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6. PAST, ONGOING AND PLANNED REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Mediterranean (MED)

Geographically defined:

- a) for the purpose of the Action Plan (Barcelona, 1975): the Mediterranean Sea proper between the Straits of Gibraltar and the Straits of the Dardanelles with the adjacent coast defined on an ad hoc basis by the Governments of Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Libya, Malta, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco;
- b) for the purpose of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona, 1976): "the maritime waters of the Mediterranean Sea proper, including its gulfs and seas bounded to the west by the meridian passing through Cape Spartel lighthouse, at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar, and to the east by the southern limits of the Straits of the Dardanelles between Mehmetcik and Kumkale lighthouses";
- c) for the purpose of the environmental assessment component of the Action Plan: in addition to the area defined under a) the Sea of Marmara and the parts of the Atlantic Ocean east from the line connecting the Portuguese/Spanish border and Casablanca.

Activity and relevant project number	Timetable	Co-operative arrangements
The GFCM Working Party on Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean produced the first comprehensive review on the State of marine pollution in the Mediterranean.	September 1972	FAO(GFCM)/ICSEM
Consultations on the Protection of Living Resources and Fisheries from Pollution in the Mediterranean (Rome) developed the guidelines for a framework convention to control pollution in the Mediterranean.	February 1974 May 1974	FAO
The Inter-Parliamentary Conference of Coastal States on the Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean (Rome) acquainted the parliamentarians of the Mediterranean countries with the state of pollution of the Mediterranean and prospects for its control. (FP/0501-73-01)	April 1974	IPU, Italian Chamber of Deputies, FAO, IOC, UNESCO, UNEP
The International Workshop on Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean (Monaco) reviewed the major pollution problems of the Mediterranean and recommended several co-operative projects. (FP/0501-73-03)	September 1974	IOC, GFCM, ICSEM, UNEP
A feasibility study reviewed the capabilities of existing Mediterranean national marine research institutions. (FP/0501-74-07)	December 1974	IOC, UNEP
Two meetings of a UNEP Task Force convened (Madrid, Geneva) to formulate the elements of an action plan. (FP/0501-74-06)	October 1974 January 1975	UNEP, IMCO, FAO, WHO, IOC
The Expert Consultation on Coastal Water Quality Control Programme in the Mediterranean (Copenhagen) reviewed marine pollution control activities and possibilities in the Mediterranean coastal States. (FP/0501-74-08)	December 1974	WHO, UNEP
Mediterranean Action Plan adopted at the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean (Barcelona). (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1975	UNEP
The Unit Co-ordinating the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan established in Geneva. (FP/0503-75-01)	March 1975	UNEP

The Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL), consisting of seven pilot projects formulated at three expert group meetings (Rome, Malta, Geneva) and its implementation initiated. (FP/0503-75-06, FP/0503-75-07, FP/0503-75-08, FP/0503-76-03, FP/0503-76-04, FP/0503-76-05)	June-December 1975	FAO, IOC, WMO, WHO, UNEP
Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts (Malta) established the terms of reference for a Regional Oil Combating Centre. (FP/0503-75-01)	September 1975	UNEP, IMCO
First meeting of the Inter-agency Advisory Committee on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	October 1975	UNEP and relevant agencies
Assessment of the role of sedimentation in the pollution of the Mediterranean initiated. (FP/1106-75-06)	October 1975	UNESCO, UNEP
Directory of Mediterranean Marine Research Centres published. (FP/0503-75-01)	January 1976	UNEP
Intercalibration of MED POL analytical techniques initiated and common maintenance services organized. (FP/1301-74-07, FP/0503-75-04)	January 1976	IAEA, UNEP
Consultations of Mediterranean experts on the Blue Plan (Geneva, Paris). (FP/0503-75-01)	January 1976 May 1976	UNEP
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency signed at the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea (Barcelona). (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1976	UNEP
Second meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Rome) (FP/0503-75-01)	March 1976	UNEP and relevant agencies
Survey of pollutants from land-based sources initiated. (FP/0503-76-01)	April 1976	WHO, ECE, FAO, IAEA, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNEP
First Inter-agency Meeting on Regional Seas Programme (Paris)	June 1976	UNEP and other agencies
Seven national institutions designated as Regional Activity Centres for the seven MED POL pilot projects. (FP/0503-75-01)	August 1976	UNEP, FAO, IOC WHO
Survey of National Legislation relevant to the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources published. (FP/0503-75-05)	October 1976	UNEP, WHO
Monitoring of pollutants in open waters of the Mediterranean initiated. (FP/1301-74-07, FP/0503-76-09)	October 1976	IAEA, IOC, UNEP
Office of the Interim Secretariat (UNEP) established in Madrid (FP/0503-75-01)	November 1979	UNEP, Govt. of Spain
Briefing on Mediterranean Action Plan organized for Mediterranean UNDP Resident Representatives (Geneva). (FP/0503-75-01)	November 1976	UNEP, UNDP
Regional Oil Combating Centre inaugurated in Malta. (FP/0503-76-06)	December 1976	IMCO, UNEP

Assistance granted to the Arab Maritime Transport Academy in Alexandria. (FP/0301-76-04)	January 1977	IMCO, UNEP
Problems of the areas requiring special protection reviewed at Expert Consultation on Mediterranean Marine Parks and Wetlands (Tunis). (FP/0503-75-03)	January 1977	UNEP, IUCN
Outline of the Blue Plan formulated and discussed at the Intergovernmental Meeting of the Mediterranean Coastal States on the Blue Plan (Split). (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-75-10)	February 1977	AMP, UNEP
Principles and guidelines for a protocol on land-based sources of pollution formulated and discussed at the Intergovernmental Consultation concerning a Draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (Athens). (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-75-05)	February 1977	UNEP, WHO
Third meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Paris) (FP/0503-75-01)	April 1977	UNEP and relevant agencies
First results of MED POL projects reviewed at 3 expert group meetings (Dubrovnik, Rome, Barcelona) and at the Mid-Term Review Meeting on the Progress of the MED POL and Related Projects of the Mediterranean Action Plan (Monaco). (FP/0503-75-07, FP/0503-76-03, FP/0503-76-04, FP/0503-76-05)	May-July 1977	FAO, IOC, WMO, WHO, UNEP
Results of the survey of pollutants from land-based sources reviewed at the Meeting of Experts on Pollutants from Land-Based Sources (Geneva). (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-76-01)	September 1977	UNEP, WHO, ECE, FAO, IAEA, UNESCO UNIDO
First draft of the protocol on pollutants from land-based sources formulated at the Second Intergovernmental Consultation concerning a Draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (Venice). (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-75-05)	October 1977	UNEP, WHO
Second edition of Directory of Mediterranean Marine Research Centres published. (FP/0503-75-01)	October 1977	UNEP
Report on Pollutants from Land-Based Sources in the Mediterranean published. (FP/0503-76-01)	November 1977	UNEP
Report of the Executive Director on the Implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan (1975-1977) published. (FP/0503-75-01)	November 1977	UNEP
Briefing organized (Geneva) for the Geneva-based Missions of the Mediterranean States in order to introduce the subjects which will be reviewed at the January 1978 Intergovernmental Meeting. (FP/0503-75-01)	November 1977	UNEP
Preliminary Report on the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea published. (FP/0503-75-01)	December 1977	UNEP
At the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Mediterranean Action (Monaco) the results of the Action Plan's implementation were reviewed and further guidance was received for activities expected to be undertaken until the first meeting of the Contracting Parties. (FP/0503-75-01)	January 1978	UNEP
The Convention and the two Protocols signed in Barcelona (February 1976) entered into force on 12 February 1978 by ratifications deposited by six Governments. (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1978	-
Press conference organized at Palais des Nations to announce the entry into force of the Convention and the Protocols. (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1978	UNEP

Inter-agency meeting (Geneva) discussed the possible follow-up of the recommendations made at the Intergovernmental Review Meeting (Monaco, January 1978). (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1978	UNEP, ECE, UNIDO, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WHO, WMO, IMCO, WTO, IAEA, IUCN
Preparation of hazard profiles of substances relevant to protocol on land-based sources of pollutants initiated. (FP/0503-75-01, FP/1304-78-01)	February 1978	UNEP (IRPTC-RS)
Expert Consultation on Aquaculture Development (Athens) reviewed the problems of mariculture and outlined the elements of a co-operative regional project. (FP/0503-75-01)	March 1978	UNEP, FAO, UNDP
Feasibility study and mission to Mediterranean countries initiated on alternative energy resources in the Mediterranean. (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-78-02)	March - June 1978	UNDP, UNEP
Expert Consultation on Fresh-Water Resources (Cannes) reviewed the problems of fresh-water utilization and outlined the elements of a co-operative regional project. (FP/0503-75-01)	April 1978	UNEP, UNDP
Feasibility study and mission to selected Mediterranean countries concerning the offer to host UNEP's Unit co-ordinating the Mediterranean Action Plan. (FP/0503-75-01)	April - May 1978	UNEP
Feasibility study initiated on reception facilities for selected ports in the Mediterranean. (FP/0503-78-01)	May 1978	IMCO, UNEP
Fourth meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	June 1978	UNEP and relevant agencies
Expert Group meeting (Bellagio) to review principles and guidelines governing the discharge of wastes from land-based sources. (FP/0503-75-05)	July 1978	WHO, UNEP
Workshop on Contingency Planning (Malta) to discuss the development of national and subregional contingency plans for combating oil pollution emergencies. (FP/0503-76-06)	September 1978	IMCO, UNEP
Meeting of the Editorial Board for the Report on the State of Pollution in the Mediterranean Sea (Geneva). (FP/0503-75-01)	September 1978	UNEP
Government Expert Meeting on Mediterranean Trust Fund (Geneva) to discuss the financial arrangements relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan. (FP/0503-75-01)	September 1978	UNEP
Fifth meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	October 1978	UNEP and relevant agencies
Expert Consultation (Malta) on non-conventional sources of energy. (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-78-02)	October 1978	UNEP, UNDP
Mission to selected Mediterranean countries to discuss their involvement in a co-operative project on mariculture (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-78-02)	October 1978 - February 1979	UNDP, UNEP, FAO
Review of the present state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea at the joint ICSEM/UNEP Workshop (Antalya). (FP/0503-75-01)	November 1978	ICSEM, UNEP
Meeting of experts on legal aspects of pollution from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf, the seabed and its subsoil (Rome). (FP/1400-77-02)	December 1978	IJO, UNEP
First meeting of the national focal points for the Blue Plan (Geneva) to discuss the implementation of the Blue Plan's first phase. (FP/0503-79-03)	February 1979	UNEP

First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Geneva) adopted the 1979-1980 work programme and budget for the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1979-1980 and agreed to the establishment of a regional trust fund. (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1979	UNEP
Interagency meeting (Geneva) to discuss the possible follow-up of the recommendations made at the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Geneva). (FP/0503-76.06, FP/0503-76-08)	February 1979	UNEP, ECE, UNIDO, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO, IOC, WHO, WMO, IMCO, WHO, IAEA, IUCN
Sixth meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1979	UNEP and relevant agencies
Closing of the office of Interim Secretariat in Madrid (FP/0503-75-01)	March 1979	UNEP, Govt of Spain
Regional Trust Fund covering the operational expenses of the the Mediterranean Action Plan approved at GC-7 (Nairobi)	May 1979	UNEP and Govts.
Government Expert Meetings on protocol dealing with pollutants from land-based sources (Geneva). (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-75-05, FP/0503-76-01)	June 1979	UNEP, WHO
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	June 1979	UNEP
Government Expert Meeting (Geneva) on protocol dealing with dumping by ships and aircraft. (FP/0503-75-01)	July 1979	UNEP
Second Inter-agency Meeting on Regional Seas Programme (Rome). (FP/0503-77-03)	July 1979	UNEP and other agencies
Regional Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution formally established for two years; management entrusted to UNEP. (FP/0503-77-03)	July 1979	UN, UNEP
Meeting of the Editorial Board for the Report on the State of Pollution in the Mediterranean Sea (Geneva). (FP/0503-75-01)	July 1979	UNEP
Second Meeting of National Blue Plan focal points (Cannes) (FP/0503-79-03)	October 1979	UNEP
Distribution to Mediterranean Governments of the first draft project document "Mediterranean Regional Aquaculture Project" for comments. (FP/0503-78-02)	October 1979	UNDP
Consultations on second draft project document "Mediterranean Regional Aquaculture Project" (Rome). (FP/0503-78-02)	November 1979	FAO, WHO, UNDP, UNEP
Consultations on the formulation of environmental quality criteria (Rome). (FP/0503-77-03)	November 1979	FAO, WHO, UNEP
Letters to Mediterranean Governments on development of PAP/ aquaculture. (FP/0503-77-03)	December 1979	UNEP
Interagency Meeting on Specially Protected Areas (Geneva) (FP/0503-79-01)	December 1979	UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, IUCN
Appointment of the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (FP/0503-77-03)	December 1979	UNEP
Drafting group on preliminary draft protocol on land-based sources of pollution (Geneva). (ME/0503-75-01)	January 1980	UNEP
Consultations on preparatory assistance for Mediterranean Co-operative Network in Renewable Sources of Energy (Geneva) (RAB/79/021/A/31, RER/79/021/A/31)	January 1980	UNDP, G.Halfelder Ltd., UNEP

Activities related to PAP/human settlements initiated (ME/0104-80-01)	January 1980	PAP/RAC, WWO, UNEP
Additional PAP activities (freshwater resources, soil protection, tourism) under preparation. (FP/0503-78-02)	February 1980	UNDP, UNEP and others
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona) (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1980	UNEP
Intergovernmental Review Meeting (Barcelona) on Mediterranean Action Plan. (FP/0503-75-01)	February 1980	UNEP
Seventh meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	March 1980	UNEP and relevant agencies
Designation of Blue Plan's Group of Co-ordination and Synthesis (ME/0503-80-01)	April 1980	UNEP
Implementation of Blue Plan (Phase I) initiated. (ME/0503-80-01)	April 1980	MEDEAS, UNEP
Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Mediterranean coastal States (Athens) signed the protocol on pollutants from land-based sources. (FP/0503-75-01, FP/0503-75-05, FP/0503-76-01)	May 1980	UNEP
Eighth meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	July 1980	UNEP and relevant agencies
Ninth meeting of the IAAC on MED POL (Geneva) (FP/0503-75-01)	August 1980	UNEP and relevant agencies
Joint ICSEM/UNEP Workshop on Pollution of the Mediterranean (Cagliari) within the framework of the XXVII Congress - Plenary Assembly of ICSEM. (FP/0503-75-01)	October 1980	ICSEM, UNEP
Intergovernmental Meeting (Athens) on Mediterranean Protected Areas discussed the principles for selection, establishment and management of specially protected areas and prepared a draft protocol on specially protected areas. (FP/0503-79-01)	October 1980	UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, IUCN
Expert group meeting (Geneva) reviewed MED POL activities and recommended a programme for a long-term monitoring system to assess the sources, pathways, levels, effects and trends of pollution in the Mediterranean. (FP/0503-75-01)	December 1980	UNEP, FAO, IOC WHO, WMO, UNESCO, IAEA, UNIDO and others
Meeting of financial and programming experts (Geneva) to review the draft programme and budget for 1981-1983. (FP/0503-75-01)	January 1981	UNEP
Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Cannes)	March 1981	UNEP

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