

**Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)
Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS)**

INFORMATION NOTE

Date and place

SRC-WM: 20 – 22 April 2021

Working hours: 10:00–13:00; 14:30–17:30

Meeting location: Online

Background

The **Subregional Committees** (for the Western, Central, Eastern Mediterranean and the Adriatic Sea) have been established under the umbrella of the GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC) in line with the modernisation of the GFCM institutional framework to better meet current challenges in the region taking into account national and subregional needs. In addressing the reorganisation of the SAC, the Commission decided to test the implementation of the subregional approach through the use of subregional committees during a feasibility study of two years (2016-2018) which has now been extended to a third year. During this period, subregional aspects of relevance to the provision of advice on fisheries management will be conducted under the umbrella of the Subregional Committees, while ad-hoc technical workshops of either subregional or regional nature could be organized on a case-by-case basis to deal with aspects of priority to the SAC.

The main expected benefit of the subregional approach is to achieve better integration of subregional actors and required disciplines towards advice on shared stocks and to effectively underpin subregional management plans.

In order to achieve this, the Subregional Committees (SRCs) will:

- compile relevant information on the status of subregional fisheries and provide scientific advice to the SAC
- appraise the outcomes of the SAC technical activities relevant for the management of fisheries in the subregion, including from the working group on management strategy evaluation (WGMSE) where applicable
- follow-up on the implementation of technical measures within relevant GFCM recommendations
- identify priority topics for the subregion, including in relation to data collection, provision of advice and implementation of management measures
- prepare a draft workplan to address identified priority issues, including in the context of the adopted mid-term strategy towards the sustainability of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries, for the consideration of the SAC

The SRCs are technical in nature, composed of scientists and administration experts from the countries within the subregion as well as relevant partners.

Main objectives

The fourth meeting of the Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS) will meet again to address specific issues related to the implementation of recommendations GFCM/43/2019/5 on a multiannual management plan for sustainable demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea (geographical subareas 17 and 18), GFCM/42/2018/8 on further emergency measures in 2019-2021 for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (geographical subareas 17 and 18) and GFCM/41/2017/3 on the establishment of a fisheries restricted area in the Jabuka/Pomo Pit in the Adriatic Sea. **It will further include a session on the establishment of additional Adriatic FRAs**, alongside other subregional priorities, such as issues related to the provision of advice, priority species and the mid-term strategy, to be brought to the attention of the SAC.

Attendance

Attendance to GFCM expert groups is open.

Call for contributions and data

Participants are invited to submit a contribution, in line with the above-mentioned requirements and with the topics outlined in the agenda, by inserting an abstract when registering online for the meeting. The presentations will be integrated in the annotated agenda as appropriate.

Language

The SRC-AS will be conducted in English.

Registration

Kindly register your participation and submit your technical contributions at <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/info/en/c/1381034/> on the GFCM website by 12 April 2021.

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