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Session 2 Report Back: UNEP/MAP - group

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Situation

- Secretariat was given a mandate by CPs to prepare a Regional Action Plan
- First discussion of current draft in May 2013 in Barcelona, and...
- ... at COP18 in December – adoption?



Outcome/discussions: UNEP/MAP Step 1 (Sources - Amounts - Gaps):

- Overall agreement on consistency, sources and amounts indicated in the Issue Paper.
- Additional source was identified: shipping considered to be one, but information gaps...
- Major knowledge gaps listed in the Issue Paper agreed; additions: e.g. riverine inputs, amounts of ML in deep sea, shipping.



Outcome/discussions: UNEP/MAP Step 2 (operational targets):

- Targets on ML under negotiation by CPs: Decreasing trend...
 - 1 ...of items on the beach.
 - 2 ...in entanglement of certain species.
 - 3 ...of items in water column and sea floor .
- Participants agreed on the above targets, to be set at the regional level and...
- ...to be combined with more specific operational targets.
- Such as: source-related (e.g. bottles consumed)/item-related (esp. on beaches)/removal effort-related.



Outcome/discussions: UNEP/MAP Step 3 (measures):

- General agreement on measures proposed
- Additional measures suggested, several combined or expanded
- Priorization recognized as needed with a preference for a comprehensive plan to be implemented in three phases
- Focus preferred on simple and effective measures
- Prerequisites: Standardised monitoring programme & evaluation of measures' effectiveness (although not discussed in detail)



Selected/prioritized measures:

- Improved waste management (4Rs plus prevention) and ban on illegal dumping
- Port reception facilities and no-special-fee system (also for marinas)
- Fishing for Litter (“KIMO-Model”) and removal of Abandoned & Lost & Discarded Fishing Gear
- Upgrade, redesign and improved maintenance of sewage system
- Education and Outreach (incl. anti-littering campaigns)
- Sustainable packaging guidelines
- Elimination/change of certain products
- Extended producer responsibility