

For a marine liter free Mediterranean

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What is UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention?

- **Governance framework - 22 Contracting Parties**
- **First UNEP Regional Seas Programme -1975**
- **Goal: to protect and promote SD of Mediterranean marine and coastal environment**
- **Catalyzer of action at regional and national levels through:**
 - *Periodic assessments of status and threats*
 - *Strategies, Programmes and Measures*
 - *Integrated Monitoring*
- **Networks of Programme & RACs to support implementation**

Barcelona Convention and its Protocols



Barcelona Convention (1976, 1995, 2004)

Dumping (1976, 1995):

• **Prevention and Emergency (1976, 2002, 2004)**

• **Land-based Sources and Activities (1980, 1996, 2008)**

• **SPA and Biodiversity (1982, 1995, 1999)**

• **Offshore (1994, 2011):**

• **Hazardous Wastes (1996, 2011)**

• **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (2008, 2011)**



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Commitments in the legal system

- LBS: Binding measures (Art 5,15 & Annex I)
- Prevention and Emergency: PRF (Art12)
- Offshore: Prohibition of garbage
- Dumping: Prohibition of dumping
- ICZM: integrated planning & management

- COP 7 1991: Measures on marine litter
- SAP MED 1997 - Adequate solid waste management facilities by 2025;

- COP 17, 2012 :
 - *ECAP ecological objective on ML*
 - *A Strategic Framework for ML management*



Marine litter a continuous challenge

Useful data but... inconsistent & geographically restricted

Most ML is from LBS

- Recreational/Tourism activities : plastics (bottles, bags, caps/lids), cans and glass
- Households related waste

ML from smoking much higher than global average.

Materials:

- High amount of plastics: floating, beach & sea floor (83%),
- Textiles, paper, metal and wood (17%)

COP 18 - Renewed emphasis

ECAP ML Targets : Decreasing trends

- ML items on the coast
- ML items in the water surface and the seafloor
- Entanglement cases or/and in the stomach content of the sentinel species

Regional Plan-Legally binding measures

- Prevent ML generation
- Reduce to the minimum ML pollution & impact
- Remove to the extent possible existent ML
- ML management in harmony with other