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**Webinar on Reporting Structures and Indicators for
the 7NRs under the Convention on Biological Diversity**

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Introduction to the WES-BCA project and activity overview

Presented by:

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WES-BCA in a snapshot



- WES-BCA 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 in order 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 (2019-2024) and also capitalises on the experience of previous successful EU funded regional projects (SWIM-Horizon2020 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



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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 and Outputs

WES-BCA Components

Component I

Topic 1:

Prevention &
Reduction of
Pollution

Topic 2:

Curbing
Plastic
Pollution &
Marine Litter

Topic 3:

Promoting the
Water-Energy-
Food-
Ecosystems
(WEFE)

Topic 4:

Promotion of
water
efficiency at
all steps and
levels of water
management

Topic 5:

Climate
Change
mitigation and
adaptation
actions
including
Water Scarcity

Activities at **National** Level

16 in total
(2 per Partner
Country)

Activities at **Regional** Level

**4 Regional with
Study Tours**

4 Regional (online)

Regional Horizontal Level

**3 Horizontal
(online)**

Component II

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**.

Workplan for activities under Topics 1 and 2

Regional and Horizontal Activities



Country	Code	Topic	Activity	Tentative timeline
Regional (online)	C1_REG-1	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Strengthening regional regulatory frameworks for plastics and Circular Economy alignment	Apr 2026
Regional (Study tour)	C1_REG/ST-2	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Regional event on advancing Green, Blue, and Circular Economies in the Mediterranean through multi-sector collaboration (Sustainable Tourism)	Nov 2026
Regional (Study tour)	C1_REG/ST-3	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Fostering regional collaboration and circular economy solutions to address land-based plastic pollution and marine litter in the mediterranean: policy guidance on tackling riverine plastic pollution.	Apr 2027
Regional (online)	C1_REG-4	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Contribution to the Mediterranean monitoring and reporting programs for marine litter prevention and mitigation	Nov 2025 Feb 2026
Horizontal (online)	C1_HOR-3	Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions	Support for WES-BCA PCs in preparing their 7th National Biodiversity Reports under the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)	Dec 2025 to Feb 2026

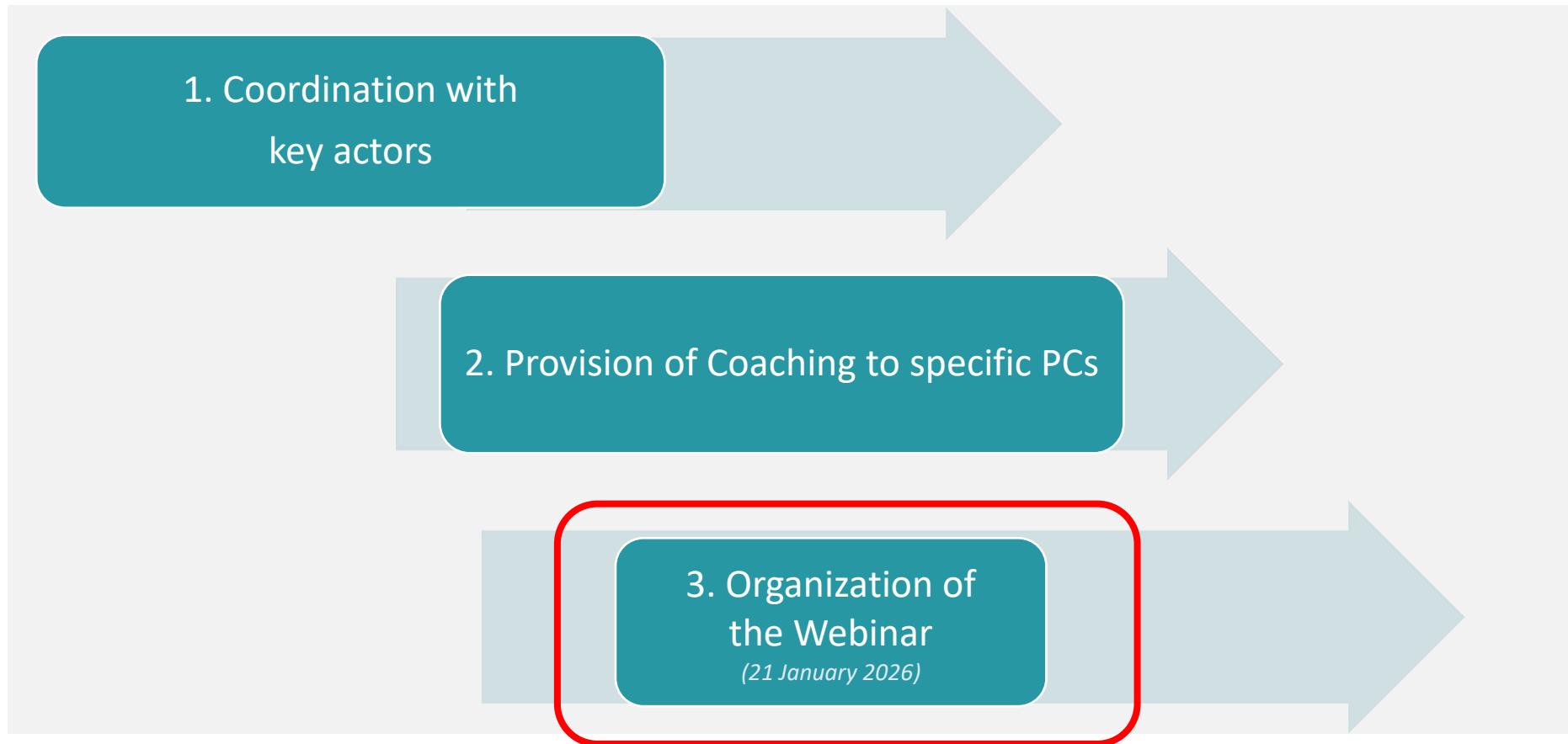
Objective of the activity

The main objective of this WES-BCA/UfM activity is to provide targeted support to Partner Countries in aligning with the CBD, the Kunming-Montreal GBF, and Mediterranean biodiversity commitments (including SAPBIO), taking also into account and benefitting as much as possible from relevant regional approaches including the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

Specific objectives:

- Strengthen Partner Countries' technical capacity to align their 7NRs with CBD requirements and Mediterranean biodiversity commitments.
- Promote alignment between national strategies and regional frameworks to ensure coherence with the biodiversity commitments under the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP and its protocols), the UfM and relevant EU policies and initiatives.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange, regional cooperation and peer learning on biodiversity challenges and commitments in the Mediterranean through webinars and coaching.

Overall structure



Objectives of this Webinar

The Webinar will be providing a “close-to-end” opportunity and easily accessible way for the Partner Countries to clarify any questions, address uncertainties, fill in gaps and resolve challenges related to the preparation of the 7NR.

A survey was circulated among CBD Focal Points to identify questions, gaps and challenges they face in the preparation of the 7NR, as well as to communicate their progress.

Stakeholders invited to the Webinar

Participants are the Focal Points of the Convention of Biological Diversity, the WES-BCA and other Environment and Water Focal Points, as well as Consultants appointed to support the national efforts for the preparation of the 7NR and other Ministry Representatives or Stakeholders particularly involved in the CBD reporting in the Partner Countries.

Stakeholders' Engagement



important impacts



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Brief updates on the preparations of the 7NR and TSSCs in the Mediterranean

Presented by:

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Ms. Carla Danelutti, IUCN Regional Programme Coordinator





EU 7th National Report to the CBD

Nadja Steinfort, DG Environment

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Planning, monitoring, reporting and review

- › Requests to Parties ahead of the COP17 Global Review of Implementation
 - Submit revised/updated **NBSAPs** and/or **national targets**
 - **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030** and **45 EU targets**
 - Develop **national monitoring plans** for the KM GBF
 - Coordinated by the **EC Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD)**
 - End of February 2026 – submit **7th National Report** to the CBD

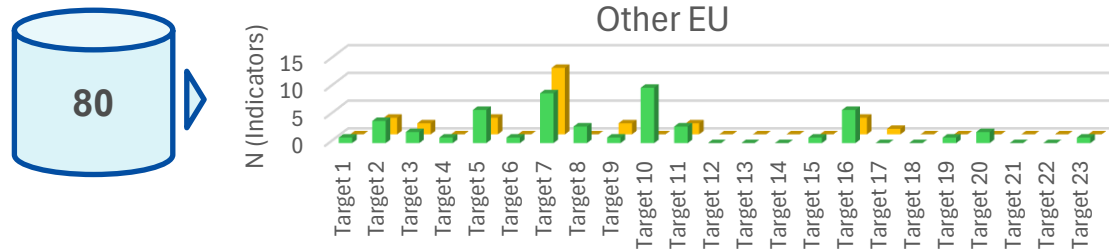
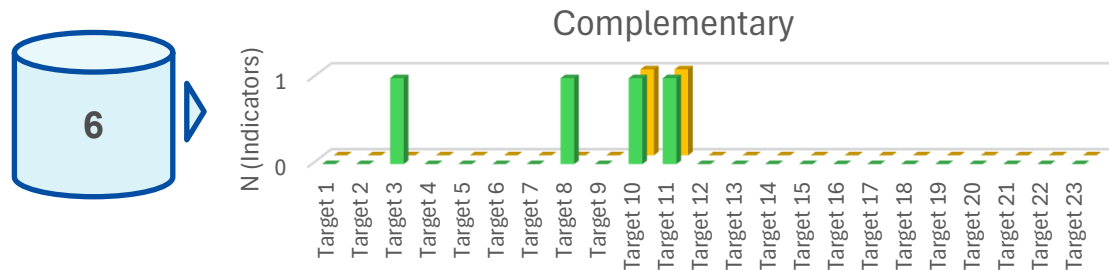
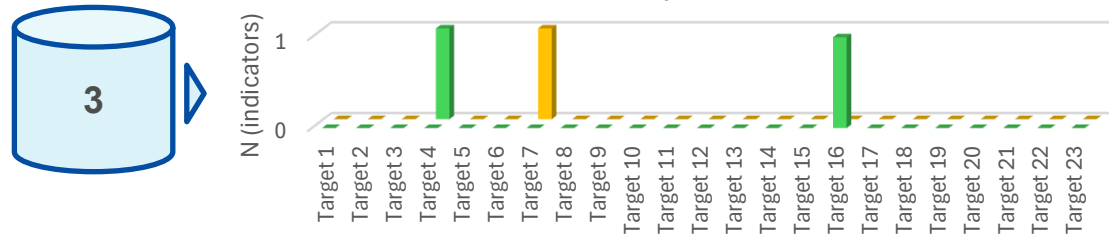
EU indicators for the 7th National Report



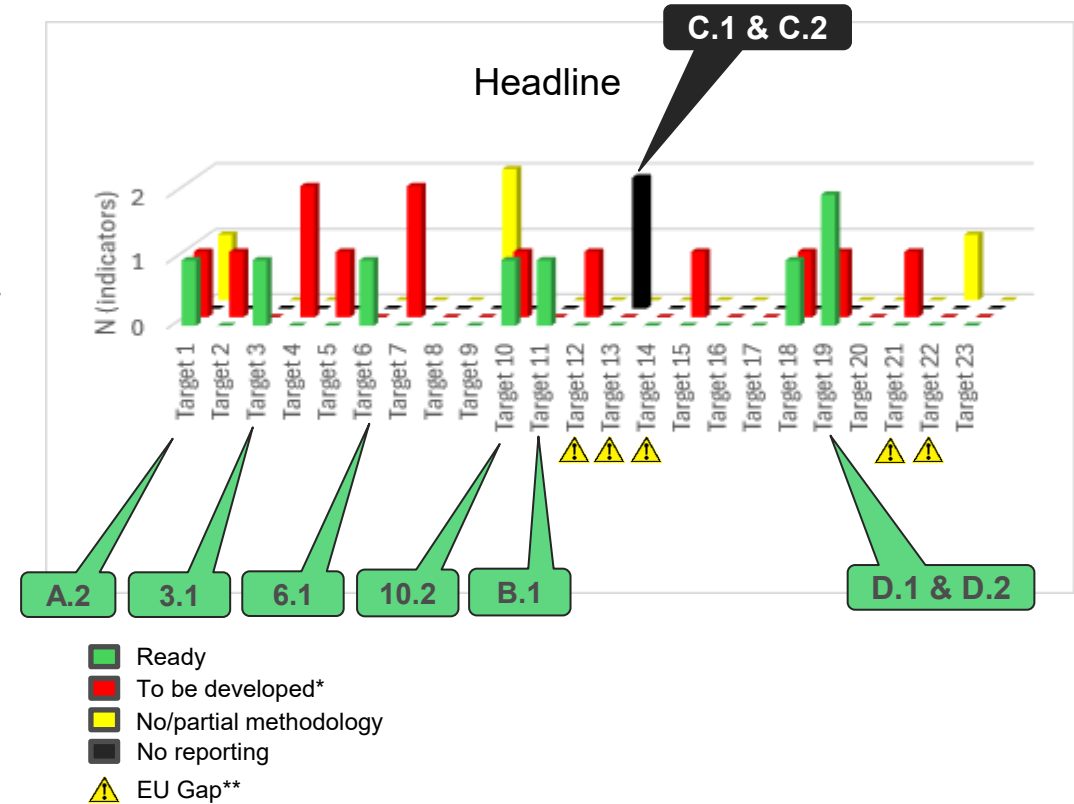
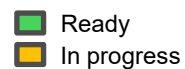
- › **Work in progress**
- › **GBF headline indicators (n=27):**
 - Ready for the EU 7NR: 4 partial (A.2, 3.1, 10.2, 18.2), 4 full (D.1, D.2, B.1, 6.1)
 - 5 awaiting finalization of global methodology
 - 2 not for EU to report (benefits from ABS instruments – MS)
 - Majority at different stages of development (clarifying responsibilities, process, methodologies, data) – work in progress towards the EU 8NR in 2029
- › **Few component and complementary indicators**
- › **Other EU indicators:** an interim approach

Indicator status overview

By KM-GBF Target and indicator category



KM-GBF Target



***NB:** For the "to be developed" category of headline indicators, work is ongoing to establish governance structures, address data and methodological gaps, following up with relevant entities, defining processes and delivery timelines for the 8th NR

****NB:** Targets representing EU gaps for 7th National Report i.e., not backed up by interim indicators and having headline indicators under the status "to be developed".

Development of the EU's 7NR (1)

Sections of the reporting template

1. Overview of preparation process for the report

2. Status of national targets and updated or revised NBSAP

3. Assessment of progress towards national targets

4. Assessment of national progress towards GBF Goals

5. Conclusions on national implementation of CBD and GBF

Section III

- › 45 EU targets
- › Implementation activities undertaken since 2020 to achieve this target
- › Indicator-based progress assessment
- › Summaries of key results and challenges
- › Successful implementation examples

Development of the EU's 7NR (2)



Process

- › Drafting focus on target reports
- › Preparation of monitoring plan
- › Internal consultations
- › Exchanges with Member States and Regional Dialogue

Format and Structure

- › Commission Staff Working Document
- › Chapeau includes sections I. II. IV. and IV.
- › Section III. on target-by-target reports in Annex
- › To be copied into ORT

Main findings (1)

- › **Significantly enhanced EU legislative and policy frameworks**
 - New legislation and policy initiatives
 - Strengthened implementation of existing legislation
 - Tackling key drivers
 - Integration of biodiversity objectives into other EU policies
 - Financing for biodiversity under the Multiannual Financial Framework

Main findings (2)

- › **Implementation yet to deliver results on the ground**
 - Examples of effective implementation, results and good practice
 - Overall few indicators show improvement, others reveal decline
 - For most targets, progress has been made but at insufficient rate
- › Key challenges: resources for implementation, integration with EU priorities, sustained support in new geopolitical context.

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Towards a Coordinated Technical and Scientific Support Mechanism for the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework in the Mediterranean Region



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Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism



In its [decision 15/8](#), the Conference of the Parties established a technical and scientific cooperation mechanism comprising a network of [regional and/or subregional support centres](#) to be coordinated by a [global coordination entity](#).

2 stage selection process from July 2023 until October 2024 (COP16)

<https://www.cbd.int/tsc/tscm>

Role of the Subregional TSCC

*The Regional and/or
Subregional Centres*

What are
they
expected to
do?



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Provide “one-stop” service centre for technical knowledge, tools and expertise

Facilitate joint research programmes and technology development ventures

Provide information on opportunities

Mobilize resources to address identified technical and scientific needs

Facilitate matchmaking

Support the development of TSC projects and programmes

Promote partnerships

Facilitate technology development and transfer

Strengthen institutional capacities to facilitate TSC

Facilitate knowledge sharing and learning

Compile and share good practices and lessons learned

Create synergies with other TSC mechanisms

Geographical distribution



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- ☐ Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)
- ☐ Ecological Monitoring Centre (CSE)
- ☐ Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- ☐ Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
- ☐ South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- ☐ Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute
- ☐ Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- ☐ Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD/ SICA)
- ☐ Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- ☐ ASIAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)
- ☐ IUCN Asia Regional Office (IUCN Asia)
- ☐ IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN ROWA)
- ☐ Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIES)
- ☐ EC Joint Research Centre (JRC) via the KCBD
- ☐ IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med)
- ☐ Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINS)
- ☐ IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IUCN ECARO)
- ☐ Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)

Technical Support Centres Coverage – Med region

TSCC Europe (KCBD/IUCN/RBINS)

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Malta
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Türkiye
- European Union (*institutional*)

TSCC North Africa (OSS)

- Egypt
- Libya
- Morocco
- Tunisia

TSCC West Asia (IUCN ROWA)

- Lebanon
- Syrian Arab Republic
- State of Palestine

European Subregional Technical & Scientific Cooperation Support Centre (TSCC)

Europe

• [European Commission Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#) through the [EC Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity \(KCBD\)](#), in partnership with the [International Union for Conservation of Nature Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation \(IUCN Med\)](#) and the [Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences \(RBINS\)](#)

Indicative list: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Geographical coverage of the TSC covered by the KCBD in partnership with **RBINS** and **IUCN Med**

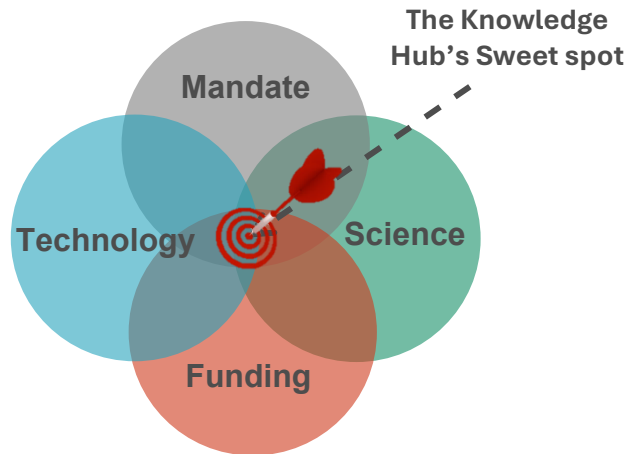
KCBD will coordinate the European subregional TSC



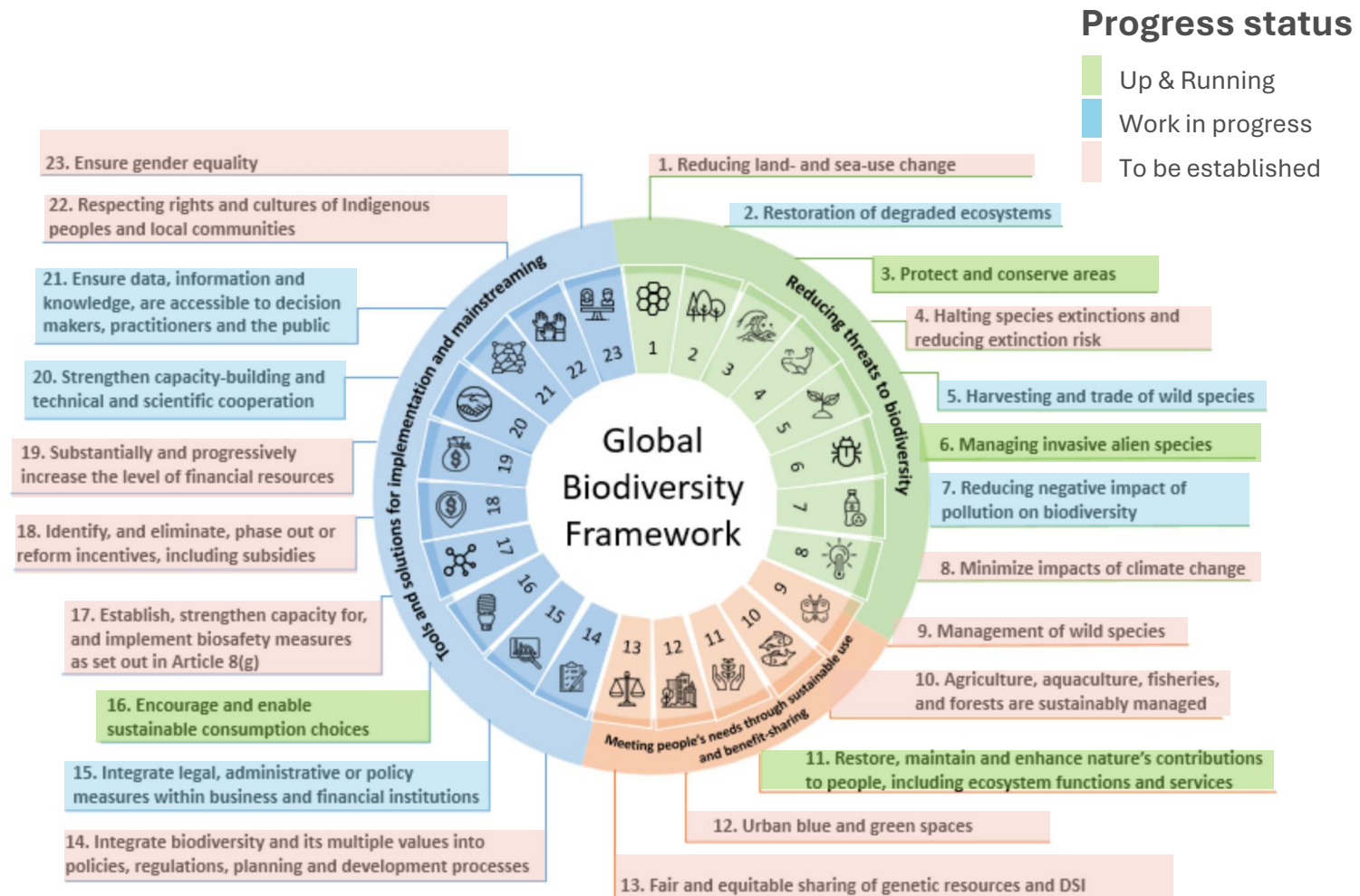
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How to cover the 23 Targets of the KM-GBF?

