

**NEREUS – CURRENT Activities**

**NEREUS BY COUNTRY**

Specific activities within specific countries have been developed (see next table), the most recent being the adoption (December 2012) by the Ministry of Environment of Lebanon of its national strategy for marine protected areas.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Cooperation/coordination</b>
Albania <sup>1</sup>	-Organization of the first international conference on marine Conservation and Integrated Coastal zone management -Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	RAC/SPA - MedWET
Algeria	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters (under development)	IUCN North Africa
Bosnia Herzegovina	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	RAC/SPA - MedWET
Croatia	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	RAC/SPA - MedWET
Egypt	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	IUCN North Africa
Lebanon	-National strategy on Marine Protected Areas -Identification and preliminary of MPAs sites for declaration -Identification of training needs for MPAs management	RAC/SPA
Montenegro	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters -Definition of needs and option for national conservation with a particular focus on MPAs	RAC/SPA – MedWET IUCN South Eastern Europe Office,
Morocco	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters -MPAs and fisheries (follow-up of recent activities and future options)	IUCN North Africa
Slovenia	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	RAC/SPA – MedWET
Tunisia	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	IUCN North Africa
Turkey	-Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	

<sup>1</sup> In Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro, activities of NEREUS are linked with RAC/SPA in the framework of **MedMPAnet Project** – Regional Project for the Development of a Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MPAs) Network through the boosting of MPA Creation and Management (<http://medmpanet.rac-spa.org/>). The MedMPAnet Project is implemented in the framework of the UNEP/MAP-GEF MedPartnership, with the financial support of EC, AECID and FFEM.

### NEREUS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL BY TOPICS

Topic	Countries	Partners involved & end users
Review of legislation and institutions in charge of environmental matters	All countries in the previous table except Lebanon (GEF project planned on this topic)	All partners, plus the Mediterranean Action Plan
Events on marine and coastal conservation	Albania	Medwet
Inventory and database on MPAs	All	MEDPAN, RAC/SPA
Identification and proposals for the creation of marine protected areas, the nearshore component	Lebanon, Alboran sea, Montenegro, Albania	
Creation of marine protected areas, the offshore component Existing instruments of management conservation offshore or in deep waters (e.g. fishery restricted areas FRA of GFCM) for declaration as SPAMis or national MPAs	All concerned Mediterranean countries (14)	All partners plus GFCM-FAO, MAP-UNEP and other regional seas programmes
Identification of networks of marine (and coastal) protected areas	Lebanon, Alboran Sea	All partners plus national administrations, conservationists, MAP-UNEP
Capacity building on MPAs, preparation of documents and lectures on specific topics, including ecosystems and species importance	All Mediterranean, topics such as seagrasses and blue carbon are considered	

### NEREUS BY PARTNERS

Coordination	(based on MOU or MOC)
ACCOBAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation to the scientific committee</li> <li>- Country training on interference between dolphins and fisheries (under development)</li> </ul>
RAC/SPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation to review and analysis of different initiatives such as SPA/BIO</li> <li>- Offshore conservation in relation with GFCM-FRA</li> <li>- SPAMI identification in the high seas</li> <li>- SPAMI management, evaluation and support to countries management such as the national park of Al Hoceima in Morocco</li> <li>- Legislation in the Adriatic countries (environment, marine and wetlands protected areas)</li> <li>- National strategies for MPAs (Lebanon)</li> <li>- Identification and designation of new MPAs or of potential networks of MPAs (Alboran, Lebanon)</li> </ul>
MEDPAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation to the MedPAN association board</li> <li>- Participation to the MPAs forum organization committee</li> <li>- Inventory, database and management evaluation on MPAs</li> <li>- Participation to the MPA forum in Turkey</li> </ul>
MEDWET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation to the steering Committee of MedWet</li> <li>- Legislation in the Adriatic countries (environment, marine and wetlands protected areas)</li> <li>- Identification and designation of coastal wetlands as MPAs</li> </ul>