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**Transversal workshop on selectivity improvement, by-catch reduction and
alternative gears**

Alexandria, Egypt, 25-27 October 2010

Date and Place

- 25 October (9 o'clock) -27 October 2010
- Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport-
Institute of Fisheries Technology ,
Abu Qir Branch, Alexandria (Egypt)

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Main objectives

In the framework of the SAC activities for 2010, a workshop on selectivity improvement, by-catch reduction and alternative gears is propose to be held in Alexandria, Egypt from 25 to 27 October 2010 according the proposed terms of reference. The aims of this workshop are to follow up on the outcomes of the transversal GFCM Working Group on selectivity improvement and by-catch reduction (Tunis, 23-25 September 2009) and on the GFCM resolution on the implementation of the 40 mm mesh size GFCM/31/2007/3. More specifically, it is proposed to address the main following issues:

1. Determine the current status of studies on the effect of the trawl 40 mm square mesh size in reducing by-catches and discard and increasing the selectivity of the trawl related to the Mediterranean fisheries.
2. Analyze the socio-economic impact of the introduction of the new measures on trawl mesh sizes.
3. Review of methods for reducing the impact of trawl fishery on by-catches and the seabed:
 - Studies on the use of a grid system and separating panels for by-catch reduction in the Mediterranean trawl fishery
 - Studies on trawl modification to reduce damage on the seabed
 - Review of studies on the effect of trawl fishery on the Mediterranean species, and habitats
4. Review of the characteristics of the gears used in the trawl fishery in the Mediterranean, with special attention to difference in gears by GSA and target assemblage or depth stratum.
5. Review studies on alternative gears (e.g. traps) that can be used instead of the trawl and static net.

Call for Scientific Papers and Data

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. The titles, names of authors and abstracts of papers should be submitted to GFCM (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) by September 30, 2010. Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet.

Scientists are requested to provide information on the state of red coral in the Mediterranean in particular connected to biology, fisheries and regulations.

Languages

English and 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.

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

PLAZA Hotel, is recommended by the local organizer

it is a fantastic hotel Sea side view near the City Center and largest mall in Alexandria and near the conference place,

the rate is **81\$ for single room and 102\$ for double room,**

AIFU HORIZON RESORT- ALEXANDRIA: Double 51 US \$ and Single 51 \$

http://hotels.7ojozat.com/Hotel/Aifu_Horizon_Resort_Alexandria.htm

Maamura Palace Hotel: Double 75 US \$ and Single 60 \$ (recommended by the local organiser)

http://travel.yahoo.com/p-hotel-394738-maamura_palace_hotel-i

Paradise Inn Mamoura Beach Alexandria: Double 84 US \$ and Single 66 \$

<http://www.paradiseinnegypt.com/Home/maamoura/index.htm>

Le Metropole Hotel Alexandria: Double 95 US \$ and Single 85 \$

<http://www.paradiseinnegypt.com/Metropole/index.html>

Transportation

Please note that the local organiser can be able to welcome the participants in Alexandria airport and transferred them to the reserved hotels. Therefore it's preferred that the arrival destination will be Alexandria airport not only Cairo Airport.

If the final arrival would be Cairo Airport the local organiser could transporting the participants to Alexandria, only if the arrival of all participants in the same flight or flights convergent within one or two hours.

Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements.