



WES-BCA Kick-off Meeting

**C_1-N-PS-1: Support for EQA in Preparing
the Palestine 7th National Report (7NR)
under the Convention on Biological
Diversity (CBD)**

10 September 2025

11:00-14:00 Ramallah time

Online

Agenda

WES-BCA KICK-OFF MEETING Support for EQA in Preparing the Palestine 7th National Report (7NR) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Activity Code: C1_N-PS-1

Wednesday 10 September 2025
11:00-13:00 Ramallah Time (10:00-12:00 CET)
Online



AGENDA

Time (Ramallah)

10:45 - 11:00	Connecting to the platform
11:00 - 11:30	Welcome and opening remarks
10'	Introduction to the meeting Mr. Anis Ismail, Key Environment Expert, WES-BCA
20'	Opening remarks - Prof. Michael Scoullios, WES-BCA Team Leader - Eng. Ahmad Abu Thaher, Deputy Chairperson (EQA) - Eng. Samer Kalbounieh, MSc., Act. Director General for Projects and International Relations (EQA) & WES-BCA Focal Point, Palestine - Mr. Frederic Fourtune, Programme Manager, Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank & Gaza Strip, UNRWA)
11:30 - 12:45	Presentation of the activity and general discussion
10'	Presentation of the Water and Environment Support-Biodiversity and Climate Action project (WES-BCA) Mr. Anis ISMAIL, Key Environment Expert, WES-BCA
15'	Communication, impact monitoring and stakeholders' participation - Ms. Lisa Papadogeorgaki, Key Communication Expert, WES-BCA - Dr. Emad Adly, Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Expert, WES-BCA
15'	General framework of the national activity Dr. Imadeddin Albaba, Director of Biodiversity Dept, EQA
20'	Presentation of the WES-BCA national activity (C1_N-PS-1) in Palestine - Ms. Eleni Avramidi, International Biodiversity Expert (Lead expert), WES-BCA - Mr. Jacob Fric, International Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA - Dr. Anton Khalailieh, Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA - Dr. Yara Dahdal, Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA - Dr. Elias Handal, Junior Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA
15'	Discussion: Challenges and expected results
12:45 - 13:00	End of meeting



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Opening Remarks

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Presentation of the Water and Environment Support- Biodiversity and Climate Action project (WES-BCA)

10 September 2025

Online

Presented by:

Mr. Anis Ismail, Environment Expert, WES-BCA

WES-BCA in a snapshot



- The EU funded “Water and Environment Support-Biodiversity and Climate Action (WES-BCA) in the Neighbourhood South region” project aims to improve the protection of the environment, the restoration of biodiversity and the management of scarce water resources, while enhancing the resilience to climate change in the Mediterranean region, strengthening the formulation and enforcement of the relevant policies of the Partner Countries and the two regional political frameworks, namely the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the Barcelona Convention.
- It strives to enhance the capacity of relevant stakeholders to support them in formulating and or implementing policies in the issues mentioned above.
- It is meant to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve public understanding, stimulating behavioural changes needed for appropriate climate action and environmental protection.
- WES-BCA is the continuation of the WES project and therefore capitalises on the experience of previous successful EU funded regional projects (WES, SWIM-H2020 SM, SWIM SM, Horizon 2020 CB/MEP).

WES-BCA Identity



Partner Countries: 8 Countries in North Africa and the Middle East



Duration: November 2024 - November 2027



Budget: 7.000.000 Euros



Team Leader: Professor Michael Scoulllos, scoulllos@wes-med.eu

Environment Expert: Mr. Anis Ismail, a.ismail@wes-med.eu

Water Expert: Ms. Suzan Taha, taha@wes-med.eu

Communication Expert: Ms. Lisa Papadogeorgaki, lpa@ldk.gr

WES-BCA Consortium



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Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)



Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+)



Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari)



Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)



MedWaves, the Regional Activity Centre of UNEP/MAP for Sustainable Consumption and Production

WES-BCA Components



The project will be implemented through **two** complementary, closely related and mutually supportive **Components**:

Component I - focusing on Water, Biodiversity and Environment

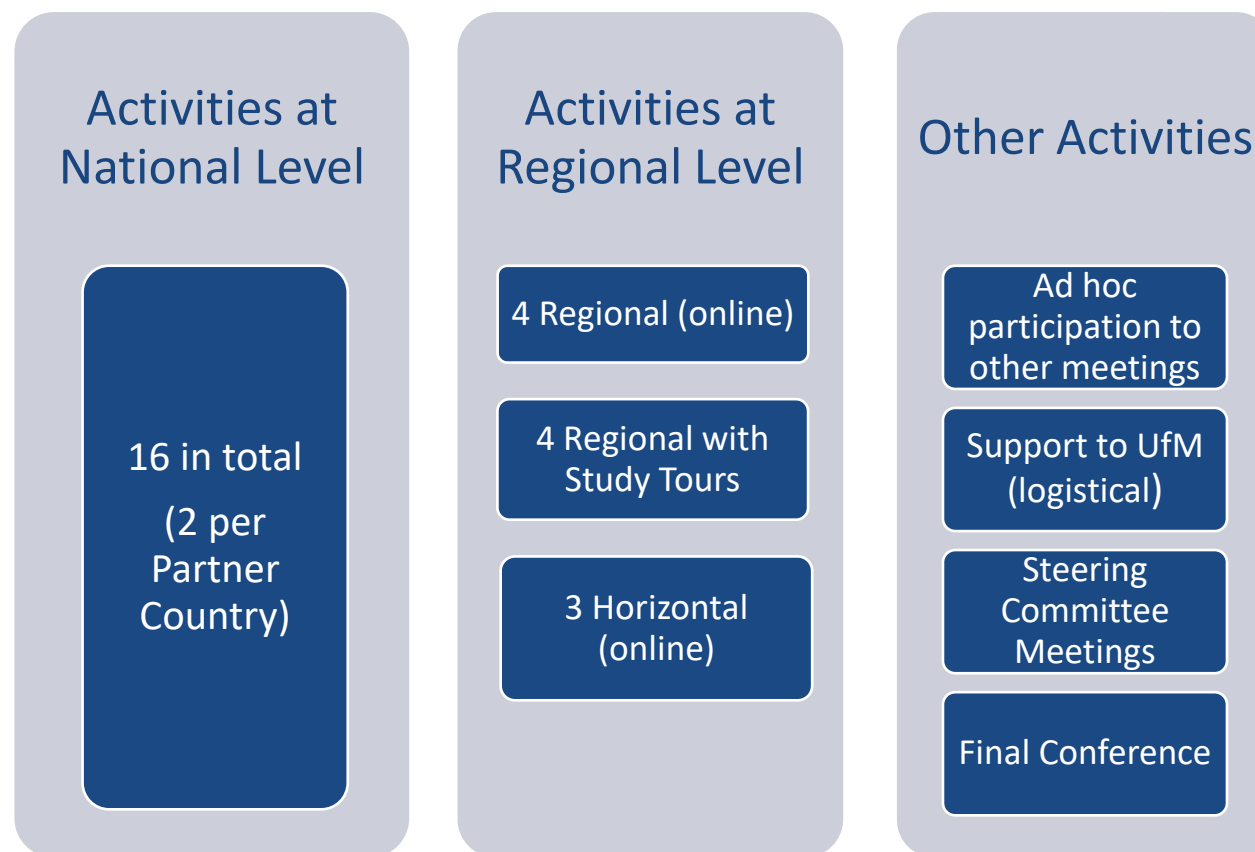
Component II - focusing on Communication and Outreach

Under **Component I**, the issues covered focus on:

