

Annex I

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Summary Report for Year 2017 and Plan for Year 2018 (4 pages maximum)

1. Title of your Regional Initiative:

Secretariat MedWet – The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative

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2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2017

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/outputs	indicators
1. Core Secretariat activities	1.1 Facilitate the activities of the governing and subsidiary bodies of MedWet	MW Steering group 15 in March 2017 (Skype) MW Steering group 16 and strategic meeting in November 2017 (Slovenia)	Report of meetings (available on website)
	1.2 Secretariat management - Interim period	Establishment of an internal governance body in the absence of a coordinator: the Friends of the Chair (FoC). Recruitment of an administrative and financial officer in the Secretariat.	Report of meetings of the FoC
2. Communications	2.1 Further raise the profile of MedWet	MedWet website frequently updated; Website uploaded in Arabic; Constant update of the different social media accounts : Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram; Social media campaigns during important international days, with sharing of the content of the MWO; Update of the MedWet database of contacts; Website on MedWet Culture updated with news;	The Arabic interface of the website. News shared on the websites (MedWet and MedWet Culture), the social medias, and newsletter Raising awareness of wetlands during international days
	2.2 Ensure the right mix of information being delivered to further raise awareness about: a) wetland values and functions; and b)	Projects updated with lessons learnt from projects' partners; Participation in international meetings (conferences and	News on the website, publications, projects' lessons learnt leaflets

	existing policies and tools for the conservation, restoration and effective management of these ecosystems:	projects) Raising awareness on wetlands values through the new MAVA project “a coastal wetlands campaign”	
	2.3 Highlight the positive actions by the Med community of governments and non-governmental actors in favour of wetlands:	CEPA network in the Med is reinforced and is sharing news from governments and NGOs; International NGOs wetlands network is reinforced with new MAVA project and its coastal wetlands campaign; Local and national NGOs wetlands network is reinforced and is promoting the WWD activities; Synergies are developed with the Mediterranean Wetlands Alliance, and other Mediterranean Networks.	News on the website, minutes of meetings
	2.4 Provide communications support to help raise communication capacity:	Support and training on communications to the MAVA-funded project “Wetlands sentinels” in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia; Support to government and national NGOs for WWD: printing Ramsar materials, support on the web/social media to local/national event, sharing the MedWet materials (cartoon), production of a Mediterranean report on WWD activities.	Training report, news on website, Ramsar material translated in Mediterranean languages, Med WWD report
3. Projects	3.1 Submission of projects	In the framework of the MAVA Foundation Outcome M3: “Coastal Wetlands degradation due to Coastal Development and Water Abstraction” MedWet submitted and is now leading the implementation of a Coastal Wetlands Campaign.	Approval of the proposal, kick off meeting report

	3.2 Participation in projects	<p>In the framework of the MAVA Foundation Outcome M3“Coastal Wetlands degradation due to Coastal Development and Water Abstraction” MedWet is partner of 3 projects: Maristanis (Integrated Management plan of Oristano Gulf), MedIsWet (Mediterranean Island Wetlands inventories); Governance (Integrated Governance of coastal wetlands)</p> <p>In the framework of the MAVA Foundation Outcome M1-M2 "the impacts of water abstraction and unsustainable water infrastructure on river basins' biodiversity and functioning" MedWet is partner of a Wetlands International project on a platform integrating civil society dialogue into IWRM in the Med. A project named “CONNECT MED - Conserving wetlands to enhance coastal resilience to climate change in the Mediterranean” should be submitted early 2018 to the EU ENI CBC Med, by AVITEM, the Mediterranean network of sustainable cities. This project is focused on the development of a network of Ramsar Sites managers in the Mediterranean with a focus on coastal wetlands' resilience toward climate change.</p>	Approval of the activities in the proposal, MoU with lead signed, kick off meeting reports
4. Training	4.1 Training activities	Support and training on communications to the MAVA-funded project “Wetlands sentinels” in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia;	Report from the training, news on the website, dedicated Facebook page for the wetlands

		Training Course on Visitors Management in Protected Wetlands with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Food and Environment (MAPAMA) and professors of the Polytechnic University of Valencia.	managers.
5. The MedWet Scientific and Technical Network (MedWet/STN)	5.1 STN activities	The STN manager, closely with the MWO, completed the identification of the chairs and members of the five Specialist Groups (Inventory, Biodiversity, Water, Climate Change and Ecosystem Services). The first kick off meeting took place. EU H2020 COST program, supporting the Scientific & Technical Network activities (meetings, conferences, training workshops, etc.), has been submitted.	News on website, report of meetings, presentations in Ramsar STRP.
6. The Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory (MWO)	6.1 MWO activities	The MWO team increased its scientific production with 17 articles in high-impact journals. The technological and transfer efforts concentrated mainly on participation in the meeting of the Society of Wetland Scientists, the IPBES regional assessment for Europe and Central Asia, the Ramsar Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP), the IUCN World Conservation Congress, and the French Ministry for Ecological for the Ecological and Supportive Transition (MTES)'s National Wetlands Observatory and National Wetlands Committee.	

<p>7. Prepare the MedWet presence at Ramsar COPI3 in 2018</p>	<p>7.1 Preparing a Mediterranean presence at COP 13</p>	<p>The MedWet Secretariat started preparing for the attendance at the Ramsar COPI3 in Dubai mainly to organize the fundraising opportunities. Some exchanges have been made with the Ramsar Secretariat to seek for cooperation activities. During the COP, the MWO with Tour du Valat and MedWet will be officially launching the Mediterranean Wetlands Outlook report. The Steering Group is working with the members to organize a MedWet/Com meeting in Dubai. MedWet is also considering to participate in the submission of a draft Resolution to COPI3 on Regional Initiatives.</p>	
<p>8. Ensure a MedWet presence at relevant events/meetings in the Mediterranean</p>		<p>The MedWet Secretariat has been participating in project-related events such as Interreg Fish MPA Blue II in Croatia, several meetings related to MAVA Mediterranean strategies and projects, the Ramsar France seminar, the Mediterranean Natura 2000 seminar, and the Barcelona Convention COP.</p>	

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

- A strategic meeting on development of MedWet and its direction for the future was held on the 2-3 November 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- MedWet is involved in the MAVA Foundation's Mediterranean Strategy 2017 - 2022 from which it receives funds, related to the activities in which it will partake.
- MedWet has reinitiated its participation in donor-funded projects and is in the process of submitting two project proposals for EU funding.

3. Financial report for Year 2017

average exchange rate to the CHF: 1 € = 1.17343 CHF le 10/01/2018

Total income	planned expenditures	real expenditures
289 966 € <i>soit 340 254.80 CHF</i>	492 077 € (voted in march) <i>Soit 577 417.91 CHF</i>	221 900 € au 30/11/2017 265 500 € estimated on 31/12/2017 <i>Soit 311 545.66 CHF</i>

sources of income (donors)	income received
MedWet countries contributions	126 857 €
French Water Agency	45 000 €
MAVA Foundation Grant	66 777 €
MAVA Foundation projects	51 332 €
total	289 966 €

Financial balance on 31 December of Year 2017: 24 466 euros left. This amount could change following the arbitration with the accounting firm concerning the pro-rata calculation of the Mava funded projects.

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2018

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:

Objectives	Activities	Results/Outputs	Indicators
1. To raise MedWet visibility	Coordinating with other regional and international actions and programmes relevant for wetland conservation and sustainable use.	Mediterranean' organizations and networks operating in wetlands conservation and related issues contacted	Number of signed collaboration agreements or MoUs
	Planning a MedWet as a side event at the CBD COP in Egypt and distribute MedWet information materials (e.g. the Framework for Action 2016-2030. Try to obtain space free of charge for a MedWet booth/exhibition.	MedWet profile is raised and its activities' results shared at international level through its participation at the CBD COP	MedWet visibility at CBD COP
2. To raise additional funds to implement MedWet FA 2016-2030	Developing projects to be submitted to donors in order to further implement the MedWet Framework for Action 2016-2030 and to allow different member and countries to work together and the secretariat to obtain overheads to cover its costs	Projects developed and submitted to donors	Number of projects funded
	Giving visibility to MedWet within the private donors circle	Relevant private donors informed on MedWet activities and interested in supporting MedWet activities	Amount of resources granted

3. To further develop the ownership and involvement of the Member countries, including MedWet Focal Points and other interested agencies in MedWet governance and activities	Focusing on sectors/issues where MedWet' members have expressed an interest and where MedWet can provide key contributions (e.g. through the STN.).	Policy briefs and technical notes are provided to members	Number of members involved
	Investigating how the NFP can contribute to MedWet development and how much time can spend on MedWet items	Questionnaires on NFP needs and availability are filled	Percentage of questionnaires filled by members
	Strengthen and improving National wetland inventories and exchange	MWO and STN provided a comprehensive update on wetlands inventories	Percentage of countries having accomplished NWI
4. To manage ongoing projects	Carrying on the following projects funded by MAVA: M3 communication campaign (MedWet lead); M3 Governance; M3 Maristanis; M3 Wetlands in Islands; M3 Partnership for Water.	Activities implemented	Respect of the work plan
5. To insure a significant MedWet presence at Ramsar COPI3 in 2018	Preparing and negotiating a significant MedWet presence at Ramsar COPI3 in order to strengthen the channels of communication with the members: sharing experiences, presenting good examples for different countries / members.	Activities successfully accomplished	Number of visitors participating to MedWet's events
6. To develop a Mediterranean Ramsar Sites managers network	Mapping Ramsar sites managers and defining the terms of reference of the Network	The first Wetlands Managers database drafted	Percentage of Ramsar sites included
	Transferring to and exchanging knowledge and expertise among key conservation and sustainable use actors in order to reinforce Mediterranean wetland management	Exchange activities and capacity building for wetlands managers, NGOs and technicians dealing with wetlands	Number of Transfer and Exchange initiatives

5. Financial plan for the year 2018

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Core budget expenditures	Expenditures paid by projects	expected income and source
199 836 € <i>Soit 234 493.55 CHF</i>	206 388 € <i>Soit 242 181.87 CHF</i>	406 224 € <i>476 675.42 CHF</i> MedWet countries contributions 120000 € French Water Agency 45000 € MAVA Foundation Grant 30 353 € MAVA Foundation projects 208 276 € Others 2595 €