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Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Workshop on elasmobranchs conservation in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
Sète, France, 10-12 December 2014

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.*)

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

Morning, 09:30–12:30 hours

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

Afternoon, 14:00–17:00 hours

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