



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR
THE MEDITERRANEAN**

**COMMISSION GÉNÉRALE DES PÊCHES
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Scientific Advisory Committee

COORDINATING MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

Malta, 3 December 2010

Working Hours: 9:30-16:00

Provisional Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Review of the main conclusions and recommendations of the Sub-Committees including the outcome from the transversal session**
 - *Multidisciplinary advice on fisheries management for examination by SAC; based on the outcome from the Sub-Committees meeting.*
 - *Response to the Commission's request*
- 3. Strategy for implementing the preliminary 2011 workplan of SAC.**
 - *Prioritization of topics and activities*
 - *Action to promote the attendance to technical meetings*
 - *Actions to promote data and information transmission by Members*
 - *Sub-regional initiatives concerning stock assessment in the Mediterranean (regional projects, (SG,-Me, etc...))*
- 4. Issues related with the SAC/Sub-Committees and Working groups functioning**
 - *Assessment of the practical stock assessment and future functioning of the WGs*
 - *Programming of meetings*
- 5. Review of the GFCM publications**
 - *Scientific and technical documents to be published by the Secretariat ;*
- 6. Follow up on:**
 - *Updating the reference frame and defining a medium term strategic plan for the SAC*
 - *Progress on updating the SAC glossary*

7. Any other matters

8. Closure of the meeting

Annex:

- List of Members

- Terms of Reference of the CMSC

Provisional list of Members

Henri Farrugio, SAC Chairman

Othman Jarboui, SAC first Vice Chairman

Atig Huni Drawil, SAC second Vice Chairman

Fabio Fiorentino, SCSA Coordinator

Vahdet Ünal, SCESS Coordinator

Federico Alvarez, SCMEE Coordinator

Joel Vigneau, SCSI Coordinator

Abdellah Srour, GFCM Executive Secretary a.i

Matthew Camilleri, GFCM Biostatistician

Pilar Hernandez, GFCM information officer

Constantina Karlou Riga, EastMed project coordinator

Enrico Arneri, FAO-AdriaMed and MedsudMed projects Coordinator

Juan Antonio Caminas, CopeMed II project coordinator

Pedro Barros, FAO FIMF Officer

Nicoletta Milone, FAO -AdriaMed project Officer

Luca Ceriola, FAO-MedsudMed project Officer

**Terms of Reference
of the Coordinating Meeting of the Sub-Committees (CMSC)
and of the Coordinators of the Sub-Committees**

1. Membership and *Modus operandi* of the CMSC

The CMSC will comprise the Chair and the two Vice-Chairpersons of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary of GFCM, the Coordinators of the Sub-Committees (SCSA, SCESS, SCIS and SCMEE) and the Coordinator(s) of cross-sectoral Working groups¹.

In addition to the assistance of the GFCM Secretariat, the CMSC will be supported in its work by the relevant FAO technical officers, including the Coordinators/Directors of the FAO Regional projects.

Pursuant to Rule X (6) of the Rules of Procedure, the procedures of the CMSC shall be governed *mutatis mutandis* by the Rule of Procedures of the Commission.

2. CMSC Mandate

- Propose and/or update elements of the Reference Framework for the mandate of SAC for the intercessional period and plan the distribution of activities among Sub-Committees;
- promote the organization of and the participation in interdisciplinary or cross-sectional working groups answering directly to SAC;
- examine the reports of the interdisciplinary or cross-sectional working groups and Sub-Committees and prepare proposals for an integrated Programme of Work of SAC;
- collate draft recommendations of subsidiary bodies and formulate, as appropriate, multidisciplinary advice on fisheries management for examination by SAC;
- function as editing committee for the selection of scientific and technical documents to be published in the GFCM *Studies and Reviews* series;
- conduct any other task specifically requested by the Commission or SAC or approved by consensus by the members of the CMSC.

3. Mandate of the Coordinators of the Sub-Committees

- Maintain an updated list of the National Focal Points and experts participating in related networks, providing full contact details, and ensure the distribution of related information;
- encourage the participation of experts in Sub-Committee activities and their scientific and technical contributions;
- organize, in close liaison with the CMSC, the activities of the Sub-Committee in such a way that issues raised by GFCM and/or SAC are addressed;
- coordinate intersessional activities, notably the organization of Sub-Committee meetings and, as appropriate, in collaboration with the facilitator, those of the Working group(s), including preparation of the annotated provisional agenda and/or terms of reference;
- supervise the drafting of meeting reports, including the presentation of attached appendixes/reference documents;
- liaise with scientific and technical bodies of other international/regional organizations dealing with topics of common interest;
- represent the Sub-Committee at meetings of the CMSC , in particular for preparing work and advice for SAC.

¹ “Cross sectoral” or “Transversal” *ad hoc* Working groups are those Working Groups reporting directly to SAC, such as the Joint GFCM/ICCAT Working Groups on Large Pelagic Species.