



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE
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First Announcement

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

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

Context and Objectives

GFCM and ICCAT have a wide story of collaboration on statistics and research, notably in the framework of the Ad-hoc GFCM/ICCAT Working Group on Stocks of Large Pelagic Fishes in the Mediterranean. The objective of this meeting, falling into line with this story, is to carry out the revision of available information on fishery statistics and biology of small tunas species (see **Annex 1** for an indicative list of species included into this group) in the Mediterranean Area (including the Black Sea) and to identify possible fishery indicators of the stock status. Based on these revisions the Working Group will define a joint GFCM-ICCAT workplan for small tunas with the objective of evaluating the state of these stocks and identifying the best way to manage them.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements
2. Description of fisheries
3. Review of available data and information
 - 3.1 Review of biological and ecological data
 - 3.2 Review of statistics (catch, effort, size)
 - 3.3 Review of socio-economical data
4. Discussion about possible indicators of stock's status
5. Considerations regarding the management of small tuna stocks
6. Outline of a joint GFCM-ICCAT workplan for small tunas
7. Other matters
8. Conclusions and Recommendations
9. Report adoption and closure

Information for Participants

1. Date and Venue

May 5 (Monday) to 9 (Friday), 2008. (Registration starts at 09:00 am, 5 May). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 18:00.

The meeting will be held at:

Government Sub-Delegation in Málaga

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3. Language

Scientific documents can be written in English, Spanish or French. It is expected that the main working language for the meeting will be English, as no simultaneous translation can be provided.

4. Call for Scientific Papers and Data

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers. The titles, names of authors and abstracts of papers should be submitted to GFCM (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) or ICCAT (info@iccat.int) by **April 15, 2008**. Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet.

Scientists are requested to provide yearly nominal catch by species, gear, country and GFCM Statistical Geographic Sub-Areas, if possible. The period covered should be as wider as possible.

5. Registration

Participants are invited to register in advance. The registration form is attached as **Annex 2**.

6. Hotel Information

The following hotels are located in an area close to the place of the meeting (less than fifteen minutes walking)

HOTEL	Distance to Meeting	Single (€)	Double (€)	Breakfast (€)
LOS NARANJOS * www.hotel-losnaranjos.com +34 952 224 316 +34 952 225 975- Fax	300 m.	95	150	7
LAS VEGAS +34 952 217 712 +34 952 224 889 - Fax	350 m.	49.91	58.12	included
CARLOS V 952 215 120 952 215 129 - Fax	1.8 km	54.53	61.78	
CALIFORNIA www.hotelcalifornianet.com +598 42 23 34 41	500 m	56.55	83.40	8
ATARAZANAS MALAGA www.cumbres.com.uy +34 952 121 910	2.4 km	54.99	-	7.5
KRIS TRIBUNA www.krishoteles.com +34 952 122 230	2.4 km	60	-	-
DON CURRO* www.hoteldoncurro.com +34 952 227 200	900 m	100	75	-
BAHIA MALAGA www.hotelbahiamalaga.com +34 952 229 268	2.4 km	55	70	8

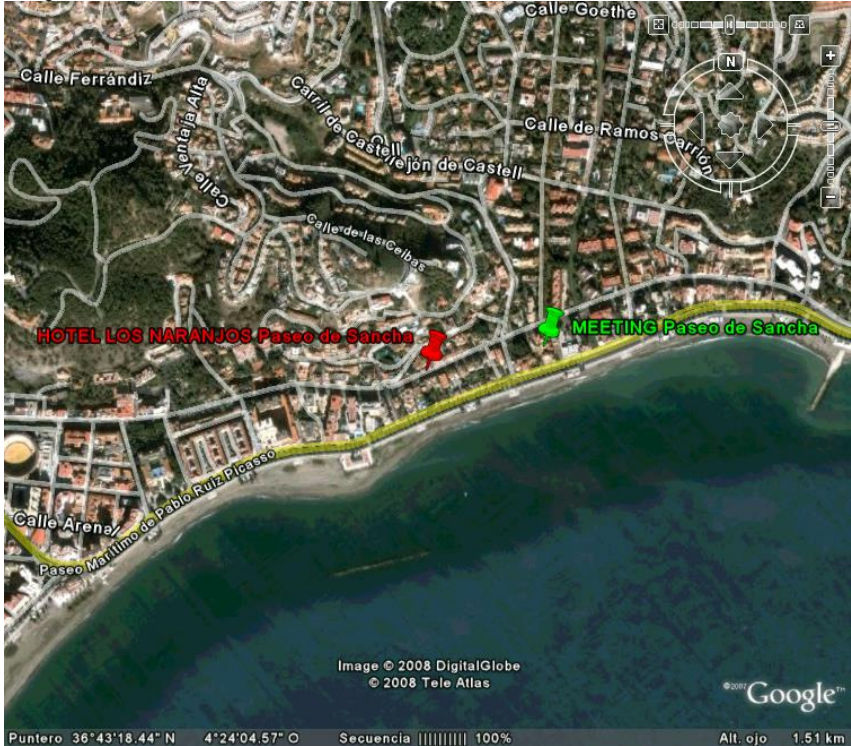
* Best prices can be obtained making reservations through www.muchoviaje.com

