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**DECISIONS OF THE SPAW COP 2 AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST AND
SECOND MEETINGS OF STAC AND STATUS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION**

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Introduction

- 1. The Secretariat has prepared this document to report on the status of implementation of the decisions and recommendation of the following meetings of the SPAW Protocol:**
 - **First Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPAW Protocol (STAC 1) (Havana, Cuba, 27-29 September 2001) (Recommendations adopted by COP 2)**
 - **Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 2) to the SPAW Protocol (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 6 May 2002)**
 - **Second Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPAW Protocol (STAC 1) (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 3 - 6 June 2003)**
- 2. This report also aims to highlight the areas where action or implementation is still required on the part of the Contracting Parties, the STAC, the secretariat and others. The COP 3 might want to give further consideration and analysis to these areas to facilitate their implementation.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SPAW PROTOCOL (STAC 1) (HAVANA, CUBA, 27-29 SEPTEMBER 2001)

The Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee:

Having convened the First Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Taking note of the Draft Rules of Procedure for the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.23/3) and the Report of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 24 to 25 September 2001, (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG. 20/7);

Having reviewed the Draft Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol, (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.23/4);

Taking note of the Status Report on the Implementation of the SPAW Regional Programme (contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/5);

Having reviewed the Draft Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Regional Programme contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/8, and the Draft Format for the Contracting Parties of the SPAW Protocol to report to the Organisation (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.23/5); and

Having reviewed the Proposal from the Netherlands Antilles Concerning the Bottlenosed Dolphin, as contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.7;

Recommends that,

1. *The Rules of Procedure for the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the SPAW Protocol be revised as soon as possible, in keeping with the draft Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, and be adopted once the Rules of Procedure for the Cartagena Convention have been finalised and adopted by the Contracting Parties of the Convention.*

Status of Implementation:

The Rules of Procedure to the Cartagena Convention are still under development and not yet approved. These Rules were considered by the Tenth IGM and Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 7-11 May 2002) and continue to be developed by drafting groups established at that Meeting. The XI IGM and the VIII COP to the Cartagena Convention (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 28 September – 2 October 2004) will consider the intersessional work of those drafting groups and decide on the required action.

2. *The Parties to the SPAW Protocol, the STAC and member governments of CEP play a more active and dynamic role in the implementation of the activities of the SPAW Regional Programme in order to assist the Secretariat with Programme delivery and share the work load of Programme implementation.*

Status of Implementation:

The Parties and governments participating in the Ad Hoc Working Group on the criteria for species listing in the Annexes to the Protocol were for the most part very active and productive which resulted in much progress in this area of the Protocol as noted in the Group's report (document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG. 25/3) presented to the STAC 2 and in the revised criteria contained in Annex VI of UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/6. Similarly the electronic Working group for the development of draft guidelines for the listing of protected areas under the SPAW Protocol was also very productive resulting in the Draft Guidelines for Protected Areas listing under SPAW, as reflected in the Report of the Workshop (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.26/5) and the revised Draft Guidelines (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.23/3). Other important areas of SPAW still require more attention by the Parties, the STAC and member governments, including a more timely and active response to requests from the secretariat. The secretariat, would like to urge governments to participate more actively in the SPAW Programme and Protocol, in particular during the intersessional period, and for CEP member governments that have not yet done so, to become Parties to SPAW in order not to be left out from its implementation and further development.

3. *The SPAW Regional Programme continues forging strategic alliances and partnerships with relevant donors, agencies and organisations, including NGOs, to assist with Programme delivery and to maximise resources.*

Status of Implementation:

The secretariat has been quite successful in developing strategic alliances with a number of partners, which has resulted in increased support to the Protocol and Programme and greater delivery. The secretariat continues to work on this aspect of the programme, as reflected in the proposed draft Workplan and Budget of 2004-2005 (document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5.Rev1) which outlines new and potential partnerships with initiatives and organisations of relevance to the SPAW Protocol of particular relevance in the recently developed partnership with USAID and other partners under ICRAN for the Mesoamerican reef, the revitalization of CaMPAM with new partners, and other partnerships currently under discussion but which also emanated and/or were presented at the regional partnership Conference White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW) (Miami, USA 21 – 26 March 2004).

4. *The Ad Hoc Working Group established by the Meeting to work on the review of the criteria for the listing of species in the Annexes to the Protocol, consider inter alia all the comments and inputs provided by the Meeting for this purpose. The Ad Hoc Working Group is further directed to work during the intersessional period under the coordination and leadership of the Government of Netherlands Antilles as Vice-Chair of the STAC, with the support of the rest of the Bureau and with the assistance of the secretariat. Members of the Ad Hoc Working Group will include all nine Contracting Parties (each Party represented with a maximum of three experts), plus representatives from non-Parties who demonstrate that the process of ratification is underway, as well as representatives from the scientific and NGO communities totalling no more than nine observers. A balanced geographic representation of the different subregions will be taken into account when considering the selection of non-member States. No later than 31 October 2001, the secretariat should receive all nominations for participation in the working group along with their scientific and technical qualifications of both Parties and observers. On 15 November 2001, the Bureau of the STAC with the support of the secretariat will have the final composition of the group.*
5. *In the case the number of nominees for the ad hoc working group on species exceeds the established number of participants (3 for each Contracting Party and a total of 9 for the observers), the Bureau with the support of the secretariat would make a determination on the participants based on the scientific and technical qualifications.*
6. *The Ad Hoc Working Group on species criteria works in English through an e-group to be facilitated by the secretariat and present the status of its progress and advancements toward its objectives to the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol. To ensure transparency in the process and review by all members and observers of the Cartagena Convention and the Caribbean Environment Programme, interim reports will be distributed in the intersessional period.*
7. *In keeping with Decision III of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol (Havana, 24-25 September 2001), the development of the criteria for species listing by the Ad Hoc Group will include the review of approaches of relevant treaties*

such as those for the CITES Convention to ensure that the common elements and complementary actions with the SPAW Protocol be identified.

Status of Implementation:

As noted above, the Ad Hoc Group was established at the STAC 1 and worked very efficiently since then, first on its organisation as outlined above, and subsequently on the review of the criteria following all the directives of the STAC 1 and COP 1. A major factor in the success of the Group, was the leadership and coordination provided by the Netherlands Antilles and the active and open participation of its members. The Final Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on the Review of the Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes to the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/3) was presented to the STAC 2. The Meeting agreed to add an introduction to the revised criteria to provide context and to make only minor and/or editorial changes. The Revised Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol is presented to the COP 3 contained as Annex VI in the Report of the STAC 2 Meeting (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/6). The secretariat looks forward to working with similar Groups in the future that will help advance the work of the Protocol and the Programme.

8. *In addition to the above priorities identified by the STAC, the development of the guidelines for the evaluation and listing of protected areas under the SPAW Protocol also becomes a priority for the future work of the STAC and further recommends to the secretariat to actively fundraise in this regard to implement this activity in keeping with the proposed Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Regional Programme for the 2002-2003 biennium.*

Status of Implementation:

As noted in paragraph 36 of the report of the SPAW COP 2 (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.21/3) and following Decisions 3 to 5 of COP 2 (see below), the Government of France, through the SPAW/RAC, agreed to provide financial support for the implementation of this activity and sponsored the Workshop on the draft Guidelines for the listing of Protected Areas which was held in Gosier, Guadeloupe 19 – 23 April 2004 (report of the Workshop is contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.26/5. The SPAW/RAC, in coordination with the Secretariat and in collaboration with interested partners coordinated an electronic Working Group of experts that has worked prior and following the workshop to prepare the revised draft Guidelines presented in document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG 23/3.

9. *In the development of the guidelines for protected area evaluation and listing, the STAC considers the approaches of relevant treaties such as those of the CBD, the Ramsar and the World Heritage Conventions with a view to identify common elements and complementary actions with the SPAW Protocol in keeping with Decision III of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol.*

Status of Implementation:

The approaches of all these agreements were taken into consideration, as well as those of relevant regional agreements such as the SPAW Protocol of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the OSPAR Convention for the North Atlantic. Additionally, representatives of the CBD and the WHC are members of the Working Group. Contracting Parties, the STAC, other governments and interested organisations are urged to continue assisting the SPAW/RAC and the secretariat as appropriate with the further developing of this activity.