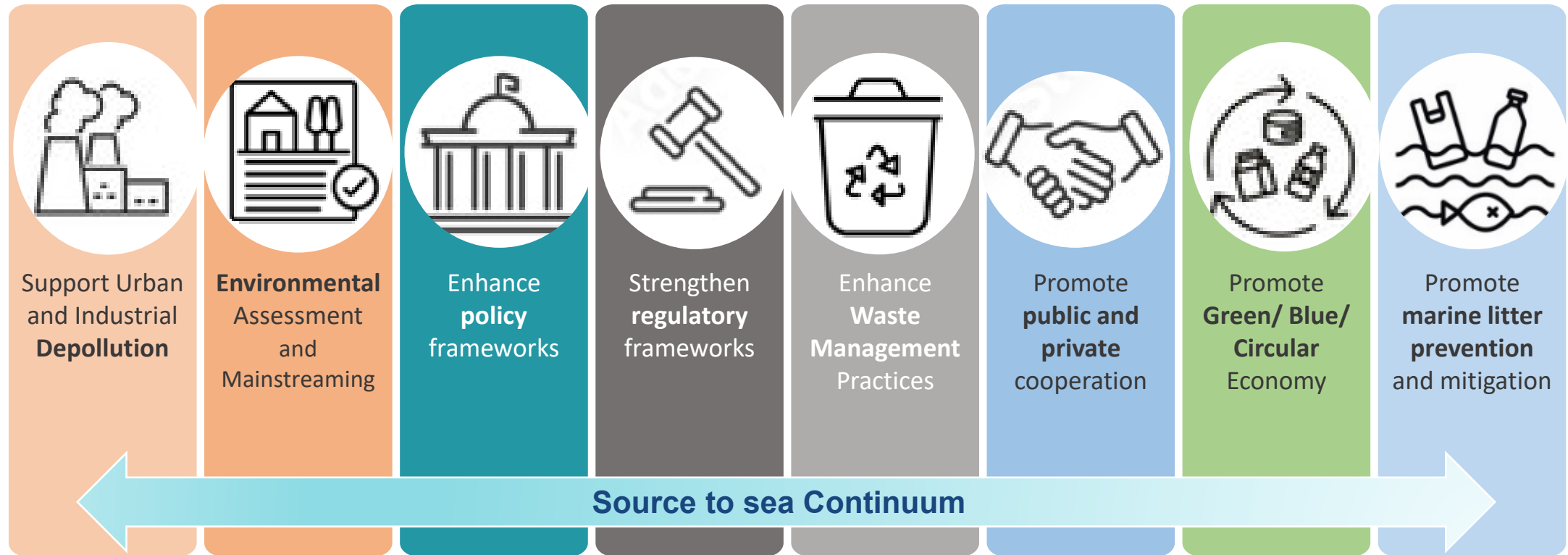
- **Topic 1:** Prevention & Reduction of Pollution
- **Topic 2:** Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter
- **Topic 3:** Promoting the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus approach
- **Topic 4:** Promotion of water efficiency at all steps and levels of water management and use
- **Topic 5:** Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities

Under **Component II**, the project aims to raise awareness and improve understanding by the general public (and specific segments of the population), including youth and women, stimulating adoption of appropriate behaviours and attitudes towards improved **Climate Action** and effective **Environmental Protection**.

Expected Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Outputs of Component I on Water, Biodiversity and Environment



Tackling Plastic Pollution and Fostering Collaboration Across the Mediterranean





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Component I, Communication Plan

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- Disseminate information and knowledge on all WES-BCA activities;
- Increase awareness on the protection of the environment, the restoration of biodiversity, the management of scarce water resources and the effects of climate change in the Mediterranean region;
- Increase the commitment of decision-makers and key stakeholders at national and local level;
- Mobilise the civil society, especially young people and women;
- Ensure the visibility of WES-BCA and the EU support for WES-BCA and other projects/initiatives related to environmental issues in the Southern Neighbourhood countries.

Communication plan for this activity

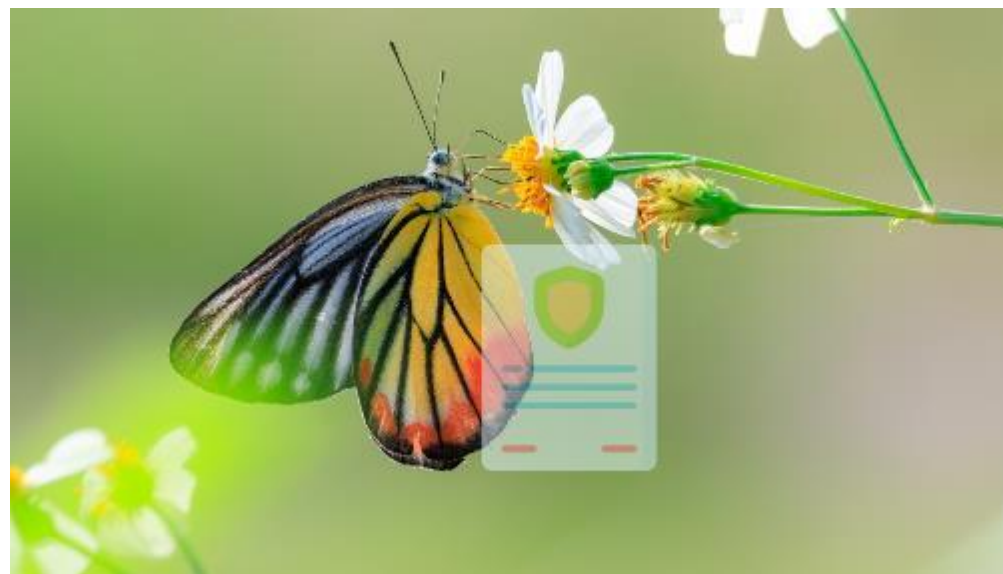
- ❑ Key insights will be shared to support biodiversity conservation in Palestine.
- ❑ Communication efforts will highlight best practices in ecosystem protection, national reporting, and policy alignment with global and regional frameworks, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Barcelona Convention, and GreenerMed2030.
- ❑ The integration of biodiversity conservation into national strategy in Palestine, including ecosystem restoration and pollution reduction, will also be emphasized. Targeted news items and outreach materials will enhance knowledge exchange, strengthening biodiversity governance and national reporting capacities under WES-BCA.

All communication material will be sent out to target groups (as mentioned in the slide on stakeholders' engagement below), but most importantly to media contacts in Palestine and key regional communication platforms.

Communication Tools



- ☐ Press Releases/Announcements
- ☐ Social media posts;
- ☐ Best Practices;
- ☐ Deliverables published via the website;
- ☐ Photos.



All news items will be published in English, French and Arabic.

Press Clippings



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٢٠ ديسمبر 2024

المشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي ينطلق رسميًا!

عقد "مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي" في منطقة الجوار الجنوبي، الممول من الاتحاد الأوروبي، اجتماعه الافتتاحي، يوم الثلاثاء 17 كانون الأول/ديسمبر 2024، في بروكسل، بلجيكا. وأدأ السيد ستيفانوس دامتيجيس، مدير مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي في ملاحظاته الافتتاحية "بما نرى مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي (2024-2027) هو في الواقع استمرار لمشروع دعم المياه والبيئة (2019-2024)، ويستفيد من الخبرة الطويلة الأمد للمشروع الإقليمية الناجمة السابقة الممولة من الاتحاد الأوروبي (مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - آلية الدعم Horizon 2020، آلية دعم برنامج الإدارة المستدامة والمتكاملة للمياه، وبناء القدرات / برنامج البيئة المتوسيط Horizon 2020)، فإبني على تقة بنجاح تنفيذ أهداف مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي والتطلع المتواعدة".

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وسشارك في رئاسة الاجتماع السيد فريدريك فورتو، مدير برنامج السنة في المديرية العامة لتساعية الجوار ومتواعدة النوع والبيئة - فرع المياه والتنوع البيولوجي، في المجموعة الأوروبية، وهو أيضاً مدير كل من مشروعين WES و WES-BCA "أما على نفس من أن التعاون المتبادل السابق مع فريق مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة سوف يسهم بأن مشروع دعم المياه والبيئة - فرع التنوع البيولوجي والعمل المناخي، مع خالص عنصرين متميزين، تكمن صرافيتي، بتفاهة على المستويين الإقليمي والوطني، سوف يسهم في الحد من التلوث والتفاهة منه في منطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط، وحماية التنوع البيولوجي واستدامته، ما يجعل البلدان الشريكة أكثر قدرة على التكيف مع تضرر المناخ، مع تعزيز كفاءة استهلاك المياه".

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WES-BCA first online Kick-off Meeting of the environment activity in Lebanon

July 28, 2025

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The WES-BCA project has organised its first online kick-off meeting of the environment activity in Lebanon, on July 24, 2025. WES-BCA is to support the initial implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for selected single-use plastics (SUP) in Lebanon, with a focus on packaging plastic waste. The WES-BCA team of experts will provide technical and legal guidance for the development of a national EPR legal framework and assist in preparing relevant policy recommendations and related legal documents. It will also enhance national capacities and stakeholder engagement through targeted capacity-building workshops and consultations, promoting source separation, recycling technologies, and alignment with ongoing programs supporting EPR implementation for selected SUP. The activity is prepared with the collaboration of the Ministry of Environment of Lebanon. During the meeting, the team of WES-BCA experts presented the activity's action plan and discussed the issues raised with key stakeholders.



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نظم مشروع WES-BCA اجتماعًا تمهيدًا عبر الإنترنت حول النشاط المائي في لبنان، في 5 آب / أغسطس 2025.

يكمّن الهدف من هذا النشاط في إطار مشروع WES-BCA في إثراء المعارف والدراية بالطول الطبيعية لإدارة العواصف ومياه الأمطار وتعزيز البيئة/التنوع البيولوجي، لأجل استعراض أفضل الممارسات الإدارية لهذه الحلول، والتعلم من الخبرات المكتسبة من استخدام الحلول الطبيعية في حالة تجريبية واحدة في لبنان من حيث الجدوى.

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الاجتماع التمهيدي الأول لمشروع WES-BCA عبر الإنترنت حول النشاط البيئي في لبنان (24/07/2025)

لقد نظم مشروع WES-BCA اجتماعه التمهيدي الأول عبر الإنترنت حول النشاط البيئي في لبنان، في 24 تموز/يوليو 2025.

