



At regional level, the adoption and the coming into force of the new protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean, under the aegis of the Barcelona Convention, has prompted Contracting Parties to foster the establishment of Specially Protected Areas and provides a legal framework for the establishment of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance and offers guidelines and tool

ensuring the provision of adequate financial and human resources to implement them;

3. Communicating more actively the value of the services provided by the Mediterranean marine environment, the importance of issues related to its conservation and the predominant role of MPAs in improving livelihood and promoting long-term social resilience of local communities;
4. Ensuring a closer and more efficient cooperation between MPA managers, the MedPAN network, political authorities, the scientific community, the relevant public administrations, national, regional, interna9-1.70e18301 pro7ohant role of MPAs in improving li