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1. INTRODUCTION

This document presents a summary of PAP/RAC activities in the period 2008-2009. The report is structured according to the PAP/RAC work-plan given in its 2008-2009 Project document, which was adopted by the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Almeria, 15-18 January 2008).

The overall goal of the Priority Actions Programme is to support the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, which aims at protecting the environment and contributing to the sustainable development of the Mediterranean Sea Area. PAP/RAC is specifically concerned with sustainable development of coastal areas and coastal regions of the Mediterranean Basin by promoting the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) as a major tool to achieve the Convention's goals. More specifically, the goal in the present biennium has been to carry out the preparatory activities for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol which was signed on 21 January 2008. These activities were meant to be carried out in the interim period before the Protocol enters into force.

Policy guidelines for the implementation of the PAP/RAC activities in the biennium 2008-2009 emanated from the following:

- Barcelona Convention;
- Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean;
- Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), in particular its Chapter 2.7. "Promoting sustainable management of the sea and coastal zones and taking urgent action to put an end to the degradation of coastal zones" and its section on the integrated management and development of coastal zones; and
- Operational Strategic Action Plan for ICZM in the Mediterranean.

2. PAP/RAC PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2008-2009

The implementation of the Priority Actions Programme in the 2008-2009 biennium was carried out through activities organised in two major groups:

- Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones; and
- Integrating Development and Environment.

2.1. Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones

Objective 1	Legal Framework
Expected outputs	Decision IG 17/18 on ICZM Protocol A major expected output will be the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol
MAP Components and/or other partners involved	MAP Co-ordinating Unit: support in the development of the Action Plan PAP/RAC: activities within its mandate
Indicators/ achievements	Action Plan prepared, discussed and endorsed by the countries, while the formal adoption of the Action Plan could take place only after the Protocol has entered into force. In the intermediate period, before the Protocol enters into force, PAP/RAC prepared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report of the Expert Meeting in Split (17-18 June 2008), English and French ▪ Comparative analysis and plan of action for ICZM Protocol implementation in Montenegro; Report on technical assistance to the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Montenegro ▪ Assistance to the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of Croatia in the preparations of the ICZM Protocol implementation, in co-operation with GTZ ▪ Assistance in the preparation and implementation of the conference "Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, from Local to Regional: How to Stop the Biodiversity Loss?" (Nice, 18-19 December 2008) ▪ Co-organisation of the "Second International Conference on the State of the art of ICM in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea" with MEDCOAST (Akyaka, Turkey, 14-18 October 2008) ▪ Draft Reporting Format and Effectiveness Indicators for the ICZM Protocol ▪ Presentation of the Protocol (conferences, meetings, workshops, seminars, publications) ▪ Review, by countries, of the status of the signing and ratification of the Protocol ▪ active participation in the development and implementation of two major project proposals for external financing, which are related to the protocol implementation
Up to date results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 expert meeting ▪ 4 reports ▪ 2 conferences co-organised ▪ 30 presentations (conference, workshop and seminar communications, scientific and technical articles in publications) ▪ 1 review ▪ 2 major project proposals ▪ 1 leaflet ▪ 1 publication with ICZM Protocol in 4 languages
Total Budget spent or committed (in %)	2008: 170% (Budget approved €20,000; Expenditures incurred €34,300) 2009: 0% (Budget approved €25,000; Expenditures incurred €0)

Main achievements

1. The Expert Meeting on the Action Plan for the Implementation of the ICZM Protocol was held in Split, Croatia, on 17-18 June 2008. The objective of the meeting was to exchange opinions among the relevant experts with a view of exploring possible activities to be undertaken in this intermediate period when the signing and ratification of the ICZM Protocol is still in progress. The meeting proposed various activities to be implemented in the intermediate period: the preparation of a Stocktaking report on ICZM in the Mediterranean, including information on the existing setback practices and various toolkits; the preparation of an Explanatory Guide of the text of the Protocol; and awareness-raising and training activities. The Action Plan for the implementation of the Protocol will be prepared once the Protocol enters into force.
2. At the request of the Contracting Parties, PAP/RAC provides direct assistance in their efforts towards adoption, ratification and, subsequently, implementation of the Protocol. The focus of the assistance is on the assessment of the impact the Protocol may have on the sustainable development of coastal areas, as well as on the legal, institutional and financial framework for ICZM. Technical assistance in drafting the Comparative Analysis and Plan of Action for ICZM Protocol Implementation at the National Level was provided to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Montenegro. The technical assistance on the interpretation of the Protocol and the assessment of impacts of its implementation was provided to the Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Construction of Croatia.
3. Although the ICZM Protocol has not entered into force it was suggested to prepare a Reporting format and related effectiveness indicators for this legal instrument. PAP/RAC participated in a meeting held on 5 December 2008 at MEDU where it was decided to work on both documents in parallel, in co-ordination with MEDU. PAP/RAC has proposed to the EEA, at their request, a tentative list of activities aimed at the implementation of the Protocol in which EEA could participate. Their response is still awaited.
4. PAP/RAC has been actively involved in the preparation and implementation of two major Mediterranean conferences: "Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, from Local to Regional: How to Stop the Biodiversity Loss?", held in Nice on 18-19 December 2008, in the context of the French EU Presidency, and the "Second International Conference on the State of the art of ICM in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea", which took place in Akyaka, Turkey, on 14-18 October 2008. In addition, PAP/RAC Director and other staff of the Centre presented the Protocol at numerous events that were held in the Mediterranean, Europe and elsewhere, as well as published a large number of articles in a variety of scientific, technical and popular publications. As a result, the Protocol is today widely known to a large number of stakeholders and the general public, which is considered to be critically important for its successful implementation.
5. A special leaflet on the Protocol has been published in English and French and widely distributed across the region and around the world. A publication with the text of the Protocol in 4 languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic) was prepared, edited and will soon be published. The publication of this document is a response to the increasing demand for the distribution of knowledge and awareness raising on the Protocol.
6. With a number of partners PAP/RAC has been involved in the preparation of 2 major project proposals aimed at the implementation of the Protocol. As a member of the consortium of 24 partners, PAP/RAC was the pivotal organisation, together with the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the Blue Plan, in the preparation of the proposal for a PEGASO project, which was submitted to the EU for financing within its FP7 scientific programme. The central component of the project, for which PAP/RAC will be responsible, is the preparation of the ICZM Governance Platform. PAP/RAC will assist IDDRI of France to implement the ProtoGIZC project, which was submitted to the French Government for financing.

