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WORKSHOP ON MEASUREMENT AND STANDARDIZATION OF FISHING EFFORT

Institut Espagnol d'Océanographie (IEO),
Fuengirola-Málaga, Spain, 30-31 May 2006.

ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIME TABLE

Tuesday 30th of May

9h:00 – 13h:00

1- Opening and arrangement of the meeting

2- Session 1 : Definition, Measurement and standardisation of fishing effort and capacity (*)

- *Recalling the GFCM approach to fisheries management through effort control: its current status.*
- *Invited paper from ICES: the experience from outside the Mediterranean region*
- *Background document from the Consultant – Definition and Measurement of fishing capacity and its potential use in the assessment and management of resources in the OU context.*
- *Calibration of the relative power of categories of fishing vessels/gear types.*
- *Effort definition in multi-gear, multispecies fisheries*

14h:30 – 18h:00

3- Session 2 : Use of fishing effort to assess fish stocks within an Operational Unit (*)

- *The need for measurement of fishing effort in the Operational Unit context..*
- *Conversion of fishing effort to fishing Capacity.(requiring estimates of the area of fishing grounds).*
- *Calibrating measures of fishing effort against estimates of fishing mortality (from e.g., MEDITS data.*
- *Brief summary of methods of assessment using fishing effort measures (production modelling, composite production modelling or area swept measures).*
- *The requirements of fishing effort data for economic analyses (an economist's input is needed here)*

Wednesday 31st of May

9h:00 – 13h:00

4- Session 3: Implementing a fishing effort data collection scheme (*)

- *Sources of effort data (port interviews, at-sea observers, fishing vessel log books).*
- *A frame survey of fishing ports and vessels operating within an OU according to the GFCM fleet segmentation.*
- *Implementing a data collection scheme for fishing effort within the OU.*
- *Coordinating and standardizing national efforts for the common fishing grounds and shared resources of an OU.*
- *Constructing a fishing vessel registry for the OU.*
- *Licensing of fishing vessels, and criteria for license transfer by fishing power category*

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5- Session 4 : Conclusions and recommendations

- *The way forward: a provisional work plan and schedule of future activities?*
- *Developing guidelines on effort collection and storage for the fishery managers of an OU.*
- *The role of MedFisis and other FAO sub-regional projects.*
- *Preparing for the workshop on Operational Units*

6- Adoption of the report and adjournment of the meeting

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(It is assumed that case studies will be presented on the asterisked issues)*

NB. Pause : Morning : 10h:45 – 11h:15 Afternoon : 15h:45-16h:15