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Resolution 64. Integrated coastal management in the Mediterranean – the Barcelona Convention



Year	Congress
2008	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Iberian Council for the Defence of Nature, Malaga Provincial Council. Department of the Environment, Government of the Balearic Islands. Nature and Man Foundation</p>

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Petition	
<p>Calls on Mediterranean countries to sign and ratify the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, of the Barcelona Convention, formalized in Almeria in January 2008; and calls on IUCN's Mediterranean members to promote the objectives of the Protocol throughout the Mediterranean basin, as well as in local and/or regional actions. Urges the Director General to encourage the implementation of integrated management systems for the maritime-terrestrial strip of the Mediterranean coastal regions, both to benefit future generations and to maintain and conserve the natural and cultural values of the strip.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Resumen de las acciones realizadas con efecto en España	
<p>Andalusian Strategy for Integrated Coastal Zone Management. (2008). Pegasus Project: for the conservation of the Mediterranean (2010). Alboran Project. (2011). Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP) Levante de Almería. Strategy for the integrated management of coastal areas in the Mar Menor and its environment. (2018) The UM is participating in a project to encourage the sustainable development of tourism in the Mediterranean. (2020). Co-evolution of coastal human activities & Med natural systems for sustainable tourism & Blue Growth in the Mediterranean. (2019-2022) MED Inherit project. (2014-2020, Murcia) Sustainable tourism strategies to conserve and enhance the natural maritime and coastal heritage of the Mediterranean. The impact of tourism in the Mediterranean, under debate in Murcia. (2019) Presentation of a pilot activity for the integration of INHERITURA areas in Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). Interreg MED Project INHERIT. (2019) IUCN - Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation: - MED Programme 2013-2016. - IUCN Mediterranean Programme 2017-2020. A spatial analysis based on the modelling of human pressures throughout the Mediterranean basin has identified the marine and coastal areas that suffer the greatest cumulative impact from multiple pressures in the Mediterranean, including the Adriatic and Alboran seas and some coastal areas within Spain's territorial waters.</p> <p>UPDATE 2022 2020 report on the state of the environment and development in the Mediterranean. (2020). IUCN. Center for Mediterranean Cooperation. Annual Report 2020. (2020). Maritime Space Management Plans. III. Diagnosis. The maritime sectors: current situation and forecasts of future or potential development C. Marine Demarcation of the Strait and Alborán. (2021). Maritime Space Management Plans. III. Diagnosis. The maritime sectors: current situation and forecasts of future or potential development D. Levantino-Balearic Marina Demarcation. (2021). FEMP operational programme. (2022). Actions in the Mediterranean.</p>	

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[The role of marine desalination in the roadmap for a fair water transition in Spain \(2023\)](#). The Foundation "Nueva Cultura del Agua" created this report, whose eighth article talks about the desalination of marine water, a technique that presents many advantages compared to other alternatives for the supply of hydric resources.

[Contributions of the EU MED-9 \(EU\) to the protection of the Mediterranean: the path to a possible reinforced cooperation? \(2023\)](#). In this paper they explore the contributions that the EU MED-9 alliance can give to the Mediterranean protection.

[Execution Report 2022 - Accepted EC 07.25.2023 \(July 2023\)](#). 2022 FEMP report that includes conservation actions in fishing related Mediterranean coastal areas.

[IUCN. Center for Mediterranean Cooperation. Annual Report 2021 \(2022\)](#).

Legislation:

[Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean \(2008\)](#) In accordance with the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, the Parties shall establish a common framework for integrated coastal zone management in the Mediterranean Sea and take the necessary measures to strengthen regional cooperation to this end. Ratified by [the Instrument of Ratification of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, done at Madrid on 21 January 2008 \(2011\)](#)

[ICZM protocol](#). (2010) On the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean.

[Law 3/2020, of July 27, for the recovery and protection of the Mar Menor](#).

[Law 8/2020, of July 30, for the protection and management of the coastline. Catalonia](#).

[Council Decision \(EU\) 2022/9 of 2 December 2021](#) on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 22nd meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Mediterranean Coastal Region (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols, regarding the adoption of a decision to modify the annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Caused by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (Dumping Protocol).

[Royal Decree 150/2023, of February 28](#), which approves the marine space management plans of the five Spanish marine demarcations. These plans will affect the management from the Mediterranean coast.



[Royal Decree 35/2023, of January 24](#), which approves the revision of the hydrological plans of the hydrographic demarcations of the Western Cantabrian, Guadalquivir, Ceuta, Melilla, Segura and Júcar, and the Spanish part of the hydrographic demarcations of Eastern Cantabrian, Miño-Sil, Duero, Tajo, Guadiana and Ebro. The correct revision of the hydrological plans which affect coastal zones will have a positive impact on coastal conservation.

[Law 9/2022, of November 23](#), on the legal regime and procedural of the activities subject to integrated environmental authorization. This law affects the environmental management of coasts in the Balearic Islands.

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Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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