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**Transversal workshop on
selectivity improvement and bycatch reduction**
Tunis, Tunisia, 23-25 September 2009

Draft Agenda and timetable

Wednesday, 23 September 2009

Morning Session: 9H: 30

- 1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Current status of by-catch and discard in the Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries**
 - 2.1. Definitions of terms and concepts of relevance to the issue of by-catch and selectivity (unwanted species, by-catch, selectivity, discard, illegal catch, ghost fishing, etc.);
 - 2.2. Evaluation of by-catch and fishing mortality for commercial species and threatened species
 - 2.3. Follow up on recent biology and population dynamics studies for species of conservation concern
 - Chondrichthyes species including commercial elasmobranchs
 - Sea turtles
 - Marine mammals
 - Sea birds
 - 2.4. Methods for assessing impacts at the population level for species of conservation concern (elasmobranchs, marine turtles, birds and cetaceans)

Afternoon Session: 14:30

Agenda item 2 (Cont.)

- 3. Definition of standard protocol for data collection of relevant information on by catch in the Mediterranean fisheries**
 - uploading information on by catch in the GFCM databases including in Task 1 frame

Thursday, 24 September 2009

Morning session: 9:00

- 4. Update the available information on studies on mitigation measures for by catch reduction**
 - By-catch reduction devices in trawl fisheries (such as TEDs);
 - selectivity in longline fisheries related to hook size and shape, soak time and depth, type of bait, etc.,
 - The modification of mesh size in gillnets
 - marine protected areas protecting nursery area, parturition zone, etc.;
 - temporary closures of certain fishing areas
- 5. Socioeconomic implications (estimation of revenue evolution, cost adaptation and cost effect...)**

Afternoon Session: 14:00

Point 5 (Cont.)

- 6. Any other matters**
- 7. Conclusions and recommendations**

Friday, 25 September 2009

Morning session: free (preparation of the report)

Afternoon Session: 14:00

- 8. Adoption of the report and closure**