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Méditerranée

## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

### Seventeenth session

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy, 24–27 March 2015

### REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

#### TUESDAY 24 MARCH

*Morning: 10.00 – 13.00 hours*

#### 1. Opening and arrangements for the Session

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda

#### 3. Intersessional activities

- Review of the recommendations of the Thirty-eighth Session of the Commission concerning the management of fisheries and progress of the GFCM amendment process
- Overview of SAC and Working Group on the Black Sea achievements during the intersession
- Research activities by Member Countries
- Major activities and initiatives of the FAO regional projects

#### 4. Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research

- Conclusions and recommendations related to marine environment and ecosystems, including indicators of the status of exploited populations
- Draft proposal by Oceana for the establishment of new Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs) in the northern sector of the Strait of Sicily

*Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 hours*

#### 4. Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research (cont'd)

- Conclusions and recommendations related to statistics and information, including the Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF)
- Conclusions and recommendations related to economic and social sciences

**WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH***Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours**Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours***4. Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research (cont'd)**

- Conclusions and recommendations related to stock assessment
- Conclusions and recommendations related to management of small pelagic fisheries in the Adriatic Sea

**5. Progress on the elaboration of the first biennial report on the status of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries****6. Functioning of the SAC and its subsidiary bodies in light of the recent amendment of the GFCM legal framework****THURSDAY 26 MARCH***Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours***7. Review of SAC preliminary work plan for 2015–2016, including in relation to the following activities:**

- Regional Conference on Small Scale Fisheries
- Research activities on red coral, including a proposal for a pilot study
- Proposal for a possible UNEP-MAP/RAC-SPA, ACCOBAMS, IUCN, MEDPAN and GFCM joint strategy for research on conservation of marine ecosystems and populations
- Other

**8. Any other matter**

- Information on the GAP2 Project on fisheries management
- Presentation of the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative – a basin-wide monitoring project for enhancing cetaceans conservation in the Mediterranean and Black Seas
- Information from UNEP-MAP on the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development
- Other

**9. Date and place of the next session**

*Afternoon free*  
(Preparation of the Report)

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH***Morning: 9.30 – 12.30 hours***10. Adoption of the report**