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**SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SCMEE/SCSA/SCSSA TRANSVERSAL WORKING  
GROUP ON SELECTIVITY**

**Sete, France, 2-4 July 2008**

**Context and Objectives**

This meeting which is planned in the framework of the new Working Group on selectivity, established under the umbrella of SAC/Sub-Committee on Marine Environment and Ecosystems (SCMEE), and the 2008 SAC activities, is a response to the GFCM request aiming to improve the selectivity of the Mediterranean fisheries. This transversal meeting (SCMEE/SCSA/SCSSA) will focus this year on 2 main issues: the development of the selectivity studies on the various static gears used in Mediterranean and the follow up of the implementation of the 40 mm square mesh in the codend of bottom trawl in the Mediterranean. It will be aimed mainly to:

- Review of available studies on static gear selectivity (gill nets, traps, longlines), taking into account the influence of various technical and tactical parameters on selectivity between species (inter-selectivity) and between individuals of a same species (intra-selectivity e.g. size or sexe selectivity);
- Define the process for developing a database on various studies on the static gear selectivity in the Mediterranean including for the elaboration of a protocol for the standardization of selectivity studies – including technological, biological, ecosystem and economic aspects;
- Identify technical measures which could be proposed to improve the static gear selectivity;
- Develop strategies for implementing the 40 mm square mesh cod-end in the codend of Mediterranean bottom trawl in fisheries including the development of pilot studies in selected countries, possibly under the framework of regional projects and initiatives ;
- Assess socio-economic impacts of implementing the 40 mm square mesh size in trawl fisheries.

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening , arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Progress on static gear selectivity in the Mediterranean
3. Progress on the implementation of 40 mm square mesh codend in the bottom trawl fisheries
4. Development of a protocol/framework for the collection of relevant technological, biological, ecosystem, and socio-economic information regarding the implementation of gear selectivity measures
5. Development of case studies (possibly with regional projects)
6. GFCM-TechnoMed watch
7. Any other matters
8. Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting
9. Adoption of the report and closure

## Information for Participants

### 1. Date and Venue

Wednesday, 2 July to Friday, 4 July 2008. (Registration starts at 09:00 am on 2 July). Meeting hours will be approximately from 09:00 to 17:30.

The meeting will be held at:  
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IFREMER  
Avenue Jean Monnet BP 171  
34203 Sète

### 2. Contact Information

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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

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant scientific papers related to any agenda item. The titles, names of authors, abstracts of papers should be submitted to GFCM ([GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org)) preferably by **23 June 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.

There is no registration fee to attend the meeting. Please register your intention to participate by sending a fax to +39 0657056500 or by e-mail to: [GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org)

Participants must make their own travel accommodations arrangements.

## 6. Hotel Information

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**DOWNTOWN HOTELS (30' WALK TO IFREMER)** *see location on the map*

NB. **The prices are indicatives (prices of March 2007)**

### 1-HOTEL AZUR \*\*

60, quai de Bosc SETE  
34200 SETE  
France

Phone: +33 (0)4 67 74 95 90  
Fax: +33 (0)4 67 74 93 90  
URL: <http://www.hotelazursete.fr/>

Location: train station area / city centre

Rates: 30 €  
Rooms : 44

### 2-LE GRAND HOTEL - LA ROTONDE \*\*\*

17, quai de Tassigny SETE  
34200 SETE  
France

Phone: +33 (0)4 67 74 71 77  
Fax: +33 (0)4 67 74 29 27  
Mail: [info@sete-hotel.com](mailto:info@sete-hotel.com)  
URL: <http://www.legrandhotelsete.com/>

Location: city centre

Rates: 48 to 100 €  
Rooms: 43

### 3-HOTEL L'ORQUE BLEUE \*\*

10, quai Aspirant Herber SETE  
34200 SETE  
France

Phone: +33 (0)4 67 74 72 13  
Fax: +33 (0) 4 67 51 20 17  
URL: <http://www.setehotel.com/>

Location: city centre

Rates: 46 to 90 €  
Rooms: 30

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4-HOTEL La CONGA : plage Corniche 34200 Sète

Tel. : 04 67 53 02 57

<http://www.conga.fr/>

Rates: 40-45 euros

5-HOTEL VENEZIA

<http://www.hotel-sete.com/>

Rates: 40 euros