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**Scientific Advisory Committee**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Marine Environment  
and Ecosystems (SCMEE)**  
**Malta, 29 November- 2 December 2010**  
(Chair: Federico Alvarez Prado)

**Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable**

**- Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**- Morning Session, 09: 30-13:00**

**1. Opening and arrangement of the Sub-Committee meetings**

- *Opening session of the 4 Sub-Committees (Chaired by the hosting country/SAC Chairperson)*

**2. Transversal session: review of transversal issues (chaired by the SAC chairperson)**

- 2.1. Workshop on Red Coral (by SCMEE coordinator)
- 2.2. Transversal Expert meeting on Elasmobranchs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea (by SCMEE coordinator)
- 2.3. Workshop on European Eel (by SCSA coordinator)
- 2.4. Transversal Workshop on monitoring recreational fisheries in the GFCM area (by SCESS coordinator)
- 2.5. Transversal Working Group on Selectivity improvement and bycatch reduction and alternative gears (by SCMEE coordinator)
- 2.6 Transversal workshop on fishing capacity (by SCSA coordinator)
- 2.7 Follow up on:
  - *SAC Glossary (By the subcommittees coordinators)*
  - *update of the SAC reference frame and future strategic plan (By the SAC Chair)*

Afternoon Session, 14:30-18:00

**3. Introduction to the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

- *Introduction of participants*
- *Designation of the rapporteur(s)*
- *Adoption of the agenda*

**4. Special session on the alien species**

- **Alien species are replacing the native species in the eastern Mediterranean**  
(by Goren M.)

**5. Review of the conclusion of the Transversal Working Group on Selectivity improvement and bycatch reduction and alternative gears**

**6. Review of the conclusion of the Transversal Expert meeting on Elasmobranches in the Mediterranean and black sea**

- **Available knowledge on elasmobranches in Mediterranean and Black Sea**  
(by Bradai M. N., Saidi B. and Enajjar S.)
- **Records on the landings of the bluntnose six-gill shark in Malta**  
(by Vella N. and Vella A.)

**7. Review of the conclusion of the Workshop on Algal and Jellyfish blooms in the Mediterranean and Black Sea** (Report presented by Piraino S.)

**8. Review of the conclusion of the Transversal Workshop on the Red Coral**

**-Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

- Morning Session, 9:00-12:30

**9. Progress on the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)**

- *review of the recent results submitted by the participants and by the partners*
  - **Fishery ecosystem indicators and dynamics in the Mediterranean for 1970-2005**  
(by Pennino M. G.)

**10. Follow up on:**

- *deep sea, sensitive habitat and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)*
  - **Developing a network of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance in the Mediterranean open seas including deep seas, having regard of fisheries conservation needs** (by Le Ravallec C.)
  - **Post-larval research of small pelagic species in the Alborán Sea: A call for safeguarding fry concentration sites** (by García A.)
- *algal and jellyfish blooms*
  - **Current draw-backs to sustainable fisheries in the Mediterranean: from weak fisheries monitoring and management to jellyfish blooms** (by Vella A.)

- **An innovative, citizen science-based jellyfish spotting campaign from the Maltese Islands - the Spot the Jellyfish campaign** (by Deidun A. and Drago A.)
- *selectivity improvement and bycatch reduction including the outcome from case studies*
  - **On bycatch mitigation measures** (by Cebrián D.)
- *established restricted fisheries areas*

- Afternoon Session, 14:00-18:00

## **11. Follow-up on:**

**11.1 Contribution to improving and updating the GFCM glossary**

**11.2 Studies related to the status of artificial reefs**

- **The use of artificial reefs for fisheries management in the Mediterranean Sea** (By Fabi G., Grati F., Spagnolo A. and Scarcella G.)

**11.3 Activities of TechnoMed** (by Jacques Sacchi)

**- Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

- Morning Session, 9:00-12:30

**12. General conclusions and recommendations**

**13. 2011 SCMEE workplan**

**14. Any other matters**

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

Afternoon session, 14:00-18:00

- Free (preparation of the report and the executive summary)

**- Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

- Morning Session: 10:00-12:30

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