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**Expert meeting on fisheries legislation
in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea**

Beirut, Lebanon, 26-28 October 2011

Date and Place

- 26th -28th October 2011
- Le Bristol Hotel
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Main objectives

The Meeting will aim to:

- a) provide updated information on the fisheries laws and regulations in the GFCM Area of Competence;
- b) identify priority issues faced in the GFCM Area of Competence and as appropriate, possibilities of harmonization and shared management regulations.

Responses to the GFCM “Questionnaire on the fisheries Legislation in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea” distributed in April 2011 will serve as a basis for discussion and identifying areas for cooperation within the GFCM Area of Competence. Emphasis will also be put on the enforcement of the GFCM Recommendations by Members as well as on the relevant GFCM and FAO publications.

The framework of the discussion will be based on the three categories of fisheries (namely, commercial/industrial fisheries, small-scale fisheries, the recreational fisheries) but also on other matters pointed out during recent GFCM Workshops and SAC Sub-Committees. More specifically, the discussion will be focused on the three following main issues:

1. The fisheries access regimes.
2. The monitoring, control and surveillance.
3. The participation mechanisms in the legal and regulatory framework.

Call for Scientific Papers and Data

In order to undertake preparations for the workshop appropriately, nominated experts are kindly invited to submit the questionnaire – if not done yet – and/or any relevant information to the Secretariat (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) within the best delays.

Languages

English, French, Spanish and Arabic may be used for preparation of workshop papers or for data submission. However, no interpretation services will be available. It is expected that English will be the main language for presentations and discussions.

Registration

Please register your intention to participate by sending the complete Registration Form via fax to +39 0657055827 / +39 0657056500 or by e-mail to: GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org.

Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements.