



UNITED
NATIONS

EP

UNEP/MED WG.642/inf.5



UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

14 June 2026
Original: English

12th Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents

Videoconference, 16 June 2026

Agenda Item 3: Steps undertaken towards the implementation of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) at regional and national levels

Conclusions and recommendations of the 7th Meeting of the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO) Advisory Committee

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)
Seven Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee
Videoconference, 20th May 2026

Conclusions and recommendations

1. The meeting took note of the information shared by several members regarding ongoing activities and projects related to the targets and actions of the Post-2020 SAPBIO. These contributions provided valuable insights into current initiatives and efforts being undertaken at national and regional levels, highlighting progress made and supporting the implementation of Post -2020 SAPBIO priorities across the Mediterranean region.
2. The meeting welcomed the documents prepared by SPA/RAC, including: (i) the comparative analysis of the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and the Post-2020 SAPBIO monitoring framework; and (ii) the draft set of indicators for assessing Post -2020 SAPBIO implementation in the Mediterranean context.
3. The meeting recognized the substantial alignment between Post-2020 SAPBIO targets and the CBD GBF targets, while noting the existence of Mediterranean-specific priorities requiring tailored approaches. It highlighted the importance of ensuring coherence between global and regional monitoring frameworks, including continued alignment with the CBD GBF Monitoring Framework. In this context, SPA/RAC will work on the proposal of indicators and in particular the Mediterranean-specific targets that don't have direct matching with CBD GBF monitoring, to identify possible indirect linkages.
4. SPA/RAC and UNEP-MAP- Coordination Unit will work to integrate the IMAP common indicators to the extent possible in the proposal of the set indicators for monitoring of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.
5. The meeting endorsed the approach consisting of:
 - achievement indicators for measuring progress towards Post-2020 SAPBIO targets; and
 - performance indicators for assessing the implementation of Post-2020 SAPBIO actions.
6. The meeting emphasized the importance of establishing a clear and coherent baseline to underpin the assessment of Post-2020 SAPBIO implementation. It was agreed that the baseline should be developed by consolidating existing information from national reports, regional assessments, and established monitoring systems (notably IMAP and MedQSR), while ensuring consistency at the Mediterranean level. Particular attention was drawn to the need to address existing gaps in baseline values and to validate consolidated data with Contracting Parties, with a view to minimizing additional reporting requirements and ensuring a reliable reference point for measuring progress.
7. It took note of the proposed set of achievement and performance indicators, including their classification into primary and secondary indicators of the Post-2020 SAPBIO based on data availability and relevance, and emphasized that the IMAP/Common Indicators, MEDQSR, and related regional systems (e.g GFCM for fisheries and aquaculture) constitute the backbone of the monitoring framework.
8. The meeting stressed that data availability, quality, and harmonisation across countries remain key challenges for effective monitoring and requested Contracting Parties to actively engage in the upcoming assessment process, including the timely provision of data and information. Data and information availability at regional level should be also considered (e.g. ASI data/GFMC sources).
9. The meeting invited all Advisory Committee members who were present to provide written comments on the draft set of indicators as soon as possible, and no later than 27 May 2026. Comments and feedback will be integrated as appropriate into the working documents containing the proposed set of achievement and performance indicators, to be submitted to the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents meeting scheduled for 16 June 2026.
10. The meeting encouraged continued coordination with related processes, including the MCPA/OECM strategy evaluation, to ensure its integration into the Post-2020 SAPBIO assessment.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)

Seven Meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee

Videoconference, 20th May 2026

11. The meeting took note of the proposed timeline for undertaking the 2027 collective assessment of the Post-2020 SAPBIO.
12. The meeting invited all members of the Post-2020 SAPBIO Advisory Committee to participate in the forthcoming meeting of the Post-2020 SAPBIO National Correspondents, to be held online on 16 June 2026.