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**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION  
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<b>GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN</b>
<b>Fourth Session of the Compliance Committee (COC)</b>
<b>Athens, Greece, 12-13 April 2010</b>
<b>STATUS OF THE COMPENDIUM OF GFCM DECISIONS*</b>

\*Available only in English

## INTRODUCTION

1. At its third session (Tunis, March 2009), the Compliance Committee of GFCM (COC) welcomed the progress made by the Secretariat on the draft Compendium of GFCM Decisions and supported use of the Compendium as the basic reference document for monitoring compliance with GFCM decisions.

2. With regard to Recommendations, the Committee acknowledged that all Recommendations adopted since 1976 had been included, that there had been some reclassification between Recommendations and Resolutions, and obsolete decisions that had been superseded had been excluded. Furthermore, an assessment had been carried out to ensure there were no contradictions.

## STATUS AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPENDIUM

3. The need for a GFCM Compendium on GFCM decisions was requested by the Commission at its 29<sup>th</sup> Session. In this regard, the GFCM Secretariat has undertaken an extensive review of all GFCM decisions and with the guidance of the Compliance Committee has finalised this version of the Compendium which includes all binding decisions, currently in force, adopted after 1976 in accordance with Article III and Article V of the GFCM Agreement.

4. The GFCM decisions are categorized and referenced as follows:

- REC.CM      Recommendations on Conservation and Management
- REC.MCS    Recommendations on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
- REC.DIR    Recommendations on Data and Information Reporting
- REC.ICCAT   ICCAT recommendations relevant to the Mediterranean
- RES        Resolutions
- OTH        Other decisions

5. The reference code for all decisions is shown as:  
*DECISION TYPE-GFCM/Session number/Session year/order number*

### **E-COMPENDIUM**

6. The need for a GFCM Compendium on GFCM decisions to be posted on the GFCM website was requested by the Commission at its 33<sup>rd</sup> Session. In this regard, the GFCM Secretariat has published the first release of the e-Compendium, a standalone application (database of GFCM decisions included) to be installed on a user PC. The software contains several functionalities: simple/advanced search, detailed report, single/multiple records print out, PDF generation, export features. The e-Compendium is available on both CD and the GFCM website<sup>1</sup> for downloading.

### **SUGGESTED ACTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE**

7. The Committee is invited to provide the Secretariat with guidance for the steps forward.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://151.1.154.86/GfcmWebSite/e-Compendium/setup.zip>