Constraints and Lessons learnt

1. The ICZM Protocol has not yet entered into force. Fifteen Contracting Parties have signed the Protocol, and some have started the ratification process. Therefore, the implementation of the Protocol is pending ratification by at least six countries. Although it is known that several countries have started the ratification procedure, major efforts will be needed to stimulate the remaining countries to start the process, as well as to complete it, so that the Protocol can enter into force in the foreseeable time.
2. Financial resources available for the assistance to countries in the implementation of the Protocol in this biennium were grossly inadequate. Since the programme of work and budget had been approved before the Protocol was adopted, it was not possible to earmark adequate financial resources for the implementation of the above activities. This fact constrained the discussion and decision on the activities to be carried out.
3. The 2008-2009 Work Programme envisaged the preparation of, discussion on, and adoption of the

Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol. However, in legal terms, this Action Plan could only be prepared and adopted once the Protocol enters into force. Therefore, the activities undertaken by PAP/RAC as described above were related to what was legally possible in this intermediate period and focused only on general preparatory activities (stocktaking, explanatory guide, awareness) with no legal obligations for the countries.

4. The discussion on the Action Plan has shown an enormous interest in planning and implementing the activities of the Protocol. The lesson learnt is that the great momentum for the Protocol exists and should not be let to fizzle out.

Recommendations/suggestions

The Meeting is invited to remind the countries to sign and/or ratify the ICZM Protocol.

Objective 2	To assist the Mediterranean coastal States to implement Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) through development and implementation of appropriate ICZM tools, improved exchange of information, increased capacity building, and implementation of concrete projects (Coastal Area Management Programme – CAMP).
Expected outputs	<p>1. CAMP Implementation of activities envisaged by the Action Plan; feasibility study (FS) for CAMP Italy and CAMP Agreements for Montenegro and Italy; inception reports and related workshops in Montenegro and Italy; individual CAMP activity reports (water resources, tourism, plans, strategies, EIs); regular progress reports by National Co-ordinators; final integrated reports; Final Presentation Conference for CAMP Cyprus; follow-up programme as proposed in CAMPs; MAP Technical Report Series for CAMPs Slovenia and Cyprus; training courses, workshops, capacity-building initiatives and participatory programmes of stakeholders in CAMPs</p> <p>2. ICZM methodologies/tools Report on the current state of the planning systems; methodology for the application of the ecosystem approach in coastal areas; methodology for risk vulnerability assessment in coastal areas; guidelines for the implementation of SEA in coastal areas</p> <p>3. National ICZM reports National reports on ICZM in Egypt and Albania</p> <p>4. Landscape management Thematic studies applying different methodologies for landscape management; Synthesis Report on all thematic studies implemented</p> <p>5. Clearing House Redesign and restructure of the web site on Clearing House (CH); updating of the existing information and introduction of new components to CH</p> <p>6. Financing SD Report on the state of different methodologies used in the Mediterranean countries to finance sustainable development, including recommendations on how to improve the current approaches</p> <p>7. ICZM Education New run of the MedOpen course in English and French; training documents, case studies, selection of candidates, helpdesk, discussion groups, basic and advanced courses, examinations; update of new Educom@Med Programme</p> <p>8. SMAP Policy Briefs with related leaflets and regional ICZM Workshop; Coast Day, TV publicity spot and a regional policy workshop</p> <p>9. Regional Component of the LME Project Demonstration projects, assistance in the implementation of ICZM Protocol</p>

	<p>and preparation of national ICZM Strategies</p> <p>10. Regional workshop on spatial planning Workshop report and recommendations on the measures for improvement of spatial planning in Mediterranean coastal areas</p> <p>11. Regional training on landscape management Report of the training course</p>
MAP Components and/or other partners involved	<p>MAP Co-ordinating Unit: support in the development and adoption of the Action Plan</p> <p>PAP/RAC: activities within its mandate</p> <p>Other MAP components: providing assistance within their fields of expertise</p> <p>Countries: providing information on relevant ICZM topics, projects and issues</p> <p>International organisations: assistance within their scope of activities</p> <p>National NGOs: support and organisation of the Coast Day</p>
Indicators/ achievements	<p>1. CAMP</p> <p>CAMP Cyprus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Integrated Report for CAMP Cyprus ▪ Final Presentation Conference for CAMP Cyprus (13 June 2008), attended by 80 participants ▪ Report of the Final Presentation Conference for CAMP Cyprus ▪ Report on Carrying Capacity Assessment for Tourism of the Larnaca District ▪ Final Report of the Environmental Economics Activity ▪ Report on ICAM Methodology and Proposed ICAM Strategic Framework ▪ Report on the Public Participation Process in Cyprus ▪ Pilot Testing of the CAMP Guidelines on SEA for the CAMP Pilot Study Area <p>CAMP Italy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU for the Feasibility Study for CAMP Italy ▪ Assistance to the Ministry and the CAMP site authorities to develop the programme of CAMP: participation at the CAMP committee meetings ▪ Draft Feasibility Study (expected by the end of 2009) ▪ Agreement (including ToR) for CAMP Italy (expected by the end of 2009) <p>CAMP Montenegro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feasibility Study completed ▪ Agreement (including ToR) for CAMP Montenegro (expected by the end of 2009) <p>CAMP Morocco:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gestion intégrée de la zone côtière – Spécifications techniques ▪ Activité "Sensibilisation et participation" – Spécifications techniques; ▪ Protection et valorisation du patrimoine historique et culturel – Spécifications techniques; ▪ Tourisme Durable – Spécifications techniques; ▪ Rapport de lancement du PAC-Maroc; ▪ Rapport de l'Atelier de lancement du PAC du Rif central (Maroc) (Chefchaouen, le 29 avril 2008); ▪ Rapport diagnostic relatif à la région de Chafchaoun (Maroc) – Projet; ▪ Rapport sur l'Atelier de formation à la méthode d'Evaluation de la Capacité d'Accueil Touristique (ECAT); ▪ Rapport sur les Ateliers de formation à la méthode des scénarios alternatifs et aux outils de gestion environnementale des structures hôtelières; ▪ Rapport des Ateliers GIZC et Programme Participatif du PAC-Rif central (Maroc); ▪ Rapport diagnostic final de l'activité "sites sensibles culturels"; ▪ Impacts potentiels du projet Souani: Propositions d'orientations

	<p>d'aménagements pour atténuer ces impacts sur l'équilibre du milieu – Note préliminaire;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rapport diagnostic final de l'activité GIZC; ▪ Rapport de l'atelier GIZC et Analyse de durabilité (Al Hoceima, les 8 et 9 avril 2009). <p>CAMP Slovenia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MAP Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) Slovenia: Final Integrated Report. MAP Technical Report Series No. 171. prepared and disseminated <p>CAMP Levante de Almeria (Spain):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAMP National Co-ordinator selected ▪ CAMP Office opened in Almeria ▪ Minutes of the Meeting on CAMP Spain implementation plan (Madrid, 13 May 2009) ▪ Draft Inception Report (by October 2009) ▪ Report of the Inception Workshop (by December 2009). <p>2. ICZM methodologies/tools</p> <p>Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)</p> <p><u>PlanCoast project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Six National Reports on Current Policy, Procedures, Legal Basis and Practice of Marine Spatial Planning prepared, edited, published and disseminated (namely for the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy-Emilia-Romagna Region, Montenegro, Slovenia), ▪ State of the Art of Coastal and Maritime Planning in the Adriatic Region: Synthesis Report prepared and disseminated, ▪ Contribution to the Handbook on Integrated Maritime Spatial Planning; Experience, Tools and Instruments, and Case Studies. Publication disseminated, ▪ Marine Spatial Planning: A Theoretical Overview report prepared ▪ Best Practice in Marine Spatial Planning: Description of Four Case Studies in Europe and Overseas report prepared, ▪ Poster: Spatial Planning Systems in the Adriatic printed and disseminated, ▪ Leaflet: Spatial Planning Systems in the Adriatic, printed and disseminated, ▪ Final project report prepared. <p>Other tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First draft of the assessment methodologies for the Ecosystem Approach ▪ Collaboration in the preparation of the guidelines on Hazard awareness and risk mitigation in ICZM (initiated by IOC/UNESCO). ▪ Participation of PAP/RAC in a series of workshops organised by EU/DG MARE on MSP. <p>3. National ICZM reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National ICZM Report on Croatia published and disseminated (expected by the end of 2009) <p>4. Landscape management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribution to EucalLand project on cultural landscapes (initiated by the Cambridge University) ▪ Draft report on a thematic study on valuation of outstanding landscapes (expected by the end 2009) ▪ Draft synthesis report on thematic studies (expected by the end of 2009) <p>5. Clearing House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restructured CH web site according to the ICZM Protocol structure (expected by the end of 2009) <p>6. Financing sustainable development in coastal areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation of the drat report was initiated (but due to sudden death of
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the responsible officer not yet completed)

7. ICZM Education

- 15 students submitted their thesis for EducomMed (EU Tempus) by end September 2008
- Basic MedOpen course constantly available on-line on the PAP/RAC web site

8. SMAP

- 84 participants in the Mediterranean Workshop on ICZM Policy (Alghero, Sardinia, on 19-20 May 2008).
- 512 registered participants in the public event on 21 May 2009 (the third day of the Workshop)
- Revised Project Implementation Manual
- Fiche d'orientation: La littoralisation et la Développement Durable (République Algérienne Démocratique et Populaire; Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Environnement et du Tourisme)
- ICZM Policy Background: Towards a Strategy for Syria's Coast
- ICZM Policy Brief: Towards a Strategy for Syria's Coast
- Report on the National Workshop to Promote Syria's ICZM Policy Brief (Damascus, Syria, 8 May 2008)
- Policy Brief: Reducing Conflicts in the Jordanian Gulf of Aqaba
- Report of the Workshop on Reducing Conflicts in the Jordanian Gulf of Aqaba: An ICZM Policy Brief (Aqaba, 18 March 2009)
- Progress Report 2007-2008: Description of the tasks performed during the preparation of an ICZM Policy Brief for Jordan
- Report of the first workshop on the preparation of a "National ICZM Strategy for Egypt: A Vision Workshop" (Cairo, 29 January 2009)
- Report of the second workshop on the preparation of a "National ICZM Strategy for Egypt: ICZM Priorities and Objectives Workshop" (Cairo, 5 March 2009)
- Report of the third workshop on the preparation of a "National ICZM Strategy for Egypt: Strategic Objectives and a Roadmap Workshop" (Cairo, 23 April 2009)
- National ICZM Strategy for Egypt
- Study on the Establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Syrian Arab Republic
- Syria's Coastal Zone and its Desired Integrated Management – Proposed Vision and Policy
- Schéma Directeur d'Aménagement Du Littoral (SDAL) – Cahier des charges (Algerie)
- Awareness Raising Strategy Questionnaire prepared, disseminated to the countries, results included in the Strategy
- ICZM Mediterranean Awareness-Raising Strategy (MARS): A Framework Strategy to Support Policy Development and Implementation (English and French)
- Rapport sur la Réunion d'Information sur le Project SMAP III et sur le Protocole GIZC (Rabat, le 23 juin 2008)
- Sardinia Charter: Integrated Coastal Zone Management – Mediterranean Dialogue
- Report of the Mediterranean Workshop on ICZM Policy (Alghero, 19-21 May 2008)
- Updated Coast Day web-site (English and French) <http://coastday.org>
- Press release: International Coast Day 24 October 2008
- A Call to Celebrate the Coast Day in the Mediterranean (Athens, 20 October 2008)
- 2007 Coast Day Campaign Report (February, 2008)
- 2007 Coast Day Communications Report (February, 2008)
- National 2007 Coast Day Reports, prepared by national NGO partners (The Coast Day Report Syria; Coast Day Campaign in Turkey – Final

	<p>Report; Rapport Final Relatif a la Célébration du jour de la Cote a Nador (Maroc); Algérien Rapport Final du jour de la Cote; Coast Day Final Report – Jordan; Coast Day in Palestine, Cyprus Coast Day Report and Coast Day Flyer; Coast Day Action Plan – Sardinia) (Prepared in 2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on Celebration of the Coast Day 2008 in the Mediterranean (English and French) ▪ Co-organisation of the Final Regional Seminar: Achievements and Perspectives for the Future (18-19 February 2009, Alexandria) ▪ ICZM Policy Report: Summary of the ICZM Policy achievements in the eligible countries (expected by the end of June 2009) ▪ Co-organisation of and participation in the SMAP/METAP workshop on ICZM Policies in Marseilles (18-19 June 2009) <p>9. Regional Component of the LME Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project MoU prepared and agreed upon ▪ Contribution to the preparation and collection of the Letters of Intent, related to the ICZM component, from the countries ▪ Comments on two project proposals solicited by UNEP/DGEF (ICZM in Lebanon; Adaptation to the climate change, ICZM and IWRM) <p>10. Regional workshop on spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop to be organised in 2010 <p>11. Regional training on landscape management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training course to be organised once more thematic studies and the Synthesis Report are prepared. Most likely in 2010. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CONSCIENCE project: Periodic Activity Reports submitted to the Lead Partner and End User Advisory Group organised ▪ PEGASO project (FP7): project proposal prepared ▪ Beachmed project: participation at the Final Conference ▪ PAP/RAC web site: 85.000 visits in 2008 (68.500 unique visitors); more than 7000 visits each month ▪ Mind mapping workshop: all PAP/RAC staff participated in a 2 half-day workshop ▪ Coastal Alert: 40 alerts sent to around 100 e-mail addresses each time
Up to date results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 28 CAMP reports ▪ 14 workshops/conferences organised/co-organised ▪ 2 MoUs ▪ 1 Technical Report Series ▪ 12 reports/publications (IZCM methodologies/tools) ▪ 1 poster ▪ 1 leaflet ▪ 1 national ICZM report ▪ 1 position paper ▪ 15 submitted theses (EducomMed) ▪ 24 SMAP reports ▪ 7 national/local reports on Coast Day ▪ 1 ICZM Committee organised ▪ 1 National ICZM Strategy ▪ 7000 visits a month to the PAP/RAC web site ▪ 40 coastal alerts
Total Budget spent or committed (in %)	<p>2008: 94% (Budget approved €228,000; expenditures incurred €215,000) 2009: 29% (Budget approved €217,926; expenditures incurred €62,365)</p>