- 10. The SPAW RAC, in collaboration with partner organisations such as The Nature Conservancy and the Wildlife Land Trust, compile information and documentation relevant to the development of guidelines and criteria on preventing species from becoming threatened or endangered to be compiled into a background paper to be presented to the STAC, in keeping with Decision IV, 5 of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol.*

Status of Implementation:

In addition to the above-mentioned organisations, the Island Resources Foundation and Monitor Caribbean have been actively assisting the SPAW/RAC with the compilation of information on the subject. A draft outline for the draft Guidelines paper and introductory text is underway, however, funding is required for the convening of a workshop to further discuss this process and the draft Guidelines.

- 12. Members of the STAC and relevant observers assist the secretariat in a systematic, continuous and active manner with the implementation and delivery of the SPAW Regional Programme, including the work to support the SPAW Protocol at the national, regional and international levels, including at relevant fora of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).*

Status of Implementation:

As noted above, a more active and systematic participation and support to the SPAW Programme and Protocol is still required from the part of all members STAC to facilitate the work of the secretariat and increase the delivery of the Programme and achievement of the Protocol's objectives.

- 13. The secretariat pursue, with UNEP-WCMC, a pilot project for the Wider Caribbean Region for the harmonisation of reporting under the biodiversity related conventions as an element to assist with developing an appropriate format for reporting under SPAW.*

Status of Implementation:

The secretariat continues to coordinate with UNEP-WCMC on the development and implementation of this global UNEP project. UNEP selected Panama as the pilot site for the Latin America and Caribbean region, other sites have been selected in Europe, Africa and Asia. The Panama pilot site project has been completed and the Final report is available at the UNEP-WCMC website (www.unep-wcmc.org).

14. *The government of the Netherlands Antilles ensures that the proposed dolphinarium meets, and will continue to meet, the conditions under which the government of the Netherlands Antilles will grant an exemption under Article 11 (2) of the SPAW Protocol and which the STAC found satisfactory, taking into account the observations of this Meeting.*

Status of Implementation:

The dolphinarium opened and remains operational in Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles. The STAC 2 was held in Curaçao and the Government organized a visit for all delegates. Governments and NGO representatives had opportunity to ask questions on the operations and conditions of the facility.

***DECISIONS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES (COP 2)
TO THE SPAW PROTOCOL (MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, 6 MAY 2002)***

Decisions of the Meeting

The Contracting Parties:

Having convened the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Noting the decisions of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Havana, Cuba, 24-25 September 2001; and the recommendations of the First Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Havana, Cuba, 27-29 September 2001;

Taking into account the Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2002-2003 (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.22/6) (including the SPAW regional programme); and

Having reviewed the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Review of the Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.21/3);

Decide to:

1. **Encourage** *the governments of the region which have not yet done so to become Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, including the SPAW Protocol.*

Status of Implementation:

The Governments of Barbados and the USA became Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol in 2002 and 2003, respectively. The Governments of the UK, Jamaica and Guatemala have informed the secretariat to be in the process of ratification.

3. ***Invite*** the Government of France as a new Party to change its status in the Ad Hoc Working Group in the review of the criteria for the listing of species in the Annexes to the Protocol, as well as the other Parties which had not submitted their nominations yet, namely the Governments of the Dominican Republic, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. In this context the COP requests these Governments to submit as soon as possible their nominations to the Secretariat and the Bureau of the STAC following the procedure outlined in Recommendation 4 of the First Meeting of the STAC, Havana, Cuba, 27-29 September 2001.
4. ***Invite*** two additional observers from non-Parties and NGOs to join the Ad Hoc Working Group making their participation a total of ten observers represented in the Group. The procedure agreed at the First Meeting of the STAC for the nominations and selection of observers will continue to be used. Observers seeking to be in the Working Group should submit their nominations by 5 June 2002.
5. ***Request*** the Ad Hoc Working Group to follow the timetable as outlined below during the intersessional period until the Second Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the SPAW Protocol:
 - a. The Ad Hoc Group should aim to have its final report completed by the end of January 2003;
 - b. During its work the Ad Hoc Group is to take into consideration key outputs from the criteria review process being undertaken by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES);
 - c. The final report of the Ad Hoc Group is to be considered at the Second Meeting of the STAC which should be held preferably within the first quarter 2003.

