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Ninth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

MONDAY 22 OCTOBER*

Morning, 10:00–10:30 hours

Meeting of the heads of delegation of contracting parties[†]

Morning, 10:30–13:00 hours

1. Opening and arrangements of the session

- Opening statements (FAO, GFCM)
- Introduction of delegations and report on credentials
- Admission of observers
- Adoption of the agenda and session arrangements

2. Progress on cooperation matters

- Contracting parties
- Cooperating non-contracting parties and relevant non-contracting parties
- Implementation of memoranda of understanding with partner organizations

3. Report on intersessional activities in 2017–2018, including in the context of the fisheries and aquaculture strategies in place and high-level conferences

- Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)
- Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)
- Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)
- Compliance Committee (CoC)
- Other strategic activities

* A coffee break will be served outside of the FAO Library before 10 am for heads of delegation and between 10 and 10:30am for all other GFCM42 participants.

[†] The agenda of this meeting is provided separately to each head of delegation concerned.

Afternoon, 14:30–17:30 hours

4. Management of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture

4.1 Advice on aquaculture development

4.2 Fisheries management and conservation advice

- Advice emanating from SAC and WGBS
- New proposals for GFCM decisions
 - European Union and Tunisia proposal for a GFCM recommendation on a multi-annual management plan for fishing activities catching European eel (*Anguilla anguilla L.*) in the Mediterranean Sea
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on fisheries management measures for conservation of sharks and rays in the GFCM area of application, amending Recommendation GFCM/36/2012/3
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on Establishing a multi-annual plan for sustainable trawling fishing activities in the Levant Sea (Geographical sub-areas 24, 25, 26 and 27) for the Giant red shrimp and Blue and red shrimp
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation establishing a multiannual plan for sustainable trawling fishing activities in the Ionian Sea (Geographical sub-areas 19, 20 and 21) for the Giant red shrimp and Blue and red shrimp
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on establishing a multiannual management plan for bottom trawl fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12 to 16), repealing Recommendations GFCM/39/2015/2, GFCM/40/2016/4
 - European Union and Tunisia proposal for a GFCM recommendation establishing a regional research programme and transitional measures for blue crab in the Mediterranean (geographical 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16)
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on establishing further emergency measures in 2019, 2020 and 2021 for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSA 17 and GSA 18)
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on Establishing a regional research programme and transitional measures for rapa whelk fisheries in the Black Sea (geographical subarea 29)
- Pending proposals from previous sessions
 - EU pending proposal for a GFCM recommendation on the establishment of a minimum conservation reference size for blackspot seabream in the Mediterranean Sea
 - EU pending proposal for a GFCM recommendation on measures concerning recreational fishing activities in the Mediterranean Sea

4.3 Advice on compliance issues

- Advice emanating from CoC
- New proposals for GFCM decisions
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on Access to information and data related to the monitoring, control and surveillance in the framework of the joint inspection and surveillance schemes
 - European Union proposal for a GFCM recommendation on a Regional marking of fishing gear
 - European Union proposal for amending Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/8 on an international joint inspection and surveillance scheme outside the waters under national jurisdiction in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12 to 16)

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER

Morning, 9:00–12:00 hours

Afternoon, 14:00–17:00 hours

4. **Management of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture (cont')**

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Morning, 9:00–12:00 hours

4. **Management of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture (cont')**

Afternoon, 14:00–17:00 hours

5. **Issues stemming from the Compliance Committee (CoC)**

- Identification and clarification process
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing vessel list
- VMS and related controls system

6. **Launch of the second performance review of the GFCM, including assessment of the implementation of the subregional approach**

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

Morning, 9:00–12:00 hours

7. **Programme of work for the period 2018–2020**

- Work plan for subsidiary bodies, including within GFCM strategies in place and the Regional plan of action for small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF)

8. **Ninth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)**

- Report from the Secretariat on administrative and financial issues
- GFCM budget and contributions by contracting parties for 2018–2020
- Election of the CAF Bureau

Afternoon, 14:00–17:00 hours

8. **Ninth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF) (cont')**

9. **Election of the GFCM Bureau and endorsement of the Bureau of SAC, WGBS and CAF**

10. **Any other matter**

- Matters related to the Regional Fishery Body Secretariats' network (RSN)
- Other matters

11. **Date and place of the forty-third session**

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

Morning free (Preparation of the report)

Afternoon, 15 hours

12. Review and adoption of the report