



GFCM e-Glossary

WEB APPLICATION PERTAINING TO THE SCIENTIFIC TERMS OF INTEREST FOR THE SAC



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Introduction of the electronic SAC glossary (e-Glossary)



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SAC GLOSSARY - HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



1999

The elaboration of a glossary collecting the technical and scientific terms together with their definitions for the GFCM use was considered among the **priorities** of the SAC.



2003

First draft GFCM Glossary in Word format (**693 terms, 841 definitions**)



2010

The glossary was **updated** by an expert in collaboration with fishery scientists. Many definitions of the 2003 glossary belonging to the general language, to other specialties, to fisheries aspects which were not relevant to the GFCM were removed. (**499 terms, 492 definitions**)



2011

The **e-Glossary** has been conceived by the Secretariat to allow the final user to look up for the technical words very quickly, therefore avoiding time consuming consultations through static files such as .pdf documents. 615 definitions (**116 Acronyms and 499 Terms**)



1ST DEV. STEP - EXCEL

Transposition of the terms and definitions into a **MS-Excel datasheet**:

- Identification code for the type of definition (acronym or term);
- Term or acronym considered;
- Definition;
- ID number;
- ID number of related definitions (if any);
- HTML-formatted Definition;
- Bibliographic reference.



2ND DEV. STEP - IT-RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Building of the **Database**;
2. Analysis and development of the concerned **Web Application**.

Functional requirements:

- Suitability for both "on the spot" lookups and full-text searches
Two different user interfaces (Ajax-based technologies)
 1. index-based lookup
 2. full-text search engine
- Ease of scalability for further amendments to the database contents



Administrative area
Login

Lookup Index Perform Search

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z

Filter:

A

- ABNJ
- Abundance index
- Access right
- Accessibility
- Accessory catch, additional catch, accompanying species
- Accidental catch or incidental catch
- ACCOBAMS
- Accompanying species
- Activity (as effort parameter)
- ADAPT
- ALK
- Allocation
- Allowable catch
- Anadromous
- Angler
- Apparent Consumption
- Aquaculture
- Area closure
- Artificial reef
- Artisanal fishery
- ASPIC

<http://www.gfcm.org/gfcm/topic/17107/en>

IMPROVEMENT AND UPDATES

- **Pending definitions**

Some terms still need to be defined by the SAC.

*It is strongly envisaged to properly define all the **pending** definitions of such fundamental terms frequently recurring within the GFCM official documents.*

- **Definitions proposed to be amended/updated**
- **New definitions proposed to be included**



CONCLUSIONS

Annual review and update

- *Incorporate terms and expressions that appear in the different **reports** of the Commission and present the possible additions to the SAC once a year.*
- *Coordinators of Sub-Committee are strongly invited to use the e-Glossary in their works within the **Sub-Committees** to detect obsolete words, propose additions and refine definitions.*

Importance of the web application e-Glossary

- *To be used during the Commission's meetings and for users' consultation.*
- **Real-time update** (Secretariat) of the latest definitions once cleared by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

THANK YOU

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