

Regional Framework for ICZM

**Background and context, objectives,
process of preparation and consultation**

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ICZM Timeline

Evolution of the Mediterranean Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol



Why a Regional Framework for ICZM? - 1

- **Art. 17 of the ICZM Protocol**
 - “...the Parties shall define, with the assistance of the Centre, a common regional framework for integrated coastal zone management in the Mediterranean to be implemented by means of appropriate regional action plans and other operational instruments, as well as through their national strategies.”
- **Action Plan 2012-2019**
 - Objective 1: Support the effective implementation of the ICZM Protocol at regional, national and local levels including through a Common Regional Framework for ICZM
- **UNEP/MAP Mid-term Strategy**
 - Indicative Key Output 5.2.1: SAP BIO, SAP MED, Offshore Action Plan and Strategy to combat pollution from ships implemented in an integrated manner, including through the **Mediterranean regional framework, as set out in ICZM Protocol**, to enhance the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

Why a Regional Framework for ICZM? - 2

- **Decision IG.21/11 of the COP 19**
 - “*Invites* the Secretariat to assess the effectiveness of the Action Plan in ensuring the ecosystem integrity and achieve the EcAp-based ecological objectives of UNEP/MAP, to assess the need for its revision, and to **define a common regional framework for ICZM** including climate change issues as appropriate (article 17 of the ICZM Protocol) for consideration at COP20;”

Objectives

- **Examine and clarify the relationships between the ICZM process and other legal and/or policy documents adopted within the BC system as well as by other international instances;**
- **(Re)examine which specific tools and mechanisms already exist or need to be developed or fine-tuned to facilitate the implementation of ICZM at regional (Mediterranean), national and infra-national (local) levels;**
- **Make recommendations: first, to orient the revision of the Action Plan for the implementation of the ICZM Protocol in 2012-2019; and second, to efficiently implement the Protocol at national and sub-national levels.**

Process of preparation and consultation

- **Concept Note by PAP/RAC (April 2016)**
 - On-line consultation with PAP NFPs and MAP Components (April – May 2016)
- **Selection of the drafting team (May 2016)**
 - First working meeting of the drafting team (Split, June 2016)
- **First draft of the Background Document (August 2016)**
 - Regional consultation (Barcelona, September 2016)
- **Drafting of the Regional Framework (October - December 2016)**
 - On-line consultation with PAP NFPs and MAP Components (January 2017)
- **Second draft of the Regional Framework (March 2017)**
 - Revision at the PAP NFPs meeting (Split, April 2017)
- **Final draft of the Regional Framework (June 2017)**
 - Revision/support at the UNEP/MAP NFPs meeting (Athens, September 2017)
- **Adoption of the Regional Framework by COP 20 (Tirana, December 2017)**