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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON "OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES" IN NORTH AFRICA AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

IDENTIFYING, ADVANCING AND REPORTING OECMs

Tunis, Tunisia | 10-11 February 2020
Regency Tunis Hotel, Gammarth

AGENDA

Day 1 – 10th February 2020

8:30-9:00	Participants Registration
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OVERVIEW

Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) agreed a definition, guiding principles, common characteristics and criteria for identification of 'other effective area-based conservation measures' (OECMs) at the 14th Conference of the Parties ([Decision 14/8](#), November 2018). The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on OECMs has recently published a Technical Report on "

(available here [_____](#)) and is finalizing an OECM Assessment Methodology. FAO has also recently organized an expert meeting to guide the identification of OECM in fisheries conservation areas. The meeting report can be found at [_____](#)

State agencies, private entities, civil society organisations and local communities are now turning to assess the extent of their existing area-based conservation measures that have the potential to be classified as OECMs and to begin to recognize and report them.

The main objective of this workshop is to support learning about 'other effective area-based conservation measures' and to share guidance about how to identify, support and report OECMs in Northern Africa and Eastern Mediterranean. The workshop will first inform government officials and key stakeholders about the CBD decision regarding OECMs and the main guidance and initiatives by global organizations and agencies, like IUCN and FAO, to support in the identification of OECM. The workshop will enable a discussion on OECMs within the regional context, covering both terrestrial and marine aspects (with a particular attention to fisheries conservation measures and areas) and discuss specific examples and case studies of potential OECMs in the region.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Explain and explore CBD Decision 14/8, the IUCN/WCPA Technical Report, and the FAO OECM expert meeting report;
2. Share and discuss examples or case-studies of potential OECMs (both terrestrial and marine) within national contexts in the region;
3. Learn about existing tools to support the identification and assessment of OECM;
4. Identify an initial list of potential OECMs by country (both terrestrial and marine);
5. Discuss ways of supporting and reporting OECMs; and
6. Identify potential next steps and opportunities for advancing OECMs in the region.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will cover the following six countries: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

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- Representatives of governments or State agencies in charge of potential OECM (Min of Environment, Min in charge of agriculture, forests and Fisheries, Min of cultural affairs, Min of Defense/Military..),
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