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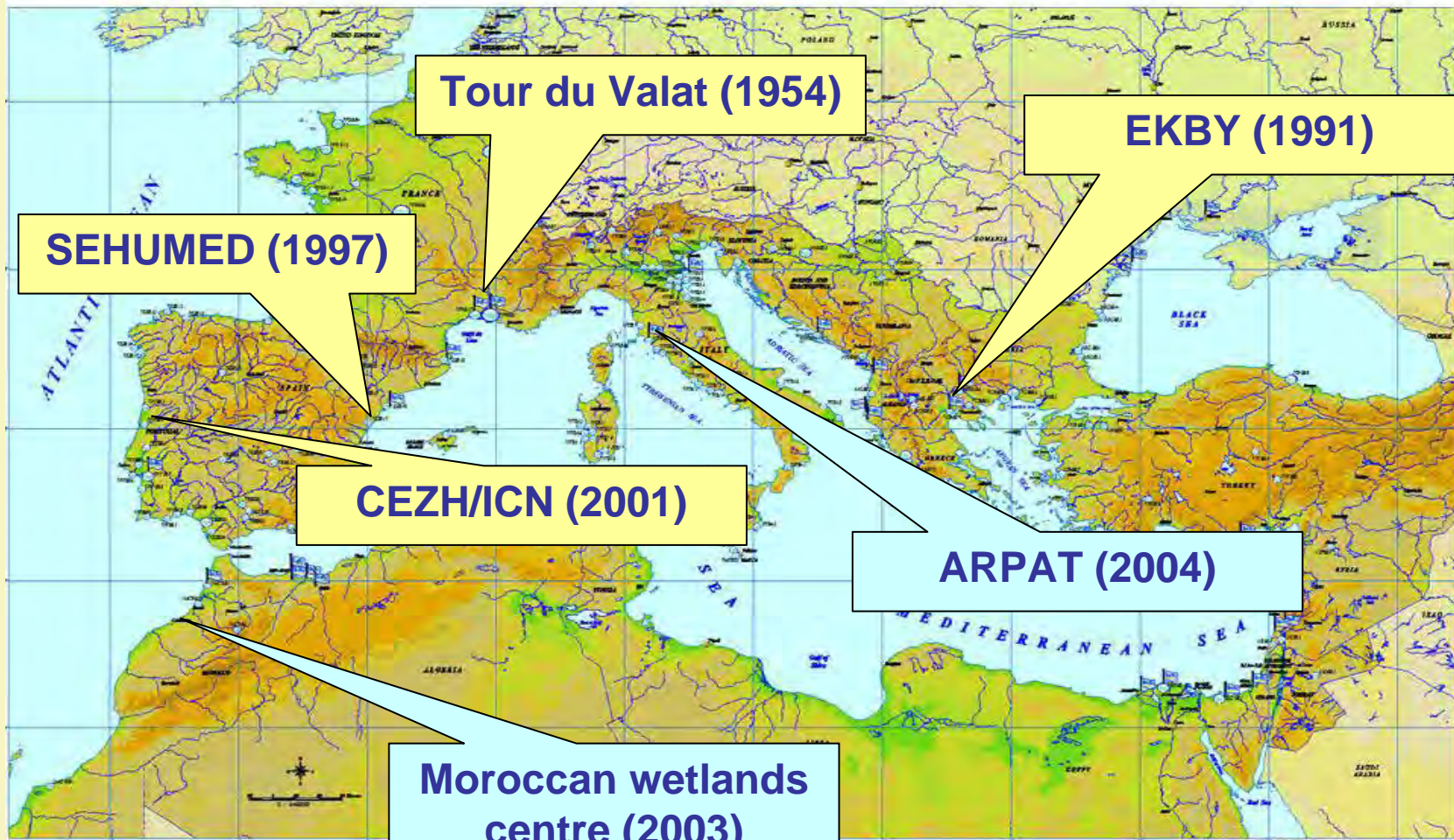
MedWet: The Mediterranean regional Initiative of the Ramsar Convention

A long-term collaborative effort under the Ramsar Convention for the conservation of Mediterranean Wetlands

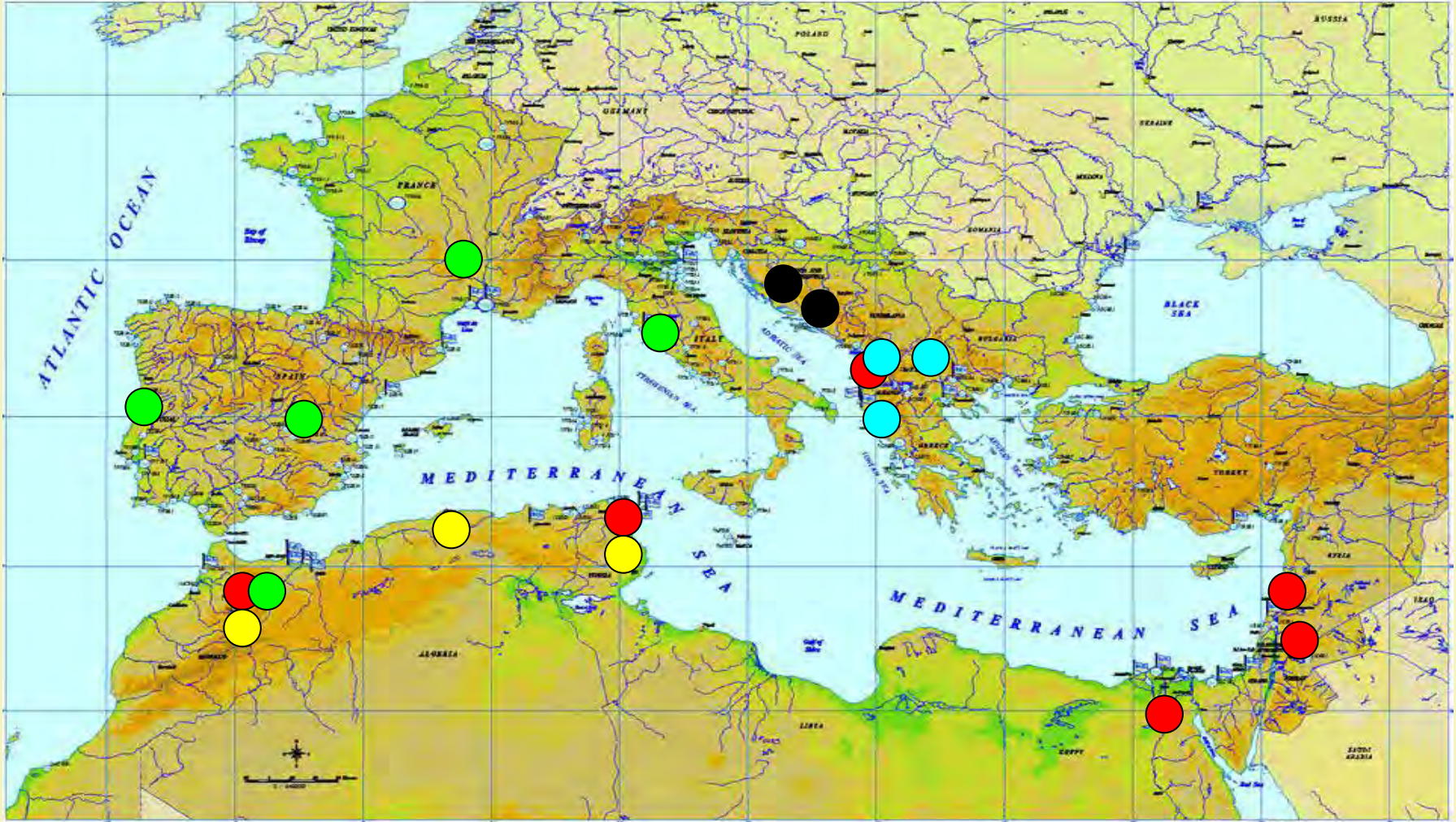
Mission: To contribute to the conservation of wetland resources through local, national and regional activities and international collaboration

Assisting the implementation of the Convention in the Mediterranean Region

- **25 countries/authority**
- **4 International NGOs**
- **International partners (EU, UNDP, UNEP, IWMI, GWP...)**



MedWet Activities geographical coverage



Mediterranean Wetlands Strategy

Venice 1996

First regional application
of Ramsar Strategic Plan
(1997-2002)



General Objectives of the Strategic Plan



General Objective 1. The wise use of wetlands

General Objective 2. Wetlands of International Importance

General Objective 3. International cooperation

General Objective 4. Implementation capacity

General Objective 5. Membership

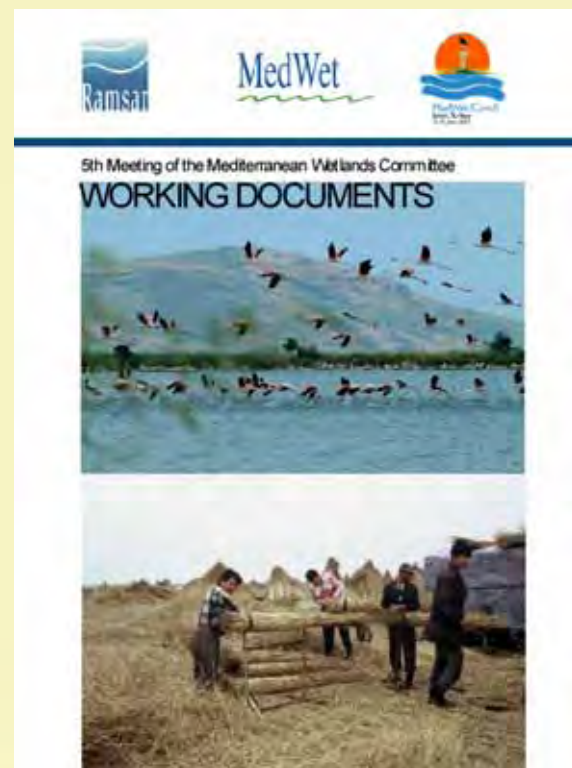


Application of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2003-2008

in the Mediterranean

for the triennium 2003-2005

Approved by the
Mediterranean Wetlands Committee
MedWet/Com5
Izmir, Turkey, June 2003



Operational Objective 1

Inventory and assessment

- **Compatible inventory of Mediterranean wetlands by 2010**
- **Develop & finalise inventories**
- **Synergies with other institutions**
- **Remote sensing and GIS**
- **Monitoring using inventory tools**
- **Socioeconomic issues, culture, water , tourism, agriculture**
- **Water quality**
- **Indicators and WFD**

Operational Objective 2

Policies and Legislation

- **Policy reviews for**
 - **Resource use (water, land...)**
 - **Economic activities (agriculture, tourism...)**
 - **Values and services of wetlands (culture, social & economic...)**
- **Ramsar methodology for assessment of sectoral policies**

Operational Objective 3

Wetland Wise use in Sustainable Development

- **Values and Functions of Mediterranean wetlands**
 - **Socio-economic services and goods**
 - **Cultural aspects**
 - **Water cycle functions**
- **Research activities related to biotic and abiotic aspects**
 - **biology, habitats, water sampling**
- **Projects and partnerships on water related issues**
- **Pressures on wider catchment (agriculture, water management, CZM)**
- **Cross sectoral involvement of National Authorities**

Operational Objective 4

Restoration and Rehabilitation

- Identify priority sites for restoration / rehabilitation in the Mediterranean
- Design and launch projects

Operational Objective 5

Invasive alien species

Operational Objective 6

Local Communities, indigenous people, cultural values

- **Actively promote involvement of local people, women and youth**
- **Encourage and support MedWet working group on Cultural Values**
- **Integrate cultural aspects in relevant MedWet activities**

**Operational Objective 7
Private sector involvement**

**Operational Objective 8
Incentives**

**Operational Objective 9
Communication, education,
and public awareness (CEPA)**

**Operational Objective 10
Designation of Ramsar sites**

- MedWet inventory to explore wetlands appropriate for designation



Operational Objective 11

Management planning and Monitoring

- Incorporate sustainable use practices in management plans
- Enrich existing approach with socio-economic aspects
- Integrate cultural aspects
- Mobilise national resources for implementation

- Develop remote sensing component in MedWet inventory

Operational Objective 12

Management of shared water resources, wetlands and species

- Promote management of shared wetlands and basins by establishment and operation of collaboration schemes between relevant countries**
- Launch and support projects in this field**
- Provide support for the development of new regional initiatives**

Operational Objective 13

Collaboration with other institutions

- **Further develop and implement joint activities with regional MEAs (in particular the Barcelona Convention)**
- **Develop collaborative actions with IOPs and other institutions**

Operational Objective 14

Sharing of Expertise and Information

Operational Objective 15

Financing the conservation and wise use of wetlands

- **Support the success of current MedWet projects**
- **Develop parallel actions/projects in more countries**
- **Ensure sustainability and replicability**
- **Establish collaboration with bilateral and multilateral donor agencies**
- **Collaboration with the EU**
- **Collaboration and exchange of information between MW/CU and MW Centres**
- **Coordinate with Senior Advisor on Environment and Development**

Operational Objective 16

Financing of the Convention

- **Produce and disseminate the work of MedWet to the CPs**
- **Maintain high level of awareness within the CPs of MedWet through MedWet CEPA strategy**

Operational Objective 17

Institutional mechanisms of the Convention

- **Participate and provide support to Ramsar Advisory Missions in the region**
- **Establish TORs for the components of MedWet initiative, and ensure effective operation**
- **Develop operational links to Ramsar STRP and expert groups**

Operational Objective 18

Institutional Capacity of Contracting Parties

- **Establishment and functioning of National Ramsar Committees**
- **National representations of international administrative bodies (EU delegations, UNDP offices...)**
- **Support establishment of administrative structures for implementation of management plans**
- **Develop and launch NAWN**
- **New MedWet Networks**

Operational Objective 19

International Organization Partners and Others

Operational Objective 20

Training

- Incorporate training in all MedWet projects
- Review work accomplished and further promote relevant tools
- Respond to training needs in applying MedWet tools in the region
- Collaborate with other training institutions

Operational Objective 21

Membership of the Convention

