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**9th Session of the Sub-Committee on Statistics
and Information (SCSI)**

Antalya (Turkey), 13-16 October 2008
(Chair : Joël Vigneau)

Draft agenda and Tentative Timetable

- Monday, 13 October

- Morning Session

9:00 – 9:15

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*

9:15 – 13:30

2. Transversal Workshop to refine the fleet segmentation (Chair: Joel Vigneau)

This SCSI/SCCESS (also open to experts from SCSEA) transversal workshop is aimed to:

- *reconsider the fleet segmentations for clarity and internal consistency (e.g. consistent allocation criteria to be applied across the length classes) to avoid straddling of vessels across fleet segments;*
- *revise the name of “minor gear” categories;*
- *reconsider vessels groupings (e.g. splitting large categories into several smaller segments) to minimize a loss of information through the forced merging of vessels with different exploitation patterns and, hence, a mismatch between the economic and biological characteristics attributed to the particular fleet segment;*
- *Understand areas of compatibility and subsequent divergence between the GFCM fleet segmentation and the European Commission fleet segmentation (e.g. vessel length categories and dominant versus exclusive gear categories).*
- *As underlined by SCSI (Kavala, September 2007), transmission of data through Task 1 on economics (Task 1.3) would be a preliminary condition to prepare this meeting. GFCM members are called to provide the Secretariat with the current segmentation of their fleet prior to the SCSI meeting.*

- Afternoon Session

3. Overview of current situation of data submission by Members (particularly for Task 1) and the current status of development of databases and information systems developed and managed by the Secretariat.

- *GFCM members are invited to submit their data on task 1 preferably before the meeting in order to be assessed and analyzed by the Secretariat*

Tuesday, 14 October

- Morning Session

4. Guidelines on reporting catch data for target species, associated species and by-catch for inclusion in the Task 1 data entry tool

- *Guidelines have been included in the Task 1 data entry tool on the basis of recommendations made by the SCSI in 2007. Regarding the by catch, the meeting will refer to the outcomes from the SAC/transversal Working Group on by catch (September 2008) and the meeting on ByCBAMS (September 2008) as well as on new information submitted to the meeting.*

5. Progress regarding the calibration of fishing effort

- *The standardization of the measurement of fishing effort is covered by Annex 2 of Resolution GFCM 31/2007/1 and is reflected in the Task 1 data entry tool. During the last SCSI it was agreed to include 4 fields for the reporting of effort – time, capacity, activity, gear units. The main issue to be discussed under this agenda item is the calibration of fishing effort, using the data received through the Task 1 framework.*

6. Current status of the “GSA compatible” STATLANT37 A” form

- *This new form was launched in April 2008. The status of data submission using this new form will be discussed.*

- Afternoon Session

7. Review of the outcome from GFCM fleet register workshop;

- *Feedback on the test version of the fleet register data communication tool (produced by the Secretariat) and validation rules incorporated.*
- *Set up the periodicity and means of validation to be developed in common agreement with the participants.*
- *Define the availability of the information on the public domain.*
- *Define and agree on capacity monitoring tools (elaborated graphs)*
- *In the framework of MEDSTAT programme and giving priority to the development of national fleet registers, a programme of work in each country opting to use the MedStat system will be drawn up on the basis of their priorities and requirements.*

SPECIAL SESSION ON TRANSVERSAL ISSUES (17:30-18:30)

This session will review the main conclusions of the transversal activities including for the meetings organized back to back with the Sub-Committee sessions:

- *Transversal Working Group on Selectivity (Sete, France, 2008)(Sub-Committee lead: SCMEE)*
- *Transversal Working Group on by catch/incidental catches (Rome, September 2008) (Sub-Committee lead: SCMEE)*
- *Transversal Workshop on fleet segmentation (Antalya, September 2008)(Sub-Committee lead: SCSI)*

- *Transversal Working Group on Recreational Fisheries (Antalya, September 2008) (Sub-Committee lead: SCESS)*

According to the decision of the CMSC (March, 2008), the comments made during this special session will be reported by the Sub-Committee lead

Wednesday, 15 October

- Morning session

7. Review of the GFCM fleet register workshop (Cont.)

8. Standardized format for a GFCM vessel logbook.

- *Presentations on logbook schemes operating in the Region will be used as a basis for discussion. Countries having implemented such a system are invited to elaborate a Working Document for the meeting, detailing the specifications, the operating schemes and commenting on their return of experience.*

- Afternoon session

8. Standardized format for a GFCM vessel logbook (Cont)

9. Contribution to updating the GFCM glossary

- *The meeting will review and agree on terminology which is relevant and useful for the work of the Sub-Committee together with their definitions. It is foreseen that a document summarizing information (submitted prior the meeting) be made available for the meeting.*

10. Overview of data collection schemes and projects (past and present) on small scale fisheries in the Region

Thursday 16, October

- Morning session

11. Conclusions and recommendations

12. 2009 workplan

13. Any other matters

- Afternoon Session

14. Adoption of the report and closure of the report