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SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (SAC)

Twenty-second session

Online, 22–25 June 2021

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE,
with supporting documentation**

TUESDAY 22 JUNE

Morning: 09.00 – 12.00 hours

Supporting documentation

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

- Welcome address by the GFCM
- Opening statement by the Chairperson
- Adoption of the agenda and session arrangements

2. Overview of intersessional activities of relevance to the SAC, including within the framework of the mid-term strategy and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

GFCM:SAC22/2021/2
GFCM:SAC22/2021/Inf.1

3. Implementation of research programmes, the Regional plan of action for small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF) and advances on recreational fisheries

- Recreational fisheries pilot studies and main species of interest for data collection
- Monitoring of RPOA-SSF implementation
- Research programme on European eel
- Research programme on red coral
- Research programme on blue crabs
- Research programme on dolphinfish

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Appendix 4

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Appendix 7

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Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

Supporting documentation

4. Issues related to the provision of advice in relation to fisheries

- Analysis of data on fishing activities, including national reports to the SAC and other information submitted in line with relevant GFCM decisions
- Application of data quality indicators on the DCRF online platform
- Advances towards a revised framework for the provision of advice, including on stock assessment issues, as requested by the SAC
- Functioning of the technical units and subregional committees in the context of the subregional approach

GFCM:SAC22/2021/Inf.5
 GFCM:SAC22/2021/Inf.25
 GFCM:SAC22/2021/3
 GFCM:SAC22/2021/2, Appendix 6

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours

5. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management

- Overview of the status of fisheries
 - Regional overview of the status of the stocks
 - Upcoming benchmark assessments and new priority species
 - Mapping conservation measures and monitoring, control and surveillance in FRAs
- Management of Adriatic Sea fisheries
 - Small pelagic fisheries
 - Status of the stocks
 - Management
 - Demersal fisheries
 - Status of the stocks
 - Management
 - Spatial management
 - The Jabuka/Pomo Pit FRA
 - Bari canyon FRA proposal

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 GFCM:SAC22/2021/4
 GFCM:SAC22/2021/8

Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

5. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management (cont')

- Management of western Mediterranean fisheries
 - Pelagic fisheries
 - Status of the stocks
 - Management
 - Dolphinfish in the western/central Mediterranean
 - Demersal fisheries
 - Status of the stocks
 - Management
 - Blackspot seabream in the Alborán Sea
 - Spatial management
 - Ebro delta FRA proposal

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 GFCM:SAC22/2021/9

Supporting documentation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Management of central Mediterranean fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal for subdivision of GSA 21 (Libyan coast) ○ Small pelagic fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status of the stocks ○ Demersal fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status of the stocks ▪ Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demersal fisheries in the Strait of Sicily, including the pilot project on improving the selectivity of trawl fisheries • Deep-water red shrimp fisheries in the central and eastern Mediterranean | <p>GFCM:SAC22/2021/2
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THURSDAY 24 JUNE

Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours

5. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management (cont')

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Management of eastern Mediterranean fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demersal fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status of the stocks ▪ Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep-water red shrimp fisheries in the central and eastern Mediterranean ○ Pelagic fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status of the stocks ▪ Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round sardinella ○ Spatial management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Palmahim Disturbance FRA proposal ➤ Additional advice at the regional level, including on the interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems and environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advice on fishing technology and bycatch, including minimal technical specifications for bottom-trawl nets ○ Advances on the database on sensitive benthic habitats and species and discussion on other effective spatial conservation measures for the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) and essential fish habitats (EFH) ○ Advances in the adaptation strategy for climate change ○ Underwater noise | <p>GFCM:SAC22/2021/2
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GFCM:SAC22/2021/12</p> <p>GFCM:SAC22/2021/2</p> <p>GFCM:SAC22/2021/2,
Appendix 5</p> <p>GFCM:SAC22/2021/11
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Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

6. SAC work plan for 2021–2023
7. Any other matter
8. Date and place of the next session

Supporting documentation

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FRIDAY 25 JUNE

Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

9. Adoption of conclusions, recommendations and workplan