

Terms of Reference of the Working group on VMS and related control systems in the GFCM area

- Identify means to facilitate the implementation of Rec. GFCM/33/2009/07, including in relation to the transmission of information on the GFCM Authorized Vessel List, and consider possible revisions to its text;
- Evaluate administrative, technical and legal constraints relating to control systems, including VMS;
- Examine whether a centralized VMS system should be established within GFCM and study recent developments concerning other MCS tools;
- Ascertain requirements for the promotion of regional/sub-regional projects on the implementation of control systems, including VMS;
- Make proposals for operationalizing the “Guidelines for a technical cooperation programme in the monitoring of fishing vessels in the GFCM area of competence”;
- Identify technical assistance needs by Members to strengthen, including the testing of control tools alternative to VMS for small scale fisheries.