



Expected decisions of the meeting of
the CPs meeting to Barcelona
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In the agenda selected items

- ICZM Protocol
- Compliance mechanisms
- Liability and compensation
- MEDPOL phase IV
- LBS protocol :Art 15
- Ecosystem approach
- Almeria Declaration

Protocol on ICZM

- Preamble
- General provisions (objectives, definitions, geographical coverage, general principles of integrated coastal zone management, protection and sustainable use of the coastal zone, economic activities, institutional coordination, specific coastal ecosystems, coastal landscapes, islands, coastal erosion, cultural heritage, participation, awareness-raising, training, education and research)

Protocol on ICZM

- Instruments for ICZM (observatories, inventories and networks, Mediterranean strategy for integrated coastal zone management, national coastal strategies, plans and programmes, environmental assessment, land ownership, economic and financial instruments)
- International cooperation
- Final paragraphs

Procedures and Mechanisms to promote compliance with the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

- A compliance mechanism is proposed to assess the level of the implementation of Barcelona Convention and its protocol according to Art.27 of the Convention.
- A compliance committee would be established .It is composed of 7 members and 7 alternates .

New reporting format for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocol

- According to Art.26 CPs shall transmit to MAP national reports including:
 - Legal , administrative and other measures taken by the CPs to implement the Convention and its Protocol
 - Effectiveness of the measures
 - Problems encountered in their implementation

New reporting format for the Barcelona Convention and its Protocol

- CPs prepared two reports:

- 2002-2003

- 2004-2005

An amended reporting format is proposed to facilitate and harmonize the reporting exercise.

Guidelines for liability and compensation for damage resulting from marine pollution

- According to Art.16, guidelines for liability and compensation for damage resulting from marine pollution would be adopted by the CPs.
- The Guidelines aim at :

Guidelines for liability and compensation for damage resulting from marine pollution

- the furtherance of the polluter pays principle, by virtue of which the costs of pollution prevention, control and reduction measures are to be borne by the polluter, with due regard to the public interest, as provided for in Article 4, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (b), of the Barcelona Convention. These Guidelines do not provide for any State subsidiary liability.

Guidelines for liability and compensation for damage resulting from marine pollution

- to strengthen cooperation among the Contracting Parties for the development of a regime of liability and compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea Area and to facilitate the adoption by the Contracting Parties of relevant legislation.
- These Guidelines apply to the activities to which the Barcelona Convention and any of its Protocols apply.

Operational Document of MED POL Phase IV

- Addresses Assessment and Control of pollution in the region
- In the framework of ecosystem approach
- Considering the ownership of the CPs
- Cooperation with relevant UN organizations, EU initiatives and relevant Directives ,NGOs and the Public

Legally binding measures and timetables required by Article 15 of the LBS Protocol

- Continue the implementation of NAPs foreseeing their revision 2011
- Development in 2008-2009 of a differentiation mechanism for pollution reduction from industrial sources based on ELVs and BAT and BEP.
- Establishment of WG to develop action plans and programmes containing legally binding measures and timetables to replace the current SAP

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- To identify by [2011] the coastal and marine species and habitats that are most sensitive to the changes that will result from the various scenarios described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and to promote the establishment by [2013] of an interconnected network of coastal and marine protected areas;

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- To undertake cooperative studies to estimate the economic value of the products currently derived from and the services rendered by the marine and coastal ecosystems and how that value will be affected by the disruptions that will result from climate change, and to report on those studies to each Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention;

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- To prepare for each Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and to the Convention on Biological Diversity a report on the situation of biodiversity in the Mediterranean and the observed impact of climate change;

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- To prepare a risk assessment and management framework for storage of carbon dioxide streams in Mediterranean sub-seabed geological formations, with a view to future consideration of the inclusion of carbon dioxide sequestration in Article 4.2 of the 1995 Dumping Protocol, only in the event that no significant risk to the marine environment is demonstrated

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- The effective implementation of a good governance scheme for the MAP system that further promotes the most effective and efficient use of the human and financial resources, and whereby the various components of MAP work in synergy, as further described in document MED/xxxxx[AT1] .

Application of the Ecosystem Approach

- A road map for the implementation of ecosystem approach is proposed
- It foresees for 2008-2009:
 - Pilot projects
 - Gaps analysis
 - Management regions

The logo features the letters 'MAP' in a bold, sans-serif font, centered within a circular emblem. The emblem is composed of a laurel wreath that encircles a central design. This central design includes a stylized sun or moon at the top, a wavy line representing water or a ribbon in the middle, and a solid blue shape at the bottom that resembles a fish or a leaf. The entire graphic is rendered in a light blue color.

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