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Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Working Group on Stock Assessment of Demersal Species (WGSAD) - Western Mediterranean Stocks

Online (Teams), 18-23 January 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Chair: George TSERPES

Monday 18 – Saturday 23 (morning session only) January 2021¹

Monday 18 January 2021

9.00 am (Rome time) start

1. Joint opening and arrangements of the WGSAs (WGSAD-Western and WGSASP)

- Recap on relevant conclusions and decisions from the 21st session of the SAC and 43rd session of the GFCM, including the request for the revision of the Framework for the provision of advice and Covid-19 pandemic related consequences on the WGSAs work plan.

2. Introductory session for the WGSAD-Western Mediterranean

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Review of previous year conclusions and recommendations
- Review of Terms of Reference provided by the SAC and the Commission and input data provided to the WGSAD 2019

3. Assessment of priority stocks for the subregion (Appendix 1), and others

- Presentation of assessments
- Practical sessions if needed
- Presentation of the results
- Open discussion with the experts

4. Closing Session:

- Summary of the assessments results, stock by stock
- Any other matter
- Adoption of conclusions

¹ Online meetings will have two sessions per day: 2 hours in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, at the discretion of the Chair and the group.

**List of demersal species stocks covered by management plans
(in green the stock assessment of relevance to the Western Mediterranean)**

Subregion	Species	GSA	GFCM Recommendation
<i>Western</i>	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	01-03	Rec. GFCM/43/2019/2
<i>Central</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	12-16	Rec. GFCM/42/2018/5
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>		Rec. GFCM/43/2019/6
	<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>		
	<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>		
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	19, 20, 21 24, 25, 26, 27	Rec. GFCM/42/2018/3
	<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	19, 20, 21 24, 25, 26, 27	Rec. GFCM/42/2018/4
<i>Adriatic Sea</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	17-18	Rec. GFCM/43/2019/5
	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		
	<i>Solea solea</i>		
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>		
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>		

List of benchmarked demersal species stocks for which updates only are required

Subregion	Species	GSA
<i>Western</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	08-09-10-11
	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	01-03
<i>Central</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	12-13-14-15-16, 19
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	12-14
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	15
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	16
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	19
<i>Adriatic Sea</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	17-18

**List of other desirable updated and new assessments of priority species
(based on 21st SAC and assessments performed in 2019)**

Subregion	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
<i>Western</i>	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	01	Update assessment
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	01-03-04	Update assessment
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	05	Update assessment
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	06	Update assessment
	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	09-10-11	Update assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	01-05-06-07	Update assessment ²
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	01 - 03	Update assessment ²

² Although European hake assessment in 01-05-06-07 were not considered benchmarked, WGSAD agreed to use them as a basis for advice until ongoing dedicated projects on stock units are concluded and further information on the matter is available. Complementary information on GSA 01 & 03 (and only available advice for GSA03), GSAs 05 and 06 were also provided in the last session

Subregion	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	4	Update assessment
Central	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	17-18-19	Update assessment
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	20	Update assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	20	Update assessment
Adriatic	<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	18-19	Update assessment
Eastern	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	22	Update assessment
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	25	Update assessment
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	23, 24, 25 26, 27	Still to be performed
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	22	Update assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	23	Update assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	24	Update assessment
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Still to be performed
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	26	Further development of 2019 assessment
	<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Still to be performed
	<i>Saurida undosquamis</i>	27	Update assessment