in different formats.	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15	

6.3.7. Ensure effective operation of the NBB reporting system	<p>a) NBB Reporting system maintained, tuned and upgraded.</p> <p>b) Integration of Quality Controls (QCs)</p> <p>c) System management: profiles, users, access rights managed and updated.</p> <p>d) Dedicated assistance and training for access and filling of NBB reporting modules</p> <p>e) Relationship with the PRTR and EU Registry component implemented and assessment functions strengthened at regional, subregional, national and river basin scale.</p> <p>f) Summary dashboard of the data entered in the System.</p> <p>g) Interoperability: possibility of downloading files in different formats.</p>	INFO/RAC	MEDPOL			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.8. Ensure Data Centre evolution towards a standardization of the management of the data flows	<p>a) State of the harmonization of dataflows present into the Data Centre.</p> <p>b) Vulnerabilities identified and systems configured to enhance existing security features to prevent cyber attacks.</p> <p>c) System management for Users Directory and Groupware performed and upgraded.</p> <p>d) Dedicated assistance and training for access and use of Groupware and consultation of Data Dictionaries and Data Repository.</p> <p>e) MAP components and regional organizations supported to collect metadata and data in the Metadata Catalogue.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.9. Maintain and update IMAP Info System with all IMAP Common Indicators fully implemented	<p>a) IMAP Info System hardware and software platform upgraded and expanded to ensure fully operational reporting by CPs.</p> <p>b) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for remaining Candidate IMAP Common Indicators.</p> <p>c) New Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) developed for additional modules related to existing IMAP Common Indicators.</p> <p>d) Data Standards (DSs) and Data Dictionaries (DDs) fine tuned for IMAP Common Indicators already in place</p> <p>e) QA/QC tool upgraded and developed for all IMAP CIs data flows according to the nature of the indicator.</p> <p>f) Helpdesk human resources dedicated to Daily Support to Contracting Parties in the reporting process.</p> <p>g)Additional automatic "Helpdesk" section implemented into the IMAP Info System to support CPs into the reporting process, recording all the requests to be used for statistical purposes.</p> <p>h) IMAP Assistance/Training meetings organized with Contracting Parties (at least un workshop for each beneficiary country) dedicated to the IMAP reporting process.</p> <p>i) Cooperation with relevant Regional Organization (i.e. Accobams, GFCM, etc.) in order to facilitate the interoperability between IMAP and their Infosystems and databases as appropriate.j) A specific section implemented into the IMAP Info System, as webform, to allow the CPs to officially provide information about the state of reporting in the country.</p> <p>k) "User management" system upgraded and adapted to MAP CU and MAP Components needs.</p> <p>l) A Data Analytics dashboard implemented into the IMAP Info System providing aggregation of monitoring data, dedicated to MAP Components assessment and also accessible to public users.</p> <p>m) Geographical section upgraded and customized for IMAP monitoring data visualization into the IMAP Info System and fully integrated in KMP.</p> <p>n) Additional functionalities implemented in the IMAP Info System dedicated to MAP Components: data analysis and data export in different formats through specific tools implemented ad hoc; possibility of queries and layout the results in tables with data filtering; extensive customization, analysis and data visualization through Python modules (Python notebook, ex. Jupiter lab of WEKEO DIAS-CMEMS).</p>	INFO/RAC	MEPOL, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC	Accobams, GFCM		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.10. Ensure full implementation of the InfoMAP Spatial Data Infrastructure for the geographical data and maps	<p>a) InfoMAP Spatial Data infrastructure maintained, tuned and upgraded. Implementation of information layers provided. Interoperability with CPs information systems strengthened.</p> <p>b) Dedicated assistance and support trainings to CPs to organize, upload and consult Spatial Data</p> <p>c) Creation of user profiles and groups ensured.</p> <p>d) Support training on the implemented Geoviewer for the visualization of georeferred data delivered.</p> <p>e) Basic and thematic layers collected, developed and visualized.</p> <p>f) Spatial data and metadata from UNEP/MAP, CPs, RACs and other sources integrated and reviewed</p> <p>g) Finalization of the integration of InfoMAPNode into the Knowledge Management Platform</p>	INFO/RAC	MAP Components			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.11. Enhance the use new INFO/RAC Cloud tools for document repository and collaboration platform	<p>a) INFO/RAC Cloud further implemented (i.e. Teams) for document repository, networking and information exchange.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5
6.3.12. Ensure visualization of integrated data through customized Dashboards integrated into the Knowledge Management Platform	<p>a) Data Analytics dashboards implemented: rationale behind the choice of data fluxes represented (user requirements) and functioning.</p> <p>b) Elaboration of pre-compiled data products as aggregation and integration of data for different targets.</p>	INFO/RAC				Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15

6.3.13. Undertake Copernicus data analysis/integration of Copernicus Service to support indicator and data collection and ingestion	a) Analysis of Copernicus Services products in cooperation with EEA to promote fully exploitation for IMAP data collection. b) Use of Copernicus Services products and integration in IMAP Contracting Parties' national programmes.	INFO/RAC	MAP Components	EEA		Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
6.3.14. Migrate, integrate, harmonize, manage and update upon request of MAP Components, thematic databases, platforms and websites into InfoMap System towards a fully integration into the Knowledge Management Platform	a) REMPEC platforms and websites hosted and maintained and updated (minor) (MEDGISMAR, PoSOW, MENELAS etc.)	INFO/RAC	REMPEC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	b) REMPEC platforms and websites hosted by INFO/RAC restructed and consolidated (major developments)	REMPEC	INFO/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	c) Coast Day website hosted, maintained, updated and relaunched for 2026 and 2027 editions	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	d) CAMP Turkye website developed, hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	e) CAMP Malta website developed, hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	f) Adriadapt platform hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	g) Adriatic.eco portal hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	h) MSP platform hosted and maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	i) ICZM platform maintained	INFO/RAC	PAP/RAC			Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15
	J) Upgrade and refresh ICZM Platform and PAP/RAC web site	PAP/RAC			Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 25, 27 and 32);	Crosscutting to all SDG 14 targets, especially 14.a but also 5, 6,8,9,12,13,15

Main activity (means of implementation)	Expected deliverable	Lead Component	Other Component(s)	Partners	Related COP Decision	SDG Targets	Comments
Outcome 7.1. Stakeholders and policy makers properly informed about the state of the Mediterranean Sea and coast and aware of the environmental priority issues							
7.1.1. Disseminate knowledge of the state of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast through indicators (In-house expertise, workshop, publication, translation, web services, social media channels)	a) Fact sheets/brochures to communicate the impact of biodiversity conservation and priority actions towards 2030 providing background information and summaries (biodiversity, MPAs, etc.); b) Stories incorporating testimonials , videos and infographics on effective management and conservation practices identified and collected; c) Mini social media campaigns on collaborative achievements with partners; Media relations developed	SPA/RAC; INFO/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	Follow up of the 2 previous biennium with additional deliverables related to the communication of environment and sustainable development knowledge, key facts and figures.
	b) Communication and advocacy/policy materials (Infographics, videos, reports, etc.) produced and promoted to improve conservation status of vulnerable species at national and regional levels.	SPA/RAC, INFO/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	ACCOBAMS; GFCM;IUCN- Med ; Agreed Action Plan Partners	COP 21 Decision IG,24/7 - Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the SAP BIO, the Strategy on Monk Seal, and the Action Plans concerning Marine Turtles, Cartilaginous Fishes and Marine Vegetation; Classification of Benthic Marine Habitat Types for the Mediterranean Region, and Reference List of Marine	5.5; 14.1; 14.2; 14.4; 14.5	
	Reflection on achievements and on the way forward: 50 years of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention contribution to the Mediterranean Region and its people (Publication for policy makers)	INFO/RAC, CU	MAP Components, Contracting Parties			crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	a) Communication materials, and posts through media channels and printing/translation of reports in the scope of Plan Bleu Mandate	Plan Bleu, CU	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF	COP 21 Decision IG.24/4 - Assessment Studies COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 13 and 14 Targets	
7.1.2. Celebrate UNEP/MAP B.C System Anniversaries	50th Anniversary of PAP/RAC celebrated during COP25	PAP/RAC, Host Country, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Article 32, 5 and 6) COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for ICZM	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	New proposed activity for the anniversary celebration of the SCP/RAC creation
	50th Anniversary of REMPEC celebrated, in cooperation wiht IMO and the host Country	REMPEC, Host Country, IMO, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force			crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	30th anniversary of SCP/RAC celebrated, in cooperation with Host Country and Government of Catalonia	SCP/RAC, Host Country, CU	CU, MAP Communication Task Force				
7.1.3. Implement MAP Communication Strategy	a) MAP Operational Communication Strategy 2026-27 implemented in the framework of the 2024-2029 MAP Com Strategy b) MAP Operational Communication Strategy updated for the biennium 2028-2029 c) MED News - The MAP Newsletters (New format launched in 2023 released monthly)	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	c)SPA/RAC communication strategy implemented and updated	SPA/RAC			COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	

