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First Meeting of the GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea

Constanta, Romania,
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Draft Annotated Agenda

Monday, 16th January

Registration, 9:00

Morning Session, 9:30-13:00

1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Welcome address and opening of the meeting by the Hosting Country and the GFCM Secretariat.

The technical aspects related to the organization and functioning of the meeting will be presented. The Agenda of the meeting will be introduced and discussed. The rapporteurs of the meeting will be designated.

2. General overview on the current situation of fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea

2.1 Fisheries activities, Status of the main stocks and Scientific research in the field

Presentations will be given by the GFCM Secretariat and experts on the available scientific information and on the main progress of the work carried out in the Black Sea. The following contributions will be provided, followed by general discussion :

- Background Document on the Black sea Fisheries (*F. Colloca*)
- EU Fisheries in the Black Sea (*A. Cervantes*)
- Methods and fishing gears used in the Black Sea area (*E. Anton, S. Nicolaev*)
- Peculiarities of fishing on the shelf and in the coastal zone of the Crimea in 2000 - 2010s (*E. Karpova, A. Boltachev*)
- Fisheries, status and management of the main demersal fish stocks in the Bulgarian Black Sea area (*M. Panayotova, V. Raykov*)
- Black Sea anchovy stock assessment project (*A. C. Gucu, S. Sakinan*)
- National Survey on Anchovy in Turkey (*Alikguvu*)
- Ongoing research Projects carried out by Trabzon Central Fisheries Research Institute (*A. Ozdemir*)
- Scientific support for fisheries in the Ukrainian sector of the Black Sea (*V. Shlyakhov*)
- GIS "Marine Living Resources of the Black & Azov Seas" (*B. Trotsenko, S. Smirnov*)

- Collaborative international scientific research of marine living resources and marine environment as a basis of sustainable development of the Black Sea fisheries (*M. I. Kumatsov, T. V. Strakhova et al.*)
- Strengthening the regional capacity to support the sustainable management of the Black Sea Fisheries (SRCSSMBSF). EC/CBC- Black Sea Basin 2007-2013, Joint Operational Programme (*G. Radu*)
- Chronology of Stock Assessments in the Black Sea Coasts of Turkey (*E. Duzgunes, K. Seyhan*)
- Notes on Bulgarian fisheries studies with view of future research activities (*K. Mikhailov*)
- Towards the Black Sea strategy to reduce cetacean by-catch (*A. Birkun*)
- Implementation of the National Fisheries Data Collection Program in Romania (*G. Radu*)

Afternoon session, 14.30-17.30

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2.2 Aquaculture activities, Status and Scientific research in the field.

Overview on available data and information on aquaculture (production data, species reared, technologies applied etc.). General discussion will follow.

- Aquaculture development in Black Sea area (*H. Deniz*);
- Aquaculture research activities in Black Sea area - Turkey case study (*H. Deniz, A. Ozenir*)
- Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM) (*GFCM Secretariat*)

2.3 Fisheries and aquaculture legislation

Information will be provided on fisheries and aquaculture legislation, with particular to the "access regimes" to the fisheries resources, conservation and management measures and monitoring. General discussion will follow.

- Presentation of the SHoCMed and LaMed activities (*GFCM Secretariat*)

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3. Identification of strengths and gaps

Discussion among participants will identify strengths and gaps to be addressed

4. Priority actions for the future

Discussion will focus on the identification of priorities and future actions for the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea area, including:

- a) improvement of data collection;*
- b) regional capacity building at different levels;*
- c) research activities and management of fisheries and aquaculture;*
- d) initiatives and suggestions to promote sustainable fisheries and aquaculture;*
- e) regional cooperation including among partner Organizations*

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5. General conclusions and recommendations

6. Medium term programme of work

- Introduction of the Task Force activities, including the first Framework Programme to support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (*Haydar Fersoy*)

7. Any other matters

8. Date and venue of the Second meeting of the Working Group

Afternoon session, from 15:00

9. Adoption of the Report