



1st Meeting of the Working Group on the Implementation of the Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea (Angelshark WG1)
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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025-2026

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary

1. This document proposes a draft Programme of Work (POW) for the 2025–2026 period, outlining actions, key implementing partners, and estimated implementation costs for the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP) for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea. The draft POW is presented in Annex 1. It is divided into two parts.
2. **Part A** sets out the core activities that are essential to support the overarching coordination and governance of the SSAP. This includes actions related to the monitoring of SSAP progress, facilitation of communication and information exchange among members of the Angelshark Working Group, and the organization of regular meetings and collaborative platforms. These foundational tasks are designed to ensure alignment, transparency, and consistency across all implementation activities, and to enable effective participation by all stakeholders, including Range States, scientific institutions, and non-governmental organizations.
3. **Part B** outlines a series of proposed implementation activities that address the key objectives and conservation priorities identified within the SSAP. These activities are intended to be carried out during 2025 and 2026 and have been developed based on concept notes submitted by two key partners: the Angel Shark Conservation Network (ASCN) and the Angelshark Project. Part B includes proposed actions aimed at advancing research, habitat protection, stakeholder engagement, and capacity building, all of which are crucial for the effective conservation of the species in the region. Complete concept notes are provided in Annex 2.
4. Costs for implementation are also included in the draft budget as presented in [UNEP/CMS/Angelshark WG1/Doc.8.1 Draft Governance Structure](#).

Action Requested:

5. The Working Group is requested to:
 - a) Review and agree on the Programme of Work in Annex 1; and
 - b) Assess the project proposals in Annex 2 and select and endorse activities for fundraising/funding.

Annex 1

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025-2026

Part A: Coordination

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Responsible entity	Required funding (EUR)	Implementation time and duration
1	<p>Coordination Facilitating communication, collaboration, implementation, fundraising and monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Collecting and compiling information on implementation of the SSAP by Range States and Partners — Preparing an annual summary report on implementation — Preparing meeting, documents and presentations — Leading communication with members of the Working Group, the Secretariat, and relevant stakeholders and experts — Assisting with fundraising and development/assessment of project proposals 	Consultant (to be recruited either by CMS or provided by a government)	18,000	2025-2026 (18 months)
2	<p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Organizing and holding the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group (online) — Organizing and holding regular online calls as required 	Consultant/Secretariat Report writer	5,000	2026
3	<p>Travel: Participating at relevant meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — CMS COP15 — tbd 	Consultant	10,000	2025/2026
4	<p>Providing Secretariat Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Overall oversight — Project management — Finance management — Conference management — Recruitment 	CMS staff time: P3 and P4 and, Finance Assistant, Conference Services	In kind	2025/2026

Part B: Implementation activities proposed for 2025 and 2026

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Required funding (EUR)
1	<p>Angel Shark Conservation Network</p> <p><i>“Support the coordination and implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Project Partners: Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB), Germany; The Shark Trust; IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group; Zoological Society of London (ZSL); Submon, Universidad Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC) — Project Duration: 18 months 	<p>Total budget: 60,000</p>
1.1	<p>Data Management (Work Package 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Update, host and manage the Angel Shark Sightings Map and shared database. — Serve as the data controller to compile and analyse data for use by the international working group. <p>Outputs: Data of the Angel Shark Sightings Map hosted; comprehensive and open access database to be used by the WG for the SSAP Angelshark Med developed.</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed activity: Objective 2; Action 2.1 Data collation (Priority: High)</p>	<p>20,000</p>
1.2	<p>Awareness and Outreach (Work package 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Develop, produce, and distribute educational materials and toolkits across the species’ range, while maintaining the ASCN website as a central hub for resources and awareness campaigns. — Recreational Fisheries Engagement: Create and share a code of conduct tailored for recreational fishers to minimize impacts on angel sharks. — Citizen Science Initiatives: Design, promote, and circulate materials to engage citizen scientists in data collection and awareness efforts. 	<p>15,000</p>

