

# GFCM Performance review

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## Introduction

- Need for a Performance review, expressed by the GFCM 32nd session in 2007
- Independent Performance review panel appointed in 2009 : Judith Swan (coordinator), Jean-Jacques Maguire and Philippe Ferlin
- Review from end 2009 until mid 2010
- Report submitted to GFCM secretariat in December 2010 and to the 36<sup>th</sup> session in 2011

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## Key findings and recommendations

- Legal framework of the GFCM
- Conservation and management
- Aquaculture
- Compliance and enforcement
- Decision- making and dispute settlement
- International cooperation
- Financial and administrative issues

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## Legal framework of the GFCM

- Weakness and outdated of the Agreement
- Many gaps in the GFCM rules and procedures

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## Conservation and management

- GFCM should target a few highly useful and complete fishery assessment
- GFCM should work only on common fishery resources (interesting more than one of its members !)
- Revision of geographical sub-areas is needed

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## Aquaculture

- Review of work programme with an aim of updating priorities to address recent needs
- The CAQ should concentrate its work on issues of strategic importance for the Region
- Function and organisation of the CAQ and its subsidiary bodies have to be reviewed

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## Compliance and enforcement

- Number of areas requesting review and action (flag State duties, port State measures, enforcement of GFCM recommendations, provision of information)
- Needs for a more comprehensive system of monitoring, control;and surveillance (MCS)
- Mechanisms to ensure follow-up of infringements and non-compliance

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## Decision-making and dispute settlement

- Procedures of decision-making too vague
- Dispute settlement do be amended to reflect requirements of the UNFSA

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## International cooperation

- Inclusion of provisions on observers in Agreement and Rules of procedures
- Promotion of cooperation with non-members
- IUU fishing activities by non-cooperating members to be deterred
- Improvement of cooperation between GFCM and ICCAT
- Efforts in capacity building to be developed (provision of information, implementation of recommendations)

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## Financial and administrative issues

- Review of present GFCM human resources to be considered
- Review of costs-benefits of holding meetings in Rome and in Member countries (with possible agreement with hosting countries for sharing expenses)
- Funding mechanisms for extra-budgetary activities to be explored
- Financial audit to be implemented soon

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## Conclusions

- GFCM and its subsidiary bodies have worked very hard during the past years to achieve the Commission's objectives
- High standards of the Secretariat in serving the Commission
- Present recommendations should strengthen the GFCM and help the Secretariat in its tasks

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## Many thanks for your attention



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