Minutes of the
5th Steering Committee Meeting

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1. The main objectives of this meeting were:
   a. Share with the Steering Committee the current situation of the CAMP Levante de Almería project, as well as the activities carried out since the last meeting, including the work done by the consultants of each singular project, and the current situation of the Sustainable Development Reference Framework (SDRF);
   b. Boost of the SDRF within the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure;
   c. Design and prepare the post-project stage, including the research of funds.

2. The list of participants is attached as Appendix to these Minutes of the meeting.

3. The following agenda was followed up:
   a. Revision and approval of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting Minutes;
   b. Assessment of the Project advances and open problems;
   c. Discussion on SDRF;
   d. Boost of the SDRF within the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure;
   e. Date and agenda of the Final Presentation Conference;
   f. Post-project phase fund research;
   g. Design of the post-project phase; assessment of the possible ways for the legal establishment of the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure;
   h. Economical report;
   i. Dissemination of the CAMP promotional Video;
   j. Questions and suggestions.

4. Regarding the revision and approval of the Minutes of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting, the Minutes were finally approved after including some minor modifications.

5. Regarding the assessment of the project advances and open problems, Ms. Ana Correa, National CAMP Project Co-ordinator, explained that since the last meeting, a considerable advance in the project implementation had been carried out, as follows:
   a. Social Participation: Since the last Steering Committee Meeting, the IMAGINE process has been completed with three more IMAGINE workshops in October and November 2011 and in February 2012. Participatory processes linked to singular projects (water management,
cultural heritage and productive activities) have also been finished. In all the cases the results were successful and very useful.

b. Institutional Co-ordination: On 13th December 2011 the 1st Coastal Commission Meeting took place. Several non-formal contacts with the CAMP area municipalities and other members of the Commission have also been made.

c. Singular Projects: Ms. Correa remarked that the proper development of the singular projects, except for a singular project on Sustainable Use of Marine Environment and activities related to dissemination of good practices in tourism, nautical activities and agriculture because AGAPA and CP/RAC, which were in charge of these activities, respectively, have not met the required timetable, this implying the delay in the integration of results in the SDRF.

6. Mr. Ramón Guzmán (Regional Government of Environment), asked about the quality of results in Sustainable Use of Marine Environment Singular Project.

7. Ms. Correa said that, even though the quality of results had not been expected initially because of the lack of data, the group of experts were quite satisfied with the results of the CAMP Levante de Almeria in marine environment. She also remarked that one of the results of the singular project had been the detection of gaps of information related to marine resources and ecosystems that influenced the quality of vulnerability maps. This lack of information makes it impossible to compile the indicators described within the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

8. Ms. Correa highlighted that SPA/RAC had communicated in April 2012 that, due to budgetary problems, they would not attend to CAMP Levante de Almeria meetings anymore.

9. As a result of the delays in some singular projects, the SDRF draft document had not been completed, as it was originally intended, before the integration workshop held on 28th of May. This would probably affect the dates of the final meetings.

10. Regarding the 3rd point in the agenda (Discussion on Sustainable Development Reference Framework), Ms. Correa asked the Steering Committee members for their opinion about the proposals that had been discussed during the expert workshop on 28th May and the contents and extension of the SDRF document, which had been approved at the 4th Steering Committee Meeting.

11. Mr. Guzmán, Mr. Marko Prem (PAP/RAC) and Mr. Luis Buceta (Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs) expressed their satisfaction with the results obtained by the moment. Then, there was a discussion to agree that the SDRF final document shouldn’t be longer than 20 or 30 pages, and should include as appendices executive reports on each of the singular projects, no longer than 10 or 15 pages each. They also stressed that the SDRF had to be a guideline for the different administrations and, therefore, the objectives, programmes and actions proposed had to be expressed as recommendations to the competent administrations. The social participation origin of the different proposals had to be highlighted in the final document. Finally, each proposal should be based on detected problems and the administration/s or institution/s responsible for its implementation should be identified. They also agreed that the number of actions discussed at the workshop was too large, and a prioritization and/or selection had to be done, taking into account those activities mainly depending on institutional co-ordination and not needing extra investments.

