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**SCSA/SCSS/SCSI TRANSVERSAL WORKSHOP ON SELECTIVITY
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TRAWL FISHERIES
Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 April 2007**

Provisional agenda and timetable

Monday 2 April 2007

Morning: 10.00 – 13.00

1. Opening and arrangement of the Workshop.
2. Review of main National trawling fisheries with a particular attention to their gear characteristics and their regulation concerning their selectivity.
3. Review on square mesh selectivity, interest, definitions and presentation of different process to build and fix square mesh panels or codend to a bottom trawl.
4. Presentation of recent studies/experiences on square mesh cod-end selectivity in Mediterranean Sea.

Afternoon: 14.30 – 18.00

5. Application of square mesh panel or codend to the North European fisheries; difficulties, benefits for the fishing industries.
6. Evaluation of medium and long terms consequences of the application of 40 mm square mesh to the Mediterranean bottom trawls; review and analysis.
 - 6.1. technical consequences
 - 6.2. Biological consequences

Tuesday 3 April 2007

Morning: 9.00 – 13.00

- 6.3. Biological consequences (Cont')
- 6.4. Socio-economical consequences

Afternoon: 14.30 – 18.00

6.5. Multidisciplinary approach and strategic program for the follow-up of the gradual implementation of the 40 mm square mesh;

Wednesday 4 April 2007

Morning: 9.00 – 13.00

7. Follow up of the recommendations of the first selectivity workshop (Atselmed meeting, Sète, France, May 2005):

- 7.1. Setting of a fishing gear technologist network including fishing industry
- 7.2. Setting of selectivity database
- 7.3. Drawing up of a practical guide for selectivity study

8. Conclusions and suggestions of the workshop

Draft Terms of Reference

The Workshop will focus on the following subjects :

- Review of main Mediterranean trawling metiers with a particular attention to the gear characteristics and their national selectivity regulations
- Review of application of square mesh panel or codend to European fisheries ; difficulties, benefits for the fishing industries
- Presentation on recent studies on square mesh codend selectivity in Mediterranean sea and their application to the fisheries
- Review on square mesh selectivity and on different process to build and fix square mesh panels or codend to a bottom trawl
- Consequences of the application of 40 mm square mesh to Mediterranean bottom trawl
 - Analysis of technological consequences (fuel and time saving, change in fishing practices and strategy, fishing gear, effect on effort, catch quality)
 - Analysis of biological consequences (change in species and size composition, discards, by catch, catch of protected species, etc.);
 - Analysis of socio-economical consequences (effects on prices, costs and profitability of technical and biological consequences);
 - Setting of a strategic program for the follow-up of the gradual implementation of the 40 mm square mesh;
- Follow up of the recommendations of the first selectivity workshop (Atselmed meeting Sète, France, May 2005):
 - Setting of a fishing gear technologist network; organisation, website, participation of the fishing industry
 - Setting of selectivity database
 - Drawing up of a practical guide for selectivity study