PLAN BLEU
MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY ON ENVIRONMENT
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UNEP
10% of the global biodiversity of flowering plants, of which more than half endemic
Carbon stock estimated at 5 billion tonnes

Mediterranean region, first tourist destination in the world
80 million of Mediterranean people face water shortage
30% of world maritime traffic near artificialized coastline
Nearly 40% of Mediterranean people live in urban areas
18% of marine macroscopic species in only 1% of the world ocean area
Fossil energy: 76% of primary energy demand, renewable energy: 11% of energy mix

Plan Bleu produces studies and scenarios for the future in order to raise awareness of Mediterranean stakeholders and decision-makers regarding environment and sustainable development issues in the region.

Located in Sophia Antipolis and Marseille, Plan Bleu is managed by an association under French law (1901 law). Activities are carried out by a 15-person team, being supported by Mediterranean experts and validated by the Countries’ focal points.

Funding is ensured by Mediterranean countries and the European Union, as well as by an allocation from the French Ministry for the Environment and some contributions to the common works and projects provided by various institutions and partners.

**OUR MISSIONS**

- Observing environment and development to enlighten decision makers
- Shaping possible futures for sustainable development
- Monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development
- Integrating climate change as a priority
- Supporting the transition towards a green and blue economy
- Providing socioeconomic insights for the appropriate management of Mediterranean resources

**SOME KEY FIGURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

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- 13% of marine macroscopic species in only 1% of the world ocean area
- Fossil energy: 76% of primary energy demand, renewable energy: 11% of energy mix
- 2 to 3°C temperature rising by 2050
- 2 out of 3 Mediterranean people live in urban areas
- 500 million inhabitants, 7% of world population
- 2 million fishing vessels, 93% of which is artisanal fishing
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**Plan Bleu**, Regional Activity Centre of Mediterranean Action Plan

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In 1976, the Mediterranean-rim countries and the European Community adopted the Barcelona Convention to protect marine environment and its coastal areas. The necessity to address collectively development and environment in order to build a sustainable future for the Mediterranean is already fully integrated by signatory countries.

Plan Bleu is one of the Regional Activity Centres put in place by France since 1977 for the benefit of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Its program of work is approved every two years by the Contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention. A lot of publications are available on Plan Bleu's website: www.planbleu.org

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