

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for Year 2020 and Plan for Year 2021 (4 pages maximum)
Submission deadline: 31 January 2021

1. Title of your Regional Initiative: MedWet

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2020

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results	Indicators
Objective one: Addressing the drivers of Mediterranean wetlands loss and degradation	1.1 Developing and implementing a training programme on ecosystem services	one training workshop was organized	Number of participants: 20
	1.2 Develop and implement pilot ecosystem services evaluation projects in wetlands across the region, including at least one	One wetland site was assessed	Number of Ecosystem Services assessments completed
	1.3 Review the content of National Wetland Strategies to incorporate, when so required, the evaluation and sustainable use of ecosystem services	the Ecosystem Services evaluation was integrated in the Naturel Wetlands Strategy of Tunisia	ES evaluation incorporated
	1.4 Develop and implement a training programme on basin-wide integrated management plans for national and local government officials and NGOs through the project “Mediterranean Capacity Building Platform on Water Management and Abstraction” coordinated by Wetlands International	Sustainable water use was promoted by bringing wetland needs and their contributions to society into dialogues around water allocation and management	n. of beneficiaries
Objective two Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Sites network	2.1 Promoting and supporting the development of practical guidelines for wetland management Planning	The preparation of practical guidelines for the integrated management of coastal wetlands was supported by several actions	n. of organizations reached
	2.2 Promoting the development of wetlands governance handbook	The Handbook “Governance of Coastal Wetlands in the Mediterranean was promoted to partners and all the MedWet Network	n. of organizations reached

	2.3 Establishing and coordinating the MedWet Network of Mediterranean Ramsar Sites Managers (MeRSiM-Net)	The Network was established with 25 members at the end of 2020	n. of members
	2.4 Promoting and supporting the Ramsar Cities Accreditation and promoting the cities already certified	The Ramsar Cities Accreditation was promoted through the WWD and MeRSiM Network	n. of cities involved
Objective three Wisely using all wetlands	3.1 Providing continuous support to countries on the update of their national wetland inventories in the Mediterranean with the support of MWO and the MedWet/STN	MedWet worked with the national administrations responsible for wetland issues to elaborate projects to complete the national inventory	n. of countries involved
	3.2 Implement pilot climate change and mitigation projects in key wetlands across the region	Two projects on NbS were designed	n. of projects
	3.3 MedWet to promote the development and implementation of pilot restoration projects in degraded wetlands	3 restoration projects were promoted by MedWet through the M3 Programme of MAVA	n. of hectares restored
Objective four Enhancing implementation of the Ramsar Convention	4.1 Coordinating and reinforcing the MedWet/Scientific and Technical Network (STN)	The 5 Specialist Groups (SGs) produced 1 relevant outcomes	Number of outcomes produced by the STN SGs
	4.2 Communicating MedWet activities and in a broader way Mediterranean wetland news and initiatives to members, decision makers and other key stakeholders	6 monthly newsletter	Number of Newsletters distributed
	4.3 Promoting a more active celebration of the World Wetlands Day2020 in the MedWet countries	WWD events in the Mediterranean was increased through the coordination of MedWet sponsored by the OFB (French Biodiversity Agency)	n. of events supported
	4.4 Consolidating the social media presence	Update content daily/weekly Publications are shared on the website and social media: guidelines, factsheets, policy briefs and syntheses from the Ramsar Convention, the MWO and the STN; and projects are	n. of followers

		updated with lessons learnt from all partners and in particular those from the M3 Programme on Coastal Wetlands Conservation funded by MAVA.	
	4.5 Defining a 3-years capacity building program dedicated to wetland managers Fundraising to secure the funds	The Secretariat has created the MedWet Academy Programme.	n. of participants

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

3. Financial report for Year 2020

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Total income	planned expenditures	real expenditures
318,638 €	431,533 € (voted)	309,081 € estimated

sources of income (donors)	income received
MedWet countries contributions	99,906 euros
OFB	30,000 euros
MAVA Foundation projects	143,699 euros
EU	42,939 euros
Others incomes	2,094 euros
Total	318,638 euros

Financial balance at 31 December 2020: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2021, or deficit: 9557 euros

For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2020, please explain how this funding has been spent or committed, and compare this to the plan on which the funding request was based. Explain any significant scope or timetable changes:

Some expenses on MAVA projects were not incurred because of the pandemic.

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2021

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

1. Addressing the drivers of Mediterranean wetlands loss and degradation					
Activity	Ref to SWP 2019-2021	Means of implementation	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
1.1 Organizing training sessions on wetlands services	1.1	The activity will be carried out by BLI within the M3 Programme for coastal wetlands	BirdLife International	One workshop	MAVA
1.2 Building the capacity of stakeholders for them to fully participate in the processes of river basin and water resources management in pilot river basins of North Africa and the Middle East		Activities carried out through the “Mediterranean Capacity Building Platform on Water Management and Abstraction” with the aim to minimise the impacts of water abstraction, and protect, and restore freshwater ecosystems. The main role of MedWet in this project is developing a communication, policy and advocacy strategy to influence policy cycles/legal frameworks and financing of infrastructure development in the Mediterranean. Areas involved as pilot projects are: Douro/Duero (Portugal/Spain); Vjosa/Aoös (Albania/Greece); and Sebou (Morocco).	Wetlands International	Capacities improved at the local level on Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) using the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach	MAVA
1.3 Improving understanding on drivers of loss and degradation		MWO will focus on improving our understanding and knowledge of the importance of biodiversity, sustainable practices and management, ecosystem services and nature-based solutions.	MWO	The LULC and LULC change maps of the main coastal and inland wetlands of the Mediterranean are available and shared with local, national and international partners	MAVA
1.4 Integrating “wetland conservation” as a possible strategic element in the DG plans of the European		MedWet contacts key partners and informs them about the policy window of opportunity, and agrees sharing of	MedWet	Policy briefs and relevant meetings	MAVA

Commission.		activities/targets, and which DGs shall be targeted.			
2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Sites network					
Activity	SWP 2019-2021	Description	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
2.1 Coordinating and expanding the MedWet Network of Mediterranean Ramsar Sites Managers (MeRSiM-Net)	2.2	The Secretariat ensures the coordination of the Network and update the web site (medwetmanagers.net)	MedWet	Network established with at least 40 members by the end of 2021	Secretariat Core Budget
2.2 Defining a coordination group of Mediterranean regions committed to wetland conservation	2.3	MedWet will work with a coordinate group of champion regions (local) and sites in the Mediterranean Basin as advocate partners and providers of ground evidence of risks and success stories to support overall advocacy strategy to conserve and manage Ramsar sites	MedWet		MAVA
3. Wisely using all wetlands					
Activity n.	SWP 21019-2021	Description	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
3.1 Providing continuous support to countries on updating their national inventories	3.1 and 3.2	Work carried out with national administrations responsible for wetland matters in order to develop projects aimed at completing the national inventory	MWO and MedWet/ /STN	Report prepared, published and widely circulated	Tour du Valat and voluntary basis
3.2 Demonstrating the role of Coastal wetlands to improve resilience of coastal zones to climate change		The strategies 2,3,4 and 5 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will inform key stakeholders are informed on the potential role of coastal wetlands to mitigate climate change impacts	MedWet	The potential for nature-based solutions in key wetlands is identified and transferred to key stakeholders and site managers	MAVA
2.3 Promoting the development and implementation of pilot restoration projects in degraded wetlands		The strategy 7 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will define priority wetlands that need to be restored, identify key stakeholders to promote and ensure wetland restoration (Who should and	WWF Spain and TdV	At least 2 wetlands restoration projects projets de restauration promus par	MAVA

		verify that restoration will be implemented following good practices.			
4. Enhancing Implementation of the Ramsar Convention					
Activity	SWP 2019-2021	Means of implementation	Lead actor	Expected deliverables	Resources
4.1 Coordinating and reinforcing the MedWet/Scientific and Technical Network (STN)	4.1	Scientific and technical guidance at the regional level will be ensured by the experts of the STN	MedWet/STN	The 5 Specialist Groups (SGs) produce at least 2 relevant outcomes in the 3-years period	Voluntary basis, COST ACTION (EU Funding) +
4.2 The Mediterranean Wetland Observatory (MWO) publishing regularly the status and trends of Mediterranean wetlands based on reliable indicators	4.2	The MWO ensure this activity with the financial support of the Tour du Valat	MWO	Periodic reports	Tour du Valat + other donors (funds partially secured)
4.3 Communicating MedWet activities and in a broader way Mediterranean wetland news and initiatives to members, decision makers and other key stakeholders	4.3	Target of MedWet communication are: politicians and decision makers to protect and restore Mediterranean coastal wetlands, to use them as natural solutions. Effective promotion of solutions based on Nature and 4 sites by way of example Communications to politicians, the EU and other decision-makers / commitments	MedWet	Monthly newsletter	Core budget + MAVA
4.4 Promoting a more active celebration of the WORLD WETLANDS DAY in the MedWet countries	4.5	Activities ensured by the Secretariat staff and consultants through the financial support of the OFB	MedWet	WWD events in the Mediterranean are increased and covered	Core budget and funds from AFB
4.5 Reinforcing the social media presence	4.7	The aim is to extend the presence of MedWet in other social media like LinkedIn. A large effort will be consolidated on the Arabic page of MedWet in Facebook. Activities ensured by the Secretariat staff and consultants	MedWet	Update content daily/weekly	Core budget
4.7 Ensuring training and capacity building of wetland managers members of the Network	4.9	The strategy 2 and 7 of the M3 Programme for Coastal wetlands will implement specific	MedWet	Two training sessions through webinar	MAVA

		training sessions on NbS, wetlands management and restoration.			
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For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2021, please provide a financial summary of your 2021 plan. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

budget expenditures	expected income and source
494,916 €	494,916€ MedWet countries contributions 95,000€ French Office for Biodiversity 30,000 € MAVA Foundation projects 292,686 € UE 71,230 € Other incomes 6,000 €