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Dear colleagues,

Please find below the contribution of MedPAN to the preparation of the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

May it be noted that the points below are made from the Mediterranean Sea perspective, a semi-enclosed sea (as defined in Part IX, Art. 122 of UNCLOS which then and only in Article 123 refers to cooperation of riparian countries for the management and conservation of marine living resources or preservation of the of the marine environment).

Regarding the 2050 vision. We suggest adding mention of **protecting ecological functional units** which is key to support biodiversity and resources exploited by human beings - this could also be linked to mention of **strengthening resilience** (namely in the face of global change and shifting baselines).

All other comments below relate to the marine part of Aichi Target 11.

We produced a [brochure](#) presenting early results of the Status of MPAs in the Mediterranean Sea based on 2016 data. Currently, only 0.04% of the Mediterranean Sea is covered by no-go/no-access, no-take or no-fishing zones, regardless of whether they are actually implemented or not. While the new IUCN target of 30% under high protection by 2030 seems unrealistic for a small sea and highly populated and visited Mediterranean, and while this target is likely to lead to designation of areas on maps and little implementation on the grounds, the participants to the "2016 Forum of MPAs in the Mediterranean" agreed on a 2% of highly/strictly protected areas by 2020.

'By 2020 increase the coverage and implementation of no-entry, no-take and no-fishing zones, within either existing or future MPAs, from the current coverage of 0.04% of the Mediterranean Sea to reach at least 2% of no-take zones, especially in key functional areas'

Based on this, we suggest that beyond 2020, the targets are provided in relation to the context or that different targets are specified for the different parts (territorial waters, contiguous zone, rest of EEZ, ABNJ) or types of oceans and seas (pacific, black sea, etc...). For example what would be more realistic for the Mediterranean would be:

By 2030: 30% of territorial waters and contiguous zone for semi-enclosed seas are effectively protected and managed through MPAs and OECMs - 5% of which as no-access, no-take or no-fishing - 70% left (of territorial waters and contiguous zone) managed through sustainable ocean planning. Then another target could be fixed for the rest of the EEZ (which are far from having all been declared in the Mediterranean)

Regarding implementation, we believe it deserves stronger and more detailed recommendations on management. As such, we highlight again to add the following sentence to the target:

"With Contracting Parties significantly increasing the allocation of human, technical and financial capacity to implement management. And with identifying and implementing sustainable financing mechanisms"

Perhaps additional indications could also be introduced such as "with personnel present on sites in coastal waters on a daily basis for at least surveillance, with the capacity to implement sanctions when infractions are recorded, with the use of technology for surveillance in and beyond the territorial waters..." .

Regarding priorities, we think the description of EBSAs could support several initiatives: 1) adaptive management for existing MPAs within EBSAs in order to include management measures in line with the elements for which EBSAs have been described; 2) the creation of new MPAs / OECMs to contribute to the conservation of the elements for which EBSAs have been described with the appropriate legal designation; 3) the expansion or designation of no-access, no-take or no-fishing zones (ie. highly and strictly protected areas) to contribute to the resilience of ecosystems, namely in the context of global change; 4) strong recommendations for sustainable ocean planning for areas either beyond MPAs within EBSAs or beyond EBSAs.

Regarding reporting mechanisms, at least for MPAs, it would seem that reaching an agreement with Regional Seas Conventions would benefit the CBD in order to fine tune the information and data to be secured.

[Here](#), you will find the **Tangier Declaration** with **65 key recommendations** that participants to the [2016 Forum of MPAs in the Mediterranean](#) agreed on. This has been uptaken in the updated [Roadmap for MPAs in the Mediterranean](#) and will influence the Barcelona Convention roadmap. May I highlight some points:

- A 5th Strategic Objective has been added to the roadmap where it is aimed to **"Strengthen and develop the role of MPAs as a marine spatial management tool in supporting ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation of climate change"**
- The role of networks of MPA managers has been increasingly recognised as pivotal to the success of networks of MPAs. At IMPAC4, four regional networks involved in the EU Transatlantic MPA cooperation Project (MedPAN, CaMPAM from the Caribbean, RAMPAO in West Africa, NAMPAN in North America etc...) issued a [Call for joint action](#) by MPA networks with a statement committing to **"working together towards the common goal of building a transatlantic Marine Protected Areas network"**
- considering the great lack of management implementation and the identified needs for additional financial resources, it is crucial that more funds are allocated but that especially more attention is given to establishing **innovative sustainable financing mechanisms**. (see details in strategic objective 4 in the Tangier Declaration or Roadmap)
- In the context of maritime integrated management schemes, including **maritime spatial planning and ICZM**, MPA networks and other areas of conservation interest must be integrated. Clear vision and objectives are needed to support political will and in that respect operational tools on coherence and connectivity are required for implementation.
- Blue Growth needs to better integrate conservation planning principles and the protection of the natural capital.

Finally, while work is underway to strengthen the legally binding nature of conservation in ABNJ including through spatial management tools such as MPAs, it is hoped that the CBD can play a role in advising **UNCLOS** to also work on strengthening text relative to the protection of semi-enclosed seas through implemented MPAs, including through the expansion of no-access, no-take and no-fishing zones.

Should you need to discuss any of these elements or further ones, we remain at your disposal.

Kind regards,

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NOTIFICATION

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Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to contribute to the development of the process for the preparation of the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

In decision XIII/1, paragraph 34, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary "to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau and for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, taking into consideration that this work must cover the Convention on Biological Diversity and also consider its Protocols, as appropriate, including options for fostering commitments and strengthened implementation...".

As a first step in this process, I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to provide comments and inputs to this process at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 15 September 2017** by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

In particular, Parties and others providing comments and inputs may wish to propose specific ways to ensure full engagement of various stakeholders and sectors in the development of the strategic plan. Parties and others may also wish to also suggest options for fostering commitments and strengthened implementation. A note providing background information and other relevant information for the preparation of the post-2020 framework is available at <https://www.cbd.int/post2020/>.

Information provided will be taken into account by the Secretariat in preparation of a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory process for further peer review in, and subsequent consideration by, the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

The text of this notification is also available on the CBD website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-052-post2020-en.pdf>

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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