Main achievements

1. CAMPs:

CAMP is becoming more and more a tool and a mechanism for the introduction of the ICZM Protocol requirements into practice. This has been proved in this biennium more than ever before. Inspired by the political will expressed by the Parties at their last Conference and in particular by signing the Protocol, it has become evident that CAMP is tailored to fulfil these new challenges. Already during the negotiation process for the Protocol, activities were incorporated in some CAMPs to answer to some Protocol challenges. This includes, for example, the preparation of ICZM Strategy and ICZM Law in Lebanon, or creation and use of a mechanism for better co-ordination of activities in coastal areas in CAMP Slovenia. Furthermore, CAMP Spain, although still at an early implementation stage, envisages that a Coastal Council and Coastal Forum be created to guarantee effective co-ordination among stakeholders and administrative levels, as well as to improve public participation and involvement of public in general in the decision-making process. In Cyprus, introduction of new policies and methodologies in the planning system and in the management of coastal areas in general is also along these lines. Finally, the CAMP Italy has a great potential to change this long standing MAP Programme into an ICZM Protocol implementation tool. Not only will it have many sites that will create additional challenges for the co-ordination of such a complex project, but also the planned activities will largely correspond to the ICZM Protocol provisions. It can be concluded that CAMP has evolved into a much needed and practical programme that has contributed to better draft and negotiate the Protocol, as well as to show its capacities in putting the provisions of the Protocol into life. More detailed information on the activities undertaken in the on-going CAMPs during the reporting period is given below.

CAMP Cyprus

The Final Presentation Conference of the CAMP Cyprus took place in Nicosia on 13 June 2008. The Conference was attended by over 50 high-level participants from almost all Government departments, as well as from the private sector organisations and NGOs. The participants agreed that the CAMP Cyprus was a successful project and that the proposals agreed on and put forward in the *Summary Report* presented at the Conference would meet an important need in the policy framework of Cyprus with regard to coastal management.

CAMP Italy

A series of meetings was organised in order to specify details of the Feasibility Study. This is the first report to be prepared in order to show the relevance of the CAMP and its justification in the Italian context. Several meetings were held at the Italian Ministry of Environment with the objective to discuss the details of the Feasibility Study (FS) and the process of its preparation. This CAMP is going to be the first one after the ICZM Protocol signature, as well as the first to test the Protocol provisions on the ground. This project will also be specific for its structure, i.e. five sites in five regions are going to be involved in the project, and it will be a good tool to demonstrate implementation of the ICZM Protocol. Therefore, this will be a multi-CAMP area project that will definitely be a challenge for the co-ordination of the project on one side, and a good example of the application of the Protocol at a sub-national level, on the other. The CAMP Italy Feasibility Study (FS) will be prepared on the basis of regional FSs.

CAMP Montenegro

The Feasibility Study for CAMP Montenegro was completed in May 2008. The FS reviewed the existing laws, policies, plans and strategies; analysed institutional arrangements for coastal area management; elaborated on the ongoing initiatives and projects aiming to contribute to the sustainable development of the Montenegrin coast; solicited opinions of a wide range of stakeholders; identified needs and gaps for integrated coastal zone management in Montenegro; and proposed the CAMP area and CAMP activities, with a view to long-term sustainability of the project. All MAP Components envisaged to take part in the project were informed about the proposed activities so that they can envisage their contribution to this project. In parallel, Montenegro has started the process of ratification of the ICZM Protocol and once this progresses to a certain stage the Agreement for the CAMP will be prepared.

CAMP Morocco

The project was in full swing during the reporting period, starting with the Inception Workshop on 29 April 2008. About fifty participants attended the workshop. They discussed different project activities and the usefulness of the project for the Central Rif zone, as well as for the entire country. The workshop was preceded by a one-day training course on ICZM. The workshop on ICZM and participatory approaches was organised at M'diq, from 5 to 7 January 2009. It was attended by about sixty participants. The objectives of the workshop were: (i) to present the methodological approach, which allowed to accomplish a preliminary diagnostic analysis and qualification of the coastal zone of the Central Rif; (ii) to propose and chose pilot actions that will demonstrate the feasibility of the ICZM process and establish the basis necessary for the success of the process launched towards sustainable

development; (c) to train local-level actors on "participation and awareness-raising" tools for promoting the participatory approach within the CAMP and provide support to its activities. This workshop represented a decisive phase of the CAMP Morocco, because it allowed to make, on an extremely participatory basis, consensual decisions concerning the choice of pilot actions and elaboration of the work programme for the preparation of their management plans. The two chosen pilot sites are: Jebha, in the province of Chefchaouen, and Souani, in the province of Al Hoceima. With this, it can be considered that the CAMP Morocco has entered its operational phase. A CAMP workshop to discuss the pilot area of Souani and to introduce the sustainability analysis activity and start the work on the identification of sustainability indicators was organised on 8-9 April 2009. The national consultant in charge of this activity proposed an initial list of indicators that was discussed and amended by the workshop participants. The next workshops on pilot actions and on sustainability analysis will be organised in October 2009. In order to spare money and time, these workshops will be attached to the final workshop of the "Destinations" project. The individual project activities are to be closed by the end of this year. Each activity will submit a final report with its proposal for a sustainable development and integrated management strategy. Only the Final Integrated Report and the Final Conference are envisaged for 2010.

CAMP Slovenia

The CAMP Slovenia project was completed in 2007 and is currently in its follow-up stage. In order to better promote and disseminate its results a MAP Technical Report Series publication (CD format) for CAMP Slovenia was finalised and disseminated to relevant project partners during 2008.

