



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION  
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN  
COMMISSION GÉNÉRALE DES PÊCHES  
POUR LA MÉDITERRANÉE**



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**JOINT GFCM/ICCAT MEETING ON SMALL TUNAS  
FISHERIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

*(Malaga, Spain, May 5-9, 2008)*

**ANNOTATED TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**1. Opening, adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements**

- *Introduction and Opening by the representative of the hosting Institution and by GFCM and ICCAT Secretariats*
- *Designation of the Chairperson and Rapporteurs*
- *Explanation of the meeting arrangements (Timetable, internet connection, etc.)*

**2. Description of fisheries**

- *National scientists should provide detailed descriptions of their small tuna fisheries. Description should include fleet characteristics, fishery information (gear, seasonality, fishing area), catch by species and gear and effort information if available. The report could include socio-economic issues if available. Summaries of this information should be provided to the rapporteurs to be included in the report.*

**3. Review of available data and information**

- *This item will be introduced by a general presentation of the outcomes of the GFCM regional study on small tunas;*
- *Participants will make a general presentation of the Report on Small Tunas in the Mediterranean elaborated in 2007. Specific issues of the report will be object of more detailed presentations under the corresponding Agenda items. The list of species should be reviewed by the group.*

**3.1 Review of biological and ecological data**

- *The ICCAT and GFCM Secretariats will prepare summary tables with the available information on biology of the small tuna species. Information related with ecosystems including the impact of small tuna fisheries in the Mediterranean ecosystems will also be presented;*
- *Related scientific papers will be introduced by the authors.*

**3.2 Review of statistics (catch, effort, size)**

- *The results of the coordination works conducted by the ICCAT Secretariat and FAO in order to improve the small tuna statistics, in particular the catch series, will be presented;*
- *Participants will be invited to provide any new information/data on small tunas*

### **3.3 Review of socio-economical data**

- *Socio-economical information included in the GFCM report will be presented;*
- *Related scientific papers will be introduced by the authors.*

### **4. Discussion about possible indicators of stock's status**

- *The Group will review the parameters usually used as fishery indicators of stock status and will discuss the suitability of using some of this information as indicators of the state of the small tuna stocks.*

### **5. Considerations regarding the management of small tuna stocks**

- *The Chair of the Group will present the small tunas management measures, if any, adopted by the respective Commissions;*
- *Participants will present management measures currently applied to small tuna stocks at national level.*

### **6. Outline of a joint GFCM-ICCAT workplan for small tunas in the Mediterranean**

- *A workplan with the objective to improve the knowledge of fisheries and assess small tunas in the Mediterranean Sea will be elaborated based on the recommendations adopted by the Group.*

### **7. Other matters**

- *Additional matters not included in other Agenda items will be discussed under this item.*

### **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- *General conclusions and recommendations will be defined and adopted by the Group.*

### **9. Adoption of the Report and adjournment**

- *The Report will be reviewed and adopted.*