

Barcelona Convention

for the protection of the marine environment

UNEP/MAP Mediterranean Action Plan

a long tradition in environmental cooperation in the
Mediterranean

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Mediterranean Action Plan: basic characteristics

a strong legal basis: the Convention

a long lasting cooperation

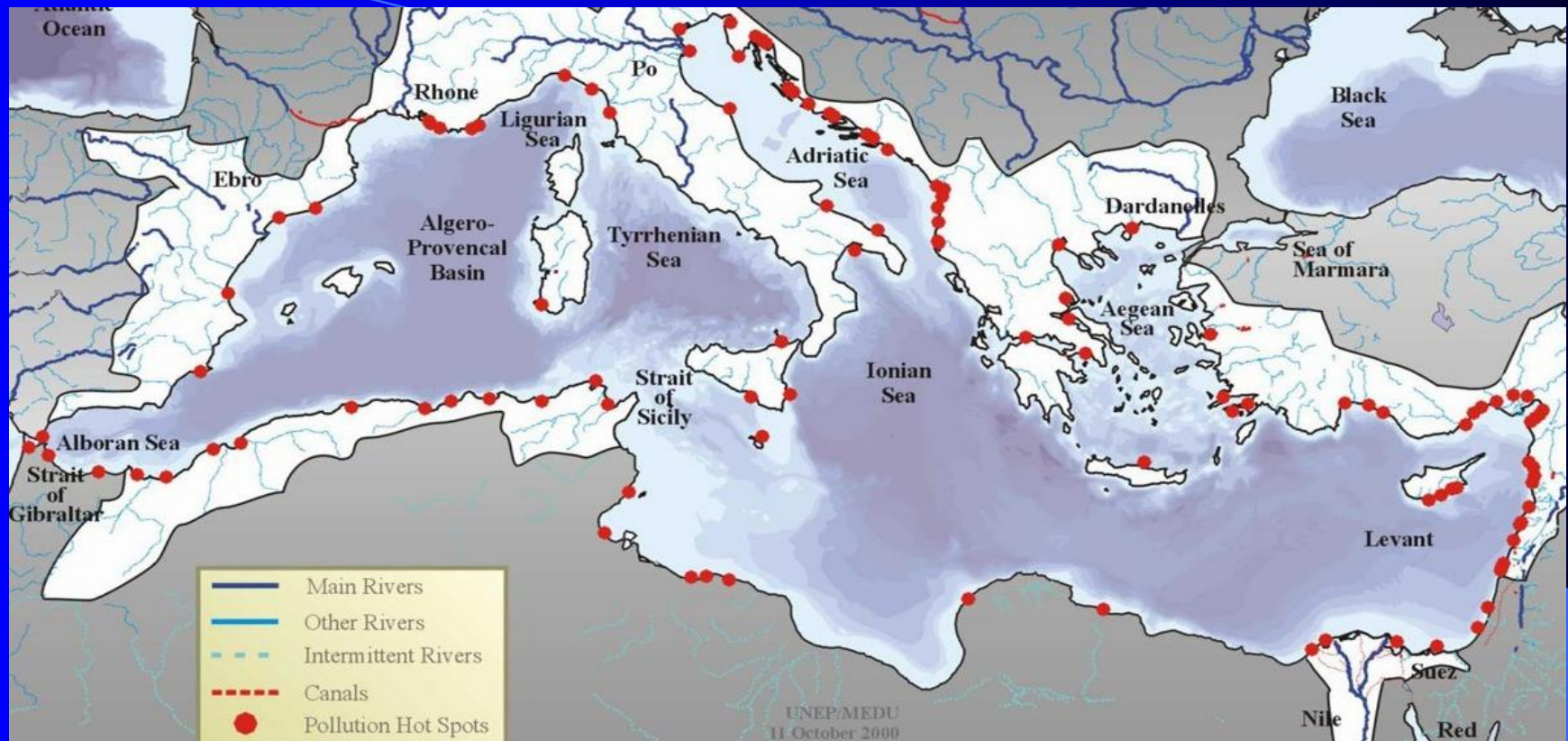
a widening platform based on environmental protection

Purpose and scope

Act as a catalyst for the Mediterranean environment

Integrate the environment into sectoral approaches

Seek synergies and complementarities in action



Barcelona Convention (1975)

21 Countries and the European Union (27 countries)

Protocols:

- Dumping
- Land Based Sources
- Offshore
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Prevention and Emergency
- SPA and Biodiversity
- Hazardous Waste

A Plan of Action at the center of activities

The Protocols aim to operationalize the Convention with regard to:

- elimination of pollution from toxic substances resulting from land and off-shore activities as well as oil spills, dumping and the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous waste

protection and management of specially protected areas and threatened or endangered species;
and,

- protection of coastal areas through Integrated Coastal Zone Management policies and techniques.

A new mandate (Marrakesh 2009)

To strengthen:

- institutional coherence
- efficiency
- accountability

5 year integrated Programme of work

a broadening perspective

ECAP-ecosystem approach (*pollution and biodiversity*): 7-step process

vision

strategic objectives

assessment of environmental condition

ecological objectives

management objectives, targets, indicators

monitoring and assessment

action plans-programs

Adaptation to climate change

towards a regional framework

iczm and biodiversity key sectors for MAP

Regional Governance

strengthening coordination

establish synergies



Partnerships:

- Union for the Mediterranean
- EU Horizon 2020
- Strategic Partnership for the Large Marine Ecosystem (GEF)
- EU Water Initiative
- EU Maritime Spatial Planning

Cooperation and partnership

Objectives:

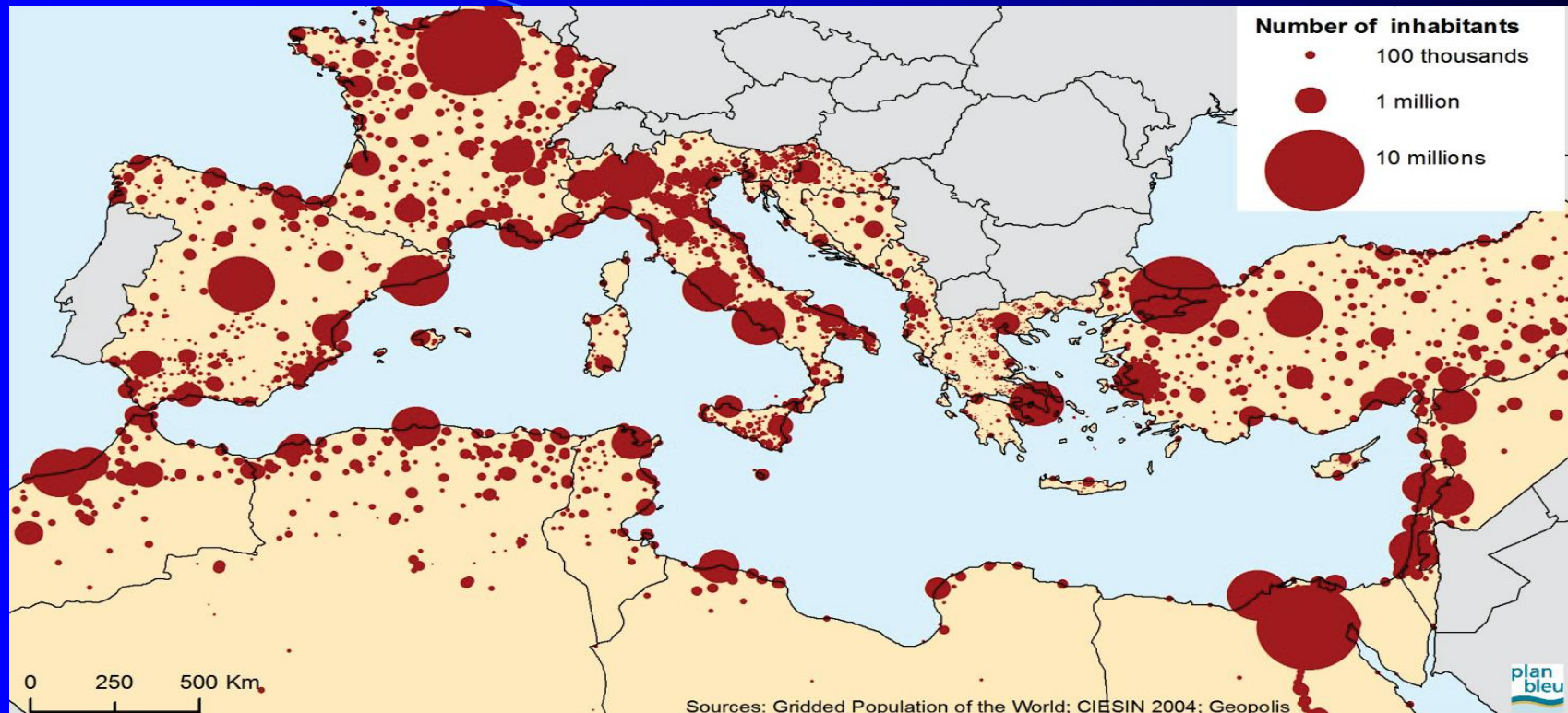
- Establish cooperation and synergy with relevant international and regional organisations and civil society

Main achievements:

- Strong Partnership MAP/Horizon 2020
- Cooperation in the framework of the UfM
- GEF Strategic Partnership for Large Marine Ecosystem
- World Bank-GEF Sustainable Development Initiative
- Cooperation with EEA
- Assessment of MAP-NGOs cooperation through a participatory approach: Proposal submitted to MAP Focal Points for consideration
- Financial assistance for activities to MAP partners (RAED, MEDCOAST and MEDSOS)

Constraints and lessons learned:

- need to move from a piecemeal approach to a more strategic and integrated approach including the MAP components
- need to ensure better synergy and avoid overlapping with partners and initiatives in the region



- **Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development**
 - a framework strategy
 - 4 objectives towards sustainable development
 - 7 priority fields of action
- **Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development**

MSSD

Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

a Framework Strategy

Purpose and Scope:

- Integration of environmental concerns in key economic development sectors
- Adapt international commitments to regional conditions
- Guide National SD Strategies

Four objectives:

- Contribute to economic development by enhancing Mediterranean assets
- Reduce social disparities by implementing Millennium Goals and strengthen cultural identities
- Change unsustainable production and consumption patterns and ensure the sustainable management of natural resources
- Improve governance at local, national and regional levels

MSSD

Seven *priority fields* of action and synergy:

- Better management of ***water resources*** and demand
- Improved rational use of ***energy***, increase renewable energy use and mitigation/adaptation to ***climate change***
- Sustainable mobility through appropriate ***transport*** management
- Sustainable ***tourism*** as a leading economic sector
- Sustainable ***agriculture*** and rural development
- Sustainable ***urban*** development
- Sustainable management of the ***sea, coastal areas and marine resources***

Prospects and challenges

The Mediterranean context:

- multiplicity of actors and activities

- broadening of the agenda of cooperation

- new issues: offshore activity accidents*

Need for:

- concrete action in the Mediterranean*

- enforcement and compliance*

- avoiding duplication*

- seeking for complementarities and synergy*

UNEP/MAP has an ambitious ***integrated plan of action*** with strong ***legal basis, broad engagement*** and ***commitment*** on the part of Mediterranean countries which requires continuous political support and substantial resources

Contribution of UNEP/MAP

a key partner role in environmental protection and integration

-General level:

MCSD as a forum
CU as a focal point

-Specific orientations:

Transport
Fisheries
Surveillance
MSP
Marine Knowledge 2020

REMPEC
Gen Fisheries Commission for MED
SAFEMED/REMPEC
PAP and other RACs
INFO/RAC

The Mediterranean Action Plan a catalyst for Cooperation in the Mediterranean Environment

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