CAMP Levante de Almeria, Spain

Since the last Contracting Parties Meeting in Almeria (January 2008) there has been little progress in the implementation of the CAMP Levante de Almeria, Spain. The proposed General (Project) Co-ordinator had been nominated but has taken another post after the elections in Spain. Also, with the governmental changes at the national and regional levels the responsible staff was changed and the Spanish counterpart needed much more time than envisaged to nominate the General (Project) Co-ordinator. The new Co-ordinator was only selected in March 2009. It was finally possible to convene a meeting (Madrid, 13 May 2009) with all relevant partners for the implementation of the project. The objective was to define all the necessary steps to push the project forward into its implementation phase. Details concerning the preparation of the Inception Report and the related workshop were discussed, as well as other organisational and managerial topics. By autumn 2009 the Inception Workshop (IW) is planned to take place, and in the meantime the MAP components involved in this project should specify their contributions to the project. After the IW contracts for individually activities are prepared the implementation of the project can start. Therefore, it can be confirmed that, although the project created a bit of delay, it will correspond to the fulfilment of the requirements of the ICZM Protocol.

2. ICZM methodologies/tools

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

PlanCoast was an INTERREG IIIB CADSES project aiming to develop tools and capacities for an effective integrated planning of coastal zones and maritime areas of the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Sea regions. The PlanCoast objective was to introduce a new spatial planning instrument, i.e. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the framework of ICZM. PAP/RAC co-ordinated the activities in the Adriatic. A majority of PAP/RAC activities were concluded in 2007. In 2008 the reports produced were edited, printed and disseminated. The Centre participated at the Final presentation conference in Ravenna, Italy (27-29 March 2008). PAP/RAC is becoming actively involved in the development of the MSP concept as an ICZM tool at the international level. It has been particularly active in the development of MSP in the EU. PAP/RAC Director was invited to give a presentation on the occasion of the EU Maritime Day in Rome in May 2009. Considering the importance of MSP for the implementation of the EU Maritime Policy and Marine Strategy Directive, PAP/RAC is taking a very active role in a series of workshops organised by the EU on the subject. On every occasion, the importance of the ICZM Protocol for the implementation of MSP was emphasised.

Other

In collaboration with other components of MAP, PAP/RAC participated in the project on the Ecosystem Approach that was financially supported by the EU. In particular, PAP/RAC contributed with the review of the assessment methodologies for the ecosystem approach. The first draft was prepared and submitted.

PAP/RAC Director is one of the co-authors of the Guidelines on Hazard Awareness and Risk Mitigation in ICAM that was prepared by IOC/UNESCO. Further activities on the implementation of the Guidelines in the Mediterranean are envisaged through CAMP project activities.

3. National ICZM reports

In the reporting period the National ICZM Report for Croatia was completed, edited and prepared for publishing. No other national reports were prepared, printed or disseminated. In Egypt, the National ICZM Strategy was under preparation instead, whereas for Albania a National Report on current policy, procedures, legal basis and practice of marine spatial planning was elaborated and printed in the framework of the PlanCoast project. This report substantially covered the field of ICZM.

4. Landscape management

No thematic studies applying different methodologies for landscape management or the Synthesis Report have been prepared in this biennium. The Synthesis Report on all thematic studies will be prepared once some additional landscape methodologies are elaborated.

5. Clearing House

The restructured Clearing House (CH) web site is not yet operational. After the adoption of the ICZM Protocol the CH is being restructured. It will be transformed into a portal aimed at facilitating the implementation of the ICZM Protocol. Updating of the existing information and introduction of new components to CH will be done according to the ICZM Protocol structure by end 2009.

6. Financing sustainable development in coastal areas

A position paper on the state of different methodologies used in the Mediterranean countries to finance sustainable development, including recommendations on how to improve the current approaches, has been initiated. Once completed it will present the "state-of-the-art" in this field, as well as opportunities and constraints to be faced in the implementation of this activity. Unfortunately, due to the sudden death of the responsible officer the report has not yet been completed.

7. ICZM Education

The MedOpen basic course on ICZM, developed by PAP/RAC in the previous biennium (English, French, and Arabic versions), is permanently available on the internet. In this biennium no advanced courses were planned.

The Educom Med programme (EC TEMPUS) was completed. Fifteen students submitted their theses by end September 2008. After the assessment by the consortium the students are supposed to get their diplomas. Update and run of the Educom@Med Programme is pending external financing and it is supposed to become a self-financing programme led by one of the Universities involved in the project. PAP/RAC is a partner in this project responsible for organising the field work, i.e. dissemination and exchange of practical experiences gained in ICZM projects.

8. SMAP III

PAP/RAC and its partners (BP/RAC and METAP) implemented the component "Promoting Awareness and Enabling Policy Framework for Environment and Development Integration in the Mediterranean with Focus on ICZM" of this EU project. The main components of the project and its activities were the following:

Preparation and presentation of Policy Briefs for Algeria, Jordan and Syria

The Algerian Policy Brief was presented in a series of workshops organised by PAP/RAC and MATET (Ministry of Land-use Planning, Environment and Tourism) from 28 February to 2 March 2009. In Syria, ICZM policy background and ICZM Policy Brief (Towards a Strategy for Syria's Coast) have been prepared. A workshop was organised in Damascus on 8 May 2008 to promote the Syria's ICZM Policy Brief. The Policy Brief for Jordan was also prepared by the end of 2008. The document called "Reducing Conflicts in the Jordanian Gulf of Aqaba" has been finalised and presented in Aqaba on 18 March 2009.

New Policy Measures

- National ICZM Strategy for Egypt: Based on a request by the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), PAP/RAC provided assistance in the preparation of the National ICZM Strategy for Egypt. Three workshops were organised: the vision workshop (Cairo, 29 January 2009); the second workshop for the National ICZM Strategy elaboration (Cairo, 5 March 2009); and the third workshop with the main objective to discuss the road map for strategy implementation and the project follow-up (Cairo, 23 April 2009). The Strategy is the result of a consultation process among major national and regional stakeholders, and it is expected that it will be a tool for improved ICZM in Egypt.
- Establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee in Syria: In September 2008, a Study on the Establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in the Syrian Arab Republic was prepared. In March 2009, vision and policy for the Syrian coast until 2025 was prepared. The Inter-Ministerial Committee for ICZM will review and adopt the Vision and take all the necessary steps to outline a new national policy on ICZM in Syria and develop Syrian coastal Strategy and Action Plan.
- Master Plan for coastal areas of Algeria: As a response to the direct request by the Minister of the

Environment, assistance to the Algerian Government in the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the development of Master Plan for coastal areas of Algeria was provided in April 2008. The activity for the master plan development will follow the model of a highly successful MAP CAMP project which Algeria implemented in 2002-2006.

Awareness Raising Activities

- Awareness Raising Strategy: This document was prepared in April 2008. The main objective of the Strategy is to serve as a key document to enable policy-makers, general public and the academia to consider the benefits of ICZM, causes and costs of coastal degradation, and to give possible options in which way the target groups can contribute to its implementation. The Strategy was built upon survey questionnaire and includes six work packages and general implementation work programme.
- Presentation of the ICZM Protocol: During the Project, a number of national workshops to discuss the implementation of the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol were organised in the project countries, such as on 23 June 23 2008 in Morocco. In total 38 participants attended the workshop.

ICZM Policy workshop

PAP/RAC, in collaboration with the Autonomous Region of Sardinia (Italy), organised a Mediterranean Workshop on ICZM Policy. The workshop was held in Alghero, Sardinia, on 19-21 May 2008. It was attended by 84 participants, including high-level policy-makers from different Ministries of the SMAP eligible countries. The "Sardinia Charter", aiming to promote the local-level ICZM network, was discussed and adopted. On the third day, a public event took place in which a total of 512 people participated. About 70 posters and other promotional materials were presented, including films, a TV spot, live broadcasts and photos. A special web-site was set up for the workshop.

Coast Day 2008

- Celebration of the 2008 Coast Day was in the week of 24 – 31 October. The celebration took place in number of countries, such as Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Jordan, Montenegro, Morocco, Italy, Tunisia and Turkey. For the use of national and regional media a press release was prepared. In 2008, 3 national Coast Day Ambassadors were nominated in Croatia, jointly by UNDP-Croatia and PAP/RAC. These were the sailing team members of the 49er class that represented Croatia in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. They were chosen as representatives of a sport that stands for environmental awareness, but also owing to their altruistic fair-play gesture and solidarity demonstrated during the Olympic Games in Beijing.
- Promotional items: A number of promotional items produced in 2007 were also used during the 2008 Coast Day Campaign. These included bookmarks, stickers and leaflets in English, French and Arabic, as well as a TV advert that was broadcast on some national TV stations.
- Coast Day web-site: The campaign's web site (www.coastday.org) is being regularly updated.

Project Concluding Seminars

- Final Regional Seminar: The Final Regional Seminar: Achievements and Perspectives for the Future took place on 18-19 February 2009 in Alexandria, Egypt. More than 160 participants attended the seminar.
- Final METAP and PAP/RAC workshop: By the end of June 2009 METAP envisaged to organise a final workshop on ICZM policies that will most likely take place in Marseilles. The results of the project partners will be presented and perspectives for high policy implementation discussed.

9. Regional Component of LME Project

The envisaged activities have not started yet. However, already in the preparatory phase of the project PAP/RAC provided assistance to MEDU in collecting letters of intent, aimed at the implementation of the ICZM component, from eligible countries. Also, PAP/RAC provided comments on two project proposals in this framework, namely for the ICZM project in Lebanon and the project on Adaptation to the Climate Change by Using ICZM and IWRM.

10. Regional workshop on spatial planning

A regional workshop to propose measures to improve spatial planning in Mediterranean coastal areas has not yet been organised. Two elements led us to postpone this activity. First, the initiatives for Maritime Spatial Planning in the framework of an EU Directive are still in a premature stage for any final agreements and solutions. This is greatly related to spatial planning in coastal zones in general, and until it becomes clear that Maritime Spatial Planning and Land-use planning in coastal zones are complementary and closely related components irrespective of the responsibilities for their implementation, PAP/RAC feels it is premature to initiate this activity. Second, some financial resources were transferred for the organisation of the ICZM Protocol activities, in particular the meeting on the Action Plan for the Protocol implementation. This activity will be organised once the above reasons no longer create a burden, most likely in the next biennium.

11. Regional training on landscape management

A training course to introduce various methodologies for landscape management has not yet been organised. As soon as some more thematic studies on landscape management tools and methodologies are prepared and the Synthesis Report on all thematic studies is ready, the preparation of the training will commence. Most likely this training will be organised in 2010.

12. Other

In addition to the regular and approved work programme PAP/RAC participated as a partner in some of the projects that were very closely linked to its core activities. In most of the cases they were complementary, either through additional activities that could otherwise not take place to such extent, or by providing additional financial resources and bringing experience from other regions/countries to the Mediterranean context. Examples of such projects include:

CONSCIENCE (FP6 Project)

PAP/RAC is a partner in the project implemented under the EU FP6 with Delft Hydraulics (now Deltares), The Netherlands, as the Lead Partner. Its strategic objective was to develop and test concepts, guidelines and tools for the sustainable management of erosion along the European coastline. PAP/RAC participated in a number of meetings organised in this framework and is entrusted with the organisation and management of the End-User Advisory Group. The task of the Group is to test the project results.

PEGASO (FP7 Project)

PAP/RAC is one of the partners in the 24-member consortium led by the Autonomous University of Barcelona that has been involved in the preparation of the project. The project's full title is "People for Ecosystem Based Governance in Assessing Sustainable Development of Ocean and Coast", PEGASO in short. The project has been designed to bring the science and end-user communities relevant to the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basins together, to develop collaboratively a robust, relevant and easy-to-use set of sustainability tools. The key outcome of the work will be the building of new, joint ICZM governance mechanisms able to better support the implementation of existing and future policies affecting both the Mediterranean and the Black Seas. PAP/RAC has prepared the Work Package on the Shared ICZM Governance Platform for Mediterranean and Black Sea Basins. The Governance Platform has, among others, the objective to facilitate the implementation of the regional legal instruments, such as the ICZM Protocol. The project has been given very high marks by the evaluators, and it is almost certain that it will be approved for financing in June 2009. Some activities for its implementation have already started. Implementation is expected in the biennium to come.

BEACHMED

The Beachmed-e project has been concluded with the Final Conference that took place in Rome, on 29-31 May 2008. This project was a Regional Framework Operation co-financed by the INTERREG IIIC programme. PAP/RAC participated as a project partner to this initiative owing to its expertise and experience in coastal erosion. PAP/RAC contributed to the conference with the presentation of and discussion on the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean. Prior to the conference PAP/RAC finalised the summary and extended reports of the Beachmed sub-project 3.2. Concerted actions, tools and criteria for the implementation of the ICZM in the Mediterranean. The purpose of these reports was integration of the results of the questionnaires implemented in the 4 regions of the project by 7 sub-project partners.

PAP/RAC web site

A new design and restructure of the PAP/RAC web site in 2007 yielded an impressive growth of a number of visits that is still continued in this biennium. There were 85,000 visits in 2008 (68,500 unique visitors) which makes more than 7000 visits each month. The highest number of visits was reached in June 2008, almost 9000. In March 2009 the number of visits was 7400. In 2007 the number of visits was 64,300 (slightly less than 5400 a month).

Mind mapping workshop

A training session on an innovative tool for better planning and organising projects was organised for the PAP/RAC staff. The aim was to contribute to a more effective management of ICZM projects in general, and to have better visibility, transparency and exchange of information on and among projects in the Centre.

Coastal Alert

Every fortnight the Coastal Alert is being sent to more than 100 addresses in the Mediterranean. Summaries of relevant ICZM articles (four at once) from various scientific resources are compiled. Links to complete papers are provided, too. It is expected that the French version of the service will be available.

Constraints and Lessons learnt

Common constraints and lessons learned can be summarised as follows:

- Unexpected delays are experienced, usually at the start of the CAMP project implementation due to administrative procedures in the countries. This can be related to the nomination of the coordinators, national experts and alike. This causes redistribution and re-planning of the use of the resources in MAP. Sometimes delays occur due to natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes. In both instances there is little PAP/RAC can do but encourage responsible counterparts to 'speed-up' the process. There was also certain lack of commitment to harmonised actions with respect to the implementation of some of the CAMP activities where more RACs were involved. This is due to different priorities among the RACs that result in less concerted efforts and involvement in the project. An example of this is different timing for contracts for joint activities that causes delays.
- Several activities had to be postponed to the next biennium. This was due to the lack of adequate funds earmarked for the activities related to the ICZM Protocol. Since it was adopted only after the approval of the 2008-2009 budget, only modest resources could be allocated for that purpose at that time. However, the need was felt to start activities towards the implementation of the Protocol as soon as possible, so certain rearrangement of the budget was necessary.

PAP/RAC has constantly been receiving invitations to be a partner in a number of projects being proposed for financing, generally to various EU funding sources. This is a positive trend, and the rate of success in seeking additional resources is comparatively good. Every effort is being made that these project proposals conform to the activities of the core PAP/RAC programme, in particular the implementation of the ICZM Protocol.

Recommendations/suggestions

With the adoption of the ICZM Protocol and with the developments in the theoretical field of environmental sciences at a global level there is a constant need expressed by majority of the Mediterranean countries for a continued assistance in promoting and introducing new tools, methodologies, mechanisms and instruments for practical implementation of the ICZM. Countries regularly send requests for assistance from PAP/RAC in all these fields, and this mandate has been upgraded by the Protocol itself. Countries should therefore be encouraged to promote ICZM tools and methodologies and to use the opportunities and resources that are at their disposal in MAP and PAP/RAC in particular.

2.2. Integrating Environment and Development

Objective 3	To assist the Mediterranean States in the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy of Sustainable Development (MSSD), in particular Chapter 2.7 related to coastal zones, and to help them develop tools for integration of priority sectoral objectives into development policies.
Expected outputs	<p>1. MSSD SEA and EIA studies; local management in coastal areas; and development of methodology for island coastal management plans as assistance to countries in implementing MSSD</p> <p>2. 'Destinations' (LIFE) project Strategies for tourism development in the three pilot areas, and creation of three demonstration centres (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) in the frame of 'Destinations'</p> <p>3. CCA for Tourism Regional training course (TC) on implementation of the Guidelines for CCA for sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean; Report of the TC</p> <p>4. National Focal Points meeting Report of the meeting; final proposal of the work programme for the next biennium</p>
MAP Components and/or other partners involved	<p>MAP Components within their fields of expertise</p> <p>PAP/RAC activities within its mandate</p> <p>National counterparts, as appropriate</p> <p>Other UN agencies (UNDP, UNEP)</p>
Indicators/ achievements	<p>1. MSSD: Water resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guidelines on "Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean" Volume 1 and Volume 2 in English and French, edited, printed and disseminated ▪ Contribution to the Mediterranean session at 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul <p>2. Destinations (LIFE) project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analyse de la zone du projet marocaine; ▪ Compte-rendu de la Réunion du comité de pilotage tunisien du projet "DESTINATIONS" (Korba, le 29 janvier 2008); ▪ Evaluation de la Capacité d'Accueil pour le développement du Tourisme dans les zones côtières méditerranéennes - Document didactique; ▪ Rapport diagnostique sur la zone pilote algérienne; ▪ Rapport sur la structure touristique pilote choisie pour l'application de l'Eco-label; ▪ Rapport sur l'évaluation environnementale initiale des deux structures pilotes choisies : Hôtel "Mohamed V" et complexe touristique "Chaffarinas Beach"; ▪ Rapport sur l'Atelier de formation à la méthode d'Evaluation de la Capacité d'Accueil Touristique (ECAT) (Korba, les 23 et 24 avril 2008); ▪ Compte-rendu de la Deuxième réunion du Comité de pilotage (Rabat, le 2 juin 2008); ▪ Rapport sur l'Atelier de formation à la méthode d'Evaluation de la Capacité d'Accueil Touristique (ECAT) (Al Hoceima, les 3 et 4 juin 2008); ▪ Gestion environnementale dans le secteur touristique: Choix des textes; ▪ Rapport sur les Ateliers de formation à la méthode des scénarios alternatifs et aux outils de gestion environnementale des structures

	<p>hôtelières (M'Diq, 21-23 octobre 2008);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rapport sur les Ateliers de formation à la méthode des scénarios alternatifs et aux outils de gestion environnementale des structures hôtelières (Korba, les 11 et 12 novembre 2008); ▪ Lignes directrices pour des investissements touristiques durables: Document de travail (Janvier 2009); ▪ Rapport sur les Ateliers de formation à la méthode d'Evaluation de la Capacité d'Accueil Touristique (ECAT), à la méthode des scénarios alternatifs et aux outils de gestion environnementale des structures hôtelières (Sidi Fredj, 28 février - 2 mars 2009); ▪ Evaluation environnementale de la structure pilote de la Corne d'Or à Tipasa; ▪ Compte-rendu de la Troisième réunion du Comité de pilotage (Tunis, le 13 mars 2009). <p>3. CCA for Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Publication "Handbook on Sustainable Tourism in Coastal Zones: The ICZM Approach" (in co-operation with UNEP) ▪ Report of the seminar "Coastal Tourism in the Mediterranean: Adapting to Climate Change" (Cagliari, 8-10 June 2009) <p>4. National Focal Points meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisation of the joint meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) ▪ Progress report and the final proposal of the work programme prepared and disseminated. ▪ Report of the NFPs meeting
Up to date results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7 workshops/conferences ▪ 16 reports ▪ 3 publications
Total Budget spent or committed (in %)	<p>2008: 55% (Budget approved €33,000; Expenditures incurred €18,000)</p> <p>2009: 8% (Budget approved €39,000; Expenditures incurred €3,000)</p>
Main achievements	
1. MSSD	
Water Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PAP/RAC has published the guidelines on "Integrated Coastal Urban Water System Planning in Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean" in English and French, and distributed to the interested parties. While there is much information and guidance about separate urban water management tasks, the issue of integration was the main gap these guidelines seek to bridge. The coastal urban water system is addressed as a whole, and explicit guidance is provided for its integrated management and planning, taking into account the particular features of Mediterranean coastal urban settlements. The Guidelines are divided into two volumes: Volume I presents the principles and planning for urban water system management, while the Volume II presents the most important instruments and tools. ▪ 5th World Water Forum: PAP/RAC had a very active role, together with IME and Blue Plan, in the preparation of the Mediterranean Session during the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul in March 2009. PAP/RAC Director chaired the sub-session on Coastal Development and Water Resources Management. He was also invited to moderate the Ministerial Session on Coastal Zones, which was chaired by the Spanish Minister of the Environment, H.E. Ms. Elena Espinoza. 	
2. Destinations (LIFE) project	
<p>Following the initial phase of the establishment of the Diagnostic Analysis, the "Destinations" project entered the phase related to the Carrying Capacity Assessment (CCA) for tourism. This phase of the project includes the reinforcement of national capacities to apply the method of CCA through the organisation of training courses in the project area. To that end, two training courses were organised in 2008, preceded by field work to demonstrate in practice the participatory approach followed within the project. The first one was held at Korba (Tunisia) on 23 April 2008, and the second at Al Hoceima (Morocco) on 3-4 June 2008. The second run of workshops started with the workshops on alternative scenarios for tourism development and environmental management tools in tourism sector. Three workshops were held: in Morocco (M'Diq, 21-23 October 2008), Tunisia (Korba, 11-12 November 2008) and Algeria (Sidi Fredj, 28 February - 2 March 2009). During these workshops, the participants became familiar with the ideas and reflections of the local and national actors regarding tourism development in</p>	

their zones. Tunisia and Morocco, which advanced well with the work on tourism development strategies for their project areas, organised the third and last workshop envisaged by the project to discuss the strategies proposed with national and local stakeholders.

In parallel with the work on tourism development strategies, an activity is conducted to prepare files for obtaining the EC eco-label for selected hotels in all three countries. Also, guidelines are being developed for tourism investors that would help assess the sustainability of their investments in coastal zones in terms of environmental risks.

The International Jury of the "Energy Globe Award 2007" judged the "Destinations" project the national winner for Algeria. The project was chosen among a total of 853 projects from 109 nations. The ceremonious presentation of the winners' certificates took place at the European Parliament in Brussels, on 26 May 2008. The national awards were presented by high-ranking representatives of the European Parliament.

All project activities have to be accomplished before 1st December 2009. These are:

- detailed elaboration of alternative scenarios and choice of the optimum scenario in Algeria (mid-May 2009);
- proposal of a tourism development strategy for the Algerian project area and organisation of a workshop to discuss this strategy (June 2009);
- preparation of the final version of the integrated tourism development strategies in three project countries (June - September 2009);
- organisation of final presentation meetings in three countries (October - November 2009);
- organisation of the final conference in Morocco (end November 2009).

3. CCA for Tourism

Handbook on Sustainable Tourism in Coastal Zones: The ICZM Approach

At the invitation of UNEP/DTIE, its Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch, PAP/RAC prepared a Handbook on Sustainable Tourism in Coastal Areas: The ICZM Approach. The main objective of the Handbook is to promote sustainable use of resources in coastal areas by focusing on sustainable tourism planning and management. More specifically, it aims to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity of coastal areas; to promote the participatory management approach among the operational stakeholders in the tourism sector; to enrich the operational capacity of institutions and people dealing with tourism development and/or coastal area management, in the tourism private sector and at the local authorities/governments level; and to raise awareness about the importance of sustainability and integrated management in the planning and management of tourism activities in coastal areas. The Handbook is one of the first attempts to use the ICZM framework for a specific sector and to create a practical manual to be used by planners and managers. An efficient implementation of the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol will require the availability of this kind of documents. The draft guide was largely distributed to the participants of the Destinations project workshops in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Once published it will be disseminated throughout the Mediterranean basin and worldwide.

Seminar: "Coastal Tourism in the Mediterranean: Adapting to Climate Change"

PAP/RAC, UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economy and WTO are jointly organising a seminar "Coastal Tourism in the Mediterranean: Adapting to Climate Change" that will take place in Cagliari, Italy on 8-10 June 2009. It is designed for decision makers and tourism experts with the aim of assisting them to pro-actively address the issue of climate change and tourism. The 3-day seminar will address these issues under the umbrella of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), with the goal to provide information about the issues at stake, as well as principles and tools to deal with these. More specifically, this will include an overview of how climate change has already affected and will affect tourism in the Mediterranean in the future. Scenarios of changing tourist flows under climate change and climate policy will be presented. New and innovative planning tools for decision makers and tourism experts will be discussed and utilised by the participants. The strategic planning procedure will incorporate the methodology for Carrying Capacity Assessment (CCA). This training seminar will show how a specific methodology/tool like CCA could be used to solve a strategic issue such as adaptation to climate change. This activity is a substitute for a CCA Training Course, envisaged in 2008, and postponed to 2009. The event will facilitate synergies and collaboration between participants and promote networking to support sustainable tourism initiatives in the Mediterranean.

Constraints and Lessons learnt

The funding situation has caused a very limited level of activity in the field of integrating environment and development, as well as the implementation of MSSD. However, since this is considered as an important part of the PAP programme of work, additional, external, sources were sought with a relative success. The work in these projects is progressing well. In the Destinations project the implementation was progressing very well in Morocco and Tunisia, while the overall situation in Algeria was much less successful during 2008. After the intervention by the Algerian Minister the situation was resolved satisfactorily. Some organisational difficulties were also caused by the unresolved status of Info/RAC which is a project partner.

Recommendations/suggestions

Countries should be encouraged to continue with the implementation of MSSD and the specific aspects where PAP/RAC could provide technical assistance, such as water resources management in coastal areas, and sustainable tourism development planning utilising the Carrying Capacity Assessment methodology.