Towards a Pilot Project to address the North-South differences in observational capabilities

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Basis and Framework:
New Protocol for ICZM of the Barcelona Convention

Obstacles for Designing a Pilot Project:
Information gap on specific aspects related to the Southern Mediterranean Countries (SMC):

- decision making
- priority issues in the SMCs, including NGOs
- operational responsibilities
- data availability
- current capabilities
- national programs for ICZM and coastal observations/research
- international relations (data exchange)
- capacity building issues/awareness

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Action Item 1:
Prepare brief summary document summarizing the information available related to the above gaps
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Action Item 2: Organize a 'subworkshop' to prepare a pilot project:
Workshop goals: Identify the cross-boundary/regional priority issues that could be the basis for a pilot project involving most of the SMCs and that could be addressed in a EU proposal and/or GEF, UNEP, FAO, IOC, ...

- Overview of the relevant conditions in the SMCs
- Participation by experts nominated through the “official” GEO delegations (Members or Participating Organizations)
- Participation of experts from other regions (NMC, GEO-UIC, USA)
- Official presentation of the new protocol for ICZM of the Barcelona Convention
- Location in a SMC
- GEO-Egypt and/or NARSS, Egypt could be a host for this workshop

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OF THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON
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3. The following Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean were invited to participate in the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Community, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey.

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