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Required funding (EUR)
	<p>Outputs: Relevant materials for awareness programmes and citizen science initiatives that aim to implement the SSAP Angelshark Med compiled, adapted, produced, hosted, maintained and distributed</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 1; Action 1.3 Awareness programmes (Priority: Essential); — Objective 3; Action 3.3 Recreational fishery (Priority: High); — Objective 3; Action 3.4 Citizen science (Priority: Medium); 	
1.3	<p>Coordination and Policy (Work Package 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Regional Coordination: Support the coordination of the WG providing relevant tools, materials, and strategic guidance to implement the SSAP Angelshark Med. — Policy: Engage in relevant regional fora (such as GFCM, Barcelona Convention, etc.). <p>Output: Support the overall coordination of the WG for the SSAP Angelshark Med and support range states with the implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med provided.</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 1; Action 1.2 Prohibition in fisheries regulations (Priority: Essential); — Objective 4; Action 4.2 Establish an international working group (IntWG) for the Mediterranean region. Priority: High). 	25,000
2	<p>Angelshark Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Project Partners: Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB), Germany; iSea, Greece; WWF Mediterranean, Regional Office; Environment Agency Corsica, Corsica, France; Affiliated partner: Syrian Society for the Protection of the Aquatic Environment SSAEP, Syria; Affiliated partner: Marine Biology Libya, Libya. — Project Duration: 18 months 	Total budget: 132,740
2.1	<p>Increase Knowledge (Work Package 1)</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed work package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 2, Action 2.4: Non-destructive site sampling (Priority High) 	

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Required funding (EUR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 3, Action 3.1: Scientific monitoring (Priority High) — Objective 3, Action 3.2: Commercial fishery-dependent data (Priority High) — Objective 3, Action 3.7: Tagging (Priority Medium) — Objective 3, Action 3.8: Population structure and connectivity (Priority Medium) <p>Outputs from this proposed work package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Output 1: Data on movement and connectivity of different ISRAs, Aols, CASAs and marine protected areas. Recommendations on measures to minimize fisheries-based mortality, based on post release survival rate data. — Output 2: Report on population connectivity analysis between subbasins of the Mediterranean and Atlantic. The results will be submitted for peer-review publication. 	
2.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Tagging Tagging will provide crucial insights into the spatial ecology of angel sharks, including migrations, habitat use and site fidelity to specific areas (such as nurseries, mating grounds, or foraging zones). Satellite tagging of 10 angel sharks in 1 ISRA (Corsica, France) and 1 Aol (Lemnos, Greece) to understand movement within the delineated areas and assess the post release survival rate. This data can then be used to recommend management measures aimed at minimizing fisheries induced mortality. 	64,500
2.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Genetics A population genetic study will assess the connectivity of angel shark populations across the Mediterranean, which is critical for understanding how isolated or connected these populations are. 	10,240
2.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Close knowledge gaps outside EU Structured interviews will be conducted utilizing Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK) to identify the fishing methods (métiers) that interact with angel sharks, document trends in their presence over the past decade, and gather critical insights into their biology and ecology. Monthly visits to fish auction markets will be carried out to monitor landings and collect biological samples, including tissue for DNA analysis, which will contribute to activity 1.2 and help to further inform activities to increase protection (WP3). 	7,000
2.2	<p>Increase Awareness (Work Package 2)</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed work package:</p>	

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Required funding (EUR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 1, Action 1.3: Awareness programme (Priority Essential) — Objective 3, Action 3.3: Recreational Fisheries (Priority High) — Objective 3, Action 3.4: Citizen Science (Priority Medium) — Objective 3, Action 3.6: Options for minimising discard mortality (Priority High) <p>Outputs from this proposed work package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Output 1: Minimize angel shark fisheries-based mortality through fishers' engagement and increase the number of sightings leading to better understanding of ecology of the species. — Output 2: Minimize angel shark fisheries-based mortality through fishers' engagement and increase the number of sightings leading to better understanding of ecology of the species through Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK). — Output 3: Carcass ID guide, online and printed versions in 7 languages (incl. English). This guide will support the enforcement of existing legislation in key countries. The guide can further be distributed and translated to other Angel Shark Project partner countries throughout the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. It will also serve as awareness raising material for illegal trade and mislabelling of protected species. 	
2.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Fisher Toolkits: Sensitise train and equip the fishing fleets within ISRAs and Aols to identify, correctly handle, release and report angel sharks taking an active role in the conservation of the species. Specifically, a toolkit will be created, equipped with the necessary tools to facilitate biological data collection, reporting and correctly handling and releasing angel sharks which will then be distributed in key areas. 	14,000
2.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Fisher workshops: Workshops will be held with local fishers in ISRAs and Aols to train them on angel shark conservation, legal protections, and best practices for handling and releasing bycaught individuals. Demonstration videos and hands-on training will be used, and participants will be asked to provide anonymous feedback through questionnaires to evaluate workshop effectiveness. Success will also be measured by tracking reported releases and bycatch. 	11,000
2.2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Carcass ID guide: A meat identification guide for angel sharks will be developed and translated into Arabic, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish, and Turkish. Distributed across partner countries, the guide will assist local authorities in monitoring markets and detecting illegal catches and trade. 	6,000
2.3	<p>Increase Protection (Work Package 3):</p> <p>The following objectives and action in the SSAP are being addressed through this proposed work package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Objective 1, Action 1.1: Prohibition in fisheries regulations (Priority Essential) 	

No	Activity, Goal, Deliverables	Required funding (EUR)
	<p>Outputs from this proposed work package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Output 1: Proposal preparation and development including evidence gathering and scientific background, - identify proponent countries, presentation of the final draft proposal to min. 2 countries for consideration to become potential proponents. — Output 2: Draft an advocacy strategy to ensure adequate protection for the partner countries outside EU. 	
2.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — CITES listing: Despite previous exclusion, angel sharks are now found in illegal trade and fish markets around the Mediterranean. A CITES listing would require countries to regulate international trade, ensuring it is sustainable and not detrimental to wild populations. It would support enforcement efforts and improve conservation through enhanced monitoring and accountability. 	15,000
2.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — CMS listing proposals (<i>S. aculeata</i> and <i>S. oculata</i>): Proposals will be advanced to list <i>Squatina aculeata</i> and <i>Squatina oculata</i> under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), helping strengthen their international protection status and promote coordinated conservation efforts across their range. 	15,000
2.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ensure protection throughout the range of the species: Draft an advocacy strategy to ensure adequate protection for the partner countries outside EU. These strategies will encompass the steps needed to ensure protection status in project countries outside EU and adequate enforcement while taking into consideration the cultural and political complexities. These strategies will be utilised by partners to ensure the implementation of the SSAP. 	5,000
3	tbd	tbd

Annex 2

CONCEPT NOTES FOR PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT THE SINGLES SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR THE ANGELSHARK (*Squatina squatina*) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

1. ANGEL SHARK CONSERVATION NETWORK (ASCN)

a) Organisation Information

- **Organisation name:** Angel Shark Conservation Network (ASCN)
- **Contact person:** Eva Meyers/Ali Hood
- **Website:** <https://angelsharknetwork.com>

b) Short description of organisation and previous work related to Angelsharks:

Since 2016, the ASCN Partners and a wide range of collaborators have focused on developing strategic conservation planning documents for angel sharks. A number of Action Plans have been developed at different geographical scales via multidisciplinary workshops. All these documents sit underneath the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Angel Shark Conservation Strategy, and aim to identify the key actions needed to overcome major threats to angel sharks in each specific region. The ASCN actively encourages individuals or organisations across the range to get involved in delivering the Action Plans in collaboration.

c) Project Information

- **Project title:** Angel Shark Conservation Network
- **Project duration:** 18 months
- **Geographic scope:** Northeast Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea

d) Project Description

- **Project goal(s):** Support the coordination and implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med
- **Key deliverables and outputs:**
 - 1) Serve as data manager and host of the Angel Shark Sightings Map and generate a comprehensive and open access database to be used by the WG for the SSAP Angelshark Med
 - 2) Compile, adapt, produce, host, maintain and distribute all relevant materials for awareness programmes and citizen science initiatives that aim to implement the SSAP Angelshark Med and improve the conservation status of angel sharks in the Mediterranean Sea.
 - 3) Support the overall coordination of the WG for the SSAP Angelshark Med and support range states with the implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med.

The project focuses on enhancing angel shark conservation through a range of targeted

activities:

Work package 1. Data Management

- Update, host and manage the Angel Shark Sightings Map and shared database.
- Serve as the data controller to compile and analyse data for use by the international working group.

Work package 2. Awareness and Outreach

- Develop, produce, and distribute educational materials and toolkits across the species’ range, while maintaining the ASCN website as a central hub for resources and awareness campaigns.
- Recreational Fisheries Engagement: Create and share a code of conduct tailored for recreational fishers to minimize impacts on angel sharks.
- Citizen Science Initiatives: Design, promote, and circulate materials to engage citizen scientists in data collection and awareness efforts.

Work package 3. Coordination and Policy

- Regional Coordination: Support the coordination of the WG providing relevant tools, materials, and strategic guidance to implement the SSAP Angelshark Med.
- Policy: Engage in relevant regional fora (such as GFCM, Barcelona Convention, etc.).

e) Contribution to the Angelshark SSAP

Which SSAP objectives and actions does the project support?

Work package 1. Data Management

Objective 2; Action 2.1 Data collation (Priority: High);

Work package 2. Awareness and Outreach

Objective 1; Action 1.3 Awareness programmes (Priority: Essential);
 Objective 3; Action 3.3 Recreational fishery (Priority: High);
 Objective 3; Action 3.4 Citizen science (Priority: Medium);

Work package 3. Coordination and Policy

Objective 1; Action 1.2 Prohibition in fisheries regulations (Priority: Essential);
 Objective 4; Action 4.2 Establish an international working group (IntWG) for the Mediterranean region. Priority: High).

f) Estimated Budget (EUR):

WP1: 20,000 EUR
 WP2: 15,000 EUR

WP3: 25,000 EUR

Total budget: 60,000 EUR

Budget includes the following categories: staff costs, travel, communication, incl. overheads

Funding Sources: Currently co-funding for related activities is provided by Shark Conservation Fund until autumn 2025.

Additional Funding Needed: Yes, full budget for each work package.

g) Additional Information

— **Project Partners:**

Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB)
The Shark Trust
IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group
Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
Submon
Universidad Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC)

— **Any Additional Comments:**

Due to the number of activities the ASCN is currently working on, this concept note only lists the activities planned for the next 18 months.

The ASCN has been working with partners since 2016, incl. the development of the SSAP Angelshark Med.

Work packages can be funded individually.

2. Angel Shark Project

a) Organisation Information

- **Organisation name:** Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB)
- **Contact person:** Eva Meyers
- **Website:** www.angelsharkproject.com

b) Short description of organisation and previous work related to Angelsharks:

The Angel Shark Project (ASP) represents 12 organisations positioned across the last known hotspots of three Critically Endangered angel shark species (*Squatina squatina*, *S. oculata* and *S. aculeata*). By bringing together the collective expertise across seven countries in the Northeast Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea we have made significant impact on angel shark conservation and legal protection, using robust science and a community-led approach.

c) Project Information

- Project title: Angel Shark Project

- Project duration: 18 months
- Geographic scope: Mediterranean (Corsica, Greece, Libya, Syria)

d) Project Description

- **Project goal(s):**

Improve the conservation status of angel sharks in the Mediterranean Sea

Goal 1. Improve knowledge and monitor angel sharks at critical sites.

Goal 2. Increase awareness on the conservation status of angel sharks and minimize mortality at critical areas.

Goal 3: Increase protection and enforcement of measures for angel sharks in the Mediterranean Sea.

- **Key deliverables and outputs:**

WP1 Increase Knowledge: This work package will use satellite tagging data and a genetics study to fill critical data gaps identified in the CMS SSAP Angelshark Med, that will be used among other things to support area-based conservation and minimization of fisheries induced mortality.

Output 1: Data on movement and connectivity of different ISRAs, Aols, CASAs and marine protected areas. Recommendations on measures to minimize fisheries-based mortality, based on post release survival rate data.

Output 2: Report on population connectivity analysis between subbasins of the Mediterranean and Atlantic. The results will be submitted for peer-review publication.

WP2 Increase Awareness: The buy-in, knowledge and involvement of the local community is essential to ensure implementation. This work package will target work with fishers, producing toolkits, ID guides and conducting participatory workshops at key sites.

Output 1: Minimize angel shark fisheries-based mortality through fishers' engagement and increase the number of sightings leading to better understanding of ecology of the species.

Output 2: Minimize angel shark fisheries-based mortality through fishers' engagement and increase the number of sightings leading to better understanding of ecology of the species through Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK).

Output 3: Carcass ID guide, online and printed versions in 7 languages (incl. English). This guide will support the enforcement of existing legislation in key countries. The guide can further be distributed and translated to other Angel Shark Project partner countries throughout the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. It will also serve as awareness raising material for illegal trade and mislabelling of protected species.

WP3 Increase Protection: Under this work package angel shark conservation will be further boosted, by drafting a CITES listing proposal and drafting new CMS listing proposals for two additional angel shark species and increasing the range of *S. squatina*.

Output 1: Proposal preparation and development including evidence gathering and scientific background, - identify proponent countries, presentation of the final draft proposal to min. 2 countries for consideration to become potential proponents.

Output 2: Draft an advocacy strategy to ensure adequate protection for the partner countries outside EU.

e) Brief summary of activities:

WP1 Increase Knowledge:

— **Activity 1.1 Tagging**

Tagging will provide crucial insights into the spatial ecology of angel sharks, including migrations, habitat use and site fidelity to specific areas (such as nurseries, mating grounds, or foraging zones).

Satellite tagging of 10 angel sharks in 1 ISRA (Corsica, France) and 1 AoI (Lemnos, Greece) to understand movement within the delineated areas and assess the post release survival rate. This data can then be used to recommend management measures aimed at minimizing fisheries induced mortality.

— **Activity 1.2 Genetics**

A population genetic study will assess the connectivity of angel shark populations across the Mediterranean, which is critical for understanding how isolated or connected these populations are.

— **Activity 1.3 Close knowledge gaps outside EU**

Structured interviews will be conducted utilizing Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK) to identify the fishing methods (métiers) that interact with angel sharks, document trends in their presence over the past decade, and gather critical insights into their biology and ecology. Monthly visits to fish auction markets will be carried out to monitor landings and collect biological samples, including tissue for DNA analysis, which will contribute to activity 1.2 and help to further inform activities to increase protection (WP3).

WP2 Increase Awareness:

— **Activity 2.1 Fisher Toolkits**

Sensitise train and equip the fishing fleets within ISRAs and AoIs to identify, correctly handle, release and report angel sharks taking an active role in the conservation of the species. Specifically, a toolkit will be created, equipped with the necessary tools to facilitate biological data collection, reporting and correctly handling and releasing angel sharks which will then be distributed in key areas.

— **Activity 2.2 Fisher workshops**

Workshops will be held with local fishers in ISRAs and AoIs to train them on angel shark conservation, legal protections, and best practices for handling and releasing bycaught individuals. Demonstration videos and hands-on training will be used, and participants will be asked to provide anonymous feedback through questionnaires to evaluate workshop effectiveness. Success will also be measured by tracking reported releases and bycatch.

— **Activity 2.3 Carcass ID guide**

A meat identification guide for angel sharks will be developed and translated into Arabic, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish, and Turkish. Distributed across partner countries, the guide will assist local authorities in monitoring markets and detecting illegal catches and trade.

WP3 Increase Protection:

— **Activity 3.1 CITES listing**

Despite previous exclusion, angel sharks are now found in illegal trade and fish markets around the Mediterranean. A CITES listing would require countries to regulate international trade,

ensuring it is sustainable and not detrimental to wild populations. It would support enforcement efforts and improve conservation through enhanced monitoring and accountability.

— **Activity 3.2 CMS listing proposals (*S. aculeata* and *S. oculata*)**

Proposals will be advanced to list *Squatina aculeata* and *Squatina oculata* under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), helping strengthen their international protection status and promote coordinated conservation efforts across their range.

— **Activity 3.3 Ensure protection throughout the range of the species**

Draft an advocacy strategy to ensure adequate protection for the partner countries outside EU. These strategies will encompass the steps needed to ensure protection status in project countries outside EU and adequate enforcement while taking into consideration the cultural and political complexities. These strategies will be utilised by partners to ensure implementation of the SSAP.

f) Contribution to the Angelshark SSAP

Which SSAP objectives and actions does the project support?

WP1 Increase Knowledge:

Objective 2, Action 2.4: Non-destructive site sampling (Priority High)

Objective 3, Action 3.1: Scientific monitoring (Priority High)

Objective 3, Action 3.2: Commercial fishery-dependent data (Priority High)

Objective 3, Action 3.7: Tagging (Priority Medium)

Objective 3, Action 3.8: Population structure and connectivity (Priority Medium)

WP2: Increase Awareness

Objective 1, Action 1.3: Awareness programme (Priority Essential)

Objective 3, Action 3.3: Recreational Fisheries (Priority High)

Objective 3, Action 3.4: Citizen Science (Priority Medium)

Objective 3, Action 3.6: Options for minimising discard mortality (Priority High)

WP3 Increase Protection

Objective 1, Action 1.1: Prohibition in fisheries regulations (Priority Essential)

g) Budget and Funding

— **Estimated Budget (EUR):**

WP1:

Activity 1.1: 64,500 EUR

Activity 1.2: 10,240 EUR

Activity 1.3: 7,000 EUR

WP2:

Activity 2.1: 14,000 EUR

Activity 2.2: 11,000 EUR

Activity 2.3: 6,000 EUR

WP3:

Activity 3.1: 15,000 EUR

Activity 3.1: 15,000 EUR

Activity 3.3: 5,000 EUR

Total: 132,740 EUR

— **Funding Sources:** The Shark Conservation Fund is funding related activities (until October 2025). Further funding applications are being submitted to co-fund this work

- **Additional Funding Needed:** Funding is required to implement the work packages of this proposal. Work packages can be funded as a full package or separate activities withing the WPs.

h) Additional Information

- **Project Partners:**

Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB), Germany;

iSea, Greece;

WWF Mediterranean, Regional Office;

Environment Agency Corsica, Corsica, France;

Affiliated partner: Syrian Society for the Protection of the Aquatic Environment SSAEP,

Syria;

Affiliated partner: Marine Biology Libya, Libya.