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## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (SAC)

### Nineteenth session

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 16-19 May 2017

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE\*

#### TUESDAY 16 MAY

*Morning: 10.00 – 13.00 hours*

1. **Opening and arrangements for the session**
  - Opening speech by the hosting country, GFCM
2. **Adoption of the agenda**
3. **Intersessional activities**
  - Review of relevant decisions by the fortieth session of the Commission
  - Overview of SAC achievements during the intersession
  - National reports to the SAC by Contracting Parties
4. **Progress in the implementation of the mid-term strategy, including in cooperation with partners**
  - Strengthened scientific advice
    - Scientific surveys-at-sea
    - GFCM Forum on Fisheries Science
    - Socio-economic survey, including on small-scale fisheries
  - Sustainable small-scale and recreational fisheries
    - Regional platform(s) for professionals of the small-scale fisheries sector
    - State of recreational fisheries
  - Illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing
    - Issues related to the assessment of quantity, magnitude and characteristics of IUU fishing
  - Interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems and environment
    - Bycatch (discards and incidental catches of vulnerable species) monitoring programme and selectivity of fishing gear

\* A number of side-events will be held during the SAC on a number of relevant topics, by the FAO regional projects, the FAO Fisheries Department and the Marine Stewardship Council. A side-events programme is available to participants

*Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 hours*

4. **Progress in the implementation of the mid-term strategy, including in cooperation with partners (cont')**
5. **Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research**
  - SAC strategy for the provision of advice and work towards monitoring good environmental status
  - Overall status of the stocks in the Mediterranean Sea
  - Management of red coral and European eel fisheries
  - Data collection, including quality indicators, in line with the Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF)
  - Management of deep-sea fisheries and identification of VMEs

**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY**

*Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours*

5. **Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research (cont')**

*Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours*

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  - **Specific conclusions at subregional level**
    - Management of Adriatic Sea fisheries
    - Management of demersal fisheries in the Strait of Sicily
    - Western Mediterranean fisheries, including management of blackspot seabream
    - Eastern Mediterranean fisheries, including advances towards the management of the deep-sea red shrimp fishery

**THURSDAY 18 MAY**

*Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours*

5. **Formulation of advice in the field of fishery management and research (cont')**

*Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours*

6. **Implementation of the SAC subregional approach**
7. **SAC work plan for 2017–2019, including by subregion**
  - Preparation of *The State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) 2018*
  - Calendar planning of SAC technical activities
8. **Any other matter**
9. **Date and place of the next session**

**FRIDAY 19 MAY**

*Morning free (preparation of the report)*

*Afternoon: 16.00 hours onwards*

**10. Adoption of the report**