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**8th Meeting of the
Sub-Committee on Marine Environment and Ecosystems (SCMEE)
FAO, Rome, 11-14 September, 2006**

Draft Agenda and timetable

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Monday 11 September, 10:00-12:00

1. Opening and arrangement of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report of the coordinator

Monday 11 September, 13:30-18:30 (Moderator : (Marie-Christine VAN KLAVEREN))

4. Workshop on interactions between Cetacean and fishing activities (Annex 1)

Tuesday 12 September, 09:00-13:00

5. Interdisciplinary pilot studies to define and to apply the principles of the ecosystem approach to fisheries management and test the ecological indicators related to the follow-up of fishing effort in terms of space and time.
 - **Sustainable development of Aquaculture and Risks of maritime traffic on biodiversity (F. SIMARD)**
6. Follow-up and control of the impact of fishing on protected species or species threatened with extinction.
 - **The Spanish swordfish fishery: Fishermen, Scientists and NGOs: from the antagonism to the cooperation. (J A. CAMIÑAS & R. SAGARMINAGA)**
 - **Interaction on marine turtles with bottom trawlers and longline fisheries in the gulf of Gabes (Tunisia) (I. Jribi, K. Echwikhi & M.N. Bradai)**
 - **The bycatch of sharks in the gulf of Gabes (B. Saïdi & M.N. Bradai)**

Tuesday 12 September, 15:00-18:00

7. Follow-up of research and development of a structured program related to the species living in deep Sea (depths beyond 1000 meters).

8. Interactions between Cetacean and fishing activities including in the Sanctuary PELAGOS. Actions to be taken jointly by ACCOBAMS, GFCM and other concerned organizations.
9. Review of the proposal made by the Delegation of Monaco concerning the Sanctuary PELAGOS.
 - **Presentation of the proposal by the Executive Secretary of the Sanctuary (Philippe Robert)**
 - **"Definition of an integrated project for the institution of a Center for the observation, conservation and monitoring of the cetaceans in the seas of the Tuscany (Pelagos Sanctuary)" (F. SERENA)**

Wednesday 13 September, 9:00-13:00

10. Harmonization of the activities of the SCMEE with the programs related to the marine ecosystems carried out in the area by the international organizations partners in particular in the field of identification of sensitive habitat and implementation of EAF.
 - **IUCN project on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea (F. SIMARD)**
 - **IUCN projects concerning Marine Protected Areas (F. SIMARD)**
 - **Red list assessment on Mediterranean marine fish (A. CUTTELOD)**
 - **RAC/SPA Programme of work (Christine PERGENT)**
 - **The prey depletion and its impacts on cetacean population (ACCOBAMS Secretariat)**

Wednesday 13 September, 15:00-16:30

11. New restricted fishing zones in international water.
12. Conclusion and recommendations including the 2007 work program, addressed by SCMEE:
 - To the SCMEE
 - To the SAC
13. Other matters

Thursday 14 September, morning

14. Preparation of the final report

Thursday 14 September, afternoon

15. Adoption of the report

Annex 1

Workshop on interaction between fishing activities and Cetacean (11/09/06 Rome) Provisional Agenda

Objective: to analyze the work already done, data available, work planned for the immediate future and how to reduce interactions as a response to the second bullet of the Second Priority for the SCMEE“addressing *together with ACCOBAMS the issue of the interactions between cetaceans species in fishery activities, including in the PELAGO Sanctuary, through possibly convening a joint workshop on the subject.*”

1. State of the art
 - a. On going and already done Projects
 - b. Data available (fulfilled templates)
 - c. Papers Published

2. New planned activities
 - a. Projects (BYCBAMS, GEF, others)
 - **Project on mitigating of impacts of interactions between cetaceans and fishing activities (C.Rais)**
 - b. Coordination of projects
 - c. Obtaining new information

3. Impact reduction and proposal of measures
 - **Testing of DDD02F, AQ636 and stereotyped deterrent signals on bow riding dolphins (Jeppe Dalgaard Balle)**
 - **Preliminary results of study on effects of wide acoustic band pingers on damaging and caught efficiency of bottom set nets in relation to interaction with *Tursiops truncatus* in the Egadi Archipelago, Italy (Giuseppa Buscaino)**

4. Conclusions and recommendations