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## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (SAC)

### Twenty-second session

Online, 22–25 June 2021

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

#### TUESDAY 22 JUNE\*

*Morning: 09.00–12.00 hours*

1. **Opening and adoption of the agenda**
2. **Overview of intersessional activities of relevance to the SAC, including within the framework of the mid-term strategy and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic**
3. **Implementation of research programmes, the Regional plan of action for small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF) and advances on recreational fisheries**
  - Recreational fisheries pilot studies and main species of interest for data collection
  - Monitoring of RPOA-SSF implementation
  - Research programmes on European eel, red coral and blue crabs

*Afternoon: 14.00–17.00 hours*

4. **Issues related to the provision of advice in relation to fisheries**
  - Analysis of data on fishing activities, including national reports to the SAC and other information submitted in line with relevant GFCM decisions
  - Application of data quality indicators on the DCRF online platform
  - Advances towards a revised framework for the provision of advice, including on stock assessment issues, as requested by the SAC
  - Functioning of the technical units and subregional committees in the context of the subregional approach

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\* A preparatory meeting could be organized before the holding of the SAC to inform participants about the agenda, background documents and online procedures for this session.

**WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE**

*Morning: 9.00–12.00 hours*

**5. Formulation of advice on marine living resources and fisheries management**

- Overview of the status of fisheries, including the status of stocks and vulnerable species
- Management of Adriatic Sea fisheries

*Afternoon: 14.00–17.00 hours*

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

- Management of western Mediterranean fisheries
- Management of central Mediterranean fisheries

**THURSDAY 24 JUNE**

*Morning: 9.00 – 12.00 hours*

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

- Management of eastern Mediterranean fisheries
- Additional advice at the regional level, including on the interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems and environment
  - Advice on fishing technology and bycatch, including minimal technical specifications for bottom-trawl nets
  - Advances on the database on sensitive benthic habitats and species and discussion on other effective spatial conservation measures for the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) and essential fish habitats (EFH)
  - Advances in the adaptation strategy for climate change

*Afternoon: 14.00–17.00 hours*

**6. SAC work plan for 2021–2023**

**7. Any other matter**

**8. Date and place of the next session**

**FRIDAY 25 JUNE**

*Afternoon: 14–17.00 hours*

**9. Adoption of conclusions, recommendations and workplan<sup>†</sup>**

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<sup>†</sup> The SAC report will only contain adopted conclusions, recommendations, workplan and appendices. The session will be recorded.