



GFCM 2025 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

	Meeting	Date	Modality and Location
SAC	SSF Forum on sardinella	TBD 2025	TBC
WGBS	Workshop on turbot age reading	3–7 February 2025	In person – Trabzon, Türkiye
Strategic	Fisheries and ecosystem-based management for the Black Sea (FishEBM BS) Third project Steering Committee	4–5 February 2025	In person – Batumi, Georgia
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Norway lobster in GSAs 17-18	4–7 February 2025	Online
SAC	Second data preparation meeting on common dolphinfish in the Mediterranean Sea	17–21 February 2025	Online
SAC	Kick off meeting of the research programme on recreational fisheries	19–20 February 2025	Hybrid –FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
Strategic	Fisheries and ecosystem-based management for the blue economy of the Mediterranean (FishEBM MED) Third project Steering Committee	24–26 February 2025	In person – Tunis, Tunisia
SAC	Second session of the WGMSE on blackspot seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar	3 – 6 March 2025	Online
SAC	Ad hoc Working group on European hake (WGHKE)	11 – 13 March 2025	Hybrid – GFCM HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Workshop on the decarbonization of the fishing industry (WKDECA)	18–19 March 2025	Online
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Norway lobster in GSAs 17-18	24–28 March 2025	Hybrid, GFCM HQ, Rome, Italy
WGBS/SAC/CoC	Workshop on data collection and submission (WKDATA)	25–26 March 2025	Hybrid – Florence, Italy

This table includes the meetings of the GFCM and its subsidiary bodies agreed by the forty-seventh session of the Commission as well as other meetings and trainings organized by the MedSea4Fish and BlackSea4Fish projects. In this latter context, additional meetings are expected to be organized within GFCM research programmes, the small-scale fishers' forum and other such initiatives.

Meetings in support of advice in the second part of the year (September 2025 onwards) will be added on the basis of the advice of the SAC and the WGBS. The table is updated every time a new meeting, location or meeting modality is confirmed.

	Meeting	Date	Modality and Location
WGBS/SAC/CoC	Working Group on the management of fishing capacity (WGCAP)	27–28 March 2025	Hybrid – Florence, Italy
SAC	Subregional Committee for the Central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)	8–10 April 2025	Hybrid – Palermo, Italy
SAC	SSF Forum: Selective fishing gear: from impacts to alternatives	9–10 April 2025	In person – Split, Croatia
SAC	WGSAD benchmark session for Norway lobster in GSAs 17-18	14–17 April 2025	Hybrid – Split, Croatia
SAC	Subregional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (SRC-EM)	23–25 April 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
CAQ	Workshop on aquaculture animal health and biosecurity control and monitoring practices in aquaculture operations	5–6 May 2025	In person – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
SAC	WGSASP session on small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea	5–9 May 2025	Online
SAC	WGSAD session on blackspot seabream in the Strait of Gibraltar	5–7 May 2025	Online
SAC	Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation Part 3 (WGMSE-SBR 3)	8–9 May 2025	Online
SAC	Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS)	13–15 May 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
CAQ	Sixteenth session of the Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM)	14–15 May 2025	In person – Monastir, Tunisia
CoC	Working Group on Monitoring and Control Measures (WGMCM)	19–22 May 2025	In person – Vigo, Spain
SAC	Subregional Committee for the Western Mediterranean (SRC-WM)	27–29 May 2025	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
WGBS	Workshop on Whiting Age Reading	26–30 May 2025	In person – Trabzon, Türkiye
WGBS	Working Group on turbot technical measures	2–3 June 2025	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria
WGBS	Data preparation meeting on stock assessment for the Black Sea (SGSABS)	9–13 June 2025	Hybrid – Batumi, Georgia

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Strategic	MedSea4Fish Steering Committee	23 June 2025	In person – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Twenty-sixth session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)	24–27 June 2025	In person – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
WGBS	Subregional group on stock assessment for the Black Sea (SGSABS)	7–11 July 2025	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria
CAQ	Second Intersessional meeting of the CAQ	15–16 July 2025	In person – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
WGBS	Eleventh meeting of the Working group on Black Sea (WGBS)	22–24 July 2025	Hybrid – Constanta, Romania
Strategic	BlackSea4Fish Steering Committee	25 July 2025	In person – Constanta, Romania
SAC	Data preparation meeting for demersal stocks in the Western Mediterranean (Alboran Sea)	29 September – 03 October 2025	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
SAC	Joint EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM Working Group on Eels (WGEEL)	29 September – 06 October 2025	Rennes, France
SAC	Data preparation meeting for demersal stocks in the Adriatic Sea	13–17 October 2025	Online
SAC	Data preparation meeting for small pelagic stocks in the Western Mediterranean	13–17 October 2025	Hybrid – Tangier, Morocco
SAC	Workshop on processing the acoustic survey data in the Adriatic Sea	20–24 October 2025	Hybrid – GFCM HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Common dolphinfish benchmark	27–31 October 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
CoC	Eighteenth session of the Compliance Committee (CoC)	3–5 November 2025	In person – Malaga, Spain
Transversal	Forty-eight session of the GFCM	4–9 November 2025	In person – Malaga, Spain

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SAC	Data preparation meeting for Deep-water red shrimps in the Eastern-Central Mediterranean	10–11 November 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Eastern Mediterranean stocks	11–14 November 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Central Mediterranean stocks	11–14 November 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
CAQ	Workshop on aquaculture product certification and labelling	17–18 November 2025	In person – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
SAC	Data preparation meeting for Hake in GSAs 1-5-6-7	24–28 November 2025	Rome, Italy – Venue (TBD)
SAC	Working group on stock assessment of demersal species (WGSAD) Session I - Vertebrates	8–12 December 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Working group on stock assessment of small pelagic species (WGSASP)	8–13 December 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
GFCM/WMU	Joint WMU/GFCM Workshop on CAPFISH Evaluation	9–10 December 2025	Hybrid – GFCM HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Workshop on promoting socially and economically sustainable blue crab fisheries	9–12 December 2025 (TBD)	In person – Tunisia (TBD)
SAC	Working group on stock assessment of demersal species (WGSAD) Session II - Invertebrates	15–19 December 2025	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy