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GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
Extraordinary Session and Twenty-fourth Session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD

1. It is obvious that a final programme of work for the next intersessional period cannot be proposed before an agreement on an autonomous budget is reached by the Commission. At present, and until the conclusions of this Extraordinary Session of the Commission are known to the Secretariat, the proposed activities listed below are only indicative and should be considered as an introduction to discussion on the item.

Date

A. STATUTORY MEETINGS (C)

Third Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee June 2000

Second Committee on Aquaculture TBD

B. SUBSIDIARY BODY MEETINGS (C)

(i) First Session of the GFCM/SAC Sub-Committee on Fishery Statistics and Information May 2000 (?)

The Session should review data and information collected by COPEMED and make relevant recommendations for implementation by GFCM, COPEMED and Members.

(ii) First Session of the GFCM/SAC Sub-Committee on Economic and Social Sciences	April 2000 (?)
(iii) <i>Ad hoc</i> GFCM/ICCAT Joint Working Group on Large Pelagic Species in the Mediterranean Sea	TBD
(iv) Expert Consultation on the Black Sea	TBD

* TBD: To be determined

C. TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS (C)

2. In addition to the Scientific Advisory Committee, its Sub-Committees, and the Committee on Aquaculture, it was suggested by the Twenty-third Session of the Commission that sub-regional working groups were desirable (paragraph 40 of the report). It is proposed to establish sub-regional technical consultations directly responsible to the Commission. These consultations would meet at intervals to be determined by the Commission itself on an *ad hoc* basis.

3. The objectives of the Consultations would be to evaluate the state of fisheries in the light of the conclusions of the Scientific Advisory Committee and its subsidiary bodies. The Consultation should be also the forum where representatives from fisheries administrations of Members are given the possibility to express their concern. This procedure should in no way undermine the scientific neutrality of the Sub-Committees and of SAC itself.

D. AQUACULTURE NETWORK ACTIVITIES

4. These activities would include:

- the annual meetings of the SIPAM national coordinators and technical activities related to the improvement of the network's operation;
- the completion of the surveys on aquaculture nutrition, genetics, aquatic health management and marketing;
- the organization of a workshop on "Ensuring Global Quality in Mediterranean Aquaculture" planned to be held in Barcelona in November 1999;
- the organization of a TECAM/SELAM Workshop on Aquaculture Health Legislation and Quarantine Aspects planned for early 2000 at a place to be determined;
- the organization of a Seminar on Aquaculture and Environmental Impact Assessment, planned for 2000 also at a place to be determined; and
- an additional meeting to be selected on the basis of the conclusions of the Consultation on the Application of Article 9 of the CCRF in the Mediterranean, probably on legal aspects of aquaculture development.

E. SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

5. The Commission is invited to provide directives to the programme of work proposed and decide on the Session that should be organized during the next intersessional period providing, of course, that funds are made available to carry out these activities. A proposal for a budget is attached as Appendix 1 for approval by the Commission.

6. The directives of the Commission concerning the items that should be considered by the Scientific Advisory Committee and its subsidiary bodies are also required.

Appendix 1
PROPOSAL FOR AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2000
(in US\$)

COMPONENTS		FAO Contribution	Member Contribution	Total
A. SECRETARIAT				
	Secretary	136.380		136.380
	Economist (P-4)		122.724	122.724
	Stock Assessment Specialist (P-4)		122.724	122.724
	Statistician/Computer Programming Specialist (P-3)		94.968	94.968
	Secretary/Typist (G-4)		63.960	63.960
	Finance Clerk (G-5)		56.208	56.208
	Administrative Clerk (G-5)		56.208	56.208
	Equipment PC's, Fax, Printers		25.000	25.000
	Running Costs	10.000	20.000	30.000
	Travel	5.000	30.000	35.000
	SUBTOTAL	151.380	591.792	743.172
B. TECHNICAL BACKSTOPPING TO THE SECRETARIAT				

	Contribution of FI technical divisions to the activities of GFCM	135.000 ¹	40.000 ²	175.000
	SUBTOTAL	135.000	40.000	175.000
C. MEETINGS				
	25th Session of GFCM		55.000	55.000
	Interpretation		29.000	
	Documentation		20.000	
	Other		6.000	
	3rd Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee		55.000	55.000
	Interpretation		29.000	
	Documentation		20.000	
	Other		6.000	
	Committee on Aquaculture (2nd Session)		55.000	
	Interpretation		29.000	
	Documentation		20.000	
	Other		6.000	
	1st Session of the Sub-Committee on Fishery Statistics and Information		30.000	30.000
	Interpretation		17.000	
	Documentation		10.000	
	Other		3.000	
	1st Session of the Sub-Committee on Economic and Social Sciences		30.000	30.000

GFCM/ICCAT Working Group on Large Pelagic Species (Swordfish Stock Assessment)		57.000	57.000
Interpretation		17.000	
Documentation		10.000	
Other		6.000	
Technical Consultation on the Status of Black Sea Fisheries (recommended by SAC - to be hosted by Turkey)		30.000	30.000
SUBTOTAL		312.000	312.000
D. ANNUAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES (ESTIMATES)			
Annual meeting of the SIPAM Coordinators (35.000)			
Surveys in aquaculture nutrition (15.000)			
Workshop on Quality (15.000)			
Workshop TECAM/SELAM on aquaculture Health Legislation (35.000)			
Workshop on environment impact (30.000)			
Additional meeting, follow-up to Consultation on Article 9 of the Code of Conduct (10.000)			
SUBTOTAL		140.000	140.000
TOTAL	286.380	1,083.792	1,370.172

Consultancy, Author contracts.