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**Transversal workshop on selectivity improvement
and by-catch reduction**

Tunis, Tunisia, 23 -25 September 2009

Context and objectives

In the framework of the SAC activities for 2009, a workshop on selectivity improvement and by-catch reduction is scheduled to be held in Tunis (Tunisia), from 23 to 25 September 2009 according to the indicative terms of reference adopted by the Scientific Advisory Committee during its eleventh session (Marrakech, 2008) and endorsed by the Commission (Tunis, 2009). The aims of this workshop were already defined according to the outcomes of the transversal GFCM Working Group on selectivity and by-catch (Rome, 15-16 September 2008) as well as of the joint GFCM/ACCOBAMS workshop on Bycatch project (Rome, 17-18 September 2008). More specifically, this workshop will address the main following issues:

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. Current status of by-catch and discard related to the Mediterranean fisheries (case studies dealing with gears, areas, seasons, etc.);
3. Review of methods for assessing by-catch and its impact at the population level:
 - Definition of a standard protocol for data collection of relevant information on by-catch in the Mediterranean fisheries harmonized with existing similar initiatives;
 - Examine the possibility for integrating information on by-catch into the GFCM databases;
 - Setting a framework for assessing real impacts of fishing activities (hierarchization methods).
4. Review and evaluation of available information on by-catch mitigation measures (technical devices, closure period and area, etc.);
5. Socio-economic implications (estimation of revenue evolution, cost adaptation and social effect).

Draft Agenda¹

- 1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Current status of by-catch and discard related to 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
 - 2.4. Methods for assessing impacts at the population level for species of conservation concern (elasmobranchs, marine turtles, birds and cetaceans)
- 3. Definition of standard protocol for data collection of relevant information on by catch in the Mediterranean fisheries**
- 4. Update the available information on studies on mitigation measures for by catch reduction**
- 5. Socioeconomic implications (estimation of revenue evolution, cost adaptation and cost effect...)**
- 6. Any other matters**
- 7. Conclusions and recommendations**
- 8. Adoption of the report and closure**

¹ A detailed draft agenda and timetable is available as separated document

Information for Participants

1. Date and Venue

From Wednesday, 23 to Friday 25, September 2009. Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 17:30. For the first day, the meeting will start at 9:30 (registration from 9:00).

The meeting will be held at: The Conference room of the INSTM (Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de la Mer). Salammbô, Tunisia.
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3. Language

Scientific documents can be written in English 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 information

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant documents as well as information on the topics to be addressed by the meeting. The titles, names of authors, abstracts of papers should be submitted to GFCM (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) before the meeting (by the 15th of September). Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet. Upon reception of the documentation, an annotated agenda will be made available for the meeting.

5. Registration.

Participants are invited to register in advance by using the attached registration form.

6. Hotel Information (Hotels close to the main avenue Habib Bourguiba and the metro station to the INSTM)

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Welcome in Tunisia

You can visit during your stay some monuments and places close to the meeting venue.

- The Historical area of Carthage which is mainly constituted of Roman sites. You will visit the Punic Port and the thermal Antonine Baths. Carthage is located in the Gulf of Tunis. It was a strong sea power that competed with Rome for centuries, but was destroyed by Rome in 146 BC.



- Sidi Bou Said village which is considered to be among Tunisian most **attractive traditional villages**. **What characterizes this village mostly is its traditional architecture** and the extensive use of blue and white colours. It is located on the top of a high hill from the top of which you can enjoy an exceptional view of the Tunis Gulf.

