

# The Review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

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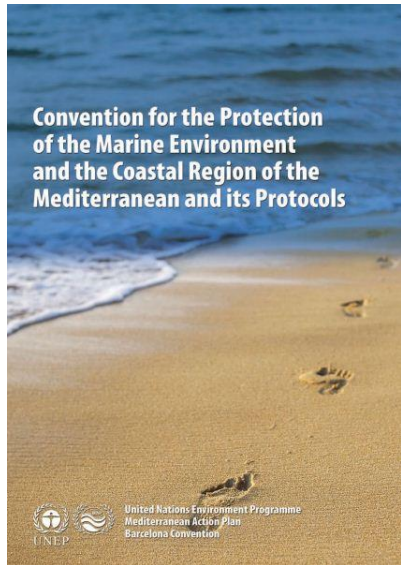
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# Barcelona Convention – Mediterranean Action Plan

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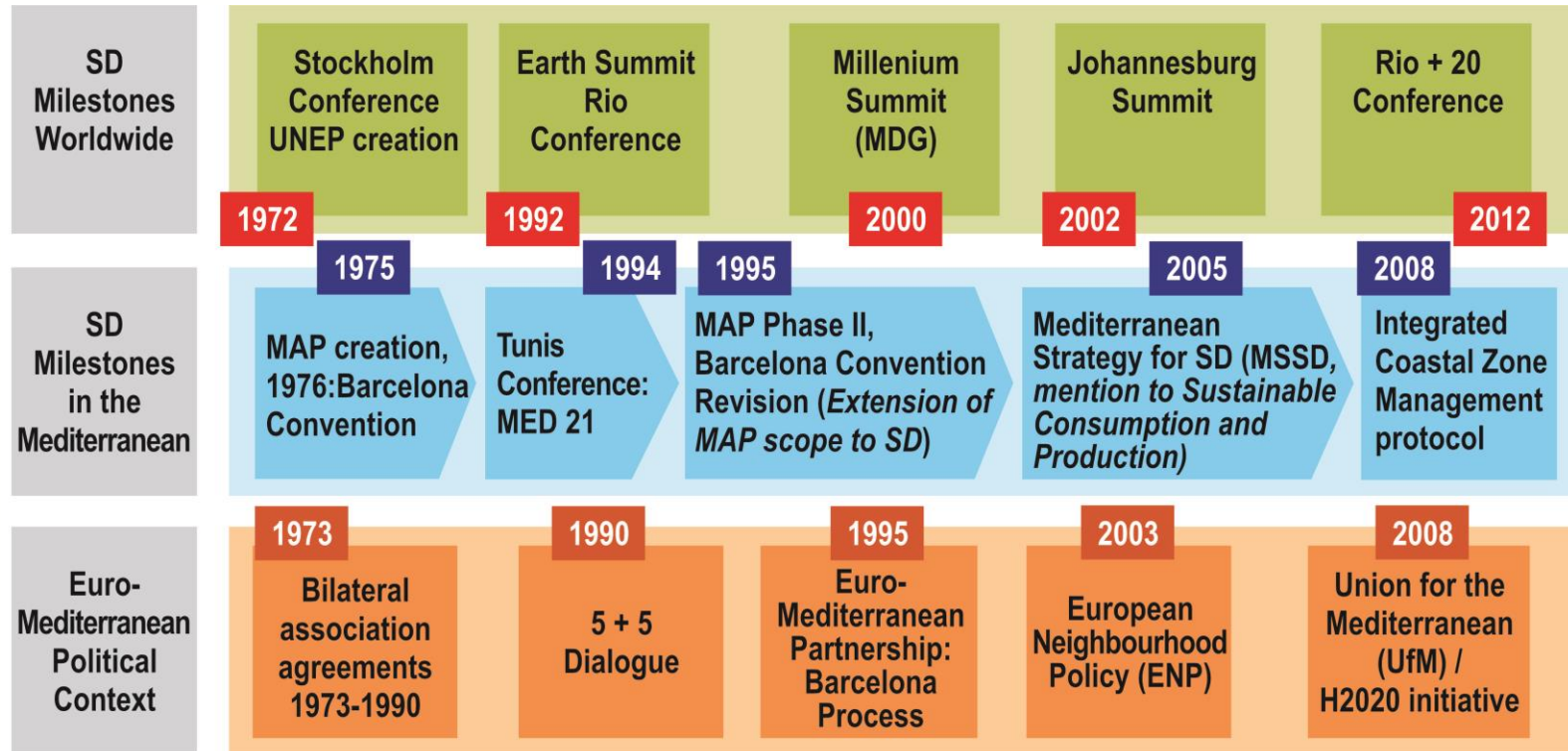
- 1975: The Mediterranean countries and the European Community adopted the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP).
- MAP is the first-ever Regional Seas Programme under UNEP's umbrella.
- 1976: Contracting Parties adopted the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (Barcelona Convention).
- 1995: Amended and adopted as the “Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean”.
- It has 6 Protocols.
- Today, it is an institutional cooperation framework gathering the 21 Mediterranean countries and the European Union.
- It is a resilient cooperation tool among Mediterranean countries to protect the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean.



