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Split, Croatia, 13-17 May 2013

**Statement of Competence and Voting Rights by the European Union and
its Member States**

This document reproduces the statement of competence and voting rights by the European Union and its Member States, as received by the GFCM Secretariat on Thursday 9th May 2013.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
 MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA
 Fisheries conservation and control Mediterranean and Black Sea

Thirty-seven Session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
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Draft Declaration of Competences and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union

MONDAY 13 MAY

1. Opening of the Session

2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

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- Presentation and adoption of the agenda
- Introduction of delegations of Members
- Introduction of Observers
- Session arrangements

3. Report of the intersessional activities 2012-2013

- Report of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - SAC subcommittees and Working Groups

*Shared competence – MS Voting rights **
- Report of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ), including SIPAM
 - CAQ Working Groups

*Shared competence – EU Voting rights **
- Report of the Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)

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4. Report on the activities under the 1st phase of the GFCM Framework Programme

(FWP) to support Task Force actions

- Strengthening fisheries data collection and submission frameworks in the GFCM area of Competence

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- Further support to the work of the Task Force in view of promoting the implementation of the GFCM Guidelines for multiannual management plans, including IUU fishing and MCS issues

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- Other related FWP activities
 - Mediterranean Cooperation for the Sustainable Use of the Marine Biological Resources
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 - Regional Symposium on Sustainable Artisanal Fisheries
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 - Specific actions for member countries
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- Activities carried out by the FAO Regional Projects
*Shared competence, MS Voting Rights**
- Review of the conclusions emanating from the Task Force validation meeting (10-11 May 2013)
*Shared competence, EU Voting rights**

5. Fourth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)

See attached separate declaration of competence for CAF

TUESDAY 14 MAY

6. Seventh Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC)

See attached separate declaration of competence for CoC

7. Proposals for the amendment of the GFCM Agreement and associated procedural and financial rules and other issues related to the functioning of the Commission

- Amendment of the GFCM Agreement and associated procedural and financial rules
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- Arrangements with partner organizations
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights**

8. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture

- Fisheries Management and conservation advice emanating from the SAC
EU competence – EU Voting rights
- Aquaculture Management advice emanating from the CAQ
Shared competence – EU Voting rights
- Draft Resolution on the management of protected areas including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) in the GFCM competence area
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- Regional Plan of Action for the management of fishing capacity
EU competence – EU Voting rights
- Draft adaptive regional management plan for red coral in the GFCM competence area
EU competence – EU Voting rights
- New proposals for recommendation
EU competence – EU Voting rights**

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

8. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture (Con't)

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9. Programme of work for the intersessional period 2013-2014, including the FWP

- Work programme of the Scientific Advisory Committee
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- Work programme of the Committee on Aquaculture
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- Work programme of the Compliance Committee
Shared Competence – EU Voting rights
- Work programme of the Committee on Administration and Finance
*Shared Competence – MS Voting rights**
- New activities with regards to the Black Sea
*Shared Competence – MS Voting rights**

THURSDAY 16 MAY

10. Report of the seventh session the Compliance Committee (CoC)

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11. Report of the fourth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)

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12. GFCM budget and Member contributions for 2013 and 2014

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13. Election of GFCM Bureau

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14. Endorsement of the elections of the Bureau of the GFCM subsidiary bodies

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15. Any other matter***16. Date and place of the Thirty-eight session**

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FRIDAY 17 MAY**17. Adoption of the Report and closure of the Session**

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* Without prejudice to further information