7.1.4. Position COP 25 of the Barcelona Convention as an important regional conference driving the environmental and sustainable development agenda forward	a) Short video capturing the main results achieved during the biennium. b) Special issue of the MAP Newsletter capturing the main achievements of the biennium. c) COP25 website in close cooperation with the host Country. d) COP25 Communication Pavilion in close cooperation with the host Country.	INFO/RAC, CU	MAP Communication TF			crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
7.1.5. Towards a MAP Knowledge Management Strategy: develop the Regional Sea KM Platform of the MAP fully integrated in UNEP KM platform and in close dialogue with other initiative as MED Programme KM platform.	a) MAP Knowledge Management Strategy implemented. b) Knowledge Hub fully developed for the harmonization of all the documental heritage of the MAP System (integrated in the Knowledge Platform). c) Connecting MAP and the community through the Knowledge Exchange hub of the Knowledge Management Platform: Update of existing tools and implementation. d) Harmonized data, linked data integrated into the Knowledge Management Platform and interoperability among existing systems ensured. e) MedProgramme KMP harmonized and interoperable with MAP KMP. f) Feasibility study for the future interoperability with WESR. h)Promotion of KMP and its links with global and regional platforms through dedicated events/webinars, participation in conferences, digital campaigns and social media.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF, Data Management Task Force	ACCOBAMS, Pelagos Agreement	COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP22 Decision IG.25/10 - MAP Data Policy	12,8	
	a) Data, reports, and scientific assessments on climate change intetegrated in the Knowledge Management Platform Hub	CC/RAC	INFO/RAC		"COP22 Decision IG.25/4 - Assessment studies Decision IG.26/13 - Assessment Studies: Summary for Policymakers of the MedECC Special Report on Climate and Environmental Decision IG.25/10 MAP Data Policy Decision IG.25/1 UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2027"	13.1; 13.3; 17.6,	By establishing the Mediterranean Climate Knowledge Hub it is aimed to - Develop a climate impact visualization and mapping tool to support policymakers and planners. - Conduct longitudinal studies on climate-induced migration in the Mediterranean region. - Expand collaborations with universities and research institutions to enhance climate knowledge exchange. - Conduct training programmes amongst main stakeholders to enhance knowledge on climate change adaptation and mitigation.
7.1.6. Promote Mediterranean sustainability awards to shore up advocacy	a) Enhanced participation of coastal municipalities for the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award through the Organization of a regional workshop to enahnce their capaicty on sustainable management of the	CU	INFO/RAC	MedCities	COP 19 Decision IG.22/19 - Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	Follow-up and upscale from the current bienium: - 6th Edition of the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award (IEFCA), as MSSD flagship initiative

efforts for a transition to sustainable urban management and circular economy in the Mediterranean  (In-house expertise, Communication TF, award delivery events)	cities  b) Timely preparation call for application, procedure preparation, selection and award at COP25  c) Timely preparation for the identification, evaluation, selection and preselection of the WeMed Award	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance  COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products (Regional Measure E2 and E5 targeting mainly entrepreneurs, start ups and SMEs).	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	Follow-up of the current bienium: - WeMed Awards implementation as flagship initiatives of the updated MSSD.
7.1.7. Strengthen MAP Advocacy to promote enforcement of and compliance with Barcelona Convention and enlist support of key stakeholders and policymakers to a green renaissance underpinned by the circular economy and a sustainable Blue Economy. (In-house expertise, consultancy, Communication TF, regional event)	a) An integrated social media campaign raising awareness on the importance of SCP & CE in the Mediterranean	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance  COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products (Regional Measure D1 Strengthening access to sustainable products and services / sustainable consumption).	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	Follow-up of the current bienium. The Switchmed Connect forum will not be anymore organised as it was part of the SwitchMed Project. Social media campaigns will be developed to enhance the implementation of the SCP Regional Action Plan and SCP principles into MSMEs' business plans/models.
Outcome 7.2. Citizen and general public awareness and outreach raised through citizen science and digital campaigns							
7.2.1. Enhance public awareness and outreach on UN and MAP Days observance and their topics	a) Digital Campaign for enhancing knowledge of UN and MAP Days (i.e. Mediterranean Coast Day, Biodiversity Day, Zero Waste Day, Ocean Day, Environmental Day etc), through web page; interactive story; hot topics; story map; Infographics; Twitter cards; Video; articles and interviews; focus in section in MED News.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 16 Decision IG.19/6 - MAP/Civil society COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance COP 21 Decision IG.24/5 - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	This activity is a horizontal one applying to the CU and MAP Components.
	c) SPAMI Day celebrated in collaboration with SPAMI managers and CSOs, through awareness raising activities and digital campaigns with: -2026 SPAMI Day celebrated in presential -2027 SPAMI Day celebrated locally at interested and volunteer SPAMIs	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	COP 23 Decision IG.26/14 - COP 22 Decision IG 25/11 (Post-2020 SAPBIO) - COP 22 Decision IG. 25/12 (MCPAs & OECMs) - COP 21 Decision IG. 24/06 (SPAMI)	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	d) Mediterranean Coast Day celebrated: Promotional/awareness raising material prepared; Two regional celebrations with two on-line campaigns organised; Support provided to local Coast Day celebrations.	PAP/RAC	CU, INFO/RAC, MAP Communication Task Force, All Components as relevant		Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean (Articles 5, 6, 15 and 32)	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	

