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Scientific Advisory Committee

Sub-Committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA)

**Working Group on stock assessment of Demersal Species**

Chania, Crete (Greece), 24-29 October 2011

**Date and Place**

- 24-29 October 2011
- Thales and Heraclitus conference rooms –  
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## **Main objectives**

One of the objectives of the Sub-committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA) of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of GFCM, is to progress in the enhancement of joint practical stock assessment.

“Joint” refers to the participation of scientists from different Geographical Sub-Areas (GSAs) providing their data and sharing them with their colleagues, using a standard methodology and analyzing together the results and options for fisheries management.

The process based on undertaking joint practical session to assess small pelagic species was launched in 2008, during the SCSA Working Group on small pelagic species (Turkey, September 2008). The assessments were carried out using both commercial catches and survey data. During its thirty-fourth session, the Commission endorsed the proposal of its Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) aimed to reconsider the functioning of the Working Groups on stock assessment of demersal and small pelagic species. Under this new vision, the Working groups will carry out their work dealing with practical stock assessments using standard methodologies. The outcome of the assessments already undertaken by national experts including with the support of FAO Regional projects and/or other international initiatives would be also presented directly to the working group for review and validation.

The Commission also stressed the need that data and stock assessment forms required for joint assessments be submitted to the Secretariat at least one week before the Working group meetings. These practical stock assessments will be supervised by a moderator under the supervision of the SCSA coordinator.

## **Call for Scientific Papers and Data**

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers and data within the best delays.

## **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](mailto:GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org).

## **Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania**

The Conference Center of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh) is located 3 km south-east of Chania city centre, 13 km from the Chania International Airport (CHQ) and 1 km from the port of Souda.

The Conference Centre is fully air conditioned and can be accessed by the disabled (Conference rooms, dormitories, stonehouses e.t.c.) as well as having free wireless spot areas and athletic installations.

The city centre of Chania can be reached by local bus. Buses leave every 20min and the bus stop is located outside the MAICh premises on the main street (Souda Avenue). Tickets cost 1,50€ one way. Taxis to the city centre cost about 10€.

Please note that accommodation can be arranged in the MAICh campus of the as below indicated:

### **1. Accommodation in the campus of MAICh**

- a. Luxurious stonehouses in the Conference campus can host a limited number of participants (approximately 10-12 stonehouses) in the special price of 80€ per stonehouse, breakfast included. Each stonehouse consists of a two level traditional apartment with a double bed in the upper level and a lounge with one or two single beds in the lower level (sofa beds). A Kitchenette and T. V. are available in all stonehouses.
- b. The student dormitories can accommodate participants in single or double rooms (bunk bed) with private facilities in the price of 35 and 46€ per day breakfast included.
- c. Approximately 5 lofts in the student dormitories building are also available. The loft is a two level room with a double mattress in the upper level and a single bed, refrigerator and T. V. in the lower level (private facilities). The price per attic is 55 € per day breakfast included.

All the rooms have wired Internet access.

### **2. Restaurant**

Coffee break buffets with two kinds of coffee, tea, orange juice, refreshments, cake (sweet and salty) and cookies can be arranged with 4€ per person per coffee break.

Served or Self served (over 30 participants) lunches and dinners can be offered in the restaurant for 15€ per person.

Welcome reception can be also arranged in the price of 15€ per person.

3. In the Photocopy Center, photocopies can be made in the price of 0.10€ per page.

Additional Information is available at: <http://confer.maich.gr/>

**Participants should must make their travel accommodations arrangements in collaboration with the GFCM Secretariat.**