



United Nations Environment Programme Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement



COORDINATING UNIT FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN
UNITE DE COORDINATION DU PLAN D'ACTION POUR LA MEDITERRANEE

Reference:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (herein referred to as the Memorandum) is concluded between:

The Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden (PERSGA)
P.O Box 53662
Jeddah 21583
Saudi Arabia

Hereinafter referred to as "PERSGA"

and

The Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/MAP)
48, Vassileos Konstantinou
PO Box 180 19
11610 Athens
Greece

Hereinafter referred to as "UNEP/MAP".

Under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding...

BACKGROUND

Since 1976, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols have been implementing activities related to marine pollution assessment and control, protection of biodiversity, prevention and control of maritime pollution, coastal zone management and environment and development studies.

PERSGA, an intergovernmental body based on the 1982 Jeddah Convention and established in 1995 under the umbrella of the Arab League, is responsible for the development and implementation of regional programmes for the protection and conservation of the ecosystem and biological diversity of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, prevention and control of maritime pollution and for supporting sustainable development. The member states of the Jeddah Convention are: Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

The purpose of the present Memorandum of Understanding is to identify modalities of assistance and cooperation between UNEP/MAP and PERSGA for the implementation of their respective regional programmes.

ACTIVITIES

Under the present MOU, UNEP/MAP and PERSGA may cooperate on a bilateral basis for the mutual exchange of experience in any or all of the following fields of study or management:

- Biodiversity and marine protected areas
- Maritime pollution and contingency planning
- Integrated coastal zone management
- Marine pollution monitoring and assessment
- Oceanography and seabed mapping
- Legislation and enforcement (related to the marine and coastal environment)
- Control of Land Based Activities
- Capacity Building

Each organisation will invite the other, as an observer, to attend its technical and policy meetings, and to take part in training courses related to the above-mentioned subjects.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Under this MOU it is understood that no costs arising from the participation of representatives from one organisation in the activities of the other will be borne by the host organisation. Each partner will be responsible for the direct and indirect costs of financing their own representatives.

No costs arising from the provision of technical advice/assistance from UNEP/MAP to PERSGA shall be borne by UNEP/MAP, and no costs arising from the provision of technical advice/assistance from PERSGA to UNEP/MAP shall be borne by PERSGA.

This MOU is drawn up to establish a mutually beneficial association between UNEP/MAP and PERSGA. The MOU shall be valid from 1 May 2003 until 31 December 2004. The MOU can be extended and/or modified only by prior written agreement between UNEP/MAP and PERSGA.

Signed on behalf of the PERSGA

Mohamed A. Fawzi

Name and Position

15/06/03

Date

Signed on behalf of UNEP/MAP

[Signature]

Name and Position

22/05/03

Date



UNEP



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Athens, 22 May 2003

Dear Mr Tawfiq,

I am pleased to attach herewith two originals of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mediterranean Action Plan and PERSGA for your signature.

The Memorandum was prepared on the basis of the elements that were agreed upon between our Offices and represents a promising platform of cooperation for our mutual benefit.

I would be grateful to you if you could sign both copies and return one to us for our files.

Thank you once again for your interest and cooperation.

Best regards.

Lucien Chabason
Coordinator
Mediterranean Action Plan

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Cc Mr Ellik Adler, Head, Regional Seas Programme