Status of Implementation:

As noted above, the Ad Hoc Group effectively completed the tasks assigned in keeping with the directives of the COP and STAC Meetings. The report of the Ad Hoc Group was presented to the Second Meeting of the STAC in document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG. 25/3 and the revised Criteria as completed by STAC 2 is contained in Annex VI of UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/6.

8. ***To encourage*** the Government of France to make operational the Regional Activity Centre (RAC) for SPAW in Guadeloupe.

Status of Implementation:

Following the COP 2, the Government of France made the necessary arrangements to make fully operational the SPAW RAC since 1 January 2003, with the addition of staff, including a Director and Programme Officer in the fall of 2002. Since that time the RAC

has assisted effectively the secretariat within the assigned activities of the SPAW Workplan and as per COP Decisions. The report of the SPAW/RAC to COP 3 is presented in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.23/INF.6.

9. ***To include*** the issue of the interpretation and implementation of Article 11 paragraph 2, including the development of criteria for the assessment of exemptions by the STAC, in the Agenda of the Third Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Status of Implementation:

To be considered next meeting of the COP. The COP 3 may wish to consider this matter and provide further guidance on this regard.

The STAC 2 was held in Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles 3 – 6 June 2003. As no COP has been held since to approve its recommendations, the secretariat has initiated implementation of those for which previous guidance and/or approval had been provided by COP.

***RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SPAW PROTOCOL (STAC 2)
(CURAÇAO, NETHERLAND ANTILLES 3 – 6 JUNE 2003)***

The Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee:

Having convened the Second Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Having reviewed the Status of Implementation of the Decisions of the SPAW COP1 and COP2 and of the Recommendations of the First Meeting of STAC (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/INF.3);

Taking note of the Status of Implementation of the Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Regional Programme for the 2002-2003 biennium (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/4);

Having reviewed the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Review of the Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/3);

Having reviewed the Draft Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Programme for the 2004-2005 Biennium (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5); and the Report of the Regional Activity Centre for SPAW (SPAW/RAC) on the Operations of the RAC (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/INF.4);

RECOMMENDATION I

Noting the Decision of COP2 concerning the work of the Ad hoc Working Group on criteria to list species in the SPAW Annexes;

Having reviewed and revised the proposed criteria as drafted in the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group in document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/3;

Recommends that:

- 1) *COP3 of the SPAW Protocol adopt the criteria for listing species in the Annexes as presented in Annex VI of this Report;*
- 2) *These criteria may be reviewed and updated if required.*

Status of Implementation:

The Revised Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol is being presented to the COP 3 in Annex VI of document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/6.

RECOMMENDATION II

Taking note of Article 11, Paragraph 4, and Article 19, Paragraph 3, of the SPAW Protocol;

Having reviewed the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Review of the Criteria for the Listing of Species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/3);

Recommends that,

- 1) *A procedure for the submission and approval of nominations of species for inclusion in or deletion from Annexes I, II and III be developed and adopted.*
- 2) *The procedure to be adopted by the COP should include the following:*
 - a) *Parties intending to nominate a species for inclusion in or deletion from the Annexes are responsible for preparing appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation. However, Parties may request that the SPAW/RAC assist in the preparation of documentation by providing contacts of relevant experts and organizations for advice and technical assistance, as well as by providing access to literature;*
 - b) *Supporting documentation should follow the outline in Article 19 par. 3, together with information demonstrating the applicability of the appropriate SPAW listing criteria as adopted by the Conference of the Parties. It should include an appropriate bibliography. The nominating Party may submit draft documentation for impartial review. The SPAW/RAC may be able to suggest suitable reviewers;*

