

# Changement climatique et environnemental dans le bassin méditerranéen – Situation actuelle et risques pour le futur

Premier rapport d'évaluation sur la Méditerranée (MAR1)

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## Le MedECC

Le MedECC (experts du changement climatique et environnemental en région méditerranéenne) est un réseau indépendant de scientifiques fondé en 2015. Il évalue les meilleures connaissances scientifiques disponibles sur le changement climatique et environnemental et les risques associés dans le bassin méditerranéen afin de les rendre accessibles aux décideurs, aux parties prenantes et à la population.

À l'heure actuelle (septembre 2020), le MedECC compte plus de 600 membres scientifiques qui contribuent individuellement sans contrepartie financière. Les scientifiques du MedECC sont issus de 35 pays, dont 19 sont des Parties contractantes à la Convention pour la protection du milieu marin et du littoral de la Méditerranée (Convention de Barcelone) et 23 sont membres de l'Union pour la Méditerranée.

Le Secrétariat de la Convention de Barcelone – PNUE/PAM, via son Centre d'activités régionales Plan Bleu, et le Secrétariat de l'Union pour la Méditerranée travaillent en partenariat afin de soutenir le MedECC et contribuer à l'établissement d'un processus d'évaluation scientifique solide et transparent.

Les rapports du MedECC sont préparés à l'intention des décideurs et d'un public plus large. Ils sont élaborés uniquement sur la base de critères scientifiques ; les auteurs des rapports du MedECC sont donc seuls responsables de leur validité. Les connaissances disponibles sur les risques étudiés par le MedECC présentent certaines lacunes importantes, souvent dues à des systèmes de surveillance et une capacité de recherche scientifique limités ; elles ont été indiquées le plus clairement possible. Malgré les meilleurs efforts, des erreurs et des omissions restent possibles.

## Le présent rapport

Le MedECC a préparé le premier Rapport d'évaluation sur la Méditerranée (MAR1) sur l'état des lieux actuel et les risques attendus en matière de changement climatique et environnemental dans le bassin méditerranéen. Le rapport inclut un résumé à l'intention des décideurs (RID), avec les messages clés du MAR1. Une première version du MAR1 préparée en 2019 a fait l'objet d'un examen par les pairs.

Une deuxième version du rapport, révisée en tenant compte des commentaires de l'examen, et fourni maintenant avec un RID, a été largement commentée par les autorités, les décideurs et les parties prenantes en 2020. La consultation avait en particulier pour but de vérifier que les conclusions du MAR1, telles que présentées dans le RID, sont parfaitement compréhensibles et sans ambiguïté. Les projets des chapitres, également fournis avec le RID en cours d'examen, ont servi uniquement à des fins d'informations contextuelles et ne faisaient pas partie de l'examen.

Les coordinateurs du MedECC sont particulièrement reconnaissants de l'expertise, la rigueur et le dévouement dont ont fait preuve les auteurs principaux et ceux chargés de la coordination, qui ont travaillé de manière transversale dans chaque chapitre du rapport, avec l'aide indispensable des nombreux auteurs qui ont contribué.

À l'issue de la consultation des parties prenantes, 453 commentaires ont été reçus pour le RID et ont permis de réviser ce qui était possible. L'examen par les parties prenantes a été conclu par une session plénière en ligne qui a eu lieu le 22 septembre 2020. La publication finale du MAR1 est prévue pour la fin de l'année 2020.

Les auteurs et coordinateurs du MedECC souhaitent remercier tous les examinateurs pour le temps et les efforts consacrés. Un registre des réponses à tous les commentaires est disponible.

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## Foreword

Climate change is possibly the most crucial challenge for the future of the Mediterranean: the pace and magnitude of climate change and its impacts in the region can turn it into a serious stability risk if untamed and not integrated organically in national and regional policy.

In accordance with their respective mandates, the Secretariats of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP) have joined efforts to support the work undertaken by the network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (MedECC) and its Secretariat, which is hosted by Plan Regional Activity Centre (UNEP/MAP) in Marseille, France.

Despite the pressing need to better understand the current state of play and the present and future risks of climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean, there was until recently a dearth of reliable, robust and scientific data combined with a deficit in knowledge sharing with decision-makers and stakeholders.

Thanks to MedECC, the First Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1) now bridges the gap.

The methodology used by MedECC is based on key principles of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and of the Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). This approach is innovative, but its application was fraught with challenges specific to the Mediterranean region. We commend MedECC for the results achieved.

For the UfM Secretariat, it is clear that MAR1 is a major deliverable of the 1<sup>st</sup> UfM Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change; it is also a cornerstone between the first and the second UfM Ministerial Declarations.

From the UNEP/MAP perspective, the support to MedECC is a major achievement under the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), which identifies the establishment of a regional science-policy interface on climate change as a priority (Flagship Initiative). MAR1 will take centre stage in the context of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, which will adopt the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2022-2027.

At a time when an unprecedented health crisis having severe impacts on Mediterranean societies and economies, regional cooperation and multilateralism underpinned by robust science have never been more sorely needed. In this vein, MedECC offers a unique synthesis on best available scientific knowledge on climate and environmental changes in the Mediterranean, thus allowing for an evidence-based, basin-wide policy response.

This is also a report of great importance to our partners in the Mediterranean region as MAR1 will inform integrated programming in ways that can improve cooperation to address urgent needs and to inform long-term climate and environmental action. Its findings constitute a foundation for meeting sustainable development needs whilst informing strategic planning and investment at the regional level.

We acknowledge with appreciation MedECC's efforts, which also have an important impact in terms of capacity-building. UfM and UNEP/MAP reiterate their commitment to bolstering MedECC and its linkages with global processes. We will deploy additional support for the best-possible use of MAR1 in the context of the enforcement of the three UN Rio conventions in the region.



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Within the mandate given by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to Plan Bleu in its role of Regional Activity Centre of the UNEP/MAP system, and in the framework of an agreement with the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, Plan Bleu has hosted the MedECC Secretariat and supported directly its activities since its creation.

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Plan Bleu will maintain its support to the MedECC network to disseminate the key MAR1 findings to all stakeholders, including to policymakers through UfM and UNEP/MAP processes; and to dive in the assessment of thematic issues in its next phase of activities.



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