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MEDAC advice on the socioeconomic aspects related to the management of Red Coral

The MEDAC during the WG1 held in Montpellier on April 18, gathered updated available scientific information on the stocks of Red Coral in the Mediterranean. Special attention was paid to the need of data collection and traceability in the entire value chain.

The MEDAC members raised up the need to collect harmonized data in the whole GFCM competence Area and then deem appropriate:

- as a first step to be done at the Mediterranean level the job description of the coral fishers should be implemented, including ad hoc training paths with a special attention to safety at work procedures.

- this common legislative framework will become the tool for the data collection, the programmes of the observers and the needed traceability of the Red coral in the market.

- the process for a Mediterranean legislative framework could follow the main features of the current Sardinian management[1], and then it should be improved on the basis of the results of the ongoing Regional Research Programme of the GFCM.

The MEDAC deems appropriate that the Regional Research Programme of the GFCM should be devoted to a real stakeholders' involvement in the management decisions, considering the socioeconomic aspects and the related consequences.

[1] **DECRETO N. 761 GAB /DecA/42 del 21.05.2012** (L.R. 5 .7.1979, n. 59. – Art. 4, Disposizioni sulla pesca del corallo per l'anno 2012 nelle acque territoriali prospicienti il territorio della Regione Autonoma della Sardegna)

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