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Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Working Group on Marine Protected Areas

Bar, Montenegro, 3 February 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

WORKING HOURS

*Morning: 09:00 – 13:00 hours
Afternoon: 14:30 – 17:30 hours*

Chair: Federico Alvarez

- 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda** (Chair and GFCM Secretariat)
- 2. Current status of protected areas in the Mediterranean**
 - 2.1. **GFCM Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs)** (Aurora Nastasi, GFCM Secretariat)
 - 2.2. **Marine Protected Areas. Global trends and targets, with regards to the Mediterranean context** (François Simard, IUCN)
 - 2.3. **National Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)** (Chloë Webster, MedPAN)
 - 2.4. **Can FRAs in territorial waters be considered as MPAs?** (Alain Jeudy de Grissac, IUCN)
 - 2.5. **Areas of special importance for cetaceans** (Florence Descroix-Comanducci and Chedly Rais, ACCOBAMS)
 - 2.6. **Status of Pelagos Sanctuary** (H.E., Patrick Van Klaveren)

(Each organization will include in its presentation a description of: i. Objectives, ii. Criteria, iii. Legal framework, iv. Format, v. Data requirements, vi. Management and vii. Monitoring systems. The ensuing discussion will promote a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats -SWOT- analysis of the current existing protection measures)

3. State of play and current processes to identify potential areas to be protected

(Participants are invited to present different proposals of MPAs and MPAs networks and ensuing discussion will address the similarities and differences, advantages or challenges of each one)

- 3.1. **Setting Priorities for Regional Conservation Planning in the Mediterranean Sea** (Pilar Hernández, GFCM Secretariat)

- 3.2. **MPAs in the Mediterranean Sea: addressing opportunities to face the protection gap**
(Pilar Marin, OCEANA)
- 3.3. **Multi-sector participatory planning to achieve effective MPAs and MPA networks**
(Marina Gomei, WWF)

4. Discussion on possibilities of harmonizing requirements and work processes among organizations

(Participants will assess the interconnections between the different spatial protection measures – e.g. a FRA inside an MPA – as well as the possibility of requesting the same type of data as the first step for the harmonization in the establishment of spatial protection measures by several organizations)

- 4.1. **Brief introduction** (Chair)
- 4.2. **Operational Criteria For Identifying SPAMIs In Areas Of Open Seas, Including The Deep Sea** (Daniel Cebrian, UNEP-MAP RAC-SPA)
- 4.3. **Legal issues and SPAMIs** (Tullio Scovazzi, University of Milano Bicocca)

5. Planning of a study for the identification of potential areas to be protected by combining more than one measure (e.g. SPAMI-FRA)

(In order to give due implementation of the GFCM Resolution 2013/ 1, and to strengthen coherence among different processes for spatial protection in the Mediterranean, UNEP-MAP and GFCM will join forces to develop a pilot study to test spatial protection measures combining two or more institutions in a selected area including partly in high seas)

- 5.1. **State of progress of the joint action with the EC to promote establishing SPAMIs in open seas, including deep seas, and third phase steps** (Daniel Cebrian, UNEP-MAP RAC-SPA)

6. Any other matter

- 6.1. **Presentation of ACCOBAMS Workshop on MPAs (2014)** (Florence Descroix-Comanducci and Chedly Rais, ACCOBAMS)
- 6.2. **AMER – Adriatic Marine Ecosystem Recovery** (Carlo Cerrano, Università Politecnica delle Marche)

7. Conclusions and recommendations

8. Endorsement of the conclusions and closure of the meeting