



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

Working Group on Small pelagic species

Izmir, Turkey, 22-26 September, 2008

Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable

- Monday, 22 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 sardine and anchovy, 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)

3. Presentation and discussion on new assessment forms including forms for direct surveys (Acoustics, DEPM)

- Monday 22 (afternoon) to Thursday 25 September

Two parallel sessions

Session A:

- *This session will be attended only by experts in possession of data as required for the joint stock assessment of sardine and anchovy*
- 4. Performance of joint assessments of sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*) and anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) by GSA or a group of GSAs.**
- 4.1. Realization of stock assessments**
 - 4.2. Review and analysis of the results of different assessments**
 - 4.3. Formulation of conclusions, recommendations and management advice**
- *According to SAC 10 decision, the Working Group on Small Pelagic species will carry out joint stock assessment of sardine and anchovy in each GSA or a group of GSA as adequate, using both commercial catches and trawl survey data including sensitivity analysis and the selection of relevant reference points and indicators.*
 - *The scientists who will participate with their laptops in the joint assessment of sardine and anchovy will have available their data according to the instructions provided through the GFCM website.*

Session B:

- *This session will be attended by the experts with assessments on sardine and anchovy but not involved in the joint stock assessment (Session A) as also by the experts with assessments done on other species as well.*
- 5. Presentation and discussion of new assessments**
- 6. Presentation and discussion of assessment related works**
- 7. Harmonization and international coordination of Mediterranean acoustic surveys.**
- *This agenda item will include a discussion on the European “MEDIAS” survey and its common protocol*
- 8. Any other matters**

Friday, 26 September 2008

Morning Session (plenary session)

9. Conclusions and scientific advice of the Working Group including for the joint assessment.

10. Date and venue of next meeting

Afternoon session

11. Adoption of the report