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**Workshop on a GFCM Regional Logbook for
the Mediterranean and Black Sea**
Rome, 29th June – 1st July 2009

Context and Objectives

The majority of the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries have developed means to collect catch statistics, using a sampling programme, national or international logbook and/or ad hoc declarative forms (see SCSI report, Antalya, 2008). The GFCM progress on the path to sustainable fisheries management, results in the increasing need to precisely monitor catch and effort. The GFCM Task 1 matrix is the framework to compile and organize such data and the completion of the entire Task 1 matrix and tables has become fully mandatory, following a stepwise approach until 2011 (GFCM Commission, Tunis, March 2009).

With the intention of setting up the most sustainable and adapted system to the Mediterranean and Black Sea, the GFCM agreed to hold a workshop on a GFCM logbook in 2009 with the following objectives:

- a) Review the current situation regarding the collection of effort and landings data by fishing activity and area in the Mediterranean and Black Sea;
- b) Define the objectives and scope of a GFCM logbook;
- c) Design and agree upon the minimum set of parameters and format which should constitute the GFCM logbook;
- d) Agree on which vessel dimension should be covered by the GFCM logbook;
- e) Propose an implementation programme for the GFCM logbook

Participants are expected to present prototypes of logbooks implemented in Mediterranean and Black Sea countries and any proposals in advance of the meeting to be made available on the GFCM website for consideration by the participants.

Attendance is open to, in particular, experts / officers from national control agencies and institutes responsible for statistics and data collection.

Draft Annotated Agenda and Timetable

Monday 29th June

9:30

1. Opening and arrangement of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review the current situation regarding the collection of effort and landings data by fishing activity and area in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
 - presentations on national declarative systems (by national experts)

A maximum of 15 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for questions will be allocated to all national experts willing to present their declarative system, with a description of the actual form, the scope and regulatory tool for proper implementation, and the means to collect fisheries statistics for the entire population of fishing vessels. Presentations on alternative methods applicable to the smallest vessels are also welcome.

LUNCH (13:00)

14:30

3. *Continued*
4. Identify the objectives and the scope of a GFCM logbook
 - Presentation of the GFCM Task 1, with particular focus on all variables to be collected in order to fulfil Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/3.

(Presentation by GFCM Secretariat)

The recent Commission meeting (33rd Session, March 2009) decided to make the GFCM Task 1 matrix and tables fully mandatory, following a stepwise approach until 2011. The presentation will recall the objectives of the GFCM Task 1 and focus on the description of all variables needed to be collected and the associated specifications in view of setting up a logbook system.

- Plenary discussion and listing of all the variables needed for a GFCM logbook

Based on the presentations delivered under agenda item 3 and other experiences, the objectives, scope and an agreement on the list of variables to be included in a declarative system must be identified.

Tuesday 30th June

9:00

5. Design and agree upon the parameters and format which should constitute the GFCM logbook

The precise contents of the GFCM logbook and the necessary accompanying regulatory measures will be identified. Examples of logbooks already implemented in the Mediterranean and Black Sea and prototypes designed specifically for the workshop would be useful inputs for the discussion.

LUNCH (13:00)

14:30

6. Agree on which vessel dimension should be covered by the GFCM logbook

The meeting will discuss and agree on the vessel dimension to be covered by this tool taking into consideration the length overall distribution of the Mediterranean and Black Sea vessels. Experts from Member countries are invited to bring relevant information on their national fleet.

7. Propose an implementation programme for the GFCM logbook

Once all the framework is agreed upon, a draft implementation programme should be drawn up. This should consider all operational issues such as a feasibility test, printing of the official documents and implications with respect to national laws.

Wednesday 1st July

Morning

Free. Preparation of the draft report

14:00

8. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

Information for Participants

1. Date and Venue

Monday, 29th June to Wednesday 1st July 2009. (Registration starts at 08:45 am on 29th June). Meeting hours will run approximately from 09:00 to 17:30.

The meeting will be held at FAO headquarters, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy. Information on the meeting venue could be found on the GFCM website <http://www.gfcm.org>

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3. Language

Reports, documents and presentations can be written in English or French. It is foreseen that the principal working language for the meeting will be English, as no simultaneous translation will be provided.

4. Reports and presentations

Participants are encouraged to submit, in electronic format, relevant documents, presentations, information and national reports to GFCM Secretariat (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) by **19th June 2009**.

5. Registration.

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

6. Hotel Information

Information on some hotels in Rome could be found at:
<http://151.1.154.86/meetingdocs/RomeHotelslist.pdf>