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# Sustainable development milestones at global and Mediterranean levels

*The founding acts of sustainable development in the Mediterranean greatly benefited from the impulse given by Stockholm 1972 and Rio 1992 Conferences...*



SD = Sustainable Development; MAP = Mediterranean Action Plan



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# Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)

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- Prepared by the MCSD (advisory body), the MSSD was adopted in 2005 by all Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
- The MSSD provides an integrative policy framework for achieving the vision of a sustainable Mediterranean region, as well as for the deployment of sustainable development policies of riparian countries.
- It is also a regional response to the global agenda about sustainable development: Agenda 21, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), etc.



# MSSD Framework

## **OBJECTIVE 1**

Contribute to economic development

## **OBJECTIVE 2**

Reduce social disparities by implementing the MDGs

## **OBJECTIVE 3**

Change unsustainable production and consumption patterns and ensure the sustainable management of natural resources

## **OBJECTIVE 4**

Improve governance at the local, national and regional levels

**For reaching these 4 objectives, the MSSD call to progress in 7 priority fields of action and to improve the governance:**

Promoting sustainable management of the **sea and coastal zones** and taking urgent action to put an end to the degradation of coastal zones

Promoting sustainable **urban** development

Promoting high quality **agriculture** and sustainable **rural** development

Promote sustainable **tourism**

Ensuring sustainable mobility through the appropriate management of **transport**

Managing **energy** demand and mitigating the effects of **climate change**

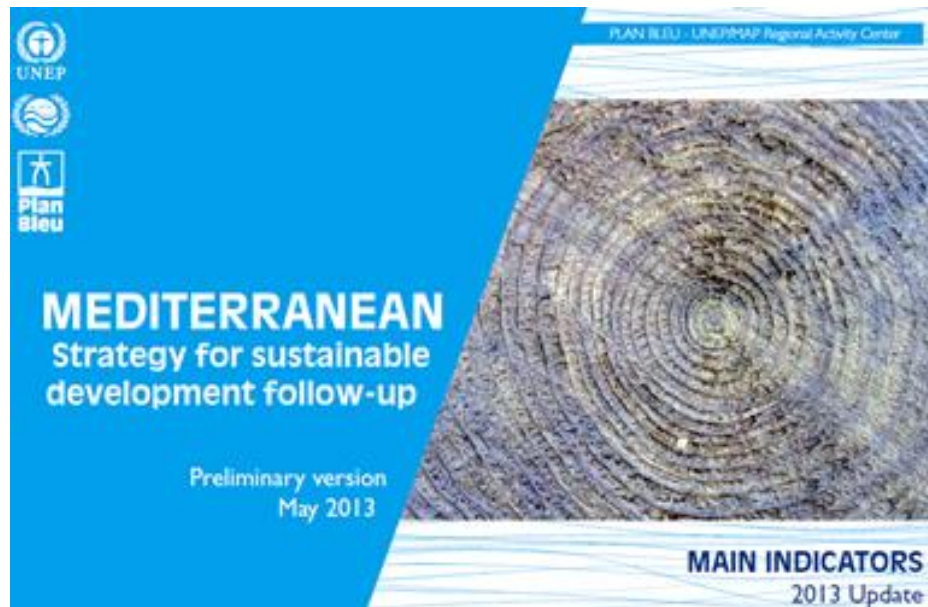
Improving integrated **water** resource and water demand management

**Governance:** Mobilizing actors, implementing the strategy and monitoring progress



# Monitoring system allowing to provide an overview of progress on sustainable development in the Med region

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In terms of reporting and follow-up, the MSSD has provisions for monitoring based on **34 priority indicators**, allowing periodic regional assessments



- “Assessment on the implementation of the Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development (MSSD) for the period 2005 – 2010 (ODI Report, 2011)”
- 15th Meeting of the MCSD (Malta, June 2013) recommendations
- COP 18 (Istanbul, 2013)

*“Request MAP Secretariat to launch the process of the review of the MSSD with a view to submitting a revised MSSD for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties in their 19th Meeting”*

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## MSSD 2.0 Focus Areas, as recommended by MCSD Steering Committee

1. **Seas and coasts**; including efforts towards reaching GES of Mediterranean marine and coastal ecosystems
2. **Natural resources, rural development and food**; including links not only to marine and coastal, but also terrestrial habitats, and to fresh waters
3. **Climate**; including the impacts of climate change on natural resources and socioeconomic sectors and possible responses
4. **Sustainable cities**; including coastal urbanisation and **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**, land transport, waste management, infrastructure, housing and energy
5. **Transition towards a green economy**; including **SCP**
6. **Governance**, including financing, Aarhus Convention–related issues such as public participation, and cooperation.



## MSSD 2.0 and SDGs

<i>MSSD theme</i>	<i>SDGs</i>
1. Sea and coastal areas	SDG 14
2. Natural resources rural development, and food	SDG 2, 6 and 15
3. Climate	SDG 13
4. Sustainable cities	SDG 7 and 11
5. Transition towards a Green economy	SDG 8, 9 and 12
6. Governance	SDG 16 and 17
<i>Cross-cutting SDGs</i>	
Social issues	SDG 1, 3, 4, 5 and 10

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