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COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE  
Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity

(21 - 23 October 2008 Crete, Greece )

**Biology Department, University of Crete**

**Draft annotated agenda and Timetable**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

*Morning session (9.30 – 13.00)*

**1. Opening of the meeting and arrangements**

**2. CAQ – Working Groups Activities and SHOCMED**

*Participants will be informed about the progress made in of the activities of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ) of the GFCM (Sustainability, Siting and Carrying Capacity, Marketing, SIPAM). In particular attention will be given to the state of implementation of the SHOCMED programme in support of the ad hoc Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity. The information on SHOCMED will contribute to the orientation of the WG activities for the next period.*

**3 Guidelines on site selection and site management.**

*The guidelines made by the IUCN/FEAP Working Group on Aquaculture, raising and summarising the main issues related to site selection in the Mediterranean, will be presented. The guidelines includes information coming from the different disciplines and aspects (legal, environmental, technological and socioeconomic) of the aquaculture sector.*

**Afternoon session (14.30 – 17.30)**

#### **4 Site Selection and Zoning using an Ecosystem Approach to Management**

*Presentation of the ongoing activities and main achievements of the TCP Project for developing a Roadmap for Turkish Marine Aquaculture, with particular attention to the aspects related to the Turkish experience on site selection on aquaculture. The presentation of this case study will include both the scientific and the administration point of view.*

#### **5 Monitoring aquaculture activities.**

*Short presentation and discussion of a synthesis (table format) of environmental variables adopted (discussion also on the identification of indicators, standards and relative reference points). Discussion will be also focused on existing information on environmental quality standards for aquaculture. The main essential parameters to be monitored during the aquaculture activities at Mediterranean level will be presented and discussed.*

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Morning session (9.30 – 13.00)**

#### **6 Environmental impact of aquaculture activities.**

*Short presentation and discussion of a synthesis (table format) of effects activities that might cause environmental impact in the Mediterranean; (discussion also on the identification of indicators, standards and relative reference points);*

#### **7 Legal framework for site selection for aquaculture activities in the Mediterranean.**

*Short presentation on legal framework for site selection will be made; this would help to identify the status of art, the available information at Mediterranean level on the subject and to identify the existing gaps on legal aspects. The implementation of a comparative study and assessment on the existing Mediterranean legal framework and administrative procedures for site selection (including the regulatory schemes for EIA and eventually of EMAs) will be discussed.*

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#### **8 Workplan and time frame**

*The time frame for the short- and medium-term workplan of the Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity referred to SHOCMED will be discussed.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008** (morning only)

## **9 Other matters**

## **10 Conclusion**

Specific suggestion, identification/updating of priorities issues and proposition of work-plan, to be presented to the CAQ and preparation of a work-plan of the Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity for the next period.