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Introduction

The Annual Work Plan aims to define the agenda of MedWet in 2021. The work plan is the keystone document of MedWet's planning process. It is where the goals and objectives are explained into a series of defined tasks which, if completed, will allow to achieve the mandate of MedWet.

The Work Plan 2021 is based on the Strategic Work Plan 2019-2021 approved by the MedWet/Com13 in Dubai (DocMWC13-3). What differentiates the strategic work plan from the annual work plan is that the strategic plan is, well, strategic. In short, the strategic work plan looks out into the future three years to determine what it is expected to be accomplished in terms of priorities. The strategic plan and the annual work-plan go hand-in-hand. The annual work-plan provides the nuts and bolts of how the necessary work will get done.

The Work Plan is flexible, which means that the implementation of the projects also depends on actual funds obtained for the projects and the number and availability of members interested in supporting the proposed activities.

As a Ramsar's Regional Initiative, the most relevant aim of MedWet is to implement the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 in the Mediterranean area and follow the MedWet Framework for Action 2016-2030 through a series of concrete actions for the conservation of wetlands and the sustainable use of their resources in the Mediterranean region.

The Work Plan addresses the Ramsar Goals in the Mediterranean context in a sound and effective manner. All the activities of MedWet are designed to contribute to the achievement of specific targets of the four goals defined by Ramsar.

The Work Plan sets out on an annual basis the objectives and activities of the Three-Year Strategic Plan of MedWet (SWP 2019-2021) approved in Dubai. A reference on the activities foreseen in the SWP 2019-2021 is indicated in the second column.

The implementation of the Annual Work Plan is the responsibility of the different MedWet bodies. It is of utmost importance that all MedWet/Com members actively participate and collaborate, with their respective capacities (in kind or through additional financial resources).

Furthermore, MedWet can achieve its results through partnerships and collaborations with other actors of biodiversity conservation active in the Mediterranean.

The main distinctive elements of the WP2021 concern implementation of the second and final phase of the MAVA program for the coastal wetlands of the Mediterranean (M3). The WP2021 includes a reinforced role of MedWet in policy and advocacy and communication.

1. Addressing the drivers of Mediterranean wetlands loss and degradation					
Activity	Ref to SWP 2019-2021	Means of implementation	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
1.1 Organizing training sessions on wetlands services	1.1	The activity will be carried out by BLI within the M3 Programme for coastal wetlands	BirdLife International	One workshop	MAVA
1.2 Building the capacity of stakeholders for them to fully participate in the processes of river basin and water resources management in pilot river basins of North Africa and the Middle East		Activities carried out through the “Mediterranean Capacity Building Platform on Water Management and Abstraction” with the aim to minimise the impacts of water abstraction, and protect, and restore freshwater ecosystems. The main role of MedWet in this project is developing a communication, policy and advocacy strategy to influence policy cycles/legal frameworks and financing of infrastructure development in the Mediterranean. Areas involved as pilot projects are: Douro/Duero (Portugal/Spain); Vjosa/Aoös (Albania/Greece); and Sebou (Morocco).	Wetlands International	Capacities improved at the local level on Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) using the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach	MAVA
1.3 Improving understanding on drivers of loss and degradation		MWO will focus on improving our understanding and knowledge of the importance of biodiversity, sustainable practices and management, ecosystem services and nature-based solutions.	MWO	The LULC and LULC change maps of the main coastal and inland wetlands of the Mediterranean are available and shared with local, national and international partners	MAVA
1.4 Integrating “wetland conservation” as a possible strategic element in the DG plans of the European Commission.		MedWet contacts key partners and informs them about the policy window of opportunity, and agrees sharing of activities/targets, and which DGs shall be targeted.	MedWet	Policy briefs and relevant meetings	MAVA
2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Sites network					
Activity	SWP 2019-2021	Description	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
2.1 Coordinating and expanding the MedWet Network of Mediterranean Ramsar Sites Managers (MeRSiM-Net)	2.2	The Secretariat ensures the coordination of the Network and update the web site (medwetmanagers.net)	MedWet	Network established with at least 40 members by the end of 2021	Secretariat Core Budget
2.2 Defining a coordination group of Mediterranean regions committed to wetland conservation	2.3	MedWet will work with a coordinate group of champion regions (local) and sites in the Mediterranean Basin as advocate partners and providers of ground evidence of risks and success stories to support overall advocacy strategy to conserve and manage Ramsar sites	MedWet		MAVA

3. Wisely using all wetlands					
Activity n.	SWP 21019-2021	Description	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
3.1 Providing continuous support to countries on updating their national inventories	3.1 and 3.2	Work carried out with national administrations responsible for wetland matters in order to develop projects aimed at completing the national inventory	MWO and MedWet/STN	Report prepared, published and widely circulated	Tour du Valat and voluntary basis
3.2 Demonstrating the role of Coastal wetlands to improve resilience of coastal zones to climate change		The strategies 2,3,4 and 5 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will inform key stakeholders are informed on the potential role of coastal wetlands to mitigate climate change impacts	MedWet	The potential for nature-based solutions in key wetlands is identified and transferred to key stakeholders and site managers	MAVA
2.3 Promoting the development and implementation of pilot restoration projects in degraded wetlands		The strategy 7 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will define priority wetlands that need to be restored, identify key stakeholders to promote and ensure wetland restoration (Who should and verify that restoration will be implemented following good practices.	WWF Spain and TdV	At least 2 wetlands restoration projects de restauration promus par	MAVA
4. Enhancing Implementation of the Ramsar Convention					
Activity	SWP 2019-2021	Means of implementation	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
4.1 Coordinating and reinforcing the MedWet/Scientific and Technical Network (STN)	4.1	Scientific and technical guidance at the regional level will be ensured by the experts of the STN	MedWet/STN	The 5 Specialist Groups (SGs) produce at least 2 relevant outcomes in the 3-years period	Voluntary basis, COST ACTION (EU Funding) +
4.2 The Mediterranean Wetland Observatory (MWO) publishing regularly the status and trends of Mediterranean wetlands based on reliable indicators	4.2	The MWO ensure this activity with the financial support of the Tour du Valat	MWO	Periodic reports	Tour du Valat + other donors (funds partially secured)
4.3 Communicating MedWet activities and in a broader way Mediterranean wetland news and initiatives to members, decision makers and other key stakeholders	4.3	Target of MedWet communication are: politicians and decision makers to protect and restore Mediterranean coastal wetlands, to use them as natural solutions. Effective promotion of solutions based on Nature and 4 sites by way of example Communications to politicians, the EU and other decision-makers / commitments	MedWet	Monthly newsletter	Core budget + MAVA
4.4 Promoting a more active celebration of the WORLD WETLANDS DAY in the MedWet countries	4.5	Activities ensured by the Secretariat staff and consultants through the financial support of the OFB	MedWet	WWD events in the Mediterranean are increased and covered	Core budget and funds from AFB

4.5 Reinforcing the social media presence	4.7	The aim is to extend the presence of MedWet in other social media like LinkedIn. A large effort will be consolidated on the Arabic page of MedWet in facebook. Activities ensured by the Secretariat staff and consultants	MedWet	Update content daily/weekly	Core budget
4.6 Ensuring training and capacity building of wetland managers members of the Network	4.9	The strategy 2 and 7 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will implement specific training sessions on NbS, wetlands management and restoration.	MedWet	Two training sessions through webinar	MAVA
4.7. Disseminating wetlands' values by the edition of interpretation maps for visiting the Mediterranean Wetlands		These maps will be produced in the context of a "Maps' series about Ramsar Mediterranean Wetlands"	MITERD	3 maps (2 in Spain and 1 in a Mediterranean country)	Ministry of Ecological Transition and Rural Development of Spain (MITERD) (funds secured)