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Regional workshop for national ICZM strategies

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On 27-28 June, PAP/RAC, in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry, organised within the framework of the MedPartnership a Regional Workshop on National ICZM Strategies. The workshop was attended by 33 participants from 24 GEF eligible countries. The participants discussed different experiences with National Strategies, ICZM Strategies, but also the Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Strategies. Based on the above experiences, PAP/RAC and its consultants will be drafting the guidelines for the preparation of the National ICZM Strategies (NICZMS) .

Furthermore, the process of preparation of the NICZMS has been proposed. A general consensus on the type, contents, process and factors for success has been reached. During the meeting, several countries expressed their willingness to start the preparation of the NICZMS under different options. Others having already started preparations for the development of the National ICZM Strategies, presented their view on it. All the participants agreed on the great potential of the NICZMS to assist with the implementation of the ICZM Protocol at national level, especially regarding the sustainable management of their coasts.