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**A well-connected network for cetacean monitoring in south Mediterranean countries
following the EcAp/IMAP principles**

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1996 - 2021

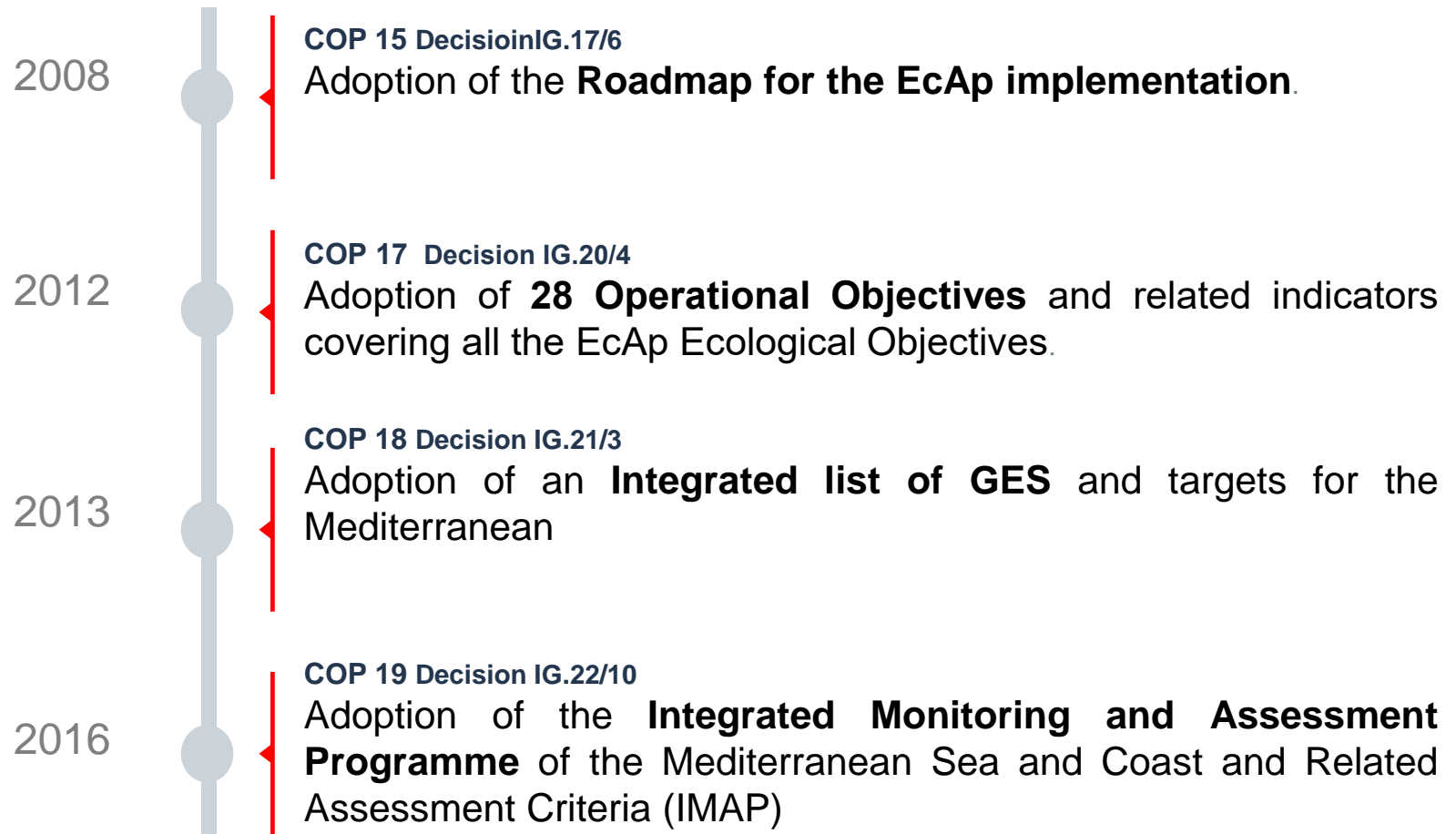


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The Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Process

- Vision: *“A healthy Mediterranean with marine and coastal ecosystems that are productive and biologically diverse for the benefit of present and future generations”.*
- Overall aim: Achieve Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast



Biodiversity

- EO1 – Biological diversity
- EO2 – NIS
- EO3 – Fisheries
- EO4 – Marine Food web

Pollution

- EO5 – Eutrophication
- EO9 – Contaminants
- EO10 – Marine Litter
- EO11 – Energy including underwater Noise

Hydrography

- EO7 – Hydrography
- EO8 – Coastal ecosystems and landscapes
- EO6 – Sea floor integrity

Common Indicators related to EO1

Ecological Objective	IMAP Indicators
EO 1 Biodiversity	
Biological diversity is maintained or enhanced.	Common Indicator 1: Habitat distributional range to also consider habitat extent as a relevant attribute
	Common Indicator 2: Condition of the habitat's typical species and communities
	Common Indicator 3: Species distributional range
	Common Indicator 4: Population abundance of selected species
	Common indicator 5: Population demographic characteristics (e.g. body size or age class structure, sex ratio, fecundity rates, survival/mortality rates)

2016 - 2018

- Update of the existant Monitoring Programmes
- Harmonisation of monitoring Protocols
- Reinforcement of national capacities
- Developemnt of the assessment Report (MEDQSR 2017)

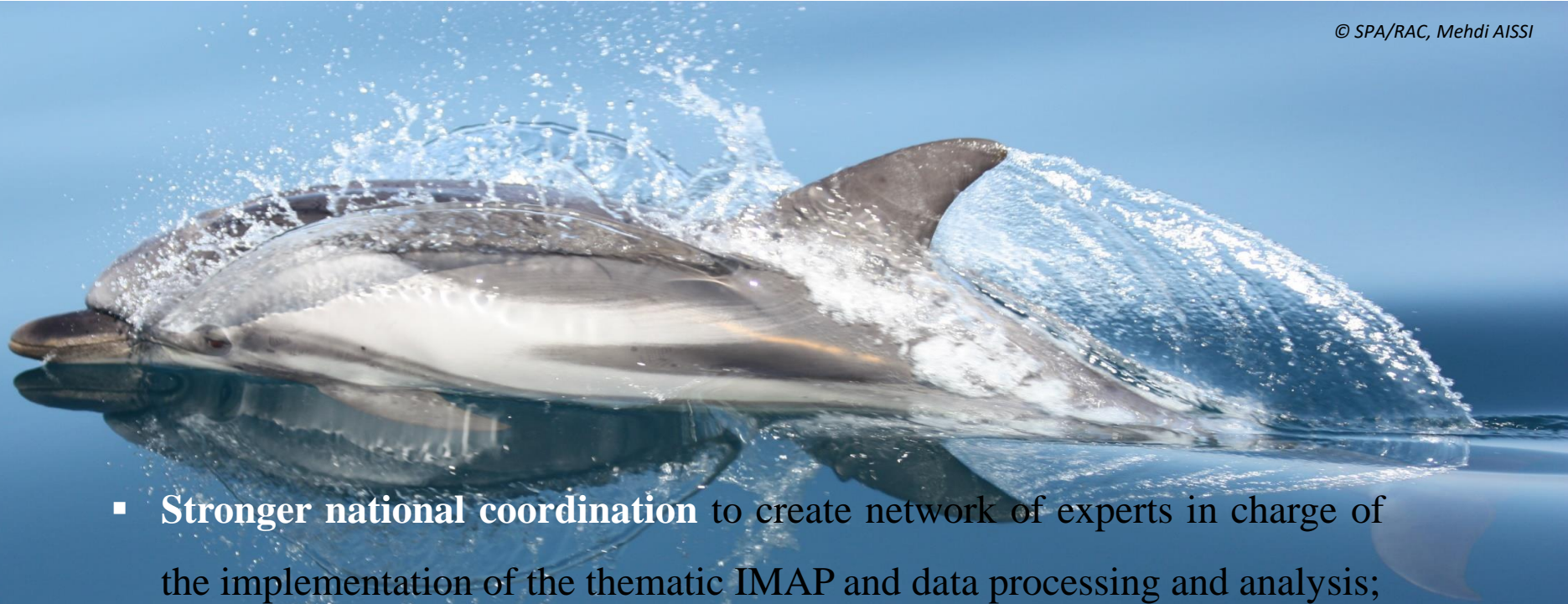
2019 - 2021

- Implementation of the Monitoring Programmes
- Development of the Assessment Report (MEDQSR 2023)



IMAP-MPA and EcAp MEDIII Project activities

- Further assist the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to **implement the IMAP**, adopted in 2016, as part of the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap
- Test the implementation of integrated monitoring in specific **pilot areas** in beneficiary countries: at least one in a **low-pressure area** (e.g. marine protected area/ Specially Protected Area of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI) and one in a **high-pressure area** from human activity.
- Delivery of quality-assured data to the regional database, useful for the next assessment report MEDQSR 2023.



- **Stronger national coordination** to create network of experts in charge of the implementation of the thematic IMAP and data processing and analysis;
- **Reinforcement of cooperation** with partners to take benefit of lessons learnt from Regional monitoring (i.e. ASI Project);
- **Exchange of best practices** to deliver an assessment report based on data from the IMAP in and surrounding MPAs;