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CAMP ISRAEL

Inception workshop and First ICZM Training course

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Background Information

The decision to carry out a Transboundary CAMP Project in Israel and Cyprus was approved by the Contracting Parties (CPs) to the Barcelona Convention (BC), at their 21st Ordinary Meeting held on 2-5 December 2019 in Naples, Italy. The Feasibility Studies (FS) for both countries with regard to this CAMP were prepared during 2019 and completed in early 2020. A series of consultative meetings was held within the FS preparation process. Based on the findings of the FSs and the discussions with the relevant authorities in the first half of 2020, a draft CAMP Agreement was prepared. This Agreement presented the CAMP Cyprus and Israel goals, structure and contents, as well as implementation arrangements for the activities to be carried out within it.

In a period where Covid-19 pandemic has changed working and travelling conditions all over the Mediterranean, it was decided that the two countries would implement the CAMP activities at their own pace, according to the evolving situation with Covid-19 pandemic and other enabling conditions. Currently, only the activities regarding CAMP Israel were approved and can be launched. Therefore, this Invitation concerns only the part of the Transboundary CAMP to be implemented in Israel (hereinafter referred to as: Project).

The activities of the Project are aimed at promoting integrated coastal zone management consistent with the ICZM Protocol, through the development of capacities and awareness raising activities, development of ICZM tools with good practices for sustainable development of coastal areas (adaptation to CC, beach management, sustainable rural tourism, Land-Sea Interactions), establishment of a coordination mechanism for ICZM, and support to the implementation of IMAP – the UNEP/MAP Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme. The Project's results will assist to establish a joint multi stakeholder mechanism to advance and integrate ICZM throughout the coastal area. They will stimulate local governance for ICZM through capacity building, multi stakeholder processes and implementations of good practices.

The Project will also contribute to the implementation of various decisions of the BC related to ICZM, pollution, biodiversity and contingency planning, as well as to other international obligations such as to UN Sustainable Development Goals, and alike.

The design of this Project recognises and incorporates the following fundamental considerations:

- It is a project with a strong international component, designed primarily to respond to national and local priorities but also to support cooperation between the countries of the Mediterranean Region on issues of common interest. It will operate according to the experiences and realities of the country's legal, administrative, environmental and cultural context, and will utilise the available expertise at all levels. The UNEP/MAP technical assistance will be targeted to issues in which the national expertise and resources require support and supplementary inputs.
- The Project is based on an integrated approach to marine, coastal and river basin environment and development problems, which means that activities will cut across protection and development problems, harmonise public sector priorities and private sector pressures, and provide for an integrated strategy with a common goal to achieve development of the coastal region within a sustainable management policy framework.
- Consequently, the aim of the Project, far from compromising development objectives, is to support implementation of the ICZM Protocol and its Common Regional Framework (CRF) by

incorporating the principles of sustainable development and integrated coastal management in the development process to better articulate resource protection and development objectives both, in transboundary and national context.

The Project area encompasses all Israeli Mediterranean Coastal Local Authorities, from the Mate Asher Regional Authority in the north, all the way to the Hof Ashkelon Regional Authority in the south. Altogether, the Israeli Mediterranean coastline is home to nearly two million residents divided into 21 local authorities (7 Regional Councils, 13 Cities and 1 Local Council). The coastal authorities encompass an area that stretches 195 kilometres from north to south, and 15km at its widest point.

The main goals of the Project are:

- to create necessary mechanisms that can help achieve sustainable development of the coastal area;
- to promote integrated and participatory planning and management in the coastal area;
- to build national and local capacities for ICZM and raise awareness of the importance of the coastal area, the complexity and fragility of its ecosystems and of the need for integrated approaches in managing them; and
- to facilitate the transfer of knowledge on ICZM tools and approaches.

The Project is designed to encompass two major components with a set of activities (i.e. horizontal and individual activities) as presented below:

A. Horizontal activities

- Overall Project coordination, integration and dissemination of results
- Capacity building
- Awareness raising

B. Individual activities

- Coordination mechanism for ICZM
- ICZM Tool Box of Thematic Guidelines
- Monitoring of marine and coastal environment

The project is implemented during 2022/2023.

The Project will be implemented based on the biannual UNEP/MAP Programmes of Works (PoWs) and Budgets, as approved by the meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (COPs). The implementation of the activities within this Tender are fully funded by the UNEP, as approved by the 2022/2023 UNEP/MAP PoW and Budget.

Inception workshop

CAMP Israel Inception workshop took place on January 25th 2023 at Tel Aviv University. 26 representatives of relevant national and local institutions participated at the workshop. List of participants is available as Annex 1.

Minutes of the Proceedings:

1. Ophir Paz-Pines, Director of the Local Government Institute and the Coastal Authorities Forum (CAF), opened the workshop, welcoming the participants and introducing the CAF and the CAMP project.
2. Rani Amir · Director MCED at MoEP, gave an overview of the Mediterranean Action Plan and Israel's involvement in the program, specifically the structure and status of implementation of Barcelona convention and the ICZM protocol.
3. Zeljka Skaricic, Director of UNEP/MAP – PAP/RAC, presented the organization and the CAMP projects in the Mediterranean.
4. Yehudith Mosery, Environmental Planner, Marine Environment Protection Division, MoEP, Dr. Orli Ronen and Orly Babitsky of CAF, presented CAMP Israel project, its objectives, target audience, structure, activities, timeline and budget.

Discussion:

Vered Edri, MoEP: The Ministry of Defense, controls substantial coastal areas and should be included in the project, also the Ministry of National Infrastructures & Energy. The project should organize an event for the mayors of local coastal authorities in Israel.

Moshe Zimmerman, Ministry of Tourism: It is important to clarify the benefits for the local authorities in adopting and implementing the ICZM principles and framework.

Chizki Sibak, Deputy Mayor, Emek Hefer: We need to clarify and disseminate the objectives of the project to the relevant local authorities.

Asaf Ariel, Professional Director, EcoOcean: We need to include all local authorities, in particularly those located on the eastern part of the coastal area.

Ilan Lavi, Chief Executive Officer, the Mediterranean Coastal Cliffs Company: The ICZM tool box should include relevant technological solutions and planning tools for the preservation of the coastal cliffs.

Orli Ronen, the Coastal Authorities Forum: The local level has a major impact and we hope that working with them will help ICZM get to the national level as well.

Moshe Zimmerman: There is a need to develop different tool boxes for different types of coasts (sandy, rocky etc.)

Chizki Sibak: We need to establish a series of round tables to engage all stakeholders.

Marina Markovic, UNEP/MAP – PAP/RAC: There is an example, in Croatia where a national committee which consisted of different ministries, national and scientific institutions and

representatives from the local/regional level was formed as a platform for engaging key stakeholders and supervising the development of key documents for coastal management.

Yael Dori, IUED: We must remember that all those committees are non-statutory.

Hila Akerman, Regional Authorities Forum: The management and planning of the coast goes together. We should not separate them

Anat Arieli, Planning Authority: The planning authority does not address or interfere with management issues.

Raz Tamir, IOLR: Two additional bodies can be included in the advisory committee: the Directorate for Climate Change and Agma (Centre for Basins and Rivers).

Yael Dori: also the Israel Lands Authority.

Yehuda Reich, National Parks and Nature Authority: We have to understand how to influence decisions makers, it is a good idea to learn from the projects made in the rivers area

All the participants supported the implementation of the CAMP Israel project. The meeting was finalized at 13:00.

ICZM in-depth course

CAMP Israel first ICZM in-depth course took place on January 24th 2023 at Tel Aviv University. 26 representatives of coastal authorities participated at the course. List of participants is available as Annex 2.

Following the opening welcome note by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and CAMP national project coordinator, Mr. Rani Amir, the head of the marine and coastal department in the Ministry of Environmental Protection gave an overview of the Barcelona Convention and the scope of the ICZM protocol. Ms Željka Škaričić and Ms Marina Marković gave an introductory lecture about the CAMP projects and methodologies for coastal planning. This was followed by Prof. Colin Price who gave a dedicated lecture about climate change implication in the region.

