



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR
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in collaboration with



**The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea
Against Pollution**

Joint GFCM BSC Workshop on IUU Fishing in the Black Sea

Istanbul, Turkey, 25-27 February 2013

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday 25 February

09:00 – 17:30

- 1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Introduction of participants and meeting's objectives**
- 4. General overview on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Black Sea**

The extent and the nature of IUU fishing will be carefully assessed by the workshop. To this end, a number of presentations will be delivered which will allow participants to express their views and feed relevant information to the workshop. These presentations will shed light on what drives IUU fishers while discussing the dynamics which are typical of this dubious business. The consequences associated to IUU fishing will be also examined together with measures available at international and regional level against it.

- 4.1 IUU fishing in the Black Sea: relevant background information (by B. Öztürk, Chairperson of the Workshop)
- 4.2 The GFCM and the fight against IUU fishing (by N. Ferri, GFCM Secretariat)
- 4.3 IUU fishing in the Black Sea (TBD, by FAO/FAO REU/FAO SEC)

- 4.4 Impacts of IUU fishing on Black Sea marine ecosystems (*by S. Nicolaev, Chairman of BSC FOMLR Advisory Group, Chairman of the GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea*)
- 4.5 Presentations by national representatives (*National representatives will present pertinent information, including data, legislation and current practices, based on the questionnaire circulated ahead of the workshop*)
- 4.6 Other

Tuesday 26 February
09:00 – 17:30

5. Assessment of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) tools in relation to the fishing fleet

In light of the primary importance of MCS in deterring illegal activities at sea, and bearing in mind also the manifold purposes that the application of technology has in this domain, the workshop will devote particular attention to those MCS tools which could have the potential to ensure the effective patrolling of fishing vessels, including small scale fishing vessels.

- 5.1 The role of MCS in the management of the fishing fleet: the GFCM experience (*by N. Ferri, GFCM Secretariat*)
- 5.2 Overview of the regional fishing fleet (*by V. Abaza, PMA Officer of the BSC Permanent Secretariat*)
- 5.3 Presentations by national representatives (*National representatives will present pertinent information, including data, legislation and current practices, based on the questionnaire circulated ahead of the workshop*)
- 5.4 Other

6. Open discussions on concerted actions to fight IUU fishing in the Black Sea, including MCS

On the basis of the elements within the presentations delivered, the workshop will look into possible actions that could prove useful to States in countering IUU fishing.

Wednesday 27 February
09:00 – 13:00

7. Proposal for a roadmap to fight IUU fishing the Black Sea

The main outcome of the workshop will be that of defining a roadmap identifying actions, objectives, means and actors of relevance for the Black Sea in order to fight IUU fishing. The roadmap is expected to be underpinned through the adoption of recommendations relating thereto by the GFCM and the Black Sea Commission at their annual sessions.

8. Any other matter

9. Conclusions and closure of the workshop