

# The Mediterranean LME

## The Barcelona Convention and the MedPartnership Project

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## The Mediterranean...Mare Nostrum

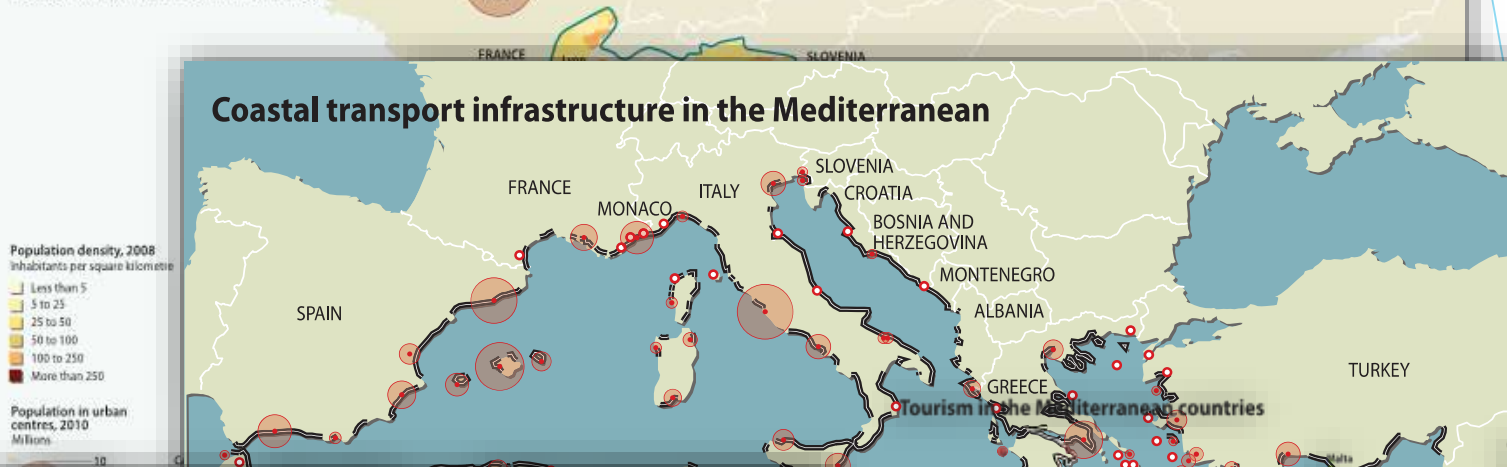
A large and complex marine and coastal ecosystem...



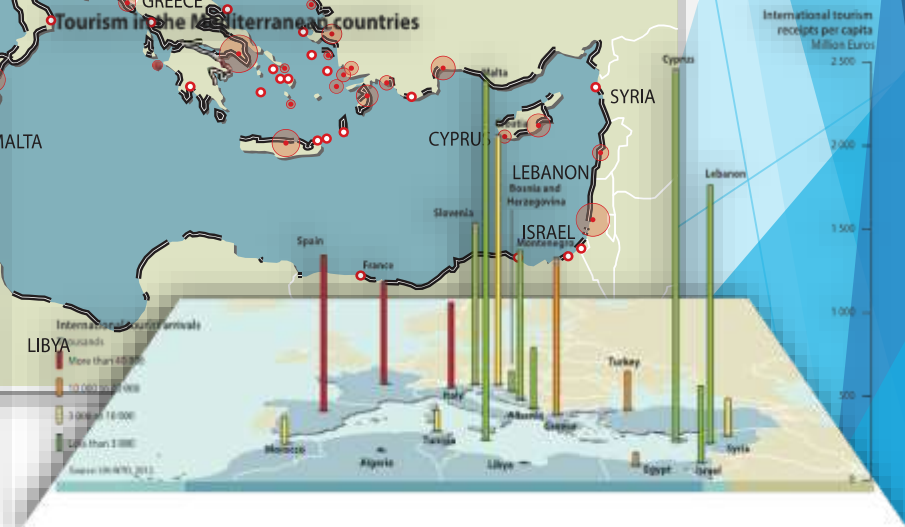
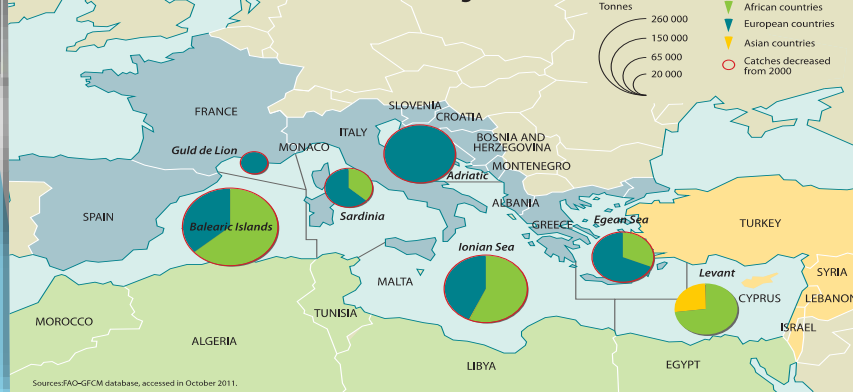
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Population dynamics and economic pressures have a major incidence on the Status of our LME as well as infrastructures... tourism, fisheries, etc..

