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- Activities carried out within the framework of MedPAN South project
- US MPA Center Strategic Plan (Feb 2007)
- RAC/SPA work plan for the Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas (2008)
- The PIM (Mediterranean Small Islands) program strategy of the Conservatoire du Littoral (2009)
- The Port-Cros declaration (2007)
- Feasibility study for the re-establishment of the MedPAN network (WWF-France, 2003)

The MedPAN Association networks Managers of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean.

VISION OF THE MEDPAN ASSOCIATION

An efficient Mediterranean system of Marine Protected Areas, which preserves the Mediterranean marine and coastal ecosystems and the associated natural and cultural resources.

This vision will be reached in collaboration with partners, particularly with the RAC/SPA.

MISSION OF THE MEDPAN ASSOCIATION

The purpose of this association is to promote the creation, perpetuation and operation of a Mediterranean network of marine protected areas.

It thus contributes to achieving the specific objectives fixed by the Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), to establish and maintain comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional systems of marine protected areas that collectively, inter alia through a global network, contribute to achieving the three objectives of the Convention as well as that of significantly reducing the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels and contribute to poverty reduction and the pursuit of sustainable development.

It also contribute to:

- the implementation of the Barcelona Convention, and in particular to its protocol relating to Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Barcelona, 1995) that, under the auspices of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas encourages Contracting Parties to establish and manage specially protected areas, to implement research programmes and exchange of scientific and technical information, to prepare management plans and design cooperation programmes.
- the implementation of the Conservation Plan of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (CMS/ACCOBAMS) and in particular its provisions relating to the protection of habitats, inviting Contracting Parties to establish and manage specially protected areas for Cetaceans that constitute the habitat of these species and/or provide them with important food resources.

- the implementation of the different concerned European policies: Habitats Directive, Biodiversity Action Plan, Marine Directive, Common Fisheries Policy, Maritime Policy, Tourism and their transposition into the legal framework of each concerned countries.

MEANS OF ACTION

To achieve its purpose, the association intends to particularly pursue, without being limited thereto, the following means of action:

- Promotion and coordination of exchanges between members and partners of the MedPAN network,
- Management, coordination or participation in projects related to marine protected areas,
- Provision of support to the creation of new marine and coastal protected areas in the Mediterranean,
- Setting up of scientific monitoring of the ecological condition of marine protected areas and promotion of scientific research programmes,
- Dissemination to the general public and the institutional players of actions carried out by the MedPAN association or the members of the network,
- Promotion of the role, of the value and the environmental, social and economic benefits of Mediterranean marine protected areas amongst all the publics concerned,
- Promotion of the association and of members or partners of the network amongst public or private donors in order to help fundraising for the association or the projects that it wishes to promote.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

The MedPAN association's overall objectives for the next three years are:

Overall objective 1

Contributing to the establishment and the sustainability of a Mediterranean MPA system

Overall objective 2

Improving the management and the efficiency of the Mediterranean MPAs

Overall objective 3

Implementing the governance of the MedPAN network and facilitating the regional and international coordination of the related activities.

Overall objective 1

Contributing to the establishment and the sustainability of a Mediterranean MPA system

Objective 1 – Classification of the Mediterranean MPAs on the basis of Mediterranean basin-wide harmonized criteria

Objective 2 – Analysis of the situation of the Mediterranean MPAs considering the 2012 objectives

Objective 3 – Contribution of the MedPAN association to the development of a Mediterranean MPA system

Objective	Activities	Need for Fundraising	Partner insertion
<p><u>2 – Analysis of the situation of the Mediterranean MPAs considering the 2012 objectives</u></p>	<p>Activity 2-1. Drafting of a report on the situation of the Mediterranean MPAs considering the 2012 objectives by the end of 2011 in at least 2 languages (French and English)</p> <p>Activity 2-2. Setting up of the 2nd Conference of the Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas at the beginning of 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the report results - Barcelona Convention recommendations, CBD, etc. 		
Objective	Activities	Need for Fundraising	Partner insertion
<p><u>3 – Contribution of the MedPAN association to the development of a Mediterranean MPA system</u></p>	<p>Activity 3-1. Identifying how the MedPAN association can contribute to the development of a Mediterranean MPA system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This work is carried out in close collaboration with the RAC/SPA, the Scientific Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Association <p>Activity 3-2. Implementation of the activities identified in 3-1.</p>		

Overall objective 2

Improving the management and the efficiency of the Mediterranean MPAs

Objective 4 – Development and implementation of projects

Objective 5 – Development of management tools

Objective 6 – Capacity-building of MPA managers

Objective 7 – On-field technical expertise provided by the association to the MPAs

