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Second Transversal workshop on red coral

Ajaccio, Corsica (France), 5-7 October 2011

Date and Place

- 5-7 October 2011
- Salle du Conseil – Assemblée de Corse
Hôtel de Région
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Main objectives

The 35th Session of the GFCM agreed to convene a workshop to follow up some pending issues opened to discussion during the sessions held at the first workshop of 2010. The main aims of this workshop are to address research and management actions to be undertaken for the sustainable exploitation of red coral in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Specifically, the workshop will:

1. Review of the distribution (past and actual) and present status of deep red coral banks across the Mediterranean region.
2. Review existing and new data on biology, ecology, oceanography, genetics and fisheries of deep red coral banks
3. Define the way the harvested quantities must be reported to the GFCM (*eg.* task 1, specific submission forms, Statlant 37A...) in compliance with the Recommendation GFCM/35/2011/2.
4. Assess the information received at the Secretariat on the number of authorizations issued (specifying the date of their issuance) for the use of ROV subject to the conditions stated at the for the as stated in the Rec. GFCM/35/2011/2 before the end of September 2011.
5. Evaluate of measures and strategies for planning local and regional management and conservation plans.
6. Outline a Scientific Medium Term Working Plan for red coral according to the main lines defined in the first workshop.

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 7th September, 2011. Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet.

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

Languages

English, French, Spanish and Arabic 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 presentations and discussions.

Registration

Please register your intention to participate by sending the complete Registration Form via fax to +39 0657055827 / +39 0657056500 or by e-mail to: GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org.

Hotel reservation and city of Ajaccio

Please find below the list of suggested hotels in proximity of the meeting venue:

Hôtel Palazzu u Domu ****

17 Rue Bonaparte

20000 Ajaccio

Tel: +33 (0) 4 95 50 00 20

Web: www.palazzu-domu.com

Hôtel SAN Carlu Citadelle ***

8 Boulevard Danielle Casanova

20000 Ajaccio

Tel: +33 (0) 4 95 21 13 84

Web: www.hotel-sancarlu.com

Hôtel Albion ***

15 Cours Général Leclerc

20000 Ajaccio

Tel: +33 (0) 4 95 21 66 70

Web: www.albion-hotel.com

Hôtel Fesch ***

7 Rue du Cardinal Fesch

20000 Ajaccio

Tel : +33 (0) 4 95 51 62 62

Web : www.hotel-fesch.com

Hôtel du Golfe à Ajaccio ***

5 Boulevard du Roi Jérôme

20000 Ajaccio

Tel : +33 (0) 4 95 21 47 64

Web: www.hoteldugolfe.com

Hôtel Napoléon ***

4 rue Lorenzo Vero, BP 28

20181 Cedex 1 Ajaccio

Tel: +33 (0) 4 95 51 54 00

Web: www.hotel-napoleon-ajaccio.fr

Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements.