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MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2016

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- Introduction
- Official statements
 - *Hosting country representative*
 - *FAO representative*
- Presentation of the programme and organization of the thematic panels

PANEL 1: Supporting the sustainable development of small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea under the Blue Growth perspective (GFCM and FAO Mediterranean regional projects) - Moderated by Steve Cunningham and Nadia Bouhafs

- Opening remarks and video (by GFCM Secretariat)
- Introduction to Panel 1 and background paper based on relevant case studies (by moderators)
- Experiences from the national case studies (by national experts)
- Experiences from the subregional case studies (by FAO regional projects)
- Main outcomes of the case studies and of the background paper (by moderators)
- Questions and answers session:
 - **Question 1:** *What role do fisheries, and in particular small-scale fisheries, play in a Blue Growth strategy?*
 - **Question 2:** *How can small-scale fishing activities contribute to economic growth?*
 - **Question 3:** *What is meant by the “sustainable development” of small-scale fisheries and what trade-offs does this imply?*
 - **Question 4:** *What potential do small-scale fisheries hold to increase the value of their activities and how can this be achieved?*
 - **Question 5:** *Who should share the benefits from fish resource exploitation by small-scale fishers?*
- Conclusions of the panel:
Recommendations to support the sustainable development of small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea under the Blue Growth perspective

PANEL 2: Strengthening the role of stakeholders in the context of management and co-management schemes (WWF) – Moderated by Giuseppe Di Carlo, Said Chakour, Saša Raicevich and Marie Emilie Guélé

- Opening remarks (by WWF)
- Experiences from case studies on strengthening the role of stakeholders in management and co-management (by moderators)
- Special presentations on stakeholder engagement within marine protected areas (MPAs) and institutional support of co-management (by invited experts)
- Main outcomes of the case studies (by moderators)
- Q&A session:
 - **Question 1:** *Can industrial fisheries and small-scale fisheries coexist?*
 - **Question 2:** *What role do environmental NGOs play in facilitating small-scale fishers?*
 - **Question 3:** *Can co-management take place only within MPAs?*
 - **Question 4:** *Can co-management be enforced even when dedicated legislation is lacking?*
 - **Question 5:** *Where are capacity building activities needed and how can institutional and legal frameworks be reinforced?*
- Conclusions of the panel:
Recommendations to guide the transition of small-scale fisheries towards co-management: a roadmap to strengthen the role of stakeholders

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016

PANEL 3: Improving the efficiency of marine protected areas as fisheries management tools and benefits from involving the small-scale fisheries sector (MedPAN) – Moderated by Purificacio Canals, Nadia Ramdane, Toni Font and Josep Lloret

- Opening remarks (by MedPAN)
- Introducing thematic challenges for enhancing the small-scale fisheries sector in MPAs – paving the path for implementing solutions (by moderators)
- Multidisciplinary discussion for shaping solutions: how can different perspectives converge for a brighter future for sustainable small-scale fisheries in MPAs?
- Q&A session:
 - **Question 1:** *The biological challenge of how to sustain the resource and the environment in MPAs while raising the economic benefits of small-scale fisheries*
 - **Question 2:** *Is the engagement of fishers key to the successful management of MPAs?*
 - **Question 3:** *How different types of MPAs can be used for managing fisheries?*
 - **Question 4:** *The socio-economic challenge of competing uses in MPAs – what are the solutions when facing recreational fishing?*
 - **Question 5:** *What MPA practices could shield the small-scale fishers profession from disappearing together with its traditional knowledge?*
 - **Question 6:** *On institutional configurations, MPA regulations, management processes and communication: what are the best options?*
- Conclusions of the panel:
Recommendations for implementing concrete solutions in MPAs

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PANEL 4: Enhancing small-scale fisheries value chains (CIHEAM Bari) – Moderated by Rabea Zerrouki, Giulio Malorgio and Roberto Ugolini

- Opening remarks (by CIHEAM Bari)
- Introduction of Panel 4 and background paper based on relevant case studies (by moderators)
- Experiences from the national case studies (by national experts)
- Q&A session :
 - **Question 1:** *What role might quality labels play in the enhancement of small-scale fishery products?*
 - **Question 2:** *How can intersectorial integration contribute to the added value of small-scale fishery products?*
 - **Question 3:** *Do credit constraints at a local level have implications for the rest of the value chain?*
 - **Question 4:** *Do MPAs add value to small-scale fishery products?*
 - **Question 5:** *Can dimensions of sustainability add value to small-scale fishery products?*
- Conclusions of the panel:
Recommendations to enhance the small-scale fisheries value chains

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PANEL 5: Putting the principles of the SSF Guidelines into practice: the case of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department) – Moderated by Lena Westlund, Rachid Annane and Cherif Toueilib

- Opening remarks and video (by FAO)
- Introduction of Panel 5 and background paper based on relevant case studies (by moderators)
- Q&A session:
 - **Question 1:** *Examples of policy and legal frameworks that specifically consider small-scale fisheries and that would facilitate/hinder SSF Guidelines implementation*
 - **Question 2:** *Who are the main stakeholder groups?*
 - **Question 3:** *Institutional structures: what exists and what is missing?*
 - **Question 4:** *What are key entry points for the SSF Guidelines implementation in the region?*
 - **Question 5:** *What is the scope for interactions and collaboration with other initiatives?*
- Conclusions of the panel:
Recommendations to support the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in the GFCM region

CLOSURE

- Conclusions of the conference
- Final remarks