Indicative list of small tuna species in the Mediterranean Sea

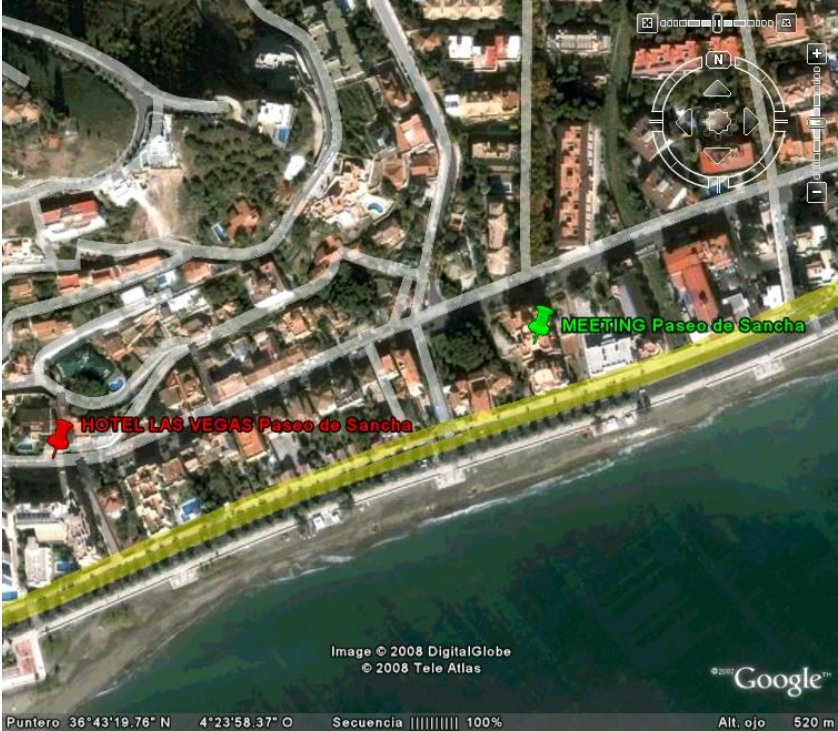
SpeciesID	SpeciesCode	ScieName	English	Francais	Español
1	LTA	<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>	Little tunny(=Atl.black skipj)	Thonine commune	Bacoreta
2	BON	<i>Sarda sarda</i>	Atlantic bonito	Bonite à dos rayé	Bonito del Atlántico
3	FRI	<i>Auxis thazard</i>	Frigate tuna	Auxide	Melva
4	BOP	<i>Orcynopsis unicolor</i>	Plain bonito	Palomette	Tasarte
5	WAH	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	Wahoo	Thazard-bâtard	Peto
6	KGM	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>	King mackerel	Thazard barré	Carite lucio
7	MAW	<i>Scomberomorus tritor</i>	West African Spanish mackerel	Thazard blanc	Carite lusitánico
8	BLT	<i>Auxis rochei</i>	Bullet tuna	Bonitou	Melva(=Melvera)
9	DOT	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	Dogtooth tuna	Bonite à gros yeux	Casarte ojón
10	COM	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	Narrow-barred Spanish mackerel	Thazard rayé indo-pacifique	Carite estriado Indo-Pacífico
11	FRZ	<i>Auxis thazard, A.rochei</i>	Frigate and bullet tunas	Auxide et bonitou	Melva y melvera
12	BKJ	<i>Euthynnus lineatus</i>	Black skipjack	Thonine noire	Barrilete negro

Location maps of some of the hotels close to the meeting venue in Malaga

Hotel “Los Naranjos”



Hotel “Las Vegas”



Hotel “Carlos V”



Hotel “California”



Hotel “Atarazanas Málaga”



Hotel “Kris Tribuna”



Hotel “Don Curro”

