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Subregional Committee for the Central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)

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DRAFT AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH

Morning Session, 9:00-13:00

Afternoon Session, 14:30-17:30

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome addresses and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chair and rapporteurs
- Introduction of the SRC-CM objectives and expected outputs

2. Session on the management of deepwater red shrimp

- Newly adopted recommendations GFCM/42/2018/3 and GFCM/42/2018/4 on a multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Levant Sea (geographical subareas 24, 25, 26 and 27) and in the Ionian Sea (geographical subareas 19, 20 and 21), respectively.
 - Compilation of data requested by the recommendations
 - Management of the resource
 - Advances on the determination of fishing grounds
- Advances on data collection in the subregion
- Discussion on the terms of reference for Joint EastMed/MedSudMed/GFCM data preparation meeting (September 2019)

3. Overview of main topics of relevance for the SRC-CM

- Issues related to the formulation of advice on fisheries
- Follow-up on the strategic initiatives of the GFCM of interest to the subregion:
 - Mid-term strategy activities
- Newly adopted recommendations stemming from the forty-second GFCM annual session relevant to the central Mediterranean subregion:
 - Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/1 on a multiannual management plan for European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) in the Mediterranean
 - Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/2 on fisheries management measures for the conservation of sharks and rays in the GFCM area of application, amending Recommendation GFCM/36/2012/3

- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/4 on a multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Ionian Sea (geographical subareas 19, 20 and 21)
- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/5 on a multiannual management plan for bottom trawl fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12 to 16), repealing Recommendations GFCM/39/2015/2 and GFCM/40/2016/4
- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/6 on an international joint inspection and surveillance scheme outside the waters under national jurisdiction in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12 to 16), amending Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/8
- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/7 on a regional research programme on blue crab in the Mediterranean
- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/10 on access to information and data related to monitoring, control and surveillance within the framework of joint inspection and surveillance schemes
- Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/11 on the regional marking of fishing gear
- Status of central Mediterranean stocks from the working groups on stock assessment
- Outcomes of other SAC activities relevant for the management of central Mediterranean fisheries, including work on red coral and from the working group on marine protected areas (WGMPA) and the working group on Small Scale Fisheries (WGSSF).
- Presentation of relevant initiatives towards the management of resources in the subregion, including blue crab, fishing technology, climate change, surveys at sea, socioeconomic survey, bycatch programme, recreational fishing and the FishForum
- Other relevant aspects for the subregion, including concerted actions for capacity building in Libya

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH

Morning Session, 9:00-13:00

- 4. Overview of main topics of relevance for the SRC-CM (cont'd)**
- 5. Formulation of conclusions, recommendations and scientific advice**
 - Advice in relation to the status of stocks in the central Mediterranean
 - Advice in relation to the management of fisheries in the central Mediterranean
 - Other relevant advice for the region
- 6. SRC-CM workplan**
- 7. Any other matter**
- 8. Closing session**