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**Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)
Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS) and
Working Group on Site Selection and Carrying Capacity (WGSC)**

**Training Workshop on site selection, allocated zones for aquaculture and site
management for coastal marine aquaculture(WGSC-SHoCMed)1**

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Background

In recent years, issues relating to the development of aquaculture in the GFCM area, particularly in relation to coastal zone management, have come to the fore. Despite the growing role played by marine aquaculture in providing GFCM Members and their populations with a reliable source of seafood in a time of decline in the marine capture fisheries sector, conflicts between aquaculture activities and other uses of coastal zones are negatively affecting the development of these activities. As a result, increased attention has been paid by the GFCM to the concept of “allocated zones for aquaculture” (AZA) within the remit of the work of the CAQ, in light of their potential as a management tool for preventing conflicts with other uses of coastal zones while enabling aquaculture planning.

Allocated zones for aquaculture (AZA) have been identified as a necessity for activities related to the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. At its 36th session in 2012, the Commission has adopted a Resolution (GFCM/36/2012/2) on allocation of zones for aquaculture (*guidelines*).

The Training Workshop on site selection, allocated zones for aquaculture and site management for coastal marine aquaculture is organized within the framework of the WGCS-SHoCMed project and has been designed to support the development of sustainable aquaculture in the GFCM competence area. This Training Workshop falls under the workplan of the Working Group of Black Sea, agreed during the first meeting of the WGBS in January 2013, in order to specifically address aspects related to marine and brackish aquaculture in support to the sustainable development of the Black Sea area. The training is organized in cooperation with the *Trabzon Central Fisheries Research Institute* and the research and aquaculture institutions in the Black Sea countries involved on aquaculture activities.

Main targets

More specifically, the training/workshop has the following objectives:

- To discuss with the participants on the status of aquaculture development in Black sea countries;
- To discuss with participants the main aspects related to ICZM and aquaculture development;
- To provide a clear idea of the concept of AZA and of the methodological process for their establishment, implementation and monitoring;
- To train participants on basic technical tools (GSI, environmental monitoring, indicators, EIA, EQS, administrative issues) for the identification and monitoring of sites selection for AZA; and
- To provide information and discuss on the Guidelines for the Establishment of AZA.

Furthermore, the training/workshop is also aimed to establishing a dialogue among participants in order to obtain feedback about the possibility of implementing AZA in their respective countries and to gather end users (producers) opinions, suggestions as well as indications about limiting factors for the AZA concept and process.

Methodology

This training session is intended to be both informative and participative, using didactic techniques, including GIS examples and case studies. Sessions will be balanced between theory and practice in order to stimulate participation and feedback from participants.

Participants will be invited to provide information, regarding their expertise and other aspects related to aquaculture development in their countries. Where possible, participants will be invited to attend this training bringing an appropriate set of information in order to define possible AZA application and monitoring.

Participants

This training session is specifically addressed to researchers, decision-makers and professionals involved in the aquaculture sector, such as:

- Decision-makers, heads of departments, directors, technical officers from national or regional administrations (Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Environment) involved in the process of planning and licensing for aquaculture;
- Aquaculture organizations, promoters and producers;
- Fisheries organizations;
- NGOs;
- Experts from universities and research institutions from Black sea countries will be invited according to their technical capacity and their direct involvement in planning and/or monitoring aquaculture activities
- Other relevant stakeholders

Language

The training/workshop will be carried out in English.

Available documents

- *GFCM – SHoCMed establishing AZA in the Mediterranean countries*
- *Quick Guide for the Establishment of AZA in the Mediterranean countries*
- *Technical FAO documents on site selection and carrying capacity*
- *IUCN Guidelines on Aquaculture Site Selection and Site Management.*

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