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## **Transversal Workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)** (JOINT ORGANISATION WITH RAC/SPA)

Salammbô, Tunisia, 24 and 25 May 2007

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening and arrangements of the Workshop
2. General view regarding the definition and classification of MPAs in the Mediterranean
  - *Introductory presentation by Chedly Raïs*
3. Inventory of existing types of MPAs in the Mediterranean Sea
  - *Information given by experts through the standard form made available for before the workshop*
  - *Information given by FAO regional projects and partner organizations*
  - *Update of the MedPAN Directory of Mediterranean MPAs (Catherine Piante & Elodie Maison)*
  - *Other information given by participants*
4. Representativity and efficiency of MPAs management systems
5. Inventory/synthesis of published studies on fisheries and biodiversity of deep sea areas and devise a standard procedure to assess the eligibility of new proposals for deep sea fishing reserves or restricted fishing areas.
  - *Standard Format for the Presentation of Proposals for High Seas Fisheries Restricted Areas (HSFRA) in the Mediterranean (Susana Sainz-Trápaga, WWF)*
6. Role of MPAs as fisheries management tool
  - *The current situation with MPAs in Malta (Pr; Patrick J. SCHEMBRI)*
  - *Italian marine protected area : effect on fishing resources (Leonardo Tunesi)*
7. Any other matters
8. Conclusions of the Workshop

## **Terms of reference of the workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)**

**May 2007**

1. Considering the importance of fishery reserves in the management of fisheries, the SCMEE recommended to organize jointly with RAC/SPA in 2007 a SCMEE/SCSA Transversal workshop on MPAs to:

- make an inventory of existing types of MPAs in the Mediterranean Sea;
- evaluate their representativity and the efficiency of their management systems;
- define their role as a fisheries management tool;
- prepare a synthesis on MPAs in the Mediterranean.

2. Information on MPAs will be collected via the SAC focal points and of RAC/SPA and other partner organizations. A standard form to collect data will be elaborated.