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Transversal Workshop on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries

Salammbô (Tunis), Tunisia, 22 and 23 May 2007

Provisional agenda

Tuesday, 22 May 2007. 09:30

1. Opening and arrangement of the Workshop
2. Presentation of the terms of reference of the workshop (A. Srour)
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. General presentation on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (G. Bianchi)
5. Follow up of the recommendations of the workshop on EAF organized in Tunis in September 2005 (J. Leonart)
6. Review the results of the available pilot studies with the view of giving further consideration to methodologies and identifying EAF indicators in the Mediterranean;
 - Identification of Sensitive Marine Areas in the Gulf of Gabes (GSA 14) using GIS (M. Belhassine)
 - Spatial pattern of fisheries demersal resources, environmental factors and fishery activities in GSA 15 (T. Bahri)
 - Other case studies
7. Progress in defining methodologies for EAF across the output of international organizations (ACCOBAMS, IUCN, WWF, RAC/SPA...);
8. Analyze potentials and limitations of the implementation of the ecosystem approach to fishery;
9. Set a common framework and methodology to implement EAF.
10. Develop the case studies in particular through integrating socio-economic aspects and aspects related to the ecosystem functioning;
11. Any other matters
12. Conclusions of the workshop

Terms of reference of the workshop on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries

1. Under the SCMEE 2006 agenda item Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, two presentations were given on:
 - a case study on waters around the Maltese Islands (GSA 15) with the aim of providing a comprehensive overview of the spatial distribution of the different life stages of demersal fisheries resources in relation to the type and distribution of fishing activities as well as oceanographic factors characteristic to the area;
 - a case study on the use of GIS to integrate environmental and biological data on the Gulf of Gabès (GSA1b) with the view of selecting marine areas of conservation interest to be proposed as MPAs.

2. While discussing, participants noted that:
 - there is a slow progress in defining methodologies for EAF;
 - the EAF is of common interest to all the Sub-Committees;
 - this topic should be addressed during transversal sessions; the SCMEE will however pursue its coordination role concerning the SAC's works on EAF.

3. A SCMEE/SCSA/SCCESS transversal workshop on EAF will consist to :
 - review the results of the available pilot studies with the view of giving further consideration to methodologies and identifying EAF indicators in the Mediterranean;
 - analyze potentials and limitations of the ecosystem approach to fishery;
 - set a common framework and methodology to implement EAF.
 - develop the case studies in particular through integrating socio-economic aspects and aspects related to the ecosystem functioning;