### ANNOTATED AGENDA

**Chair:** Mr. François POISSON (IFREMER)

#### WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

**Morning, 09:30–12:30 hours**

1. **Arrangements of the Workshop and introduction of main objectives** (*Chair and GFCM Secretariat*)

2. **Overview of elasmobranchs and fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black sea** (*Chair and GFCM Secretariat*)

3. **Recent progress on elasmobranchs information (biological, fisheries, catches, etc.) including those from ongoing research programmes in the region**
   - The reproductive Biology of the common stingray *Dasyatis pastinaca* from the Gulf of Gabès (Southern Tunisia) (*Abdesselem et al.*)
   - First estimates of age and growth of the bull ray (*Pteromylaeus bovinus*) inhabiting north-eastern Mediterranean Sea (*Başusta et al.*)
   - Genetic diversity and population structure of the longnose spurdog *Squalus blainville* in the Mediterranean Sea (poster) (*Kousteni et al.*)

**Afternoon, 14:00–17:00 hours**

4. **Identification of main fisheries impacting elasmobranchs and bycatch rates**
   - The contribution of fishery data to assess the status of elasmobranch populations in the northern Adriatic Sea. (*Mazzoldi et al.*)
   - Elasmobranchs bycatch in experimental trawl survey in the Gulf of Gabès (Central Mediterranean Sea) (*Samira et al.*)
   - Elasmobranch bycatch in shrimp trammel net fishery of the Gulf of Gabès (Tunisia) (*Saidi et al.*)

5. **Identification of sensitive areas for Elasmobranchs in the region**
   - A nursery site of Squalidae in the Gulf of Gabès (Tunisia, Central Mediterranean Sea) (*Marouani et al.*)
   - Species identification, phylogeography and spatio-temporal distribution of requiem sharks (genus *Carcharhinus*) along the Israeli Mediterranean coast (*Barash et al.*)
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6. Proposals to improve monitoring and estimation of bycatch and discard rates
   • MedLem database, a data collection on large elasmobranchs in the Mediterranean basin (Serena et al.)
   • Porbeagle shark trade in Europe: behind the curtain! (Chabrol et al.)
   • CIESM Sharks programme: a new tool for the assessment of Mediterranean chondrichthyans (Soldo et al.)
   • Standard maturity scale for elasmobranchs under the EU-data collection framework (Serena et al.)
   • Others

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7. Actions for the management and conservation of elasmobranchs

7.1. Data collection through the GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF) (GFCM Secretariat)

7.2. Stock Assessment
   • Considerations on the status of elasmobranchs in the Italian waters (Serena et al.)

7.3. Proposals for technical measures to mitigate bycatch and/or reduce mortality
   • Elasmobranchs bycatch in bottom longline fishery targeting groupers in the Gulf of Gabes, Tunisia: Effects of circle hooks (Bradai et al.)
   • Sharklife : urgent actions for the conservation of cartilaginous fish in Italy (Clo et al.)
   • Elasmobranch bycatch of the swordfish longline fishery in the Ligurian Sea (Garibaldi et al.)

7.4. Control measures (illegal fishing, finning)

8. Presentation of a Community of Practice for elasmobranchs hosted at the GFCM Secretariat IT platform (GFCM Secretariat)

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER
Morning, 09:30–12:30 hours

9. Conclusions and recommendations and closure of the meeting