من المقرر أن يدعم مشروع WES-BCA التنفيذ الأولي لمخطط مسؤولية المنتجين الموسعة لمجموعة مختارة من المواد البلاستيكية الأحادية الاستخدام في لبنان، مع التركيز على تقايات التخلص البلاستيكي.



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Overview

The EU funded "Water and Environment Support-Biodiversity and Climate Change (WES-BCA) project" in the Neighbourhood South region is the continuation of the WES project and aims to improve the protection of the environment, the restoration of biodiversity and the management of scarce w ... see more



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Stakeholders Engagement and Impact Assessment of the national activity

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Presented by:

Dr. Emad Adly, Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Non-Key Expert, WES-BCA

WES-BCA Impact Assessment Methodology (CI)

Interlinked aspects:

- Stakeholder engagement (involving the right people from the relevant institutions)
- Defining, monitoring and assessing expected impacts throughout the process on both personal and institutional levels



Stakeholders' Engagement → Important Impacts

The main stakeholders will be identified and targeted with the focal point and the partners. Stakeholders who could be involved in the activity (as applicable):

- Environment Quality Authority (EQA);
- Focal Points (FPs) for WES-BCA, CBD, Cartagena Protocol, and SBSTTA;
- Ministry of Local Government;
- Ministry of Health;
- Ministry of Agriculture;
- Law enforcement bodies (customs, border, tourism & environment police);
- Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Academic & Research institutions, NGOs, and CSOs (as available).

WES-BCA Impact Assessment Methodology



- Approval of Activities' ToRs (Relevant Stakeholders, Impacts and Indicators)
- Mobilizing candidates based on certain criteria to make sure the project serves the right target groups.
- Dynamic participatory activities involving quizzes, exercises etc.
- Evaluation immediately after the intervention.
- Follow-up and getting feedback (e-survey, interviews, capitalization questionnaires completed by FPs).

Engaging the right stakeholders is key!



- Participants from the government/ministries that can contribute to the decision-making process and in designing policies. From other stakeholder groups as well.
- WES-BCA to identify and invite relevant CSOs and NGOs from national networks.
- Gender and Youth aspects are well engaged.



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General Framework of the National Activity

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State of Palestine
Environment Quality Authority

General framework of the national biodiversity activity.

State of Palestine vs Inter-l Conventions relevant to Biodiversity.

Palestine is committed to several key international environmental conventions, including:

1. CBD.

Party since: 2015-04-02. By: Accession.

2. UNFCCC.

✓The 197th party to the Convention: 22-04-2016.

✓Signed and ratified the Paris Agreement which entered into force on the 4th of November 2016.

3. UNCCD.

29 -12- 2017 (Ratified).

3. (UNCLOS). UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Party since 2015. Depository of maritime since 2019.

- ❖ An NBSAP that will, in the words of CBD, ‘galvanize urgent and transformative action by governments, all communities, civil society, and businesses, to achieve the outcomes it sets out in its vision, mission, goals, and targets.’
- ❖ An NBSAP serves as the basic framework for national biodiversity action.
- ❖ The NBSAP is the main instrument for converting international biodiversity goals into a concerted national endeavor.

The Palestinian NBSAP, aligned with the Kunming-Montreal
Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) -(COP 15).

VISION: By 2050 human and natural communities will be
coexisting in harmony.

MISSION: Pal NBSAP sets parameters, conditions, & programs
to 2030.

Revision every 5 years.

Achieving the vision stated via participatory strategic planning,
implementation, capacity building, mainstreaming, and bridging
science-policy-practice gaps.

- ❖ The Palestinian NBSAP deals with global threats:
 - Climate change,
 - Over-exploitation,
 - Habitat destruction,
 - Invasive alien species,
 - Pollution.
- ❑ Decades of long Israeli occupation and colonization.



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Convention on
Biological Diversity

National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for the State of Palestine 2022

The national (NBSAP) main components are:

☐ Background assessment:

- ✓ A comprehensive review of Palestine's biodiversity, including its current status, importance to human well-being, and major threats like habitat loss, climate change, pollution, and invasive species.
- ✓ Long-term vision: An aspirational, long-term statement that reflects the desired state of biodiversity in the country.

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Six guiding principles/ Values were used to produce this updated NBSAP .

1. Grassroots involvement, (All levels of society have been involved in feeding into the planning and managing of natural resources).
2. Relying on post 2020 CBD frameworks coupled with the experience of other countries and local knowledge to create a strategy.
3. Empowerment through capacity building.
4. Respect for others & for the natural world leads to sustainability & coexistence with each other and with nature.
5. Indigenous knowledge, practices, & value systems should be used in addition to modern technology.
6. Environmental justice is an absolute right: every human being is entitled to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.

- **Strategic Goals (4),**
- **Objectives (6),**
- **Milestones (17),**
- **Targets (17) were set up from which 76 specific action plans were formulated collectively.**

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The assessment results identified a
27 PAs (28 with Wadi Gaza) aiming
to cover the representation of at least
10% of all vegetation cover types in
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Legislative issues.

Updating the Palestinian
environmental law within
the sustainable
development context.



Assessment of the Rich Biodiversity Areas (Ecological Sensitive Areas) of the National Spatial Plan in the West Bank. Ongoing



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WES-BCA Kick-off Meeting

C_1-N-PS-1: Support for EQA in Preparing the Palestine 7th National Report (7NR) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Presentation of the Activity

10 September 2025

Online

Presented by:

- Ms. Eleni Avramidi, International Biodiversity Lead expert, WES-BCA
- Mr. Jacob Fric, International Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA
- Dr. Anton Khalailieh, Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA
- Dr. Yara Dahdal, Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA
- Dr. Elias Handal, Junior Local Biodiversity Expert, WES-BCA

Team of WES-BCA experts



The activity will be conducted by a team of five experts:

- **Ms. Eleni Avramidi**, International Biodiversity expert (Lead expert), WES-BCA
- **Mr. Jacob Fric**, International Biodiversity expert, WES-BCA
- **Dr. Anton Khalailieh**, Local Biodiversity expert, WES-BCA
- **Dr. Yara Dahdal**, Local Biodiversity expert, WES-BCA
- **Dr. Elias Handal**, Junior Local Biodiversity expert, WES-BCA

The activity will be carried out under the leadership of **Team Leader Prof. Michael Scoullas**, the supervision of **Environmental Expert Mr. Anis Ismail**, and with contributions from **Stakeholder Engagement Expert Dr. Emad Adly** and **Communication Expert Ms. Lisa Papadogeorgaki**.

Main objective of the activity

This activity aims to provide targeted support to Palestine in aligning with the CBD, the Kunming-Montreal GBF, and Mediterranean biodiversity commitments, actively contributing to the preparation of its 7NR due in February 2026.

The specific objectives of the activity :

- Support the identification of needs and information gaps related to the 7NR reporting.
- Facilitate communication among the Focal Points (FPs) under the CBD and the key stakeholders involved in the 7NR reporting process.
- Provide technical support for the preparation and drafting of the 7NR

Tasks and expected results

TASK 1

Inception and Gap Assessment for the Preparation of the 7NR

- Gather and review available biodiversity data (NBSAP 2022, 6NR, monitoring, geospatial datasets, indicators, etc.) with EQA and local experts to identify gaps, capacity needs, and priority areas for 7NR.
- Prepare and share findings with EQA for feedback, then circulate to CBD Focal Point for review.
- Organise a hybrid meeting with EQA, CBD FP, key stakeholders, WES-BCA, and possibly CBD Secretariat to present objectives, methodology, and findings.
- Use the meeting to validate results, address data limitations, prioritise technical support needs, and agree on the way forward

Result 1 : Inception Report produced with stakeholder mapping, data review, gaps, priorities, and 7NR methodology.

Tasks and expected results

TASK 2

Engagement in the Communication and Information Exchange among FPs under the CBD and Key Stakeholders

- Organise and moderate 2–3 monthly online meetings (in addition to inception) to ensure dialogue, updates, and issue-solving among CBD FP, EQA, and stakeholders.
- Facilitate exchange of data and progress updates, with contributions from CBD Secretariat and stakeholders, keeping all parties informed and engaged.
- 7NR preparation will rely solely on data provided during this process; gaps remaining afterward will not be addressed by the Consultant.

Result 2: Consultant, CBD FP, and stakeholders engaged via meetings to exchange information for 7NR preparation.

Tasks and expected results

TASK 3

Preparation of the 7NR

- Provide technical support to EQA on the preparation and drafting of the 7NR, interpreting data, and ensuring compliance with CBD reporting standards.
- Prepare the 7NR based on data already collected and available information provided;
- Align with WES-BCA's regional 7NR support activity (C1-HOR-3) to ensure complementarity and consistency.

Result 3 : Technical support is delivered to assist EQA in the preparation of the 7NR.

Schedule

Task	M i	M ii	M iii	M Jul	M Aug	M Sept	M Oct	M Nov	M Dec	M Jan	M Feb	M Mar	M May	M 11	M 12	M 13	M 14	M 15	M 16
TOR preparation																			
TOR approval by EC (up to 3 weeks)																			
Contracting																			
Task 0: Kick-off meeting																			
Task 1: Inception and Gap Assessment for the Preparation of the 7NR																			
Task 2: Engagement in the Communication and Information Exchange among FPs under the CBD and Key Stakeholders							M	M	M										
Task 3: Preparation of the 7NR											7NR								

M: Meeting

Guidance and Resources for the 7NR

Resource	Description	Link
Guidance & Template (Annex I & II from Decisions 16/32 and 15/6)	Core structure and reporting template for the 7NR	https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/9f7b/14c7/8fc2cf87e44f1ee7aee70d2e/sbstta-25-inf-18-en.pdf
Decision 15/6	Contains Annex II: draft guidance for the 7NR	https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-06-en.pdf
Decision 16/32	Contains Annex I: template for national reporting	https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-16/cop-16-dec-32-en.pdf
Indicators Guidance (CBD/COP/16/INF/3/Rev.1)	Technical guide for using indicators aligned with GBF	https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/f460/1b44/e0f139bd40c0c663a435a661/cop-16-inf-03-rev1-en.pdf
Guidance Notes for 2030 Targets	Guidance to support development of national targets	https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/e137/0a65/bf0ae80e4dbb2c41b61dc25e/cop-15-05-add1-en.pdf
Compilation of Relevant CBD Decisions	Summary of national reporting obligations (COP & MOPs)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/d162/b42f/4e5e016ba460d38b9c1c7333/cop-16-inf-18-en.pdf
Seventh National Report Main Page	Official CBD portal for 7NR info, updates, and tools	https://www.cbd.int/reports/nr7
Guidance Manual for the 7NR (Coming Soon)	Comprehensive narrative guide for preparing the 7NR	https://www.cbd.int/reports/nr7
ORT User Guide (Coming Soon)	Step-by-step instructions for using the Online Reporting Tool	https://www.cbd.int/reports/nr7

Structure of the 7NR



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Section	Title	Description
Section I	Brief overview of report preparation	Describe the process used to prepare the 7NR, including coordination mechanisms, institutional roles, stakeholder involvement (e.g., IPLCs, women, youth), and timelines.
Section II	Status of revised or updated NBSAP aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Indicate whether the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) has been revised to reflect the Kunming-Montreal Framework. If not, explain why and provide a timeline and stakeholder process.
Section III	Assessment of progress towards National Targets	Assess implementation of country-specific biodiversity targets. Include baselines, milestones, indicators used, methods of measurement, and an evaluation of progress.
Section IV	Assessment of progress towards Global Biodiversity Framework Goals and Targets	Evaluate progress towards each of the 4 goals and 23 targets of the GBF using headline (mandatory), component (optional), and complementary (optional) indicators. Include national data, case studies, or visualizations where possible.
Section V	Conclusions, achievements, challenges, and resource/support needs	Summarize key results, highlight major successes or innovations, outline remaining challenges (e.g., technical, financial, institutional), and identify specific support or capacity needs.
Annex	Additional information as required by COP-15 Decisions	Provide supplementary materials requested in COP-15 decisions, including traditional knowledge, policy integration, financial reporting, and synergies with other conventions.

Overview of GBF Goals, Targets & Headline Indicators



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Goals for 2050	Short Description of the Long-Term Goals	Related Global Targets for 2030	Indicative Headline Indicators
Goal A	<u>Protect and Restore</u> - Halt extinction, restore ecosystems, and increase species populations and resilience	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Extent of natural ecosystems, Red List Index, Protected area coverage, Fish stock sustainability, Invasive species rate
Goal B	<u>Prosper with Nature</u> - Ensure sustainable use of biodiversity and continued flow of ecosystem services	7 - 12	Eutrophication index, Pesticide concentration, Sustainable agriculture/forestry, Urban green space, Ecosystem services
Goal C	<u>Share Benefits Fairly</u> - Ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits from genetic resources	13, 14	Monetary and non-monetary benefit-sharing indicators
Goal D	<u>Invest and Collaborate</u> - Close finance and implementation gaps through funding, capacity, and partnerships	15 - 23	Biodiversity finance (domestic and private), Biodiversity monitoring info

7NR Submission Methods and Timeline

Submission Options	Palestine may submit the 7NR through one of the following official methods: • Send a completed Word or PDF using the official CBD template • Upload to Palestine's national CHM (hosted by the Environmental Quality Authority) • Email the report directly to the CBD Secretariat (nr7@cbd.int) • Use the Online Reporting Tool (ORT) — available <u>but not mandatory</u>
Submission Deadline	28 February 2026
Submission Status	No Party has submitted or uploaded a 7NR as of now

Documents and information available on the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism



Clearing-House Mechanism [1]:

- ✓ 5th National Report (2015)
- ✓ 6th National Report (2021)
- ✓ 2 National Focal Points

Sources:

[1] <https://chm.cbd.int/en/countries/PS>

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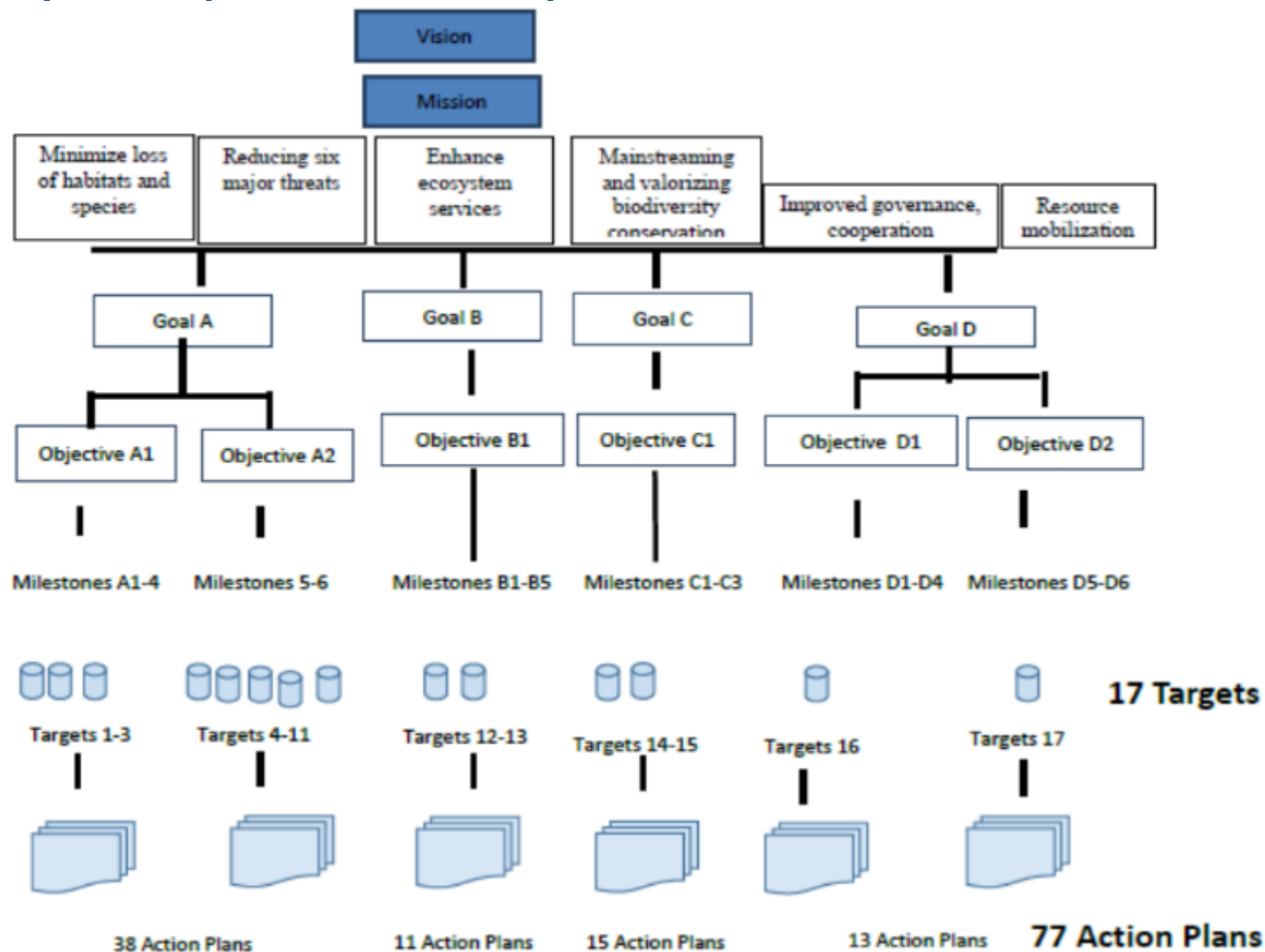
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Other available documents:

- ✓ 2019: National Biodiversity Strategy And Action Plan For Palestine [2]
- ✓ 2021: CBD Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 Country Dossier: PALESTINE (STATE OF) [3]
- ✓ 2022: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for the State of Palestine (revised edition) [4]

Diagram of Palestine's NBSAP goals, objectives, targets, and action plans (NBSAP 2022)





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