7.2.2.Enhance public awareness and outreach on key MAP topics for general and specific targets (MAP Partners, Civil Society, Private sector, Youth etc.)	a)Communication materials, awareness campaigns and local events co-created and co-organised with Focal Points, SPAMI managers and partners to demonstrate the socio-economic and ecological benefits of conservation for local communities.	SPA/RAC	MAP Communication Task Force	SPA/BD Focal Points, SPAMIs, National authorities, CSOs	<b>COP 21 Decision IG.24/2</b> - Governance  <b>COP 21 Decision IG.24/5</b> - Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management  <b>COP 22 Decision IG.25/14</b> - Designation of the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides (Med SOx ECA) pursuant to	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	
	a) IV Euro-Med Weeks for Waste Reductions (2024-2025): i) Communication and Marketing Plan 2026-2027 ii) Dissemination campaigns and awareness raising activities to engage action developers in Southern Mediterranean countries iii) Actions developers engaged and supported to develop actions in the southern Med.	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC		COP 19 Decision IG.22/5 - Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (Actions 47, 49, 51)  COP 19 Decision IG.22/2 - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 [MSSD] (Objective 5)  COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the	crosscutting especially SDG 12 Target	Follow-up of a previous activity based on the organization of the Euro-Med Week for Waste Reduction. For next biennium, the IV edition is expected to be organised.
	a) Awareness, information materials on marine pollution from ships and offshore installations produced and disseminated.	REMPEC	CU, INFO/RAC	IMO, IOGP, IPIECA and other partners	<b>Prevention and Emergency Protocol</b>	13.1; 13.2, 14	
	b) Digital Communication Campaigns enhancing knowledge about the main topics of Barcelona Convention to strengthen action of CU and MAP Components (i.e. Pollution, Climate Change, Circular economy etc.) through web pages; interactive stories; burning issues; story maps; Infographics; Twitter cards; Video; articles and interviews; focus in section in MED News.c) Web APP for Citizen Science updated and promoted specifically for different targets (citizens, scientists, students).  d) Promotion of environmental education courses in schools aimed at increasing knowledge of the role of UNEP/MAP to the younger generation in Italy to be replicated in other Mediterranean countries; Dissemination of the young person guide document.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		<b>COP 16 Decision IG.19/6</b> - MAP/Civil society <b>COP 21 Decision IG.24/2</b> - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets	



c) Dissemination and awareness-raising campaign on UNEP/MAP's approach addressing the full life cycle of plastic in the Mediterranean, in line with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) aiming at developing an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.	SCP/RAC	INFO/RAC, MedPol	Government of Catalonia	<p>COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance</p> <p>COP 22 Decision IG.25/18 - Set of Regional Measures to Support the Development of Green and Circular Businesses and to Strengthen the Demand for more Sustainable Products (Reagional Measure D1 Strengthening access to sustainable products and services / sustainable consumption).</p>	5.5; all targets of SDG 8, and 12.	Follow-up of the current bienium. The new Plastic Treaty has not been yet approved, thus, the communication campaign and materials will continue to be developed during next bienium when the adoption of the final text.
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**Outcome 7.3. Towards a digital transformation: use of digital technologies to improve networking and MAP visibility**

7.3.1. Towards a digital transformation	a) Digitalisation of REMPEC Forms (To be used in an emergency) and updating of relevant platforms and websites to be used by CPs	REMPEC	INFO/RAC	IMO, IOGP, IPIECA and other partners	Prevention and Emergency protocol	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets
	b) Selected Priorities of the MAP Digital transformation strategy as defined by INFO/RAC FP implemented	INFO/RAC				All SDG 14 Targets
7.3.2. Promote MAP educational capacity through E-Learning in line with INFORMEA	a) E-Learning platform maintained and further developed. b) On-line courses on MAP System and Barcelona Convention for general public developed. c) On-line thematic courses on MAP Components main topics for technicians developed.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	4.7
7.3.3. Enable effective MAP communication	a) Directory of all the MAP network maintenance and update (repository of NFPs designations). b) On-line Event Calendar of all the MAP network initiatives maintenance and update. c) MAP Communication Task Force on-line network enhanced. d) Survey tool further developed and maintained. e) Impulse to social media in the MAP system: Social media account followers increased.	INFO/RAC	MAP Communication TF		COP 21 Decision IG.24/2 - Governance	crosscutting especially SDG 14 Targets

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