Objective	Activities	Need for Fundraising	Partner insertion
<u>4 – Development and implementation of projects</u>	<p>Activity 4-1 Projects on knowledge and science of the MPAs are developed</p> <p>Activity 4-2 Projects on the monitoring and the evaluation of the MPAs are developed</p> <p>Activity 4-3 Projects on the management of the MPAs are developed</p> <p>Activity 4-4 Projects on the establishment of new MPAs are developed</p>	<p>Request for small proposals funded by the TOTAL Foundation</p> <p>Submission of a project to the Water Agency</p> <p>Participation in MedPAN North project</p>	WWF-France, EU
<u>5 –Development of management tools</u>	<p>Activity 5-1 Defining the priority issues (Examples of key issues: monitoring of the MPAs, global change, Natura 2000...)</p> <p>Activity 5-2 Setting up a thematic meeting once a year</p> <p>Activity 5-3 Publication of a management tool once a year, in French and English at least</p> <p>Activity 5-4 Implementing a partnership policy with the countries for the translation of the tools in local language</p>		RAC/SPA, ACCOBAMS, EU
<u>6 - Capacity-building of MPA managers</u>	<p>Activity 6-1 Training of trainers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defining the strategy - Carrying out a feasibility study (drawing on the 		

	<p>experience of other organizations, as the RAC/SPA, Medwet, Accross the Waters in particular) including a financing plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search for donors <p>Activity 6-2 Implementation of training modules (one per year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of the needs in the North (the needs in the South have been assessed within the framework of MedPAN South) and identification of MedPAN added value. - Organization of training workshops (Identified subjects: MPAs and global change, What is a network of MPAs?) 		<p>Potential partnerships in terms of organization and content: ATEN (<i>Technical Workshop on Natural Environments</i>), NOAA, Accross the Waters, EU</p>
<p><u>7 – Field technical expertise provided by the association to the MPAs</u></p>	<p>Activity 7-1 Organization of field / technical expertise missions based on the identified MPA needs.</p>		

Overall objective 3

Implementing the governance of the MedPAN network and facilitating the regional and international coordination of the related activities.

Objective 8 – Efficiency of the MedPAN network governance

Objective 9 – Communicating to the various target audiences

Objective 10 – Developing partnerships to enhance the association's efforts

Objective 11 – Representing the network amongst international organizations / at international conferences

Objective	Activities	Need for Fundraising	Partner insertion
<p><u>8 – Efficiency of the MedPAN network governance</u></p>	<p>Activity 8-1 Setting up of an Annual General Assembly</p> <p>Activity 8-2 The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee meet at least 3 times per year</p> <p>Activity 8-3 Implementation of a Scientific Committee and definition of a scientific strategy</p> <p>Activity 8-4 Implementation of an Advisory Committee</p> <p>Activity 8-5 Assessment of how MedPAN could better manage its relationship with mediterranean countries (for example focal points, support to the development of national MPA networks)</p>	<p>Activity 2-1 Maintaining the funding in 2010</p>	

<p><u>9 – Communicating to the various target audiences</u></p>	<p>Activity 9-1 Preparation of a three-year strategy and communication plan</p> <p>Activity 9-2 The communication activities planned are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The update of the website based on the users’ feedback and the benchmarking of other sites - A presentation leaflet of the Association in several languages - To professionalize the MedPAN e-newsletter - A letter for the general public on scientific research on the MPAs in the Mediterranean / worldwide twice a year - Messages / influence activities towards the Barcelona Convention and the UfM (Union for the Mediterranean) - Press relations - Support to the MPA communication tools - Tool on the “reserve” effect 		<p>WWF-France</p>
<p><u>10 – Developing partnerships to enhance the association’s efforts</u></p>	<p>Activity 10-1 Identifying the objectives and the strategy of a project partnership policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SWOT (Strengths / Weaknesses / Opportunities / Threats) - Analysis of the partnership with WWF MedPO on MedPAN South project - Creation of a template project partnership convention (partnership rules, use of MedPAN logo...) - Development of project partnerships 		<p>RAC/SPA, WWF, IUCN, ACCOBAMS, GFCM...</p>

	<p>Activity 10-2 Signing a convention with the RAC/SPA every 2 years</p> <p>NB: the activity report of the association includes a chapter on the activities implemented by the partners</p>		
<p><u>11 – Representing the network amongst international organizations / at international conferences</u></p>	<p>Activity 11-1 Participation in the meetings of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barcelona Convention / Meeting of the RAC SPA focal points (2011 – 2013) - Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) <p>Activity 11-2 Participation in international conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurosite - IMPAC 3 (Marseille, 2013) - Other events 		<p>RAC/SPA, UfM, EU, AAMP (French Marine Protected Areas Agency) ...</p>