

The Review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

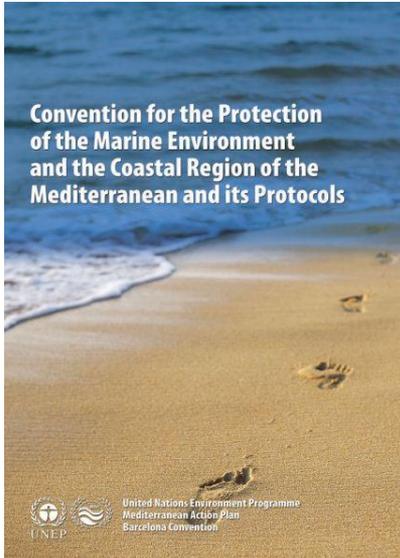
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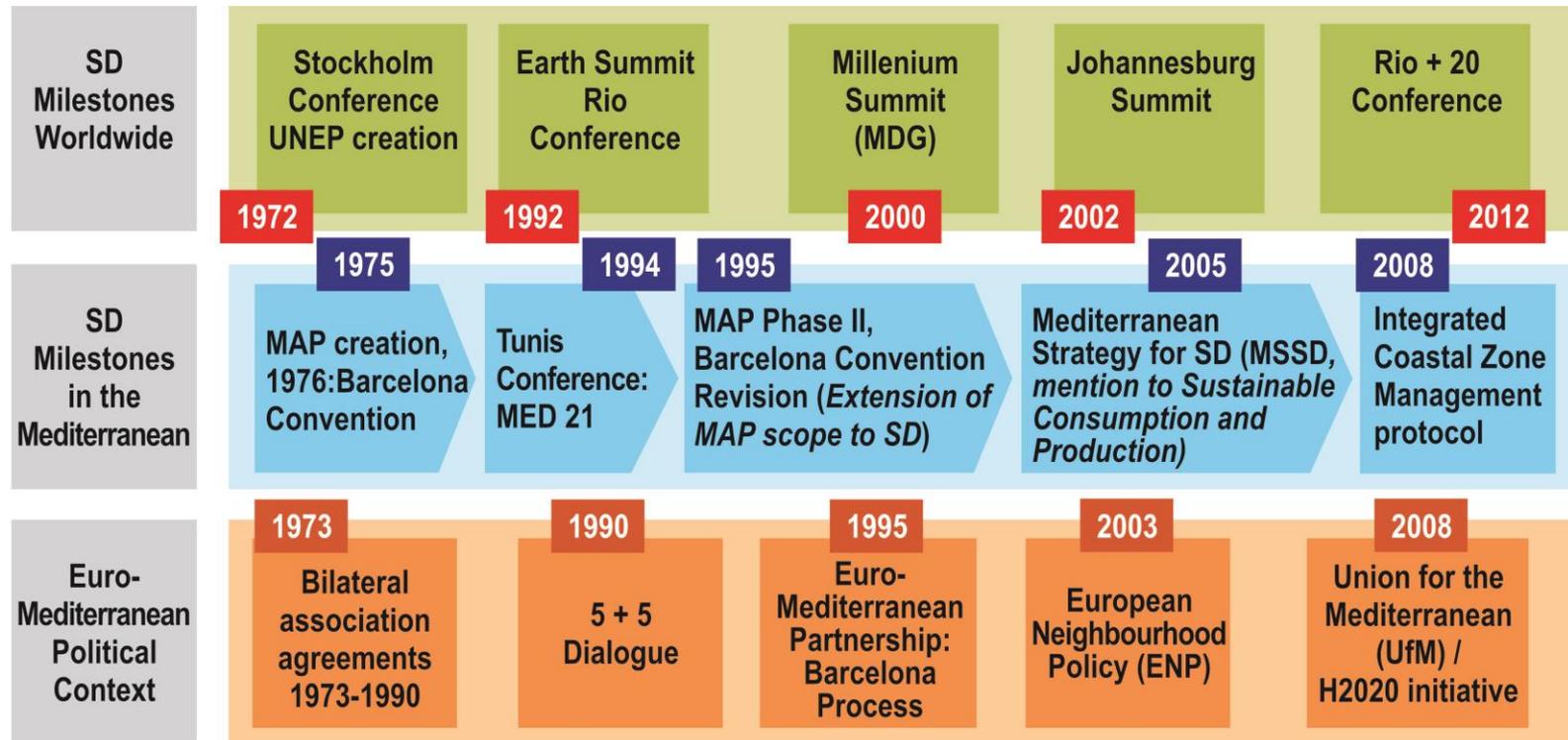
- 1975: The Mediterranean countries and the European Community adopted the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP).
- MAP is the first-ever Regional Seas Programme under UNEP's umbrella.
- 1976: Contracting Parties adopted the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (Barcelona 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)



- 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**

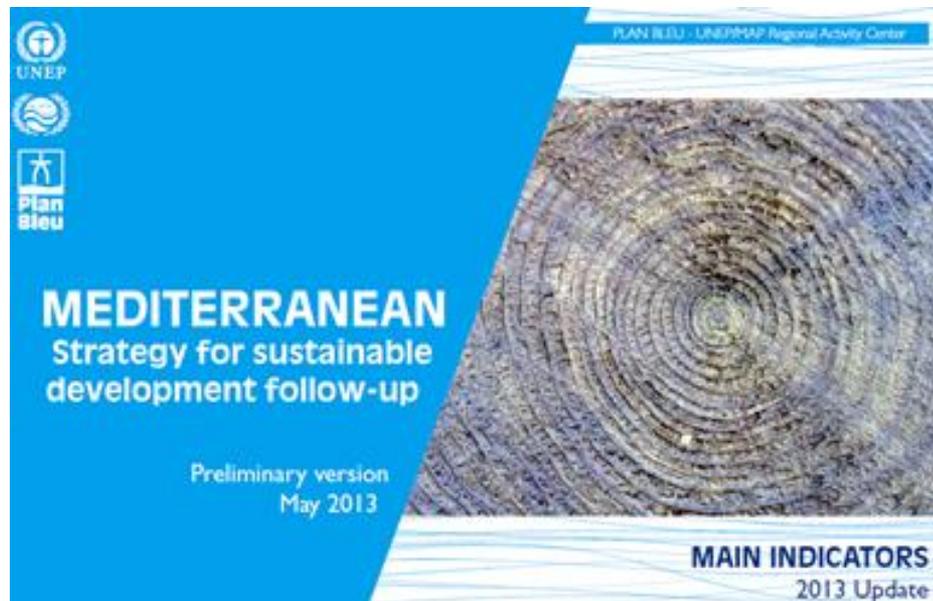
Managing **energy** demand and mitigating the effects of **climate change**

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



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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