

GFCM Workshop on Elasmobranchs of the Mediterranean and Black Sea (June, 2014)

Draft Terms of Reference

1. COLLATE HISTORICAL DATASETS AND REVIEW ALL THE ONGOING RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THE REGION TO UPDATE PREVIOUS 2010 PUBLICATION
2. IDENTIFY MAIN FISHERIES AND OTHER HUMAN ACTIVITIES IMPACTING SHARKS
3. IDENTIFY SENSITIVE AREAS FOR ELASMOBRANCHS
4. ASSESS BY-CATCH RATES IN SELECTED FISHERIES AND OTHER MORTALITY RATES INDUCED BY HUMAN ACTIVITIES
5. PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MONITORING OF BY-CATCH, STOCK ASSESSMENTS AND FOR THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL FINNING
6. PROPOSALS FOR A SERIES OF TECHNICAL MEASURES TO MITIGATE BY-CATCH IN THE IDENTIFIED FISHERIES TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN MULTIANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLANS INCLUDING TIME OR AREA CLOSURES IN IDENTIFIED SENSITIVE AREAS
7. DISCUSS ON THE BEST OPTION FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR ELASMOBRANCHS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA HOSTED AT THE GFCM SECRETARIAT