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SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (SAC)

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

MONDAY 24 JUNE

Morning: 09.30 – 12.30 hours

1. **Opening and adoption of the agenda**
2. **Intersessional activities of relevance to the SAC, including within the framework of the mid-term strategy**
3. **National reports to the SAC by CPCs**
4. **Issues related to fisheries data collection and data quality**
 - Analysis of data on fishing activities, submitted in line with relevant GFCM decisions, and presentation of the result of the feasibility phase for the implementation of quality indicators on the DCRF online platform

12.30 – 13.15 hours

Support to the implementation of the mid-term strategy and cooperation with partners

- Major activities of the FAO Mediterranean regional projects
- Activities by other partners

Afternoon: 14.45 – 17.45 hours

5. **Implementation of the Regional plan of action for small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF)**
 - Characterization of small-scale fisheries
 - SSF data collection needs
 - Technical elements for management of SSF
 - Monitoring of RPOA-SSF implementation
6. **Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management**
 - Future approach for the provision of advice on the status of fisheries and technical management measures, including through the use of precautionary principles and the estimation of catch/effort limits

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours

6. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management (cont')

- Status of resources and technical management measures
 - Overall status of stocks
 - Advice on regional technical management measures, including in relation to European eel and red coral

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- Interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems and environment
 - Management of deep-sea fisheries and protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs)
 - Work towards a network of essential fish habitats (EFH)
 - Review of new proposals towards the establishment of Fisheries Restricted Areas and advice on FRAs monitoring plans
 - Advances in the adaptation strategies for climate change and non-indigenous species

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- Advice on subregional fisheries management, including:
 - Blackspot seabream fisheries in the western Mediterranean
 - Demersal fisheries in the Strait of Sicily
 - Small pelagic fisheries in the Adriatic Sea
 - Demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea
 - Deep-water red shrimp fisheries in the central and eastern Mediterranean

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours

6. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management (cont')

Afternoon: 14.00 – 17.00 hours

7. SAC work plan for 2019–2021, including by subregion

- Calendar planning of SAC technical activities, including provision of advice for priority species and priority actions for the implementation of the RPOA-SSF
- Identification of activities in support of post-2020 strategic actions

8. Any other matters

- Issues related to the functioning of the SAC sessions

9. Date and place of the next session

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Morning free (preparation of the report)

Afternoon: 16.00 hours onwards

10. Adoption of the report