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Working Group on stock assessment on Small Pelagic species

Capo Granitola, Mazara del Vallo Italy, 1-6 November 2010

General Information

Date and Place

Monday, 1 November to Saturday, 6 November 2010.

The meeting will be held at IAMC-CNR U.O.S. di Capo Granitola

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Main objectives

One of the objectives of the Sub-committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA) of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of GFCM, is to progress in the enhancement of joint practical stock assessment.

“Joint” refers to the participation of scientists from different Geographical Sub-Areas (GSAs) providing their data and sharing them with their colleagues, using a standard methodology and analyzing together the results and options for fisheries management.

The process based on undertaking joint practical session to assess small pelagic species was launched in 2008, during the SCSA Working Group on small pelagic species (Turkey, September 2008). The assessments were carried out using both commercial catches and survey data. During its Thirty fourth session, the Commission endorsed the proposal of its Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) aimed to reconsider the functioning of the Working Groups on stock assessment of demersal and small pelagic species. Under this new vision, the Working group on small pelagic species will carry out its work on small pelagic species, dealing with practical stock assessments using standard methodologies. The outcome of the assessments already undertaken by national experts including with the support of FAO Regional projects and/or other international initiatives would be also presented directly to the working group for review and validation.

The Commission also stressed the need that data and stock assessment forms required for joint assessments be submitted to the Secretariat at least one week before the Working group meetings. These practical stock assessments will be supervised by a moderator under the supervision of the SCSA coordinator.

Languages

English, French, 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 discussions.

Transmission of data/information and stock assessment forms

Further indication will be provided through the GFCM Web site

Registration

Please register your intention to participate by sending a fax to +39 0657056500 or by e-mail to: GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org.

Hotel reservation

Where the lodging is concerned, please find below the details of 3 hotels placed in Mazara del Vallo. When reserving the room, please inform the reception to apply the CNR's fares, that are the ones listed below:

Mahara Hotel****

reasonably suggested by us

Lungomare San Vito

Tel. +39 (0)923 673.800

Fax: +39 (0)923 944.435

Standard Double room single use: € 65 per night with breakfast

Superior Double room single use (sea sight): € 75 per night with breakfast

Standard Double room: € 90 per night with breakfast

Superior Double room (sea sight): € 100.00 per night with breakfast

info@maharahotel.it

<http://www.maharahotel.it/>

Ruggero II****

Via Montevideo, 20

tel. +39 (0)923 944.643

info@ruggeroi.com

<http://www.ruggeroi.com/>

Standard Double room single use: € 70 per night with breakfast

Standard Double room: € 100 per night with breakfast

Hotel Hopps***

29, Via Hopps G

tel: +39 (0)923 946.133

fax: +39 (0)923 946.075

<http://www.hoppshotel.it/>

Standard Double room single use: € 75

Standard Double room: € 95

Transportation

A shuttle service will be organized for the transport of participants from the hotel to the place of the meeting and back (10 minutes driving). The times of departure of the shuttle will be communicated in due time. Please inform participants to let us know the hotel that they choose in order to organize the shuttle service, accordingly.

There are two airports near the venue of the meeting, that are placed in Palermo (130 km far from Mazara del Vallo) and Trapani (45 Km far from Mazara del vallo). Where the transport from both of the airports is concerned, participants can choose between two possibilities:

- 1) Leave us the organization of the transport and inform participants to communicate the time of their arrival at the airport, the flight number, the leaving airport and the mobile phone for any necessary contacts. We will organize shuttles and each participant will have a receipt for the cost of the transport. Usually the cost goes from € 20 for shuttle organized with more than 3 people to € 50 (from Trapani) and € 80 (from Palermo) for taxi service for 1 person;
- 2) Give indication to the participants about the facilities to reach the hotels from the airports. In this case, they can:

from Palermo airport:

a) Take the shuttle (*Prestia e Comandè*, leaving from the Palermo airport each half an hour. The cost is about € 5.30) to the bus station of Palermo and then take the bus to Mazara del Vallo (*Autoservizi Salemi*: www.autoservizisalemi.it). The cost is about € 8.00). Once at the bus station of Mazara del Vallo to go to the hotel they can let us know the time of arrival and we will pick them up.

b) Contact one of the following travel agencies. The cost of the transport goes from € 20 (for shuttle with more than 3 people) to € 80 (for taxi service for 1 person):

Quinci Travel agency

tel.: +39 (0)923 909.211

mobile phone of the driver: +39 348 580.85.85

Siberiana Travel agency

tel.: +39 (0)923 909.817

mobile phone of the driver: +39 329 370.72.42

from Trapani airport:

call the travel agencies listed above (Quinci and Siberiana). The cost of the transport goes from € 20 (for shuttle with more than 3 people) to € 50 (for taxi service for 1 person)