- c) *The final text of the supporting documentation must be submitted to the SPAW Secretariat at least four months before the STAC Meeting at which the nomination will be considered, unless the Secretariat sets an alternate deadline;*
- d) *After the deadline, the Secretariat shall inform the Parties of the list of species to be considered at the forthcoming STAC Meeting. The Secretariat shall, as soon as possible after the deadline, arrange for the translation of the supporting documentation into the official languages of the Protocol. After translation, the supporting documentation shall be circulated to the Contracting Parties according to the protocol established for documents distribution by the Secretariat and should be subsequently publicized through the website;*
- e) *Where possible, written comments on proposed nominations received by the Secretariat from Parties and Observers should be made available to the Meeting of the STAC;*
- f) *The STAC may, in accordance with Article 11 paragraph 4(b), recommend that the nomination be adopted or rejected, or that further consideration be made conditional on the presentation of additional scientific and technical information;*
- g) *In the last case, the Conference of the Parties may assess, as part of its review of the nomination, the extent to which any conditions set by the STAC have been met.*

Status of Implementation:

Recommendations to be considered and adopted by COP 3.

RECOMMENDATION III

Having reviewed the Status of Implementation of the Decisions of the SPAW COP1 and COP2 and of the Recommendations of the First Meeting of STAC ((UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/INF.3), and the Draft Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5);

Recommends that,

- 1) *In the course of carrying out sub-programme (c) of the SPAW Workplan for the 2004-2005 biennium, the SPAW/RAC, in conjunction with the CAR/RCU, governments and relevant partners, should continue to develop the draft guidelines to prevent species from becoming threatened or endangered with extinction. The SPAW/RAC should circulate the draft paper for review by the members of the STAC and interested parties, and incorporate appropriate comments in an updated draft text to be submitted to COP3 for review and further action.*

Status of Implementation:

In addition to the above-mentioned organisations, the Island Resources Foundation and Monitor Caribbean have been actively assisting the SPAW/RAC with the compilation of information on the subject. A draft outline for the draft Guidelines and introductory text is underway, however, funding is required for the convening of a workshop to further discuss this process and the draft Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION IV

Having reviewed the Status of Implementation of the Decisions of the SPAW COP1 and COP2 and of the Recommendations of the First Meeting of STAC (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/INF.3) and the Draft Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5);

Recommends that,

- 1) Maximum priority be given to initiate as soon as possible, the process for the convening of the Workshop for the Development of the Guidelines on the Evaluation and Listing of Protected Areas by the SPAW/RAC and the Secretariat. To this end, a consultation process, coordinated by the SPAW/RAC, should be undertaken through the SPAW listserv among Governments and the parties involved, in order to develop the draft Guidelines to be discussed during the Workshop and which will be forwarded to the COP3 for its consideration and further action.*
- 2) If possible, the Workshop should be convened as planned in November 2003 but no later than the first quarter of 2004.*

Status of Implementation:

As noted above, the Workshop on the draft Guidelines for the Listing of Protected Areas under the SPAW Protocol was held in Gosier, Guadeloupe, 19 – 23 April 2004 with the financial and logistical support of the Government of France and the SPAW/RAC. The draft Guidelines presented at the Workshop were prepared through an electronic Working Group coordinated by the SPAW/RAC and consisting of regional experts. The draft Guidelines were reviewed by the Workshop and the following recommendations were made as contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.26/5. The revised Draft Guidelines and criteria for the Listing of Protected Areas under the SPAW Protocol resulting from the work of the electronic Working Group following the Workshop are being presented to the COP 3 for consideration as contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.23/3.

RECOMMENDATION V

Having reviewed the Draft Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Regional Programme for the 2004-2005 biennium contained in UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5.

Recommends that:

- 1) The proposed Workplan and Budget for 2004-2005 biennium be revised according to the comments and recommendations provided at this Meeting and forwarded to the Third Meeting of the Parties to SPAW (COP3) and Eleventh Intergovernmental Meeting of the Action Plan and Eighth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, for their consideration and approval.*

Status of Implementation:

The revised Workplan and Budget for SPAW for 2004 - 2005 is presented to COP 3 as document UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.25/5.Rev1, incorporating the inputs of STAC 2 as well as recent developments relevant to the SPAW Programme as appropriate.