



GFCM 2023 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

	Meeting	Date	Modality and Location
SAC/CoC	Joint SAC/CoC Workshop on data collection and submission and the management of compliance-related information, including a session on fishing capacity	17–20 January 2023	In person – Naples, Italy
MedSea4Fish	Data limited Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) training	17–20 January 2023	Hybrid – GFCM HQ, Rome, Italy
MedSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for deep-water rose shrimp (GSAs 12–16, 17, 18, 19 and 20)	24–26 January 2023	Online
MedSea4Fish	Kick-off meeting of the Blue crabs research programme	30–31 January 2023	Online
MedSea4Fish	Training on the Database on Sensitive benthic habitats and species	1–2 February 2023	Online
Transversal	Inception workshop and first project steering committee of the GEF FishEBM Med project	8–9 February 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
Transversal	Inception workshop and first project steering committee of the GEF FishEBM Black Sea project	10 February 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
BlackSea4Fish	Black Sea anchovy and sprat otolith reading workshop	13–16 February 2023	In person – Trabzon, Türkiye
SAC	Benchmark session of sardine in the Adriatic Sea	13–17 February 2023	Hybrid – Split, Croatia (TBC)
MedSea4Fish	MedSea4Fish Steering Committee	14 February 2023	Online
SAC	Preparation meeting towards a Regional Plan of Action on Vulnerable Species	15 February 2023	Online
WGBS	Black Sea demersal trawl standardisation meeting	17 February 2023	In person – Trabzon, Türkiye
CAQ	Workshop on best practices for promoting social acceptability of aquaculture products and improving local consumption	21–22 February 2023	Hybrid – Aqaba, Jordan

This table includes the meetings of the GFCM and its subsidiary bodies agreed by the forty-fifth 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.

The table is updated every time a new meeting, location or meeting modality is confirmed.

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SAC	Benchmark session for deep-water rose shrimp (GSAs 12–16, 17, 18, 19 and 20)	21–24 February 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
WGBS	Benchmark session for Black Sea sprat	February 2023 TBD	Hybrid – TBD
MedSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for sardinella in the eastern Mediterranean	February/March 2023	Hybrid – Location TBD
SAC	Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation (WGMSE) on Adriatic small pelagics. Session 1: preparatory meeting to decide methods (TBC)	2–3 March 2023	Hybrid TBC
SAC	Working group on vulnerable marine ecosystems and essential fish habitats (WGVME-EFH), including ad hoc session on <i>Isidella</i>	7–10 March 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SSF Forum	SSF Forum steering committee	9–10 March 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
CAQ	Workshop on allocated zones for aquaculture, best practices and lessons learned: highlights on the GFCM and RECOFI experiences	13–14 March 2023	TBD – Oman
SAC	Benchmark session for red mullet in the Adriatic Sea	13–16 March 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Meeting on the decarbonization of the fishing industry	14–15 March 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
MedSea4Fish	Coordination meeting of the Blue crabs research programme	14–15 March 2023	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
SAC	Subregional Committee for the central Mediterranean (SRC-CM)	28–30 March 2023	Hybrid – Tunisia TBD
BlackSea4Fish	BlackSea4Fish Project Steering Committee, including launch of the Black Sea scientific database	TBD, March 2023	Online
SAC	Benchmark session for sardinella in the eastern Mediterranean	3–5 April 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Subregional Committee for the western Mediterranean (SRC-WM)	12–14 April 2023	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
CAQ	Workshop on the use of innovative technologies to prevent and control finfish diseases	13–14 April 2023	Hybrid – TBC, Tunisia
BlackSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for rapa whelk and evaluation meeting of the rapa whelk research programme	25–28 April 2023	Hybrid – Istanbul, Türkiye

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CoC	Working group on IUU fishing (WGIUU), including a session on the clarification process	2–4 May 2023	In person – Rhodes, Greece
	Working group on vessel monitoring system and related control systems (WGVMS)		
CoC	Sixteenth session of the Compliance Committee (CoC)	5 May 2023	In person – Rhodes, Greece
CAQ	Workshop on promoting the social acceptability of aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea: a journey from farm to fork	3 May 2023	Hybrid – Lyon, France
SAC	Subregional Committee for the eastern Mediterranean (SRC-EM)	10–12 May 2023	Hybrid – TBD
SAC	WGSASP session on small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea	15–18 May 2023	Hybrid – TBD
CAQ	Workshop on strengthening cooperation on responsible investment among Southern Mediterranean countries	17–18 May 2023	In person – TBD, Egypt
MedSea4Fish	Meeting of the research programme on Red coral	22–23 May 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Working Group on Red coral (WGREDCORAL)	23–24 May 2023	Hybrid - FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
WGBS	Black Sea demersal trawl standardization meeting and onboard gear tests	TBD, May 2023	TBD
SAC	Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation (WGMSE) on Adriatic small pelagics. Session 2: results and stakeholders (TBC)	29 May 2023	Hybrid – Split, Croatia
SAC	Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS), including a session on total allowable catch for small pelagics	30 May – 2 June 2023	Hybrid – Split, Croatia
CAQ	Training for young women on innovative aquaculture	5–9 June 2023	TBD
SAC	Working Group for the analysis of fisheries monitoring data (WGANALYSIS)	6–7 June 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
SAC	Working Group on the Management of European Eel (WGMEASURES-EEL)	8–9 June 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy
BlackSea4Fish	Black Sea species data preparation meeting and demersal trawl surveys meeting	12–17 June 2023	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria

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SAC	Twenty-fourth session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)	20–23 June 2023	In person – Beirut, Lebanon
WGBS	Benchmark assessment for Black Sea anchovy	4–6 July 2023	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria
CAQ	Intersessional meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ) , including a SIPAM session	11–13 July 2023	In person – TBC, Italy
SAC	Working Group on Blackspot seabream (WGSBR)	12 July 2023	Online
WGBS	Subregional group on stock assessment for the Black Sea (SGSABS), including a benchmark assessment for rapa whelk	17–21 July 2023	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria
WGBS	Tenth meeting of the Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS) , including a session to discuss the incorporation of climatic impacts on sprat assessment and management advice, minimum conservation reference size and temporal closures	25–28 July 2023	Hybrid – Burgas, Bulgaria
CAQ	Training on seaweed cultivation and processing	TBD, September	In-person – Trabzon, Türkiye
MedSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for small pelagics in the western Mediterranean	2–6 October 2023	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
GFCM	MedFish4Ever Conference	3–4 October 2023	In person – Malta
MedSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for demersal species in the western Mediterranean	16–20 October 2023	Hybrid – Malaga, Spain
MedSea4Fish	Data preparation meeting for dolphinfish in the western/central Mediterranean	TBD, October 2023	Online
CAQ	Training on restorative aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea	TBD, October	In-person – Larapita, Spain
MedSea4Fish	Final meeting of the dolphinfish research programme	TBD November	Hybrid – location TBD
GFCM	Forty-sixth session of the Commission	6 –10 November 2023	In person – Split, Croatia
SAC	Working groups on stock assessment (WGSAs)	11–16 December 2023	Hybrid – FAO HQ, Rome, Italy