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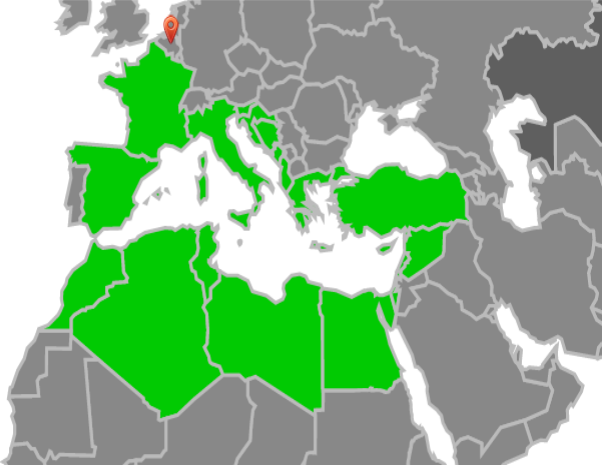


The Mediterranean Offshore Protocol and its Action Plan

Harmonization and Networking for Contaminant
Assessment in the Ionian and Adriatic Seas
Athens, Greece, 20 April 2018

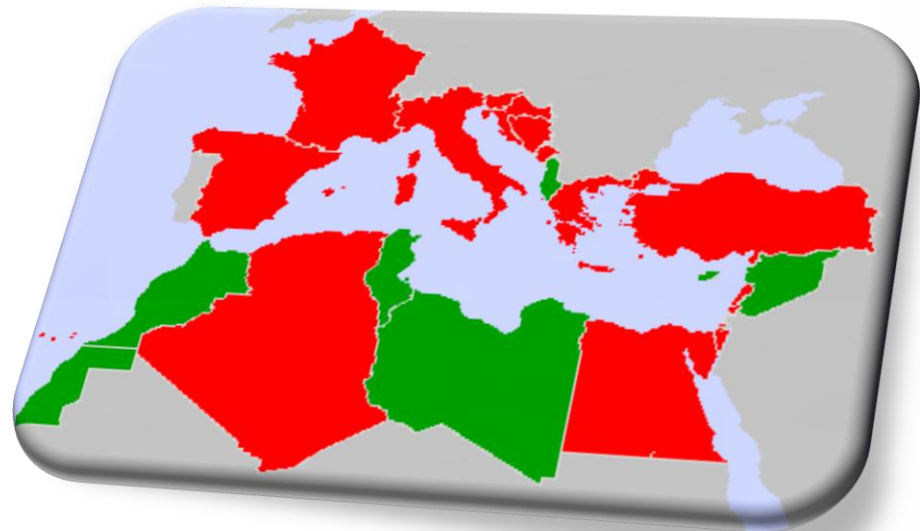
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Barcelona Convention: Overview

- Adopted in 1976, amended in 1995
 - 22 Contracting Parties (all the Mediterranean riparian countries and the EU)
 - Complemented by 7 Protocols: Dumping, Prevention and Emergency, Land-Based Sources, Hazardous Wastes, Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity, Offshore, Integrated Coastal Management Zone.
 - The Barcelona Convention and its Protocols set the legal framework, key principles and obligations for the protection of marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean
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- A map of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding landmasses. The countries bordering the sea are highlighted in green, representing the 22 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. These include France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and the EU member states in the region. A red location pin is visible on the northern coast of France.
- Principle of ecosystem approach with the view to achieve/maintain Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coasts
 - MAP vision: **“A healthy Mediterranean with marine and coastal ecosystems that are productive and biologically diverse for the benefit of present and future generations”**

Offshore Protocol:

- Adopted on 14 October 1994
- Entered into force on 24 March 2011
- Ratified by: Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and the EU



Offshore Protocol:

SECTION I	GENERAL PROVISIONS
SECTION II	AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM
SECTION III	WASTES AND HARMFUL OR NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND MATERIALS
SECTION IV	SAFEGUARDS
SECTION V	COOPERATION
SECTION VI	FINAL PROVISIONS