The last session was dedicated to open discussion on key needs and specific aspects that training should touch upon. The participants raised an important issue related to the lack of cooperation and understanding between the municipal coastal professionals working on the coast and the governmental professionals, mainly planners. Following a constructive discussion, a conclusion was drawn to make best use of training as a platform for discussion and exchange of needs and practices towards productive and efficient collaboration.



Annex 1 - Israel Inception Workshop list of participates

Name	Organization
Zeljka Skaricic	PAP/RAC
Marina Markovic	PAP/RAC
Yehudith Mosery	Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel
Ayelet Rosen	Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel
Vered Edri	Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel
Modi Bracha	Coastal Authorities Forum
Anat Arieli	Planning Authority
Rani Amir	Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel
Fred Arzoan	Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel
Tammy Ganot	Israel Union for Environmental Defense
Yael Dori	Israel Union for Environmental Defense
Ophir Paz-Pines	Coastal Authorities Forum
Hila Akerman	Regional council center
Adam Konstantinovsky	The Diving authority
Moshe Zimmerman	Ministry of Tourism
Chizki Sibak	Emek Hefer regional council
Yehuda Reich	The nature and park authority
Asaf Ariel	EcoOcean (NGO)
Raz Tamir	Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research (IOLR)
Ilan Lavi	The Mediterranean Coastal Cliffs Preservation Government Company
Reut Mizrachi	The Mediterranean Coastal Cliffs Preservation Government Company
Idit Hod	The 15 Independent Cities Forum
Zeela Karniel	Environmental planner
Erez Fishler	Planning Authority
Orli Ronen	CAMP Israel project
Orly Babitsky	CAMP Israel project

Annex 2 – List of In depth ICZM course participants

First name	Family Name	Organisation
Miri	Idelson	Tel Aviv Yafo municipality
Gabi	Elbaz	Bat Yam municipality
Yuval	Alush	Ashdod municipality
Sami	Alali jerban	Jaser Al Zarka regional authority
Hilik	Amsalem	Haifa municipality
Iris	Arbel	Union of cities for the Sharon-Carmel region
Rami	Ben David	Eilat municipality
Mor	Baranes	Netanya municipality
Amir	Viner	Union of cities for the Sharon-Carmel region
Yosef	Hakim	Bat Yam municipality
Einat	Hasday-Ronen	Kiryat Yam municipality
Yaara	Tal	Ministry of Environmental Protection
Reut	Gabay	Atarim- corporation for developing and managing the Tel-Aviv-Yafo Coastline
Yael	Kaspi	Herzliya municipality
Levkovich	David	The National School for Water Professions
Roni	Levi	Nahariya municipality
Elior	Liav	Ministry of Environmental Protection
Yair	Mohar	Tel Aviv Yafo municipality
Rotem	Mizrahi	The governmental company for the protection of the cliffs of the Mediterranean coast
Nurit	Miron	Haifa municipality
Amir	Malol	Gan Rave regional authority
Gilad	Meoda	Herzliya municipality
Omri	Mishali	Herzliya municipality

Silviya	Son Lavi	Hof Hacarmel regional authority
Michal	Ayek	Ministry of Environmental Protection
Tal	Pilater	Tel Aviv Yafo municipality
Itzhak	Pinkos	Jaser Al Zarka regional authority
Alon	Fisher	Atarim- corporation for developing and managing the Tel-Aviv-Yafo Coastline
Iliya	Rvinov	Tel Aviv Yafo municipality
Sveta	Shostrov	Ministry of Environmental Protection
franc	Shimony	Tel Aviv Yafo municipality
Eran	Shriki	Eilat municipality
Arie	Torgeman	Ashdod municipality
Jenya	Kosyak	Hof Hacarmel regional authority
Gregory	Smirnof	Atarim- corporation for developing and managing the Tel-Aviv-Yafo Coastline
David	Tamir	Bat – Yam municipality