A decentralized network of Knowledge Hubs anchored to existing processes & resources



- ☐ Identification of **European expertise and leadership** regarding the 23 Targets of the GBF to setup a network of knowledge hubs mandated and coordinated by the TSCC
- ☐ Fill gaps via a **call for contribution** to host/support knowledge hubs



Opportunities for Med cooperation from EU TSCC

- ☐ Strengthen cooperation and opportunities for joint trainings and capacity building, in the framework of EU and international programs active in the region, particularly in view of **8th reporting period**
- ☐ Liaison between TSCC for synergies creation and capacity development
- ☐ Best practice of Cooperation between TSCC based on regional agenda

The European subregional TSCC - contact

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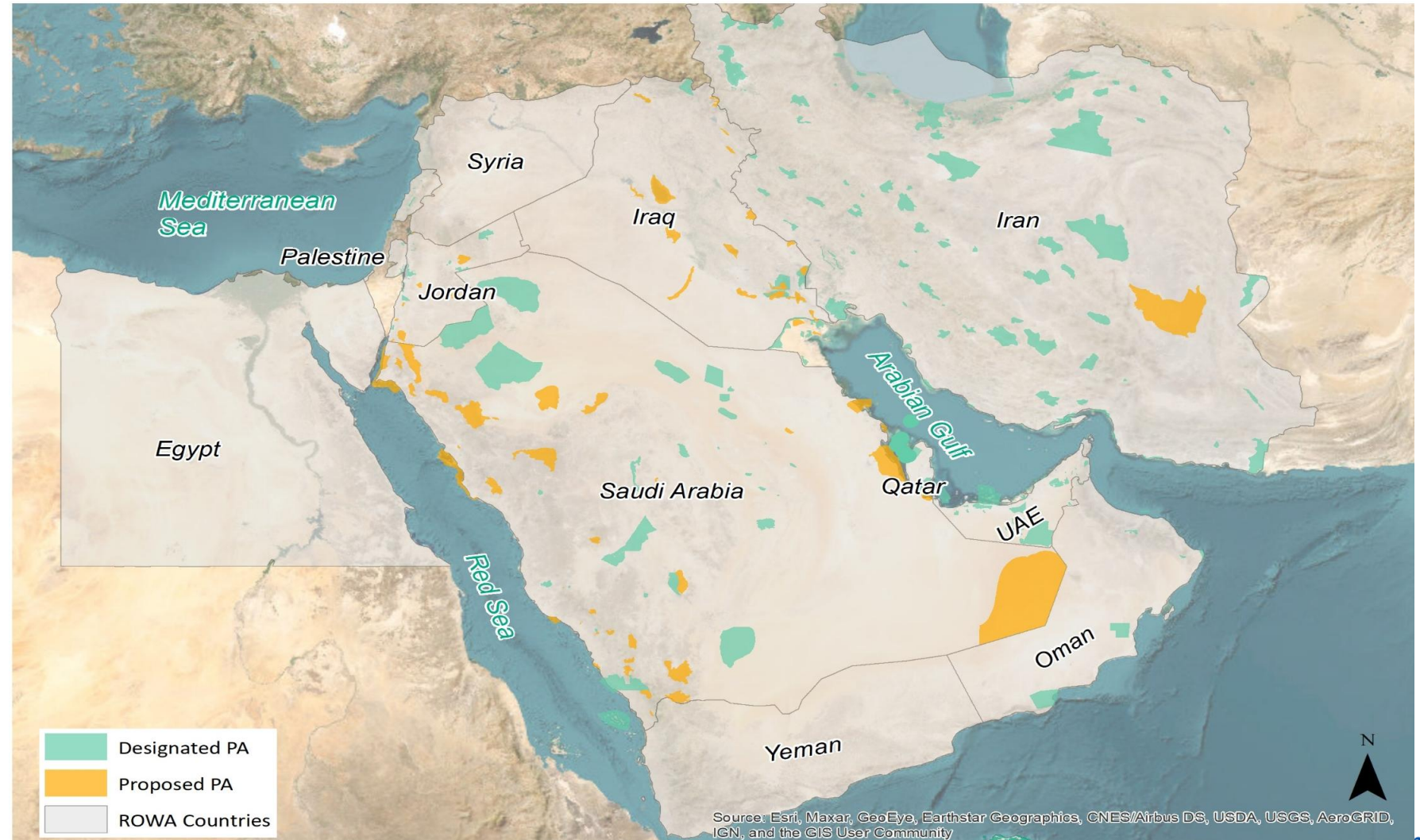


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Countries served by ROWA TSCC

Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan,
Kuwait, **Lebanon**,
Oman, Qatar, Saudi
Arabia, **Palestine**,
Syria, UAE & Yemen



Governance

- A special **governance model** by working in collaboration with the **League of Arab states LAS** to facilitate access to a wide range of partners, especially the governments of Arab countries in West Asia and their focal points of the **Convention on Biological Diversity**.



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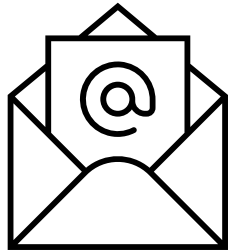


Ongoing activities

- **T3 target regional workshop** is planned in March with sCBD
- Regional **needs assessment** update is in progress
- National task force for updating Jordan's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan NBSAP
- National task force to prepare the Seventh National Report for Jordan 7NR
- Review of the national network of protected areas for Jordan in alignment with KMGBF
- Supporting some countries in the preparation of Cartagena and Nagoya National Reports



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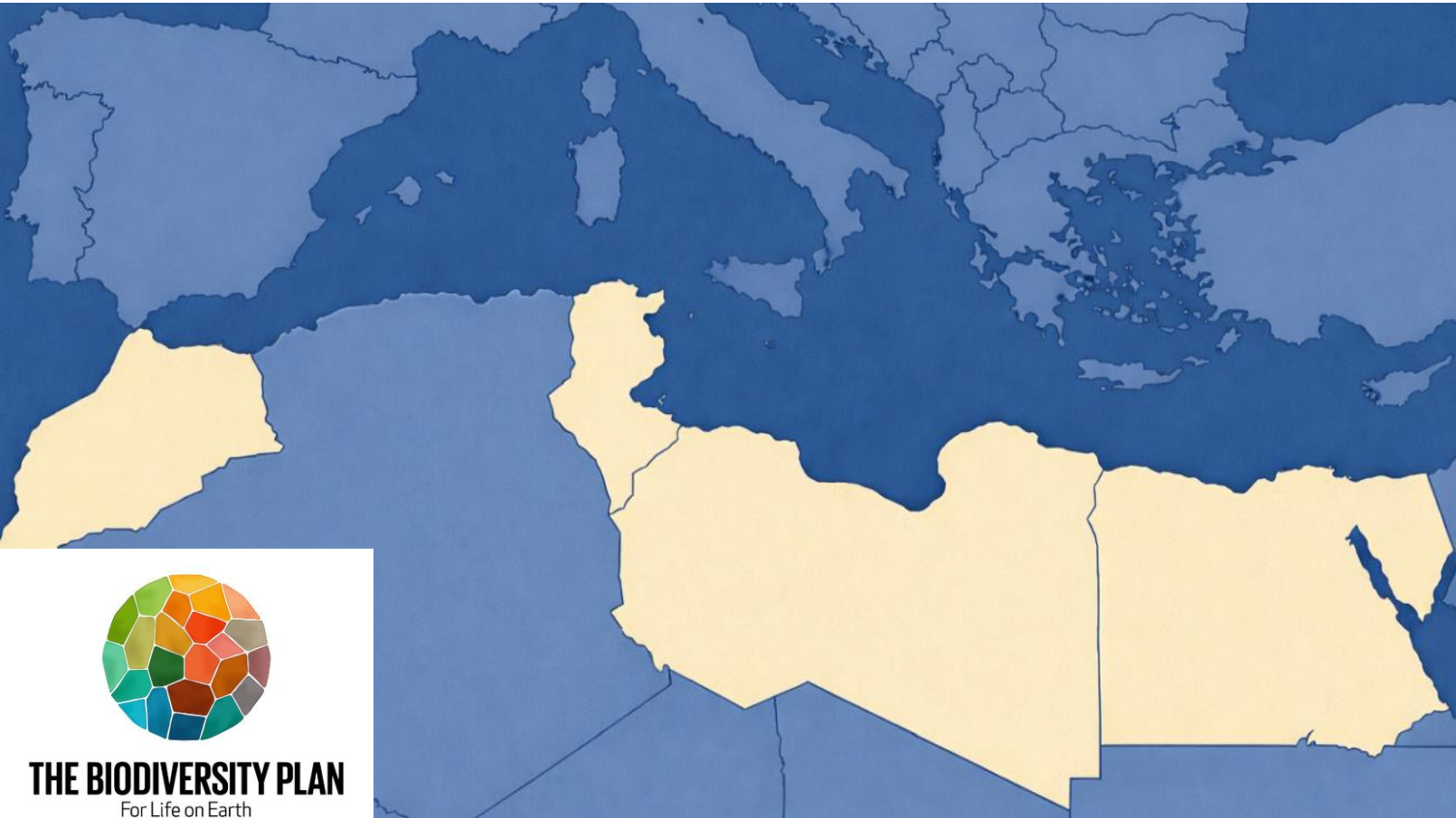


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**Countries served by
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Egypt, Libya,
Morocco, Tunisia



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Governance

TSCC in North Africa is hosted by the **Observatoire of Sahara and Sahel**, is an international Organization based in Tunis. It works on creating and supporting partnerships to jointly address the challenges related to water resources management, as well as the implementation of international agreements on land degradation, biodiversity and climate change in Africa.



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Ongoing activities

- Assistance in **mobilising and structuring complementary national data** relevant for reporting
- **Guidance on indicators**, reporting structures and monitoring frameworks
- Identification of **capacity and data gaps**
- Strengthening national systems for biodiversity data management.

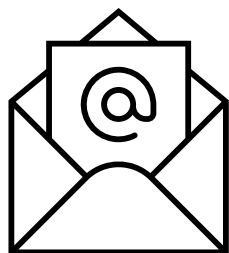
- Support countries in the **development and use of spatial databases and geospatial tools**

- In Tunisia, **direct technical assistance for national reporting under the Nagoya and Cartagena Protocols**



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Future goals for TSCC in the Mediterranean Region

- Stronger focus on support for next reporting period
- Focus on **implementation** towards 2030
- Ensure **coherence and synergies between the 3 TSCCs**
- Ensure **coherence and synergies between in the framework of EU and international programs active in the region**







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**Tour de table by the participating countries on their
preparations and the nature of support expected**



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Questions and answers on the 7NR preparation and the use of the 7NR On-line Reporting Tool

Presented by:

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Follow-up actions and Closing Remarks

Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, WES-BCA

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