Offshore Decisions

- **Decisions IG.20/12** COP 17 (Paris, France, Feb 2012):
 - Ad-Hoc Working Group
 - Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (preparation)
- **Decision IG.21/8** COP 18 (Istanbul, Turkey, Dec2013):
 - Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan (completion)
 - establishment of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group (**BARCO OFOG**)
- **Decision IG.22/3** COP 19 (Athens, Greece, Feb 2016):
 - Adoption Offshore Action Plan

Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting

- 1st Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting, Valletta, Malta, 13 -14 June 2013:
 - **Familiarization of technical and legal matters**
- 2nd Offshore Protocol Working Group Meeting, Athens, Greece, 10-12 December 2013 (MEDEXPOL 2013)
 - **Review of the Offshore Implementation Assessment and Study on International Best Practices**
- 3rd Offshore Protocol Working Group, Malta, 17-18 June 2014
 - **Review of the Draft Offshore Action Plan (REMPEC/WG35/5)**

Decision IG.22/3

- *Urges* the Contracting Parties
 - to take the necessary measures **to implement** the Action Plan in a timely manner;
 - **to ratify** the Offshore Protocol, as soon as possible, and **adopt legislation** for its implementation,
 - **to cooperate to ensure compliance** with its provisions;
- *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - to provide **technical support** to the Contracting Parties and
 - **to mobilize adequate human and financial resources** in cooperation with international bodies as well as European institutions and other relevant actors, including the oil and gas industry

Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan

- **BACKGROUND**
 - **PART I – INTRODUCTION**
 - **PART II – OBJECTIVES**
 - **PART III – REPORTING**
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- Appendix 1 – Links (outputs/protocol) means Appendix 2– Technical cooperation and capacity building programme
 - Appendix 3– Potential research topics

Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan - MARPOL

- Discharge and disposal of machinery oil, the treatment and discharge of sewage (Art 11),
- Disposal and discharge of garbage (Art 12),
- Reception facilities (Art 13) and
- Storage

Shall be regulated according to the requirements listed under the MARPOL Convention

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Specific Objectives

- **GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

- SO1: To ratify the Offshore Protocol
- SO2: To designate Contracting Parties' Representatives to participate to the regional governing bodies (Offshore nominations received from Adriatic countries: CRT, ITA)
- SO3: To establish a technical cooperation and capacity building programme

Appendix 3 – Technical cooperation and capacity building programme

- Monitoring
- Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material
- Disposal of oil and oily mixtures and on the use and disposal drilling fluids and cutting
- Offshore platform Preparedness and Response & Contingency Plan Assessment
- Removal of installations
- Safety measures including health and safety requirements and fire fighting
- Role/responsibility and qualification of professional and crews
- Granting of authorizations
- Inspection/sanctions (Installation/Discharge/Competent manning)

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Specific Objectives

GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

- SO4: To mobilise resources for the implementation of the Action Plan
- SO5: To promote access to information and public participation in decision-making
- SO6: To enhance the regional transfer of technology

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Specific Objectives

- **REGIONAL OFFSHORE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES** (Based on international best practices)
 - SO7: To develop and adopt regional offshore standards
 - SO8: To develop and adopt regional offshore guidelines
- **REGIONAL OFFSHORE MONITORING PROGRAMME**
 - SO9: To establish regional offshore monitoring procedures and programmes
- **REPORTING**
 - SO10: To report on the implementation of the Action Plan

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Specific areas for promoting commonality: SO 7 & 8

Specific objective 7 & 8: To develop and adopt regional offshore standards and Guidelines

- **EIA regional standards;**
- **Disposal of oil and oily mixtures and on the use and disposal of drilling fluids and cutting**, and review the limits set in Article 10 and the prescriptions referred in Annex V of the Protocol;
- **Method to be used to analyse the oil content;**
- **to define and adopt special restrictions or conditions for specially protected areas**

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Specific areas for promoting commonality: SO 7 & 8

- **Use and discharge of harmful or noxious substances and material**, defining inter alia limits and prohibitions at regional level;
- to commonly agree on and adopt criteria, rules and procedures for the **removal of installations** and the related financial aspects;
- to commonly agree on and adopt criteria, rules and procedures for **safety measures including health and safety requirements**;
- to commonly agree on and adopt **minimum standards of qualification for professionals and crews**

Thank you



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