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**First meeting of the GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea
Constanta, Romania, 16-18 January 2012**

Date and Place

- 16th -18th January 2012
- National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa"
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Main objectives

At its 13th Session held in Marseille in February 2011, the GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee called the attention on the need to start specific actions to be included in the short-term work plan with the aim to improve the knowledge of the fisheries in the Black Sea area and to strengthen their management. Upon this proposal, the annual meeting of the GFCM Commission in May 2011 decided to set up a Working Group to facilitate the work of the SAC in delivering fishery management advice for this area and to promote the regional cooperation in the field on fisheries and environmental issues.

In this context, the GFCM will organise the *First meeting of the GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea* will be held in the National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" (NIMRD), Constanta (Romania), 16th-18th January 2012.

This meeting is open to all experts and managers of the six Black Sea riparian countries (namely: Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine) as well as Organizations and initiatives sharing the same interests and objectives in the Black Sea. This Meeting will be organized according to the following Terms of References:

- Identify priority research needs in the fields of fisheries science, fishing technology, socioeconomics and management within the framework of an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries;
- Promote studies related to the stock assessment of the main fish stocks in the Region and identify appropriate ways to strengthen the capacity building of national scientists in Black Sea countries;
- Evaluate the current status of data collection and fisheries statistics, including scientific data for stock assessment, in the region.
- Discuss options to foster cooperation among fishery scientists and stakeholders from Black Sea coastal states.
- Discuss the possible interaction of GFCM activities with other initiatives of Black Sea scientific bodies, national entities and international projects.
- Undertake preliminary discussions on strategy options for fisheries management in the region, within the framework of the GFCM, including the integration of ecosystem considerations, bio-economic indicators and reference points.

Call for Papers and Documents

In order to undertake preparations for the Working Group appropriately, experts are kindly invited to submit relevant papers, presentations or any document in electronic format along with related abstracts to the Secretariat (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) not later than 23rd December 2011.

Languages

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.

Travel and accommodation

Hotels

There are 4 hotels located within a walking distance of the Institute:

➤ **Hotel “Bulevard” ******

Constanța 900552, 294 Mamaia Blvd.,
www.complexbulevard.ro

Tel. 0040 241 831 533, 0040 241 831 534,
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E-mail: receptie@complexbulevard.ro
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➤ **Hotel “Malibu” ******
316 Mamaia Blvd.
www.hotelmalibu.ro
Tel. 0040 241 831 404, 0040 241 831 411
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➤ **Hotel “Parc” *****
900001 Mamaia
www.parc mamaia.ro
Tel. 0040 241 831 326

➤ **Hotel “Turist” *****
228 Mamaia Blvd.
www.turisthotel.ro
Tel.: 0040 241 831 006
Fax: 0040 241 831 006

Transfer

From “Henri Coandă” Airport, Bucharest, to Constanța, there are two options:

- Each participant travels on his/her own from the airport (by bus 780, with hour to hour departures, or by taxi) to the Bucharest North Train Station; there are several trains per day to Constanța, as well as regular coach lines, with departures each 45 minutes (the coach stop is close to the train station)
- Should all participants decide to arrive the same day, within a reasonable time frame, the Institute could rent a coach in order to collect the group from the airport and ensure the transport directly to Constanța. This option will be examined in collaboration with the GFCM Secretariat when participants will have booked their flights.

Visa

Participants are kindly asked to gather the necessary information about Visa requirements depending on their country in order not to compromise their participation.

***Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements.**