



**Convention for the
Protection of the Marine
Environment
and the Coastal Region of
the Mediterranean
(‘Barcelona Convention’)**



General Objective

- “to prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent eliminate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area and to protect and enhance the marine environment in that Area so as to contribute towards its sustainable development”



Underlying Principles

- precautionary principle
- polluter pays principle



Sectoral Objectives

- **Controlling Pollution:**
 - caused by DUMPING from SHIPS and AIRCRAFT or INCINERATION at Sea,
 - from SHIPS,
 - resulting from EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF and the SEABED AND ITS SUBSOIL,
 - from LAND-BASED SOURCES
 - due to TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS of HAZARDOUS WASTES and their DISPOSAL
- **Cooperation in Dealing with Pollution Emergencies**
- **Conservation of Biological Diversity**



Implementation Tools

- Environmental impact assessment (incl. “promote cooperation between and among States in environmental impact assessment procedures related to activities under their jurisdiction or control which are likely to have a significant adverse effect on the marine environment of other States or areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction”)
- Integrated management of the coastal zones
- Best available techniques and the best environmental practices
- Monitoring
- Scientific and Technical Cooperation
- Information and Participation
- Instruments for Liability and Compensation



Protocols Ratified by the EC

- Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (**Dumping Protocol**)
 - *1995 Amendments as The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea Not Yet in Force*

- Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources (**LBS Protocol**)
 - *1996 Amendments as The Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities, Not Yet in Force*

- Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (**SPA & Biodiversity Protocol**), replacing the 1980 SPA Protocol

- Protocol concerning Co-operation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (**Prevention and Emergency Protocol**), replacing the 1976 Emergency Protocol



Other Protocols – not signed by the EC (and not in force)

- Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (Offshore Protocol), Adopted 14 October 1994
- Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Hazardous Wastes Protocol), Adopted 1 October 1996



Contracting Parties

- 21 Coastal States (relevant EU MSs, Croatia, Turkey, BiH, SCR, Albania, Monaco, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco)
- The European Community



Status in Turkey and Croatia

- Main convention and its amendments:
 - ratified by both HR and TR
- Dumping Protocol and its amendments:
 - ratified by both HR and TR
- Land-Based Sources Protocol
 - ratified by both HR and TR, but
 - only TR has accepted the amendments
- New SPA and Biodiversity Protocol
 - ratified by both HR and TR
- New Emergency Protocol
 - ratified by both HR and TR



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