Thematic Session I
Current situation of small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea: strategies and methodologies for an effective analysis of the sector

An introduction
by FAO Regional Projects

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1. Preparation and main agents involved

  - Technical assistance (FAO team of experts)
  - Background document
  - Participation of experts
  - Coordination with GFCM, sponsors, FAO (internal)

2. The great response

- Total 36 initial documents presented
  - >12 countries and sub-regional contributions
  - Origin - country: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Gaza strip, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta, Italy, Albania
  - Tunisia 13 documents

- Mediterranean sub-regions covered: Adriatic, Eastern, Central, Western and Black Sea
3. Selection process

- FAO Projects and GFCM Secretariat
  - Definition of criteria for selection of documents for presentation/posters
  - Multi-phase selection process
  - Final identification of contributions
  - Final identification of posters
- Selected documents grouped within themes

4. Agenda for the Session

14.00 – 14.30 Opening of the session and nomination of rapporteur(s).
14.30 – 15.10 Introduction and presentation of the background paper FARRUGIO, Henri
15.10 – 15.30 Key elements linked to small-scale fisheries for planning and management purposes
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break
15.45 – 16.10 Data and information gaps at different levels (biological, socio-economic, environmental)
16.20 – 16.30 Definition of common methodologies to monitor the regular collection of relevant data
16.30 – 17.00 Open discussion with participants
17.00 – 17.30 Closure of the session: general conclusions
17.30 – 18.00 Poster session of Thematic session I
5. Expected results

- Key elements to define the situation of SSF in the GFCM Area
- Conclusions and recommendations of the session
- A follow up of the Symposium