



## Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)

### Fourth meeting

Tbilisi, Georgia, 9-11 March 2015

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

### MONDAY 9 MARCH 2015

*Morning (09:00 – 13:00)*

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

- 1.1 Opening speech with hosting country
- 1.2 Speech by the GFCM / FAO

#### 2. Meeting arrangements and adoption of the agenda

#### 3. Review of GFCM decisions relevant to the WGBS, including with regards to the amendment process of the GFCM legal and institutional framework \*

#### 4. Overview of intersessional activities relevant to the Black Sea

##### 4.1 Outcomes of fisheries activities

- Second meeting of the subregional group on stock assessment in the Black Sea (SGSABS)
- Ad hoc WGBS meeting on the management of turbot fisheries, including progress towards the fight against IUU fishing
- GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework, including outcomes of the DCRF Workshop and proposed roadmap

*Afternoon (14:30 – 17:30)*

#### 4. Overview of intersessional activities relevant to the Black Sea (Cont')

##### 4.2 Outcomes of aquaculture activities

- Regional Aquaculture Conference and ninth session of the GFCM Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)
- Restocking and aquaculture data collection systems

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\* It is recalled the Commission at its 38<sup>th</sup> session (May 2014) requested to the WGBS to examine, among others, technical contents of the pending Recommendation on the management of turbot (Appendix M of the GFCM 38 Report)

4.3 Other activities

- FABA 2014 Symposium activities and conclusions
- AGFOMLR/BSC activities (TBC)
- FAO BlackSeaFish project (TBC)
- Other

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015**

*Morning (09:00 – 13:00)*

**5. Tentative programme of work for 2015-2016, including:**

- 4.1 GFCM Aquaculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform (AMShP)
- 4.2 Regional programme on sustainable small-scale fisheries
- 4.3 Regional database on national legislations
- 4.4 Training of inspectors
- 4.5 Collaboration with the BSC and other partners

*Afternoon (14:30 – 17:30)*

**6. Designation of the new WGBS Bureau**

**7. Towards granting Cooperating status to non-Contracting parties to the GFCM Agreement**

**8. Any other matter**

- Promoting the role of focal points, development of the Experts Network
- Other

**9. Date and venue of the fifth meeting of the WGBS**

**10. Conclusions and recommendations**

**WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015**

*Morning free (finalization of the report)*

*Afternoon (15 hours)*

**11. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting**