



**Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
Sub-Committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA)
Working Group on Demersal species
Izmir, Turkey, 15-19 September, 2008**

Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable

- Monday, 15 September

Morning session

1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

- *Opening*
- *Introduction of participants*
- *Nomination of the rapporteur(s)*
- *Adoption of the agenda*
- *Logistical aspects*

2. Admission of documents and review of available data

- *The list of assessment works¹ and assessment related will be reviewed. The scientists will participate either in the session A (joint assessment) or in the session B (see below).*
- *The meeting will examine documents/works and data related to the assessment of hake and associated species, submitted before the deadline fixed for the data submission, as preparation of the joint stock assessment session (validation of stock assessment forms, review of the available parameter and data needed etc...);*
- *The participants will be also informed on the outcomes of the working group of stock assessment methodology on the use of surveys at sea on assessment (Tripoli, Libya, 2-4 June 2008) and training courses in Cairo (22-26 June 2008).*

¹ Assessment works will use the assessment forms available in the GFCM website (www.gfcm.org)

- Monday 15 (afternoon) to Thursday 18 September

Two parallel sessions

Session A:

- *This session will be attended by a limited group (especially experts in possession of data as required for the joint stock assessment of hake and associated species).*
3. **Performance of joint assessments of hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and associated species by GSA or group of GSAs.**
 - 3.1. **Realization of stock assessments**
 - 3.2. **Review and analysis of the results of different assessments**
 - 3.3. **Formulation of conclusions, recommendations and management advice**
- *According to the SAC Report (tenth session), the Working Group on demersal species will carry out joint stock assessment of hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and associated species in each GSA or a group of GSA as adequate, using both commercial catches and trawl survey data including sensitivity analysis, the selection of relevant reference points and indicators and new findings on growth parameters for hake, following tagging studies and otoliths new interpretation;*
 - *The scientists who will participate with their laptops in the joint assessment of hake and associated species will have available their data according to the instructions being provided through the GFCM website.*

Session B:

- *This session will be attended by the experts not involved in the joint stock assessment of hake and associated species (Session A).*
4. **Presentation and discussion of new assessments including for multispecies stocks**
 5. **Presentation and discussion of assessment related works**
 6. **Any other matters**

- Friday, 19 September 2008

Morning Session (plenary session)

7. **Conclusions and scientific advice of the Working Group including for the joint assessment of hake and associated species**
8. **Date and venue of next meeting**

Afternoon session

9. **Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting**