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and ENI SEIS II Assessment of Horizon 2020/National Action Plans of Waste Indicators

Podgorica, Montenegro, 4-5 April 2019

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

The Meeting has been organized in collaboration with the European Union funded Project ENI SEIS II South Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP South region – SEIS Support Mechanism

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UN Environment/MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Tirana, Albania, 17-21 December 2017), the Secretariat, in collaboration with the European Union funded Project ENI SEIS II South Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP South region – SEIS Support Mechanism, is organizing a Joint Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring and ENI SEIS II Assessment of Horizon 2020/National Action Plans (H2020/NAP) of Waste Indicators.

2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to review and provide guidance on the following issues:

- Status of implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) with regards to Ecological Objective 10 (EO10) and its further development;
- Assessment of the H2020/NAP indicators on waste cluster including marine litter at national and regional levels; and
- Ways and means to ensure/ maximize synergies between IMAP Marine Litter Indicators and ENI SEIS H2020/NAP Waste Cluster Indicators including marine litter.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 4 April 2019 by the MED POL Programme Officer - Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the representative of the host country, Montenegro.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents: UNEP/MED WG.464/1 UNEP/MED WG.464/2/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.1/Rev.1

- a) *Rules of Procedure for the Joint Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Marine Litter Monitoring and ENI SEIS II Assessment of H2020/NAP of Waste Indicators*

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

- b) *Election of Officers*

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

- c) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.464/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed

and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions are proposed to be held in plenary sessions.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

10. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

11. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the two days. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 5 April 2019 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: State of play of IMAP Implementation related to Marine Litter (EO 10) and its further development

Working Documents: UNEP/MED WG.464/3 UNEP/MED WG.464/5 UNEP/MED WG.464/6 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.4

- a) National implementation of marine litter cluster of IMAP;
- b) Further development of IMAP including elements for Candidate Indicator 24;
- c) Updated IMAP list for marine litter items.

12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide an overview of the Marine Litter Cluster of IMAP implementation, including status of the MED POL Marine Litter Monitoring Programme (Phase IV) and challenges related to its alignment to the requirements of the IMAP, highlighting progress, challenges and next steps. An updated list of marine litter items for monitoring IMAP marine litter indicators will be introduced from MED POL. Furthermore, a number of elements will be introduced with regards to mapping of the pressures/impacts and related interactions for IMAP EO10 Common Indicators, taking into account the relevant geographical scale; as well as examples of score boards to address interrelationships between IMAP EO10 Common and Candidate Indicators and the DPSIR framework applied to the coastal and marine environment.

13. Moreover, MED POL in cooperation with SPA/RAC will present a set of documents (WG.464/5, WG.464/6, WG.464/Inf.3) addressing the development of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, including a report about the most representative species to be used for the development of the IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, and a Protocol for Monitoring Interactions between Marine Litter and Marine Turtles (ingestion and entanglement) with a view to harmonize methods of data collection for monitoring and assessment in the Mediterranean. In accordance with aforementioned elements related to IMAP Candidate Indicator 24, the findings of assessment of available data to propose GES targets will be presented.

Agenda item 4: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for IMAP Common Indicators on Marine Litter

Working Documents: UNEP/MED WG.464/4

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present the updated proposal of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries for IMAP Common Indicators 22 and 23 prepared considering the recommendations of the IMAP Best Practices Meeting in Rome (July 2018) to support discussions on this subject towards their finalization and further application in the framework of the IMAP (Pilot) Info System, as well as on national monitoring programmes and related reporting exercises.

15. For floating microplastics, for which the corresponding DSs and DDs are newly introduced, MED POL will make a presentation of the basic methodological elements, describing the sampling methodology and laboratory techniques and analysis for floating microplastics, prepared in line with the IMAP Guidance Factsheets and presented under document UNEP/MAP WG.464/Inf.4.

Agenda item 5: Assessment of H2020/NAP indicators on waste management including marine litter

Working Documents: UNEP/MED WG.464/7

- a) Status of population of indicators at national level
- b) Assessment outline
- c) Data flow organization and structuring
- d) Potential synergies with other ongoing assessment exercises within the MAP system

16. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide comprehensive information on development principles and main elements of the H2020 Assessment Outline regarding waste cluster including marine litter, focusing on data availability and status of population of indicators at national level under the ENI SEIS II Project and Marine Litter MED Project. The Secretariat will also provide information on the status of implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and implementation of the National Action Plans (NAPs). The Meeting is expected to elaborate on the current data flow organization, i.e. InfoMapNode and its structure; the status of populated indicators on waste; as well as ways and means for maximizing synergies between the Marine Litter Cluster of IMAP implementation. Finally, the Meeting will discuss possible synergies between the MED POL Marine Litter Monitoring Programme and the H2020/NAP Waste Cluster Indicators, and their possible interlinkages and complementarities with ongoing main assessments in the MAP System such as the State of Environment and Development Report.

Agenda item 6: Any Other Business

17. Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

18. The Meeting participants will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

19. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Friday, 5 April 2019.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Thursday, 4 April 2019		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45– 10:00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.464/1 UNEP/MED WG.464/2/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.1/Rev.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: State of play of IMAP Implementation related to Marine Litter (EO 10) and its further development: a) National implementation of marine litter cluster of IMAP	UNEP/MED WG.464/3
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30-16:15	Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>): b) Further development of IMAP including elements for Candidate Indicator 24 c) Updated IMAP list for marine litter items	UNEP/MED WG.464/5 UNEP/MED WG.464/6 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.464/Inf.4
16:15-17:30	Agenda item 4: Data Dictionaries and Data Standards for IMAP Common Indicators on Marine Litter	UNEP/MED WG.464/5
Friday, 5 April 2019		
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 5: Assessment of H2020/NAP indicators on waste management including marine litter a) Status of population of indicators at national level b) Assessment outline c) Data flow organization and structuring d) Potential synergies with other ongoing assessment exercises within the MAP system	UNEP/MED WG.464/7
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	Agenda item 5: (<i>continued</i>)	UNEP/MED WG.464/7
14:30-15:00	Agenda item 6: Any Other Business	
15.00-17.30	Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17.30	Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting	