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## Expert Meeting on Coastal Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems in the Mediterranean, Madrid, Spain

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UNESCO-IHP is organizing an Expert Meeting on "Coastal Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems in the Mediterranean" to be held on 5-6 July 2011 in Madrid, Spain. The meeting, hosted by the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME), is organized under the framework of the MedPartneship Sub-component 1.1 "Management of Coastal Aquifers and Groundwater". Regional and international experts on the topic of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GWDE) will meet in order to discuss the basis for a common methodology for the inventory, characterization, management and protection of coastal GWDE. The requirements for a regional inventory of coastal GWDE in the Mediterranean will be also discussed with partner institutions and regional networks such as RAMSAR, IUCN, Wetlands International and Geological Surveys. The case study in the Martil River and related groundwater dependent ecosystem in Morocco will be presented in the meeting.