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SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## **SCMEE**

(PHILIPPINES ROOM - C277/281)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Marine Environment and Ecosystems**

FAO HQs, Rome, Italy, 23-26 January 2012

Chair: Federico Alvarez Prado

### **Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable**

#### **MONDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY**

9:30-13:00 (Transversal session: IRAN ROOM - B116)

- 1. Opening and arrangement of the Sub-Committee meetings**
  - *Opening session for the 4 Sub-Committees* (by SAC Chairperson)
  
- 2. Transversal session: review of transversal issues (by SAC chairperson)**
  - 2.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Transversal Working Group on by-catch (in collaboration with ACCOBAMS) (by SCMEE coordinator)
  - 2.2 Workshop on Red Coral (by SCMEE coordinator)
  - 2.3 Follow up on Vessel Monitoring System issues (by GFCM Secretariat)
  - 2.4 Specific actions for the Black Sea (by GFCM Secretariat)
  - 2.5 GFCM Task Force and Framework Programme (FWP) (by GFCM Secretariat)
  - 2.6 Small scale fisheries prospective (by GFCM Secretariat, FAO and FAO Regional Projects)
  - 2.8 Bio-economic impact assessment of scenarios: hake fishery in the gulf of Lion (by IFREMER)

14:30-17:30

- 3. Introduction to the SCMEE meeting and adoption of the agenda**
  - *Introduction of participants*
  - *Designation of the rapporteur(s)*
  - *Adoption of the agenda*
- 4. Proposal for a Regional Management plan for red coral**
- 5. Status of reporting data on by-catch within the framework of Task 1**
  - *Monitoring incidental captures of species of conservation concern (2006-2011) under Regulation (EC) n. 812/2004 (by Fortuna C., Filidei E. jr., Vallini C., Mazzola A., Sala A., Cannari R., Raicevich S. and Giovanardi O.)*
  - *Strategy on marine mammals by-catch reduction in gillnets and longlines fisheries. Assessment of main causes of bycatch. A pilot study project. (by Sacchi J. and Rais C.)*

## **TUESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

9:00-12:30

- 6. Special session on Artificial Reefs (Chair: Gianna Fabi)**
  - 6.1 Opening the Workshop
  - 6.2 General information on Artificial Reefs (ARs) in the GFCM area
    - *Artificial reef applications in Turkey (by Lök A.)*
    - *Les récifs artificiels comme outil d'appui à la gestion intégrée des zones côtières. Synthèse bibliographique (by Djellali M.)*
    - *Common database on artificial habitat: possibility of expanding an Italian web site to Mediterranean and Black Sea (by Spagnolo A.)*
    - *First stages of benthic faunal colonisation on artificial reefs in Marseille (North-Western Mediterranean Sea) (by Dubois M., Bentahar I., Bellan G., Bellan-Santini D., Chevaldonné P., Harmelin J-O., Harmelin-Vivien M., Vacelet J. and Perez T.)*
  - 6.3 Evidences of increased productivity and/or gathering of biomass in ARs of the Mediterranean and Black Sea
    - *Attraction vs Production debate. Indirect evidences of increased biomass (by Scarcella G., Fabi G. Spagnolo A. and Grati F.)*
  - 6.4 Monitoring strategies and statistical approaches to study ARs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
    - *Monitoring strategies and statistical approaches to study fishery resources of ARs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea (by Scarcella G., Fabi G. and Spagnolo A.)*
  - 6.5 General discussion and proposals for the future

14:00-17:00

**7. Follow up on:**

- 7.1 Deep-sea habitats, sensitive habitats and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Improve the knowledge on:
- a) the topography of seamount areas
  - b) the structure and functioning of canyons
  - c) on deep-sea habitats
    - *Ongoing research on Cold Water Corals, Fish and Fish and Fisheries in the Ionian Sea* (by Smith C., D' Onghia G. and Lekaditou E.)
    - *The importance of protecting seamounts in the Mediterranean basin* (by S. García, OCEANA)
    - *State of progress of the project for establishing SPAMIS in open seas, including the deep sea, and proposals for the next phase of the project* (by Ouerghi A. RAC/SPA)
  - d) bio-economic studies on the possible management measure for their protection
- 7.2 Jellyfish blooms: preparation and dissemination of educational material (posters, leaflets, brochures, etc.) for informing the public in the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries about harmful species and jellyfish;
- 7.3 Updating of the TECHNOMED selectivity protocol as a standard document and studies on implementing the new codend meshes;
- 7.4 Alien species in the Eastern Mediterranean and their impact on fisheries
- *Gains and losses by the lessepsian invasion in the Mediterranean Marine waters of Turkey* (by Turan C.)
  - *Alien species in the eastern Mediterranean and their effect on fisheries* (by Lefkaditou E. EASTMED)

**8. Updating application forms to propose the establishment of new fisheries restricted areas (FRAs)**

**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

9:00-12:30

**9. Conclusions and recommendations**

**10. 2012 SCMEE Workplan:**

10.1 Implementation of the medium-term research programme on red coral:

- a) Data collection scheme for red coral (progress by the GFCM Secretariat)
- b) Proposals of research programs for the impact of ROV as exploratory tool
  - *ROV as an exploration tool for mapping and monitoring mesophotic habitat* (by Canese S., Rossi L., Manzueto L., Giusti M., Angiolillo M., Salvati E. and Tunesi L.)

10.2 Implementation of the medium-term research programme on elasmobranchs;

10.3 Other activities

14:00-17:00

**11. 2012 SCMEE Workplan (Cont')**

**12. Any other matter**

**13. Nomination of SCMEE Coordinator**

**14. Date and venue of the next meeting**

**THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

*Morning: Free*

*(preparation of the report and the executive summary)*

15:00-18:00

**15. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting**