



Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Working Group on Small-Scale Fisheries (WGSSF)

**Online, Zoom
10 March 2022**

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 10 MARCH

Morning, 09.00–13.00 hours (CET)

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs
- Introduction of WGSSF objectives and summary of outcomes from relevant GFCM technical meetings

2. Data collection in small-scale fisheries and main coastal species of interest to SSF

- Development of a sustainable fisheries calendar based on spawning season (*Ziad Samaha, IUCN ROWA*)
- Bycatch dynamics from a small-scale shrimp trap fishery in the eastern Mediterranean Sea (*Stefanos Kalogirou, Agricultural University of Athens*)
- Distribution of small-scale fisheries and correspondences fishing gears-target species in eastern Sicily (*Clara Monaco, University of Catania*)
- Mediterranean multi-specific small-scale fisheries rely on few, locally essential, taxa (*Antonio Calò, University of Palermo*)
- Main commercial species for the SSF sector in the GFCM area of application (*GFCM Secretariat*)
- Discussion on main coastal species addressed by SSF

3. Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (RPOA-SSF)

- Progress in RPOA-SSF implementation
 - Summary of activities promoted by the Friends of SSF platform, including SSF Forum (*WWF, platform co-coordinator*)
 - Example of successful approach implemented through the RPOA-SSF: SSF co-management in Spain (Cataluña)
 - Short summary of fisheries management plan implementation in Mediterranean MPAs in 2020 (*Susan Gallon, MedPAN*)

- Addressing interactions between small-scale and recreational fisheries (review of outcomes from WGRF) (*GFCM Secretariat*)

Afternoon, 14.30–17.30 hours (CET)

- 3. Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (RPOA-SSF) (cont’)**
 - Monitoring of RPOA-SSF advances
 - Regional monitoring of RPOA-SSF (*GFCM Secretariat*)
 - Methodology for national RPOA-SSF assessment (*Bertrand Cazalet, MAREPOLIS*)
 - Main highlights from the International Year for Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) (*FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division*)
- 4. Workplan for 2022-2023**
- 5. Conclusions and recommendations**
- 6. Any other matter**
- 7. Closure of the meeting**