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## Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

### Subregional Committee for the Central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)

Online  
9 – 11 March 2021

## DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

*Morning, 10.00 – 13.00 hours (CET)*

*Afternoon, 14.30 – 17.30 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-CM objectives and expected outputs (GFCM Secretariat)

### 2. Review of main topics of relevance for the SRC-CM

- 2.1. Status of fisheries in central Mediterranean, as emanating from the GFCM report on the State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) 2020 (GFCM Secretariat)
- 2.2. Recommendations stemming from the forty-third session of the GFCM relevant to the central Mediterranean subregion (GFCM Secretariat)
- 2.3. Issues related to the formulation of advice on fisheries, including as emanating from data submitted through DCRF (GFCM Secretariat)
- 2.4. 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. Outcomes of relevant technical activities for the management of fisheries in the central Mediterranean

- 3.1. Status of central Mediterranean fisheries, including assessments emanating from plenary and relevant benchmark sessions of the Working Groups on Stock Assessment (GFCM Secretariat)
- 3.2. Deepwater red shrimp:
  - Update on most recent technical work carried out on deepwater red shrimp in the eastern-central Mediterranean (Sergio VITALE/GFCM Secretariat)
  - 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)
- 3.3. Technical inputs to the regional adaptation strategy to cope with the effects of climate change on fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea (Manuel HIDALGO)

*\*the meeting will be carried out online on ZOOM and will take place every day from 10.00 to 13:00 and 14:30-17.30 Rome time*

### 3.4. Sensitive Benthic Habitats

- The GFCM Database on Sensitive Benthic Habitats: proposal for a data call (GFCM Secretariat)
- *Isidella elongata*, a deep Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem: mapping, species assemblages and ecological role in a conservation perspective (Pierluigi CARBONARA)

## 4. Discussion on other subregional matters and follow-up activities, including within the mid-term strategy and the new strategy

- 4.1. Proposal to divide the Libyan coast (GSA21) into three marine subareas (21.1, 21.2, and 21.3) (General Authority for Marine Wealth of Libya)
- 4.2. Identifying nurseries of main demersal species in the Strait of Sicily (Fabio FIORENTINO)
- 4.3. Preliminary results from GFCM surveys at sea and initiatives to improve knowledge on interactions between fisheries and the environment:
  - MEDITS survey in Tunisian waters: first results on spatial distribution resources mapping (Sadok BEN MERIEM)
  - Discards caused by trawling activities in Gabes Gulf (GSA 14) (Nader BEN HADJ HAMIDA)
  - Design of a device for the mitigation of the accidental catches of marine vulnerable species in bottom trawl in the northern and eastern Tunisian waters GSA 12 and GSA 13 (Marouene BDIOUI)
  - Status of the Sandbar shark *Carcharhinus plumbeus* in longline fisheries in the Gulf of Gabes: a decade of monitoring (Samira ENAJJAR et al.)
- 4.4. Study of the economic performance of different Tunisian fisheries (Yessine BEN ARFA)
- 4.5. Non-indigenous species
  - NIS: updates for the central Mediterranean subregion (Ernesto AZZURRO)
  - Fishing non-indigenous species for commercial exploitation in Ionian Sea (John A. THEODOROU)
  - Status of the blue crab *Portunus segnis* in Tunisian waters (Olfa BEN ABDALLAH)
- 4.6. Pilot study on DNA metabarcoding to investigate biotic aspects of fisheries catches (potential pilot in central Mediterranean countries) (Giulia MAIELLO)

## 5. Conclusions, recommendations and scientific advice

## 6. SRC-CM work plan

## 7. Any other matter

## 8. Closure of the meeting