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**2nd Transversal Working Group on By-catch
(in collaboration with ACCOBAMS)**

7-9 December 2011, Antalya, Turkey

Draft annotated Agenda

[Wednesday 7 December 2011](#)

Morning Session (9:00-13:00)

1. Opening session

- Opening, arrangement of the meetings
- Logistical aspects
- Nomination of the rapporteur(s)

2. Review of available data on by-catch in GFCM area

2.1. Presentations

- Review of existing knowledge on fisheries by-catches and discards in the gfcM area (by the Moderator , Dr. V. Vassilopoulou)
- Target and by-catch species by deepwater trawl fishery in the Antalya Bay, eastern Mediterranean (by *Deval M.C.* and *Güven O.*)
- Discard characteristics of demersal trawl fishery from the Turkish coasts of the middle Aegean Sea (by *Soykan O.*, *Tosunoğlu Z.* and *Kinacigil H.T.*)
- Size analysis of the most important discarded commercial species captured by demersal trawls in the Turkish Coast of Middle Aegean Sea (Poster) (By *Akgül A.*, *Soykan O.*, *Tosunoğlu Z.* and *Kinacigi H.T.*)

Afternoon Session (14:30-17:30)

- Trawls used in Moroccan Mediterranean Sea (state and solution for By-catch) (by *Benyacine M.H.*)
- Review of available data on by-catch in Spanish Mediterranean, Trawl Fleets GFCM area. (By *Carbonell, A.*)

- Discards of the purse seine fishery for small pelagic fish in the Aegean and Ionian Seas (by *Tsagarakis K., Vassilopoulou V., Kallianiotis A. and Machias A.*)
- Catch composition of the Greek trawl fisheries, with emphasis to quantification and analysis of by-catch species (by *Palialexis A. and Vassilopoulou V.*)
- By-catches and discards in static net fisheries in Greece (by *Palialexis A., Vassilopoulou, V.*)

2.2. General discussion

Thursday 8 December 2011
Morning Session (9:00-13:00)

3. Evaluate the quality of currently available by-catch data (by year, GSA, fishery and stock)

3.1. Presentations

- The collection of fisheries by-catch data in Malta (*Mifsud R., Gravino F., Muscat E. and Knittweis L.*)
- Issues related to onboard sampling for assessing by-catch and discards in Greek waters (*Tsagarakis K., Vassilopoulou V. and Machias A.*)
- Introduction to the data collection scheme on by-catch through GFCM Task 1.4 (by *GFCM Secretariat*)
- Counting shark counts: an inventory of pelagic shark CPUEs to support the global shark baselines project (*Ferretti F., Anderson S., Dulvy N. and Micheli F.*)

3.2. General discussion

4. Consider by-catch indicators and necessary supporting data on by-catch rates by stock and fishery for trends interpretation

- *Overview of the use of indicators in fisheries management and a brief presentation of the MariFish Badminton project.* (by the Moderator Dr. *V.Vassilopoulou*)

4.1. Presentations

- Indicators describing fishery by-catch/discards: An example from the Greek case study of the BADMINTON project (*Palialexis A. and Vassilopoulou V.*)
- Development of indicators to monitor and manage discard issues for European fisheries/fleets: Landing and By-catch fishery data for the coastal demersal fishery for the Balearic Islands trawl fleet. (*Carbonell, A.*)
- Trends in metrics of fish community for otter-trawl discards in the Ionian Sea (by *Tsagarakis K., Karakassis I., Giannoulaki M., Somarakis S., Vassilopoulou V. and Machias A.*)

4.2. General discussion

Afternoon Session (14:30-17:30)

5. Interactions between marine mammals and fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea

- Background on marine mammals' by-catch issue in Mediterranean and Black sea (by the Moderator *Dr. J. Sacchi*)

5.1. Presentations

- Évaluation de l'interaction entre *Tursiops truncatus* et les filets de la senne tournante dans la région du Cap Bon (Nord Est de la Tunisie) (by *Benmessaoud R.*)
- Acoustique dans la diminution des bycatch (by *Najih M.*)
- Development of national network for monitoring the Black Sea cetacean in Romania and identification of relevant measures for mitigation the adverse impact of fisheries (*By Nicolaev S. and Radu G.*)
- Estimates of Cetacean Bycatch in the Turbot Fishery on the Turkish Western Black Sea Coast in 2007 and 2008 (*Tonay A.M.*)
- Cetacean bycatches in turbot fisheries on the central coast of the Bulgarian Black Sea (*Mihaylov K.*)
- Cetacean by-catch levels in the northern Black Sea: results of onboard monitoring programme (*Birkun A. Jr. and Krivokhizhin S.*)
- Action Plan for the mitigation of the negative effects of monk seal - fisheries interactions in Greece (*Paximadis, G.*)

5.2. General discussion

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Morning Session (9:00-13:00)

6. Consider ways to start and/or expand by-catch monitoring schemes and specially in the context of by-catch reduction issue in GFCM area

6.1. Presentation

- GTMF- bycatch group activities in French Mediterranean waters. (*Claro F. and Poisson, F.* Presented by *Dr. J. Sacchi*)

6.2. General discussion

6.2.1. suggestions to improve data collection and monitoring schemes on by-catch to be submitted to the SAC/GFCM

6.2.2. review of the existing initiatives related to by-catch monitoring

7. Strategy on marine mammals by-catch reduction in gillnets and longlines fisheries. Assessment of main causes of by-catch. A pilot study project. (By the Moderator *Dr. J. Sacchi*)

8. Any other matters

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

10. Adoption of the Report