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Transversal Working Group on by catch/incidental catches

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Draft annotated Agenda

1. Opening , arrangement of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

2. Evaluation of by-catch and fishing mortality for threatened species in the Mediterranean

- *A report on this issue should be presented by the participants on status of knowledge at national and regional level.*
- *The MEDLEM database on elasmobranchs will be presented and discussed*

➤ **Protocol for data/information collection**

- *The meeting will suggest a protocol to collect, during the 2009 intersession, the relevant information on by catch in the Mediterranean fisheries, possibly through elaborating specific questionnaires. For the Cetacean, the issue will be addressed during the ByCBAMS meeting (Rome, 17-18 September 2008).*

3. Technology for reducing/avoiding by-catch

- *The meeting will review different experiences aimed to reduce or avoid impact on protected/threatened species, on the basis of the information submitted to the meeting*

4. Evaluation and improvement of survival after escapement

- *The basic information regarding threatened/endangered species should be made available by the participants;*
- *Regarding the case of juveniles, the meeting will review the outcome of the workshop on Selectivity (France, July 2008) and eventually complete with new information at the meeting*

5. Implementation of mitigating measure

- *On the basis of available information on incentive measures (WW smart gear competition, round tables, guidelines etc..) or/and coercitive measures (sensors recorders on the vessels, on the gears, VMS, etc.) the meeting will review the different strategies to propose to the SAC/GFCM for implementing mitigating measures.*

6. Any other matters

7. Conclusions and recommendations

8. Adoption of the report and closure