

Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) Coast and Hydrography

Marseille, 28-29 March 2023

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted by the 22st Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10December 20219), PAP/RAC and the Coordinating Unit of UNEP/MAP are organizing a Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Coast and Hydrography Monitoring.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:
 - (i) Present and discuss content of IMAP Ecological Objectives (EO) 7 and 8 for the 2023 Quality Status Report (QSR)
 - (ii) Discuss solutions to strengthen Science Policy Interface (SPI) for the implementation of IMAP with a focus on CI 15 on hydrography
 - (iii) Present the upgraded Guiding Factsheet for the Candidate CI 25 “Land use change” and discuss the way forward
 - (iv) Discuss the definition of GES for the CI 16 “Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of human-made structures
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the organizer to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1 Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 28 March 2023 by Ms. Željka Škaričić, PAP/RAC Director.

Agenda item 2

Organizational matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.549/1 UNEP/MED WG. 549/2
Information Document	UNEP/MAP WG.549/Inf.1

Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Coast and Hydrography

4. 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.
 - a) *Election of Officers*
5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.
 - b) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*
6. Subject to rules of procedure the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.549/1 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.
 - c) *Organization of Work*
7. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.
8. 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.

9. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the two-days meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 16:00 on 29 March 2023 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3
2023 Quality Status Report (QSR): Content on IMAP Ecological Objectives (EO) 7 and 8

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.549/3
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3.1 Chapter on EO 7 - Hydrographic alterations: Common Indicator 15 “Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by hydrographic alterations”

3.2 Chapter on EO 8 Coastal ecosystems and landscapes

3.2.1 Common Indicator 16 “Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of human-made structures”

3.2.2 Candidate Common Indicator 25 “Land cover change”

10. Under this Agenda Item, PAP/RAC will present the document “2023 Quality Status Report (QSR): Content on IMAP Ecological Objectives (EO) 7 and 8” (UNEP/MED WG.549/3). After the presentation of each Common Indicator a discussion will follow with a view to improve the document.

11. The Meeting is expected to comment the document and to provide suggestions on how to finalise it.

Agenda item 4
Solutions to strengthen Science Policy Interface (SPI) - The case of CIs 1 and 15 in Morocco

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.549/4
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.2

12. Under this Agenda Item, Plan Blue will present a report on scientific gaps, policy needs and difficulties to comply with the requirements of the Guidance Factsheet for CI 15 on hydrography.

13. The Meeting is expected to provide suggestions on the way forward.

Agenda item 5
The Guiding Factsheet for the Candidate CI 25 “Land cover change”

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.549/5
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.5

14. Under this Agenda Item, PAP/RAC will present the upgraded Guiding Factsheet for the Candidate CI 25 “Land cover change”.

15. The Meeting is expected to provide comments and suggestions for monitoring of this indicator in the future.

Agenda item 6
Definition of GES for the CI 16 “Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of human-made structures”

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG. 549/6
Information Document	UNEP/MED WG. 549/Inf.6

16. PAP/RAC will, under this Agenda Item, present the assessment criteria and the Guiding document for application of assessment criteria for the IMAP Common Indicator 16 that took into account suggestions from the previous CORMON meeting.
17. The Meeting is expected to agree on the Guiding document and on the way forward with an aim to define country-specific GES for the CI 16 (coastline) in the next biennium.

Agenda item 7
Any other business

18. 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 8
Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG. 549/7
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19. 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 9
Closure of the meeting

20. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 16:00 on Thursday, 29 March 2023.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Day 1: Tuesday, 28 March 2023		Relevant documents
9.00 – 9.30	Registration of participants	
9.30 – 9.45	Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting	
9.45 – 10.00	Agenda item 2 Organizational matters	UNEP/MED WG.549/1 UNEP/MED WG. 549/2 UNEP/MAP WG.549/Inf.1
10.00 – 13.00	Agenda item 3 2023 Quality Status Report (QSR): Content on IMAP Ecological Objectives (EO) 7 and 8	UNEP/MED WG.549/3
10.00 – 10.45	3.1 Chapter on EO 7 - Hydrographic alterations: Common Indicator 15 <i>“Location and extent of the habitats impacted directly by hydrographic alterations”</i> Presentation and discussion	
10.45 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 11.30	3.1 Cont. Discussion	
11.30 – 13.00	3.2 Chapter on EO 8 Coastal ecosystems and landscapes 3.2.1 Common Indicator 16 <i>“Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of human-made structures”</i> Presentation and discussion	
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	

14.30 – 16.00	3.2.2 Candidate Common Indicator 25 “ <i>Land cover change</i> ” Presentation and discussion	
16.00 - 16.15	Break	
16.15 – 17.15	Agenda item 4 Solutions to strengthen Science Policy Interface (SPI) - The case of CIs 1 and 15 in Morocco Presentation and discussion	UNEP/MED WG. 549/4 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.2
End of Day 1		
Day 2: Wednesday, 29 March 2023		
9.30 – 11.00	Agenda item 5 The Guiding Factsheet for the Candidate CI 25 “<i>Land cover change</i>” Presentation and discussion	UNEP/MED WG. 549/5 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.5
11.00 – 11.15	Break	
11.15 – 13.00	Agenda item 6 Definition of GES for the CI 16 “<i>Length of coastline subject to physical disturbance due to the influence of human-made structures</i>” Presentation and discussion	UNEP/MED WG. 549/6 UNEP/MED WG.549/Inf.6
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 15.00	Agenda item 7 Any other business	
15.00 – 15.15		
15.15 – 16.15	Agenda item 8 Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting	UNEP/MED WG. 549/7
16.15	Agenda item 9 Closure of the meeting	