

## GFCM CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND FORMAT

SAC/WGBS meetings	Original Place/Date	Proposed modality of attendance*
Working groups on stock assessment of demersal (WGSAD) and small-pelagic species (WGSASP)	FAO HQ, Rome, Italy 18 – 30 January 2021	Online
Expert Meeting on Stock Assessment Methodology	FAO HQ, Rome, Italy 3 – 4 February 2021	Online
Working Group on recreational Fisheries (WGRF)	Algiers, Algeria 16 – 19 February 2021	Online
Subregional Committee for the Western Mediterranean (SRC-WM)		
Working Group on Fishing Technology (WGFiT)	Tunis, Tunisia 9 – 12 March 2021	Online
Subregional Committee for the Central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)		
Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS), including a session on the establishment of Adriatic FRAs	Split, Croatia 20 – 22 April 2021	Online or in person
Benchmark assessment for round sardinella	Lebanon or FAO HQ 24 – 29 May 2021	Online or in person
Subregional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (SRC-EM)		
Twenty-second session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC), including a side-event for the validation of data on SSF characterization (TBD)	Lebanon or FAO HQ, 22 –25 June 2021	TBC
SGSABS benchmark session for Black Sea anchovy	Trabzon, Turkey 5 –9 July 2021	TBC
SGSABS, including meeting on the estimation of biological reference points for Black Sea fish stocks	Trabzon, Turkey 12 – 16 July 2021	TBC
Ninth meeting of the Working Group on the Black Sea	Georgia 27–29 September 2021	TBC
Technical consultation on bycatch	Greece TBD 2022	TBC

CoC meetings	Original Place/Date	Proposed modality of attendance
Working group on IUU fishing, including a session on the clarification process	Larnaca, Cyprus 18–21 May 2021	Online or in person
Working group on VMS and control systems		
Fourteenth session of the Compliance Committee		

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\* The exact dates, duration and timetable of meetings to be held online will be adapted to fit teleworking schedules and other needs linked to virtual meetings. The GFCM Secretariat will circulate the final dates and related information as soon as possible.

<b>CAQ meetings</b>	<b>Original Place/Date</b>	<b>Proposed modality of attendance</b>
Meeting on the functioning of the CAQ, including First technical consultation of stakeholders on aquaculture investment in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea	Rabat, Morocco 17 – 19 March 2021	Online
Meeting for the establishment of an Aquaculture Observatory for the Black Sea	Trabzon, Turkey 25 – 27 May 2021 (back-to-back with SOFAS 2020, co-organized by the GFCM)	Online or in person
Technical meeting on aquaculture market data collection: common approach and procedures	Tunis, Tunisia September 2021	TBC
Twelfth session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)	Morocco, TBD 2022	TBC

<b>GFCM/Strategic meetings (transversal meetings)</b>	<b>Original Place/Date</b>	<b>Proposed modality of attendance</b>
Coordination meeting on the new strategy <sup>†</sup>	Algiers, Algeria, 15 –16 February 2021	TBC
High-level meeting on the new strategy, MedFish4Ever initiatives and the post-Covid response	Greece 9 – 10 June 2021	TBC
Forty-fourth session of the GFCM	Tirana, Albania 8 – 12 November 2021	TBC
Black Sea Conference	Georgia 2022	TBC
Symposium on Red Coral	TBD 2022/2023	TBC
Second GFCM Forum on Fisheries Science (Fish Forum), back-to-back with the Conference on MedFish4Ever initiatives and UN Decade on Research	Turkey 2023	TBC

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the evolution of the covid-19 pandemic, a meeting of the heads of delegation of GFCM Contracting Parties could be foreseen in order to take a decision on the way forward for the implementation of GFCM activities.