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**Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)  
Sub-Committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA)**

**Working Group on Demersal species  
Izmir, Turkey, 15-19 September, 2008**

**Context and Objectives**

One of the objectives of the Sub-committee on Stock Assessment (SCSA) of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of GFCM, is to progress in the enhancement of joint practical stock assessment. “Joint” refers to the participation of scientists from different Geographical Sub-Areas (GSAs) providing their data and sharing them with their colleagues, using a standard methodology and analyzing together the results and options for fisheries management.

During the SCSA Working Group on Demersal species (Izmir, Turkey, 15-19 September, 2008) a joint practical session to assess in particular the stocks of hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and associated species will be performed. The time devoted to this session will be 3 days. The session will refer to the Terms of Reference as agreed in the GFCM 31st session:

- *carry out joint stock assessment of hake (Merluccius merluccius) and associated species in each GSA or group of GSA as appropriate, using both commercial catches and trawl survey data including sensitivity analysis, selected reference points and indicators and new findings on growth parameters for hake.*

The meeting will take into account specifically the following items:

- VPA tuning (using trawl survey results when possible)
- LCA;
- SURBA;
- Determine main indicators and their corresponding reference points;
- Produce a diagnosis of the state of the stock and formulate related management advice.

## **Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of documents and review of available data

### Session A:

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

### Session B:

4. Presentation and discussion of new assessments including for multispecies stocks
5. Presentation and discussion of assessment related works
6. Any other matters
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
9. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

## Information for Participants

### 1. Date and Venue

Monday, 15 September to Friday, 19 September 2008. (Registration starts at 08:45 am on 15 September). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 17:30.

The meeting will be held at: Ege University Ataturk, Cultural Center (AKM), Mithatpaşa Caddesi, No 92/A Konak/Izmir, Turkey. Information on the meeting venue could be found through the following link: <http://www.bagtr.org/toplanti/infoizmir.htm>

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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 Data

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers as well as information and data needed notably for the joint stock assessment of hake and associated species. The titles, names of authors, abstracts of papers and required data should be submitted to GFCM Secretariat ([GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org)) by **29 August 2008**. Authors are also encouraged to submit completed electronic versions of their papers before the meeting in order to make them available on the Internet.

## **5. Registration.**

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

## **6. Hotel Information**

Information on some hotels in Izmir could be found through the following link:

<http://www.bagtr.org/toplanti/infoizmir.htm>