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pour la Méditerranée

Working Group on Small-Scale Fisheries (WGSSF)

Date and Place

- Wednesday 6 March 2019 (9:00 – 13:00, 14:30 – 17:30)
Thursday 7 March 2019 (9:00 – 13:00)
- CentreVille Hotel, Podgorica, Montenegro

Objectives

The main objective of the Working Group is to coordinate technical, scientific and socio-economic activities relating to small-scale fisheries in order to fill the main data gaps relating to this sector, to produce advice for consideration and validation by the SAC and WGBS and to support the sustainable management and development of small-scale fisheries within a Blue Growth perspective. To this end, the WGSSF shall:

- Provide advice on the implementation of technical outputs of Target 2 of the mid-term strategy;
- Provide advice on the implementation of technical aspects of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) in the GFCM area of application;
- Promote the use of the GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF) as a data collection tool for small-scale fisheries;
- Measure the biological and ecological impacts of small-scale fishing activity on fish stocks, particularly for priority species, and on the marine environment;
- Develop indicators to measure the economic and social impacts of small-scale fishing activity on coastal communities in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Assess the access of small-scale fishers to resources and markets, in light of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.b., and examine the interaction of small-scale fishing with related sectors, particularly fish processing, marine recreational fisheries and tourism;
- Identify interactions between small-scale and recreational fisheries, with a view to assessing potential conflicts, including competition for resources, competition for space and gear interactions.

Specific objectives

For the 2018-2019 period, the WGSSF has been requested by the forty-second session of the Commission to focus on the following:

- Compile information on the characterization of small-scale fisheries through the data collected from the socio-economic survey and discuss results within the WGSSF.

Languages

The meeting will be conducted in English.

Attendance

Please note that some funds are available to cover the contribution of experts to the meeting. Due to revised FAO travel procedures, **any request for coverage received after 10 February will not be**

authorized internally. You are therefore kindly invited to send an e-mail to the GFCM Secretariat (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) as soon as possible, detailing your contribution to the meeting and specifying which type of coverage you're seeking in order to potentially launch travel and other arrangements in due time.

The meeting is open to technical experts, country representatives, partner organizations and relevant stakeholders.

Registration

Kindly register your participation and submit your technical contributions on the GFCM website at <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/info/en/c/1177515/> by **10 February 2019.**

Visa

Participants in need of a VISA are required to independently handle their application procedures *in due time* with the Montenegrin Embassy in their respective countries. Should an invitation letter be needed to support the application, please do not hesitate to contact the GFCM Secretariat.

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Logistics

The meeting will be held at the CentreVille Hotel (www.cv-hotel.com) located at Cetinjska 7, the Capital Plaza, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro.