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## Regional Conference for Europe

<b>TWENTY-NINTH SESSION</b>
<b>Bucharest, Romania, 2 - 4 April 2014</b>
<b>Summary report of the recommendations from the various fisheries commissions in the Region and the importance of fisheries for the Europe and Central Asia Region</b>
<b>CORRIGENDUM</b>

1. With reference to the document shows the corrections and adjustments indicating with underscore the additions made and strikethrough indicating text removed.

2. Paragraph 17 - 21

17. The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) is the regional fisheries management organization established in 1949 under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution to support conservation and management of fisheries and sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean and also the Black Sea, as part of its competence area. Work on the Mediterranean Sea on the other hand has always been quite advanced and consistent throughout the years.<sup>1</sup> ~~held in Split, Croatia, from 13-17 May 2013, the 37th Session of the Commission, the 7th Session of the Committee on Compliance and the 4th Session of the Committee on Administration and Finance~~

18. Because three riparian States out of six are non-Members of the GFCM (i.e. Georgia, Russian Federation and Ukraine), an ad hoc Working Group for the Black Sea was established in 2011 in order to promote and strengthen cooperation at regional level. With the remit of this working group several meetings have been already organized which were attended by representatives of most riparian States and the European Commission.

~~Report on the intersessional activities 2012-2013;~~

~~Report on the activities under the first phase of the GFCM framework programme (FWP) to support task force actions;~~

~~Proposals for the amendment of the GFCM agreement and associated procedural and financial rules and other issues related to the functioning of the commission;~~

<sup>1</sup> Information on the work of the GFCM on the Mediterranean Sea, including more recent developments, can be found online at: [www.gfcm.org](http://www.gfcm.org).

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~~Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture;~~

~~Programme of work for the intersessional period 2013-2014;~~

~~Report of the 7th Session of the compliance committee;~~

~~Report of the 4th Session of the committee on administration and finance.~~

19. On the basis of the results of meetings held before the 37th Session of the Commission (13-18 May 2013, Split Croatia) the GFCM adopted the following

- Recommendation "Rec.GFCM/37/2013/2 on the establishment of a set of minimum standards for bottom-set gillnet fisheries for turbot and conservation of cetaceans in the Black Sea";

- Decision "Oth.GFCM/37/2013/1 on a roadmap on fighting IUU fishing in the Black Sea";

- Resolution "Res.GFCM/37/2013/2 on guidelines on the management of fishing capacity in the GFCM area".

The fourteenth session of the Scientific Advisory Committee was held in Sofia, Bulgaria from 20-24 February 2012. The following sessions were held at FAO HQs, Rome, Italy on 23-26 January 2012: instruments relating to the Black Sea region as relevant to the work of the Regional Conference for Europe:

- ~~• The 12th Session of the Sub-Committee on Statistics and Information (SCSI);~~
- ~~• The 13th Session of the Sub-Committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA);~~
- ~~• The 12th Session of the Sub-Committee on Economic and Social Sciences (SCESS);~~
- ~~The 12th Session of the Sub-Committee on Marine Environment and Ecosystems (SCMEE).~~

20. More discussion on the Black Sea within the remit of the GFCM are expected to occur: (i) at the GFCM Extraordinary Session (7-9 April 2014, Athens, Greece), where both GFCM Members and non-Members, including the three Black Sea riparian States, will examine a draft amended GFCM Agreement and Annexed Rules, with particular reference to the proposed provisions which will increase focus on the Black Sea and (ii) at the 38th Session of the Commission (19-24 May 2014, FAO HQs, Rome, Italy), which includes a specific point on the agenda concerning the strengthening of cooperation in the Black Sea. Both meetings are expected to examine ways to further improve the efficiency of the GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea as well. In this respect, discussions are well advanced on the need for the GFCM to work on the basis of a sub-regional approach in the future to better address the specificities of the Mediterranean Sea. Such an approach would be underpinned in particular by the adoption of multiannual management plans at sub-regional level (a plan for the Adriatic Sea on small-pelagics and demersal species was adopted by the 37th Session of the Commission).

~~The GFCM 36th Session of the Committee was held in Marrakech, Morocco from 14-19 May 2012 and included the 6th Session of the Committee on Compliance (CoC) and the 3rd Session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF).~~

21. Recent GFCM recommendations include:

~~Res. GFCM/37/2013/1 on area based management of fisheries, including through the establishment of Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs) in the GFCM convention area and coordination with the UNEP-MAP initiatives on the establishment of SPAMIs;~~

~~Res. GFCM/37/2013/2 on Guidelines on the management of fishing capacity in the GFCM area;~~

~~Rec. GFCM/37/2013/1 on a multiannual management plan for fisheries on small pelagic stocks in the GFCM GSA 17 (Northern Adriatic Sea) and on transitional conservation measures for fisheries on small pelagic stocks in GSA 18 (Southern Adriatic Sea) and~~

~~Rec. GFCM/37/2013/2 on the establishment of a set of minimum standards for bottom set gillnet fisheries for turbot and conservation of cetaceans in the Black Sea.~~