

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format for Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Annex I of DOC. SC41-13)

Annual Summary Report for Year 2010 and Plan for Year 2011

(4 pages maximum)

1. **Title of your Regional Initiative:** The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet)
2. **Work and activities undertaken during Year 2010**

obj	activities	results/outputs	Indicators
1. To enhance Communication, Education and Public Awareness activities			
1.1	Re-designing of MedWet website	-new aesthetic approach, new texts written for all sections, more frequent updating of wetland-related news	-new website online (www.medwet.org) -increase in visitor rates by 130%
1.2	a. Dissemination of Ramsar WWD2010 material and b. preparation for WWD2011	-complementary dissemination to Mediterranean Region	Calls before and after WWD2011 in order to produce new section for the WWD on the MedWet website.
1.3	Dissemination of other material	1. Valid version of CODDE project CD. 2. TwinMed Publication in Arabic 3. Water Dialogues in Morocco 4. Dissemination of MWO brochures	Different lists of dissemination
1.4	Ramsar Video (animated from Changwon COP10)	Subtitles in Greek. For national NGOs	Dissemination will occur in 2011.
2. To involve young people in MedWet activities and enhance wetland knowledge.			
2.1	Involvement of young students in the MedWet/Com10	-Environmental education activities by students of the College d'Ile Rousse playing a Role Playing Game on wetlands	- Presentation of the conclusions and lessons learnt in the MedWet/Com10
2.2	Enhancement and development of the Role Playing Game on Mediterranean wetlands	- Guidance Documents to be disseminated on the roles, process, glossary, teacher's and NGO manual	-Hiring of a consultant and an environmental education expert (ongoing process).
2.3	Organizing the College d'Ile Rousse visit to Greece	- Students will be involved in environmental education activities in Greece and will interact with Greek children.	- The actual visit (to be presented in the 2011 report)
3. To facilitate project development and assist in the implementation of key projects on Mediterranean wetland conservation and management.			
3.1	Proposals to partners for two projects funded by the EC FP7	None of the proposals were submitted due to procedural and time issues	-Draft proposals -Communication with the partners
3.2	Involvement and technical assistance to Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory	Communication, proofing of documents, facilitation of contacts and facilitation in the 3 rd International meeting.	-The MedWet/Com has become the MWO advisory board. -Participation in MWO meetings -Mutual promotion in meetings (ex GlobWetlandII first user meeting)
3.3	Involvement and assistance to GlobWetland II project	Facilitation of contacts with partner countries (Lebanon, Turkey.....) -Promotion of the project through the website and the MedWet/Com10.	-MedWet/Com10 used as platform for promotion of project -Assistance for first user meeting in Frascati
3.4	Medwet NGO's network	Submission with WWF-MedPo of a proposal for the reactivation of the MedWet NGO's network.	-Proposal submitted to MAVA foundation.
4. To coordinate with other international initiatives in the region, and globally			
4.1	Collaboration with BlackSeaWet Ramsar Initiative	Participation in 2 nd meeting under observer status.	Attendance of meeting.
4.2	GWP-Med joint activities	-Facilitation of IME Workshop on Mediterranean Lagoons	Attendance of key meetings.

		-Participation in “3 rd Water Expert Group Meeting” of the EU-MED	
4.3	Supporting UNEP-MAP (Barcelona Convention)	Involvement in network.	Participation in MOP 16 of UNEP-MAP in Marrakech
4.4	Cooperation with Union for the Mediterranean	Active participation in ‘Role of Protected Areas’ Meeting.	Active participation and involvement in proposals for drafting strategy guidelines.
4.5	Involvement in Prespa Transboundary Park	Attendance of signing of International Agreement by 3 Environment Ministers.	Attendance as Advisory Board member
5. To activate and bring together the MedWet Committee			
5.1	Organization of the MedWet/Com10 in Bastia, Corsica	Restructuring of the Steering Group. Remodelling of MW Scientific and Technical Team into ST Network Better communication between Mediterranean stakeholders	Successful organization, content and participation to the meeting by MedWet Com members and partners
5.2	More regular contact with MedWet Focal Points	MedWet Focal Points more responsive and willing to provide information and assistance	- number of e-mails sent and phone calls made
5.3	Planning for the Grado+20 International Symposium	Even though many obstacles have appeared a big effort is being made to organize the Grado+20 Symposium.	-Negotiation with Italy and Morocco as potential locations.
5.4	Designing and preparation of the MedWet Culture network	-Preliminary questionnaires were sent to FP’s and other targeted people. -Writing up of texts for the website	- Analysis of questionnaire replies - Contacts with website designers - Meetings with Med-INA

* Apart from the activities undertaken under Objective 4, MedWet attended the following meetings, in order to promote networking, forge synergies and ensure its presence in fora of Mediterranean cooperation:

1. MAVA Strategy Workshops
2. Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund meeting (invited by Doga Dernegi – BirdLife in Turkey)
3. Launch of the Mediterranean Climate Change Initiative (invited by the Institute for Climate & Energy Security)
4. Mediterranean Forum of IUCN + 10th Anniversary of the Malaga centre
5. First user workshop of the GlobWetland II project

3. Financial report for Year 2010

The figures below are in €.

1€ = 1,30 CHF (exchange rate of 18 Feb. 2011)

	Budgetary Lines	Revised 2010 Budget	2010 Actual Expenses
1	Staff	181,081	166,186
2	Consultants	23,518	21,669
3	Travel expenses	26,500	10,420
4	Networking and Outreach	11,000	9,107
5	Equipment purchase	3,500	3,925
6	Operational costs	15,025	12,669
7	Creation of reserve 2011 fund	9,629	9,629
	TOTAL	270,253	233,605
Sources of income (donors)		income received	
	Greece (Host Country) contribution		170,000.00
	MedWet Countries contribution		97,653.00
	Bank interest		517.33
	TOTAL		268,170.33

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2011

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:

obj	activities	results/outputs	Indicators
1. To enhance Communication, Education and Public Awareness activities			
1.1	Creation of a MedWet newsletter with the collaboration of the MWO	- better visibility and more frequent information to Mediterranean actors	Dissemination of the newsletter
1.2	a. Complementary dissemination of Ramsar WWD2011 material and b. preparation for WWD2012	b. Wider dissemination to Mediterranean stakeholders in collaboration with Ramsar Secretariat and enhanced WWD section	Increase in the number of recipients of the WWD2012 material -more response from FP's
1.3	Improvement of MedWet website	1. Include a photogallery 2. more updates of news	Increase in the number of visitors
1.4	Ramsar Video (animated from Changwon COP10)	Subtitles in Greek	Dissemination to Greek NGO's, research institutes and the Ministry of Environment.
1.5	Creation of a Mediterranean stakeholders database from the 27 countries	Better targeting and dissemination of Ramsar and MedWet material and information and the MWO first report.	Database completed (and enhanced gradually)
2. To involve young people in MedWet activities and enhance wetland knowledge.			
2.1	Involvement of young students in the Grado+20 Symposium	-RPG to be played in four countries -footage of RPG to be edited and presented in the Symposium	- Students from 5 countries present in the Grado+20 Symposium.
2.2	Enhancement and dissemination of the Role Playing Game on Mediterranean wetlands	- Create a downloadable form of the RPG to be easily played by young people in the Mediterranean	- The RPG online in the MedWet School section.
2.3	Visit to Greece by the College d'île Rousse	- Students will be involved in environmental education activities in Greece	- The actual visit (to be presented in the 2011 report)
3. To facilitate project development and assist in the implementation of key projects on Mediterranean wetland conservation and management.			
3.1	Proposals for LIFE+ communication and information	- More funds to raise awareness on wetlands to various audiences and assist the needs of the MWO	-Proposal submitted
3.2	Involvement and assistance to Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory	Much more proactive involvement in the MWO.	- Creation of common newsletter
3.3	Involvement and assistance to GlobWetland II project	To continue helping this project in terms of communication.	-website and newsletter promotion.
3.4	Marine managed Areas network	To be actively involved in wetlands and coastal aspects of this project	Concrete results like reports, partnership creation
3.5	Medwet NGO's network	Redraft the proposal to address the needs of the MWO, MedWet Culture and CEPA	Proposal submitted to MAVA foundation.
3.6	Re-activation of the MedWet online Inventory database	Better use of it in the Mediterranean region and re formulated to assist MWO.	-Report of the status and new directions compiled
4. To coordinate with other international initiatives in the region, and globally			
4.1	Collaboration with BlackSeaWet RRI, GWP-Med, UNEP-MAP UfM joint activities and initiatives.	Involvement and support of sister-initiatives and long term partnerships.	Active participation and involvement in proposals for drafting strategy guidelines.
4.2	Involvement in Prespa Transboundary Park	Support to this transboundary cooperation.	Attendance as Advisory Board member and Observer to the PPCC
5. To activate and bring together the MedWet Committee			
5.1	More regular contact with MedWet Focal Points and possible introduction of CEPA focal points	MedWet Focal Points to provide information and assistance. Better targeting for CEPA dissemination.	-responsiveness of FP's
5.3	Planning for the Grado+20 International Symposium	Once location is finalized, the Grado+20 will be the priority of the Secretariat	-Successful grado+20 Symposium.
5.4	Launching of the MedWet Culture network	-Better focus on cultural issues of wetlands and collection of new and interesting information and best practice examples	- Website online - Increasing membership.

5. Financial plan for the year 2011

The figures below are in €.

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	Budgetary Lines	2011 Budget	
1	Staff	161,383	
2	Consultants	52,000	
3	Travel expenses	25,000	
4	Networking and Outreach	9,000	
5	Equipment purchase	5,000	
6	Operational costs	15,500	
7	Creation of reserve 2011 fund	1,500	
	TOTAL	269,383	
	Sources of income (donors)		Expected INCOME
	Greece (Host Country) contribution		170,000
	MedWet Countries contribution		108,513
	Bank interest		300
	TOTAL		278,813