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

Working Group on Small pelagic species

Izmir, Turkey, 22-26 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 Small Pelagic species (Izmir, Turkey, 22-26 September, 2008) a joint practical session to assess in particular the stocks of anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) and sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*) will be held. The time devoted to this session will be 3 days. The meeting will take into account specifically the following items:

- VPA tuning (using acoustic and/or DEPM survey results if possible)
- Determine main indicators and their corresponding reference points
- Produce a diagnosis of the state of the stock

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening, arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of documents and review of available data
3. Presentation and discussion on new assessment forms including forms for direct surveys (Acoustics, DEPM)

Session A:

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

Session B:

5. Presentation and discussion of new assessments
6. Presentation and discussion of assessment related works
7. Harmonization and international coordination of Mediterranean acoustic surveys.
8. Any other matters
9. Conclusions and scientific advice of the Working Group including for the joint assessment.
10. Date and venue of next meeting
11. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

Information for Participants

1. Date and Venue

Monday, 22 September to Friday, 26 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 sardine and anchovy. The titles, names of authors, abstracts of papers and required data should be submitted to GFCM Secretariat (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>