12. Mr. Prem also stressed the need of including an implementation schedule in the SDRF document.

13. Ms. Correa asked if each singular project final report had to modify the used language in order to
include the proposals as recommendations too.

14. Mr. Buceta and Mr. Guzmán said that the singular projects reports didn’t need to be modified; they had to be considered as intermediate products of CAMP, and as technical inputs for the final SDRF document. This document and its appendixes are the ones which should be carefully worded in order to be assumable by the Coastal Commission members.

15. Regarding the contents for the SDRF, agreed at the previous Steering Committee meeting, it was cleared that the main problems and the main management proposals should be linked.

16. Regarding the boost of the Sustainable Development Reference Framework (SDRF) within the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure, the following deadlines were agreed:

   a. The next meeting of the Coastal Council would be on Thursday 21st June 2012 (a call had to be made on 7th June 2012). The presentation of the SDRF would be the main point of the agenda.

   b. The tentative date of the next meeting of the Coastal Commission could be on Tuesday 10th July 2012 (a call had to be made on 10th June 2012). The presentation and approval of the SDRF would be the main point of the agenda.

   c. The Final Presentation Conference tentative date could be on Thursday 20th September 2012. The agenda could be:

      i. Institutional inauguration with representatives of the MoE, RGoE and MAP;

      ii. Overall context of CAMP Levante de Almeria, showing the amount and quality of the work carried out and to be presented by Ms. Correa and Mr. Garrido, President of the Coastal Council;

      iii. Projection of the CAMP promotional video;

      iv. Contents of the Sustainable Development Reference Framework;

      v. Next steps, the post-project actions to be taken into account.

17. Ms. Correa reported that the Department of the President of the Andalusian Regional Government had been informed about the Final Presentation Conference and the Provincial Delegation requested his attendance for the same. She asked for the support of Mr. Guzman and Ms. Raya (General Directorate for Natural Environment Management) to inform the Presidency Department about the importance of their attendance at the CAMP Final Presentation Conference. She also requested support in order to inform the new Board of the RGoE about the CAMP project as soon as its composition is clarified.

18. Mr. Prem asked the Steering Committee members to confirm as soon as possible the Final Presentation Conference date in order to assure the participation of Ms. Maria Luisa Mejias, MAP Co-ordinator.

19. Mr. Guzmán said that probably in two weeks they would be able confirm the President attendance and to fix the date.

20. Regarding the Post-project phase fund research, Ms. Correa informed that there was already a limited budget of 50.000 EUR within the framework of a Pontefex project for the Alboran Sea to be
initiated on October. Complementary to this, an ENPI project has been presented with IUCN.

21. Mr. Guzmán explained that the RGoE was very interested in developing the post-project stage and spreading the CAMP Levante de Almeria experience to the rest of the Andalusian Coast. This would imply to search for funds to maintain the technical staff (the Technical Coastal Office and the General Co-ordinator). In this sense, the RGoE intended to apply for a LIFE + Project, but because of the current situation of readjustments within the Board of the RGoE, it is difficult to know by the moment if the RGoE will be able to lead this project or the IUCN involvement will be needed. As for the deadlines, LIFE + application would have to be presented in September 2012, and wouldn’t be approved till, at least the middle of 2013. In the meantime, funds would be needed to maintain the Coastal Technical Office and the CAMP General Co-ordinator.

22. Ms. Correa explained that she already had conversations with Mr. Troya, Director of IUCN Med, aimed at looking for ways of collaboration for the post-project phase. Mr. Troya informed that due to budgetary problems they would not be able to co-finance projects. He proposed to identify projects that join common work lines for CAMP and IUCN and then look commonly for private funds. Ms. Correa clarified that for a major involvement of IUCN Med a formal contact from the RGoE would be needed.

23. Regarding the design of the post-project phase; assessment of the possible ways for the legal establishment of the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure; Ms. Correa informed that the RGoE and the MoE were doing informal consultations to their legal Departments in order to look for the possible ways for the legal establishment of the Institutional Co-ordination and Social Participation Structure, as it was needed to impulse the post-project stage.

24. Ms. Correa informed that according to the initial research and consultations done, the legal figure that could manage in a proper way the aims of the CAMP institutional co-ordination and social participation structure would be a figure of Foundation with the following structure:

a. Board: Steering Committee Members, Coastal Commission Members and Private entities; there would be a technical and co-ordination structure depending on the Board that would be the expert groups with different themes and with the possibility to include members from the scientific sector or those enterprises which are in charge of the management of natural resources, as water management enterprises.

b. A Secretariat with the aim of boosting the institutional co-ordination and social participation structure to implement and monitor the SDRF. That would imply the fund research.

c. Two consultation bodies: the Coastal Council and the Forum.

25. Mr. Correa said that in order to look for funds, it was needed to know the route map because the possibilities were not the same if we were looking for funds for a Foundation or for an Agency;

26. Mr. Guzmán said that the CAMP structure was in a very incipient stage by the moment to form a Foundation. He proposed to keep the same structure by the moment, voluntary bodies for the institutional co-ordination and social participation and the same Secretariat for the Coastal Technical Office inside the Water and Environment Agency and the General Coordinator as an extern.

27. Ms. Correa asked Mr. Prem if there would be involvement of PAP/RAC during the post project phase. Mr. Prem said that the General Co-ordinator of the CAMP Levante de Almeria would be
contracted by PAP/RAC just until December (three months after the Final Presentation Conference) to make the final arrangements and reports of the implementation stage. PAP/RAC would not be involved in CAMP Levante de Almería beyond that date.

28. Mr. Guzmán required a tentative annual budget according to the agreed. He said that some of the responsibilities of the technical staff from October 2012 and during 2013 would be to search for funds for the post-project stage, boost the institutional co-ordination and appliance of the SDRF proposals, maintain the social participation bodies and disseminate the CAMP Levante de Almería experience among other regions or countries.

29. Ms. Correa said that Fundación Biodiversidad could be a good entity to look for resources but its support was not available for the Public Agencies. Mr. Buceta clarified that it was possible to count with IUCN Med to apply for Fundación Biodiversidad funds during the post-project stage.

30. Ms. Correa reported that COEXPHAL had offered to participate in the post-project stage, in the appliance of measures related to spreading good practices among the agricultural sector, using their own technicians.

31. **Regarding the economical report**, included as appendix III to these Minutes of the 5th Steering Committee Meeting, Ms. Villegas remarked:
   a. The singular projects have almost finished their products, but have not invoiced them yet. So, the percentage of compliance of the Singular Projects budget is bigger than it is shown in the report. There will be budget remains in Dissemination of Good Practices in the Productive Activities Singular Project, in Training and Capacity building activities and in some logistical assets.
   b. Technical staff and auxiliary means budget has almost been overcome, so, in order to be able to finish the implementation stage on 30th of September, it is required to reallocate budget remains from logistic and horizontal activities and from Good Practices in Productive Activities Singular Project.

32. Ms. Correa said that a detailed estimation of the costs needed to finish the project would be sent to the Steering Committee as soon as possible.

33. Mr. Guzmán asked if the final cost of Sustainable Use of Marine Environment Singular Project would be contracted.

34. Ms. Villegas said that not delivered products such as bimonthly reports, should not be paid to AGAPA, but negotiation was required.

35. Mr. Guzmán told that this budget could be reallocated to extend the Technical Coastal Office functions as long as possible. In that case, an extension of the project could be transacted.

36. **Regarding dissemination of the CAMP promotional video**, Ms. Correa reported that it had been shown at the last meetings, and had been very well received by the different audiences. She also said that it had been posted at the CAMP web site and given to the RTVA (Andalusian Public TV). The RTVA was going to use the video in “Espacio Protegido”, which is an environment specialised show. She asked if it could be possible to disseminate it to TVE (Spanish Public TV) or other media.

37. Mr. Guzmán suggested to send it to Ezequiel Martínez, the producer of “Tierra y Mar” TV show, which is an agriculture and fisheries specialized show on RTVA.

38. Mr. Buceta said that he would attempt to contact a TVE show “El escarabajo verde”.

39. Mr. Prem asked if it would be subtitled in English.
40. Ms. Correa said that the TCO was attempting to contract the translation and subtitling but some administrative procedures could make it difficult and that in any case it would suppose an extra cost.
41. Ms. Villegas said she was trying to solve it, but could not assure the possibility of contracting it.
42. **There were no questions or suggestions**, so the meeting was concluded.
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