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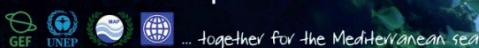
# MedMPAnet Project

Regional Project for the Development of a Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs) Network through the boosting of Mediterranean MPAs Creation and Management

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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM

## MedPartnership



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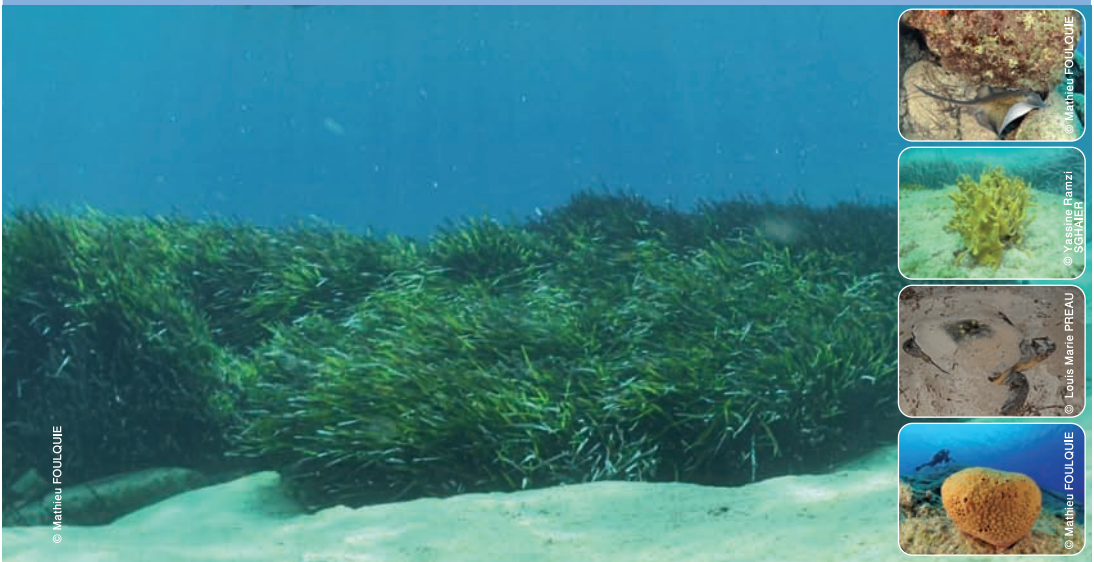


The MedMPAnet project is part of the **MedPartnership GEF full size project “Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem”** led by UNEP, which aims at leveraging reforms and investments to address marine and coastal biodiversity conservation priorities for the Mediterranean.

The MedPartnership project includes 4 components: Component 1 “Integrated approaches for the implementation of the SAPs and NAPs: ICZM, IWRM and management of coastal aquifer”, Component 2 “Pollution from land based activities, including Persistent Organic Pollutants: Implementation of SAP-MED”, **Component 3 “Conservation of biological diversity: Implementation of SAP BIO and related NAPs”** and Component 4 “Project coordination, replication and communication strategies”.

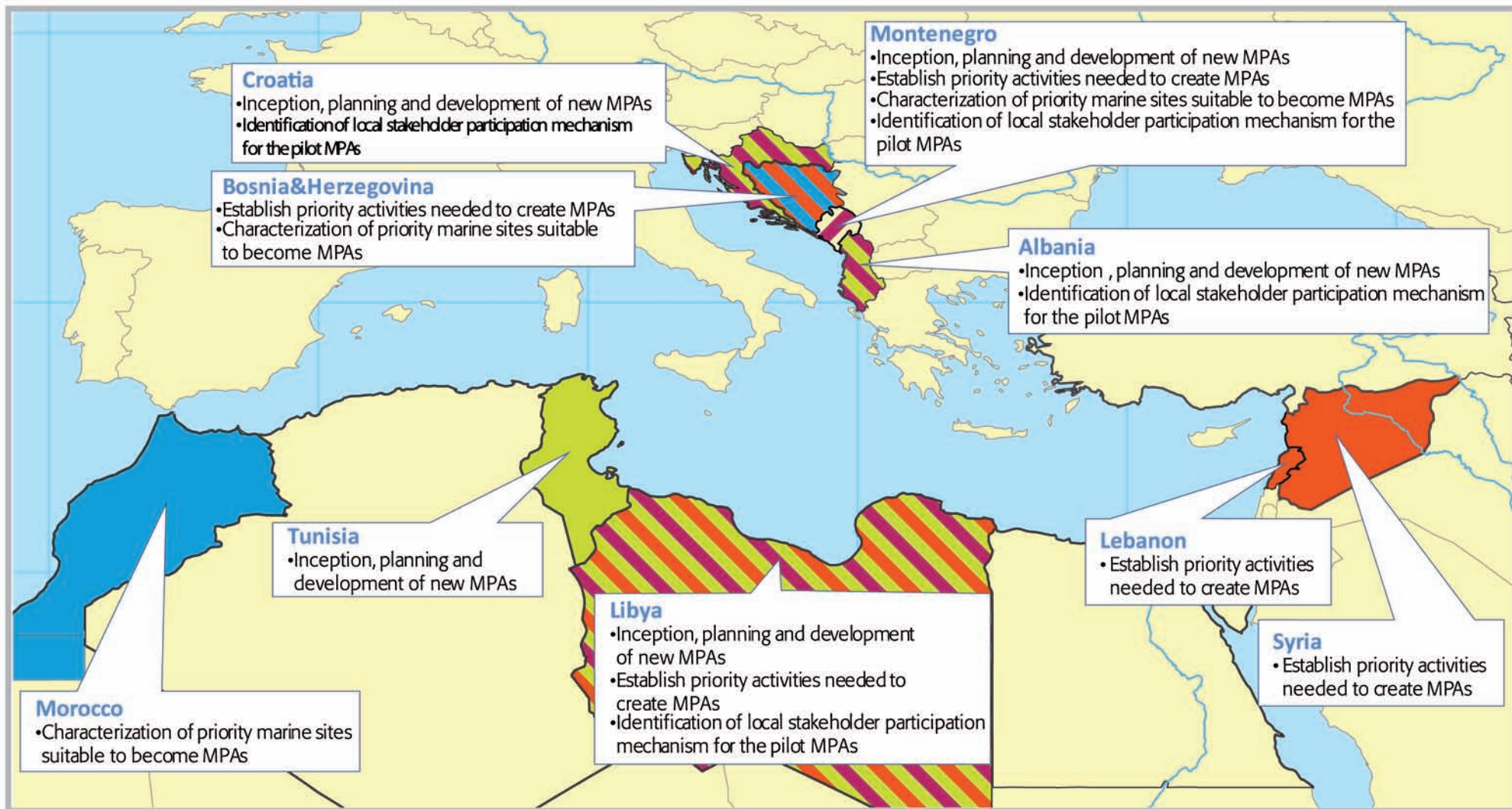
**Component 3** specifically branches off in 2 sub-components: Sub-component 3.1, aimed at addressing the decline of the biodiversity and Sub-component 3.2, aimed at addressing the decline of fisheries and the promotion of their sustainable use.

Sub-component 3.1 is implemented through two complementary projects, **the MedMPAnet Project led by RAC/SPA** and the MedPAN South Project led by WWF-MedPO.







The objective of the **MedMPAnet** project consists in “**enhancing the effective conservation of regionally important coastal and marine biodiversity features, through the boosting of the creation of an ecologically coherent MPA network in the Mediterranean region**”, as required by Barcelona Convention's Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (**SPA/BD Protocol**). This will assist the country partners to implement the prioritized elements of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation for the Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (**SAP BIO Programme**) through the provision of a series of enabling activities at national, sub-regional and regional levels and will effectively expand the existing Network of MPA Managers in the Mediterranean to include the rest of the Mediterranean.

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### Main Activities

-  Inception, planning, zoning and development (Demonstrating financial sustainability) of new MPAs
-  Establish priority activities needed to create MPAs
-  Characterization of priority marine sites suitable to become MPAs
-  Identify stakeholder group and potential partnership for pilot MPAs

## Beneficiary countries:

12 Mediterranean riparian countries: **Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.**

## Target group(s):

MPA managers, practitioners and representatives of the relevant authorities in the beneficiary countries.

## Estimated results :

- Implementation of actions prioritized by the SAP BIO programme.
- Existing and proposed MPAs will coalesce to form part of a coherent and geographically balanced network that exists at both institutional and ecological levels.
- Greater representation of the Mediterranean's vulnerable and critical coastal and marine habitats brought under statutory protection.
- Tools and capacity for the management of recognized Mediterranean coastal and marine biodiversity sites improved.
- Innovative approaches to the funding of regionally important existing and future coastal and marine biodiversity conservation initiatives in place.

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