Population density and urban centres in the Mediterranean basin



Fish catch in the Mediterranean Sea sub-regions





## The Mediterranean Action Plan and Barcelona Convention: Adopted in 1976, revised in 1995

Four major pillars:

- ✓ Marine & Coastal Environment and Sustainable Development;
- ✓ Barcelona Convention and 7 Protocols,
- ✓ Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF),
- ✓ Institutional set up: Contracting Parties bodies & Secretariat + Regional Activity Centers (RACs)


## 22 Contracting Parties

- ✓ Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Cyprus, Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Italy, Malta, Monaco, France, Spain and the European Union.


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### Convention and Protocols ratification

-  BARCELONA CONVENTION
-  Dumping Protocol
-  Prevention and Emergency Protocol (former Emergency Protocol)
-  LBS Protocol
-  SPA & Biodiversity Protocol (former SPA Protocol)
-  Offshore Protocol
-  Hazardous Wastes Protocol
-  ICZM Protocol
- ☐ Not ratified
- ☒ Initial protocol ratified, replacement protocol not ratified or amendments not accepted
- ☒ Initial protocol not ratified, replacement protocol ratified

 European Union member

 Country member of the Barcelona Convention



## UNEP/MAP and its Regional Activity Centers (RACs)

UNEP/MAP Secretariat, Athens Greece & the  
Program on Pollution (MEDPOL)

Priority Actions Program (PAP/RAC): Coastal  
Zone Management, Croatia, Split

Sustainable Consumption & Production  
(SCP/RAC), Barcelona, Spain

Plan Bleu: Sustainable Development, Sophia-  
Antipolis, France

Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA), Tunis,  
Tunisia

Regional Marine Pollution Emergency  
Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea  
(REMPEC)



Regional Activity Centre  
for Sustainable Consumption  
and Production



## GEF IW Large Marine Ecosystem founded projects

1997-2005: First GEF funded Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) Project. Causal Chain analysis, and Strategic Action Programmes (SAPs) to identify of regional and national targets and activities;

Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis  
Adopted 1997

SAP-MED Adopted 1997  
NAPs for countries  
Adopted 2005

SAP-BIO  
Adopted 2003  
Including NAPs

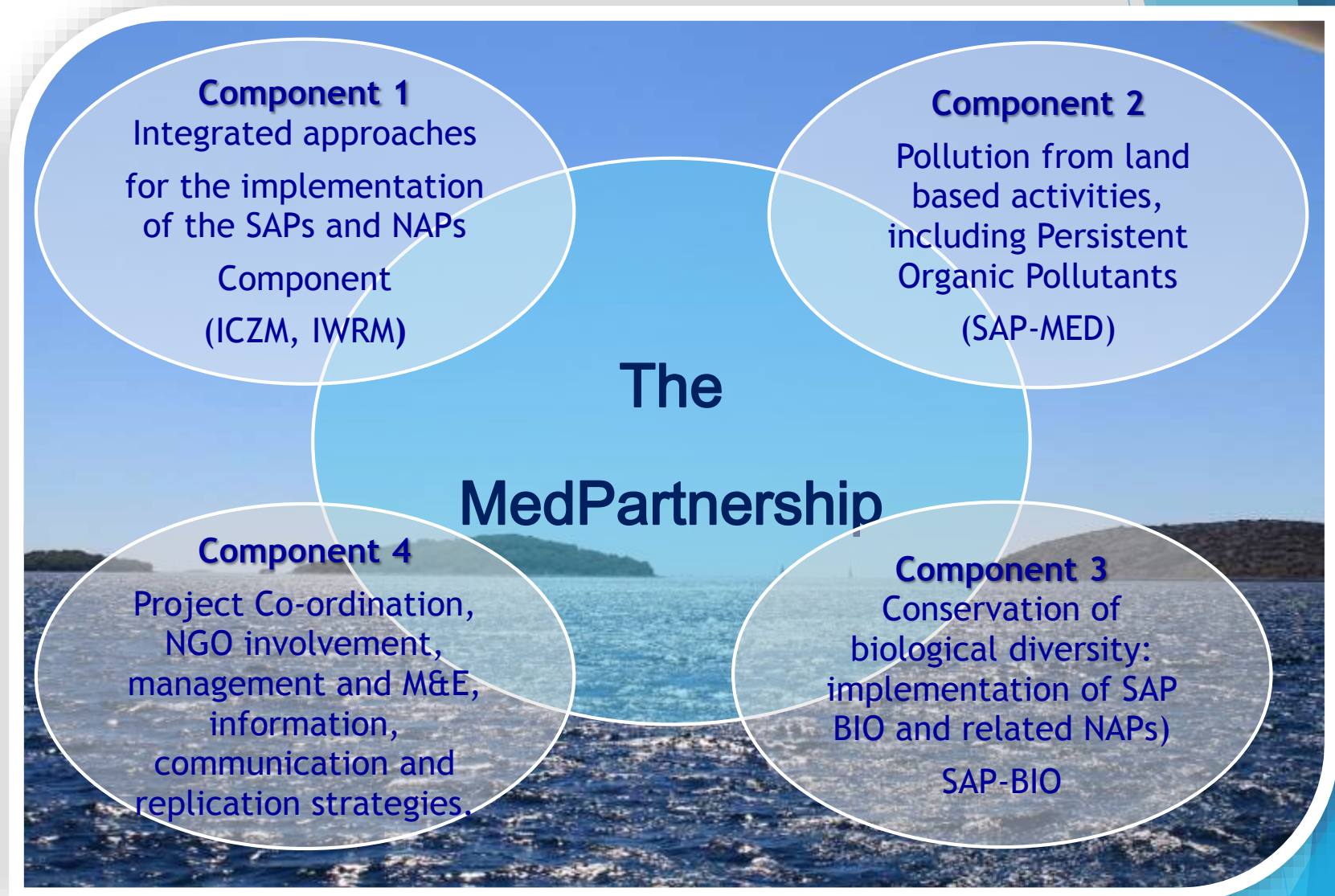
*SAP Bio to be revised  
(2012-2014)  
SAP Med complemented  
By Regional Plans  
(BOD, Mercury, POPs)  
NAPs review/revision  
(2013-2015)*

*Adopted and costed regional and national actions  
Includes policy reforms*

2009-2015: Second phase to implement the two SAPs and the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol;



# The MedPartnership LME GEF project





## ClimVar & ICZM GEF sister project to the MedPartnership



Information  
and data  
gathering

**ClimVar&  
ICZM**

Capacity  
building &  
integration of  
climate  
dimension into  
ICZM

In depth  
analysis of  
climate  
variability  
impacts

## COP19 of the Barcelona Convention in February 2016

### Draft Decision: Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development 2016-2025

The climate chapter of the MSSD is align with the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework developed under the ClimVar&ICZM project

### Draft Decision: Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

The activities under component 2 of the MedPartnership on phosphogypsum sludge management, ESM of the tanning sector, lube oil and lead batteries, plus the disposal of 950 tons of PCB from 3 countries

## COP19 of the Barcelona Convention in February 2016

### Draft Decision: Mid-term Evaluation of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2012-2019)

The activities under component 1 of the MedPartnership and ClimVar&ICZM contributed to the definition and establishment of a ICZM National Strategy in Algeria, Croatia and Montenegro. Moreover they provided support to preparation of national ICZM Strategies in the other countries, plus the integration with IWRM and coastal aquifers.

### Draft Decision: Roadmap for a Comprehensive Coherent Network of Well-Managed MPAs

Under component 3 of the MedPartnership 5 new MPAs have created in Algeria, Albania, Morocco, and Tunisia, plus the management plan of 8 MPAs in Algeria, Croatia, Tunisia and Turkey were updated. On the base of this EC supported a continuation project for the period 2015-2017.



## COP19 of the Barcelona Convention in February 2016

### Draft Decision: Implementation of Updated National Action Plans (NAPs), Containing Measures and Timetables for their Implementation

Under component 2 of the MedPartnership, national institutional structures (IMC) and NAP update teams have been established in almost all the countries and national workshops/ meetings to launch the NAP process have been held in 9. The updated NAPs will be delivered by December 2015.

### Draft Decision: Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas

The Framework has been developed under the ClimVar&ICZM project through a step-by-step consultation process which included international experts, countries Focal Points, international institutions.

THE CHALLENGE: coordination of different legal, structural and governance setups in the Mediterranean

THE OPPORTUNITY: to implement activities on ground in the Countries in a coordinated and coherent way which directly contribute to the goals of the Barcelona Convention

THE SUCCESS: the creation of a momentum in the region with common and shared objectives with the countries and institutions

Thank you for your attention

Merci pour votre attention

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### What is the MedPartnership

The Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership) is a collective effort of leading environmental institutions and organizations together with countries sharing the Mediterranean Sea to address the main environmental challenges that Mediterranean marine and coastal ecosystems face.

### About Climate variability and ICZM

The "Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean" project ("ClimVar & ICZM") is a collective effort to promote the use of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in countries sharing the Mediterranean as an effective tool to deal with the impacts of climate variability and change in