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Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Subregional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (SRC-EM)

Online
25 – 27 May 2021

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Tuesday 25th – Thursday 27th MAY 2021
Morning, 09.00 – 12.00 hours (Rome time)
Afternoon, 13.30 – 16.30 hours

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome addresses and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs
- Introduction of SRC-EM objectives and expected outputs, including requests from existing decisions and/or previous meetings (GFCM Secretariat)

2. Intersessional activities of relevance to the SRC-EM, including within the framework of the mid-term strategy

- 2.1. Status of fisheries in eastern Mediterranean, as emanating from the GFCM report on the State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) 2020 (GFCM Secretariat)
- 2.2. Issues related to the formulation of advice on fisheries, including as emanating from data submitted through DCRF (GFCM Secretariat)
- 2.3. Follow-up on strategic initiatives of the GFCM of interest to the subregion, including the launch of discussions towards the new GFCM strategy on fisheries and aquaculture (GFCM Secretariat)

3. Draft advice on topics of relevance to the SRC-EM

- 3.1. Latest advice on the status of eastern Mediterranean (GFCM Secretariat)
- 3.2. Key fisheries for the subregion, including those subject to GFCM decisions

3.2.1. Round sardinella

- Preparatory work carried out towards the benchmark session on round sardinella in GSAs 24, 26 and 27 (several presenters, coordinated by FAO-EastMed)
- Results of the WGSASP benchmark session for the assessment of round sardinella in GSAs 24, 26 and 27 (GFCM Secretariat)

**the meeting will be carried out online on ZOOM and will take place every day from 09.00 to 12:00 and 13:30-16.30 Rome time*

3.2.3. Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/3 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)

- Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis as a tool to estimate fishing pressure: Progress for the identification of deep-water red shrimps fishing grounds in GSAs 24, 25 and 26 (Irida MAINA et al.)
- Identification and mapping of bottom trawl fishing grounds for deep-water red shrimp in the Eastern-Central Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 12-16, 18-27) (Nora TASSETTI et al)
- Important deep water areas in the Eastern Mediterranean: East Crete (Chris SMITH et al.)
- Update on most recent technical work carried out on deepwater red shrimp in the eastern-central Mediterranean (Sergio VITALE/GFCM Secretariat)

3.3. Other topics relevant for the management of fisheries in the subregion

- New FRA proposal: the Palmahim Disturbance Cold Water Coral Gardens and Cold Seeps (The Society for the protection of Nature in Israel)
- Technical inputs to the regional adaptation strategy to cope with the effects of climate change on fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea (Manuel HIDALGO et al.)
- The GFCM Database on Sensitive Benthic Habitats: proposal for a data call (GFCM Secretariat)

4. Other activities of relevance to the SRC-EM

4.1. Non-indigenous species in the Eastern Mediterranean

- Non Indigenous Species: Updates for the Eastern Mediterranean Subregion (Ernesto AZZURRO)
- New knowledge and initiatives for control of lionfish and pufferfish in Turkey (Aylin ULMAN and Vahdet ÜNAL)
- Overview on the state of blue crabs and their fishery in Egypt (Alaa EL-FAR)
- The blue crab species distribution in the eastern Mediterranean and its supply chain in Greece (John THEODOROU)

4.2. Other

- The results of the discards monitoring programme conducted in Turkey (Gökhan GÖKÇE et al.)
- The results of the discards monitoring programme conducted in Lebanon (Imad LAHOUD)
- The results of the discards monitoring programme conducted in Egypt (Atif SALAH and Hatem HANAFY)
- Monitoring the incidental catch of vulnerable species in Turkey (Meltem OK)
- Pilot study on DNA metabarcoding to investigate biotic aspects of fisheries catches (Giulia MAIELLO et al.)

5. Conclusions, recommendations and scientific advice

6. SRC-EM work plan

7. Any other matter

8. Closure of the meeting