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pour la Méditerranée

## **20<sup>th</sup> session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)**

### **INFORMATION NOTE**

#### **DATES**

**26 – 29 June 2018, Tangiers, Morocco**

The official opening for SAC 20 will take place at **09:30 hours** on **Tuesday, 26 June 2018** at the **Hotel Farah Tanger** in Tangiers, Morocco. The sessions will then be held daily from 9:00 to 12:00 hours and from 14:00 to 17:00 hours.

#### **MEETING VENUE**

##### **Hotel Farah Tanger**

Cap Malabata, Zone Touristique El Ghandouri  
90000, Tanger

Other venue info:

Tel.: +212 539 343 550

Fax.: +212 539 301 908

E-mail: [info@farahtanger.com](mailto:info@farahtanger.com)

web page: [www.farahtanger.com](http://www.farahtanger.com)

#### **REGISTRATION**

##### **Credentials**

Members of delegations are kindly requested to send their official credentials to [GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) at the earliest convenience, duly signed by the competent authorities of their respective Governments/agencies/organizations (sample format available on the GFCM website). Heads of delegation should be clearly specified in order to facilitate the potential organization of ad-hoc meetings. Originals of credentials can be provided to the Secretariat staff directly during the session.

##### **Online pre-registration**

Participants are requested to pre-register online at <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/info/en/c/1118948/> well in advance, and **no later than Tuesday 19 June 2018**, to facilitate compilation of the list of participants and especially smooth coordination for the issuance of badges.

Please note that registering online prior to the meeting is mandatory in accordance with standard United Nations security procedures. Online registrations must be supported by signed credentials.

## **VISA**

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

## **DOCUMENTS**

A **provisional agenda** will be available in the four languages of the Commission on the SAC 20 webpage.

As part of the efforts by the Commission to reduce the amount of paper used in conjunction with its sessions, the SAC 20 will be a **paperless meeting**. Only copies of the meeting agenda will be made available.

All pre-session documents are being made available as they are issued in the **SAC 20 SharePoint portal** in English and also translated in French, as appropriate. The portal will be accessible to accredited participants with their personal or country/organization @gfcmonline credentials (new access credentials or password reset can be requested to the GFCM Secretariat).

## **NATIONAL REPORTS TO THE SAC**

Contracting parties to the GFCM are kindly reminded to send to the GFCM Secretariat, **by Thursday 7 June 2018**, their national reports to the SAC. The SAC national reports e-tool, to submit national reports electronically, is accessible from the SAC Sharepoint Portal with the access credentials that will be provided to each country.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The hosting country agreed on preferential prices for SAC participants with the following hotels:

### **Hotel Farah Tanger (meeting venue)**

Cap Malabata, Zone Touristique El Ghandouri, 90000, Tanger

Discounted rates are as follows (all taxes included):

- Single room with breakfast – 115 € per room per night
- Double room with breakfast – 135 € per room per night

### **Hotel Ibis Tanger**

Tangier Offshore Plaza, 90000, Tanger

Discounted rates are as follows (all taxes included):

- Single room with breakfast – 55 € per room per night
- Double room with breakfast – 65 € per room per night

*\* please note that a daily transfer between the Ibis Hotel and the meeting venue will be provided free of charge.*

### Hotel booking

Due to high demand during the summer period, participants are invited to book their rooms as early as possible.

In order to book at Hotel Farah or Ibis Hotel at the GFCM preferential rates, please get in touch via e-mail with the travel agency (contact details at the bottom of the Information Note).

List of other hotels in vicinity of the meeting venue (booking here remains a participant's prerogative):

Hôtel Palais du Calife Riad & Spa\*\*\*\*\* *(10 min walk from meeting venue)*

Avenue Mohamed VI- Ghandouri- Avenue du front de mer

[www.palaisducalife.com](http://www.palaisducalife.com)

Grand Mogador\*\*\*\*\* *(11 min walk from meeting venue)*

10 Lotissement Al Ghandouri, Avenue du front de mer

[www.mogadorhotels.com](http://www.mogadorhotels.com)

Mövenpick Hotel and Casino Malata Tanger \*\*\*\*\* *(16 min walk from meeting venue)*

Avenue Mohammed VI

[www.movenpick.com](http://www.movenpick.com)

Hotel Tarik\*\*\* *(20 min walk from meeting venue)*

Avenue Mohamed VI

[www.hoteltarik-tanger.com](http://www.hoteltarik-tanger.com)

Kenzi Solazur \*\*\*\*

Avenue Mohammed VI

[www.kenzi-hotels.com](http://www.kenzi-hotels.com)

## **TRANSPORT**

### **Taxi**

There are two types of taxi in Tangier. **Grand taxis** (usually cream-colored Mercedes) and **Petit Taxis**, smaller vehicles (usually turquoise-colored). For trips outside city borders, participants will have to take grand taxis, considering that small taxis may not take them there.

### **Private Taxi**

Tangier Taxi provides private taxi for the all day or for small trips.

### **Transport from and to Tangiers Airport**

The Tangier airport "Ibn Battouta" is located about 10km to the south-west of Tangier.

Special "Grand Taxis" are the only public option available to get from the airport to Tangier. Journey time to the city is around 20min.

Group/single transfers from the airport can be arranged at convenient rates. For information, please get in touch via e-mail with the travel agency (contact details at the bottom of the Information Note).

## **USEFUL INFORMATION ON TANGIERS AND MOROCCO**

Visit Tanger:

<http://www.visitmorocco.com/en/travel/tanger-tetouan>

Tangier – Lonely planet

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/morocco/the-mediterranean-coast-and-the-rif/tangier>

Tangier - Wikitravel

<https://wikitravel.org/en/Tangier>

Visit Morocco:

<http://www.visitmorocco.com/en>

Morocco – Lonely planet

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/morocco>

Maroc.ma

<http://www.maroc.ma/en>

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Participants can use the above contact information for :

- booking accommodation at the Hotel Farah Tanger (meeting venue) or Ibis Hotel (*preferential rates*)
- arranging daily transfers from Hotel Ibis to meeting venue (*free of charge*)
- arranging airport pick-up (*preferential rates*)