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Committee on Aquaculture(CAQ)

Working Group on Site Selection and Carrying Capacity (WGSC)
in collaboration with Subdirección de Recursos Pesquero y Acuicolas De la Junta de
Andalucía

Workshop on allocated Zones for Aquaculture (AZA) WGSC-ShoCMed.

(Sevilla, Spain 18th -20th October 2010)

Information for Participants

Date and Place

The meeting will be held from the 18th October – 20th October, 2010. Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 17:30.

The meeting will be kindly hosted by the Dirección General de Pesca y Acuicultura. Consejería de Agricultura y Pesca, Junta de Andalucía Calle Tabladilla s/n Sevilla. Spain.

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Main objective

SHoCMed: “Developing siting and carrying capacity guidelines for Mediterranean aquaculture within aquaculture appropriate areas GFCM/CAQ” is a project in support to the activities of the GFCM Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)) which is co-funded by European Commission DG-MARE. The SHoCMed project aims to produce criteria for enhancing the integration of aquaculture into coastal zone management by improving site selection and holding capacity and identifying environmental quality standards and reference points

The aim of this workshop is to present and discuss on the main issues related to spatial planning and coastal allocation zones for aquaculture activities within the GFCM region.

In particular the workshop has been assigned the following objectives:

- > Review and make synthesis of Mediterranean experience on spatial planning and allocated zones for aquaculture
- > Review technical and different legal procedures applied for aquaculture spatial planning and AZA within the different coastal areas;
- > Consider the different formats and experiences on GIS techniques for developing and monitoring planning aquaculture activities in coastal areas;
- > Discuss and make synthesis on the main aspects related to Allocated Zones for Aquaculture and to agree on a definition of Allocation Zones Aquaculture to be applied within the Mediterranean area and in an ecosystem perspective
- > Identify priorities and the key elements for the improvement of spatial planning for aquaculture and guidelines on AZA in the Mediterranean;
- > Present the main activities of the second year of SHoCMed;

Workshop aim features:

Participation is open to experts and different stakeholders linked to the aquaculture issues in the GFCM member countries. A number of experts will be invited in their individual capacity from a range of disciplines presenting national and local case studies on spatial planning and Allocation Zones for Aquaculture. Active participation from attendees and their inputs on the issues covered are crucial to ensure a successful workshop.

The outputs of the workshop will serve as basic contribution for the production of criteria and related guidelines for aquaculture site selection in the GFCM region within the activities of CAQ-WGSC (SHoCMed Project).

Support documents:

A list of documents in support to the meeting of the WGSC will be available in a short time to the participants):

- The FAO document: “*The potential of spatial planning tools to support the ecosystem approach to aquaculture*”: are available at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/i1359e/i1359e00.htm>

- The report of the Multistakeholder Workshop on Siting and Carrying Capacity (SHoCMed) are available at http://151.1.154.86/GfcmWebSite/CAQ/CMWG/3/CAQ_CMWG_2010_5.pdf
- The document FAO document on Environmental Impact Assessment and Monitoring are available at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/i0970e/i0970e00.htm>
- The IUCN / FEAP Guidelines on Site Selection and Management are available at <http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/2009-032.pdf> and at http://151.1.154.86/faosipam/htm/content/IUCN_FEAP_GuideSiteSelectionManagement.pdf
- Further information on WGSC – ShoCMed are available at <http://www.faosipam.org/?pag=content/ShowPortal&Portal=SHOCMED>

The SHoCMed document “*Review on existing procedures for site selection used across the Mediterranean and evaluation of the affectivity of regulatory schemes and EIA procedures*” and other documents in support to the WGSC – SHoCMed will also be available to the participants in a short time

Call for Technical contribution.

Participants are encouraged to present Mediterranean case study, available data and information on spatial planning for aquaculture and Aquaculture Zones Allocation. These case studies should include the following:

- > Short introduction on the countries and aquaculture sector: Background information about the allocation of Zone for aquaculture in the countries;
- > Legislative framework
- > Summary of the experience
- > Steps occurred
- > Institutions and ministries involved
- > Actors and stakeholders involved
- > Interaction with other uses
- > Conflicts and opportunities

The titles, names of authors and abstracts of papers should be submitted to GFCM (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) by September 30, 2010. Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet.

Field trip.

The 20th October the Subdirección de Recursos Pesquero y Acuicolas de la Junta de Andalucía will organise a visit to the fish farms **IslaSur** - "Veta de la Palma", en el **Parque Nacional de Doñana** nos confiere una abundante productividad natural.
<http://www.islasur.es/index.htm>.

Languages

English, French, Spanish and Arabic may be used for preparation of workshop papers or for data submission.. It is expected that English will be the main language for discussions. However, interpretation services English-Spanish might be available. Meeting will be opened to stakeholders.

Registration

Please register your intention to participate by sending a fax to +39 0657056500 or by e-mail to: GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org.

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Transport

Transport to and from the airport, as well as for field trip, will be provided, please specify details of date and time of arrival and departure on registration form.

Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements. For any other information or guidance please contact **Pablo Avila** or **Israel Ravelo**. (see details above).