



General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean Commission générale des pêches pour la Méditerranée

# GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)

## Workshop on the assessment of management measures on Black Sea turbot fisheries (WKMSE) Sixth meeting of the WGBS

# **Date and Place**

- 13 and 14 June 2017: Workshop on the assessment of management measures on Black Sea turbot fisheries
- 15 and 16 June 2017: sixth meeting of the WGBS
- Working hours: 9:00–13:00 14:30–17:30 Meeting Venue: National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa"– NIMRD - Mamaia Bvd., 300, 900581 Constanta, Romania

## Main Objectives:

The WGBS is being preceded by a two-day workshop to address issues related to the management of Black Sea turbot fisheries, as emanating from the Commission and previous sessions of the WGBS. The WGBS is responsible, inter alia, for providing advice on Black Sea fisheries for consideration of the Commission at its forty-first session (October 2017).

#### Workshop on the assessment of management measures on Black Sea turbot fisheries (WKMSE)

- (a) Review of existing and potential management measures for Black Sea turbot fisheries
- (b) Based on identified potential measures, as well as the stock assessment model used for the stock, devise a simulation model to test the potential effects of alternative management scenarios, with the aim to identify scenarios to achieve MSY by 2020
- (c) Discuss the results and provide advice on the expected effects of alternative management measures analysed

# GFCM Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS):

The mandate of the WGBS is provided in the GFCM Rules of Procedure:

The Working Group shall endeavour to ensure the participation of all Black Sea States in decisions related to fisheries management. In particular, it shall:

(a) examine fisheries and aquaculture related issues of relevance for the Black Sea region, including the status and trends of living marine resources, and, on the basis of the guidance provided by the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries and the Advisory Committee on Aquaculture, accordingly formulate advice on these issues.

- (b) facilitate exchange of scientific data and information between Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties and relevant non-Contracting Parties and promote cooperation in the fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Black Sea region;
- (c) undertake any other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred by the Commission

In particular in 2017, the WGBS will review the work carried out during the intersession and, following the launch of the BlackSea4Fish project, will also discuss the activities launched in the frame of the mid-term strategy towards the sustainability of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries. It will also address specific issues related to GFCM recommendations relevant for the Black Sea and formulate its priorities and workplan for the next intersession.

#### Submission of national reports and call for contributions

In line with the decision taken by the WGBS and the Commission, it is reminded that countries should submit, by 2 June 2017, their national reports to the WGBS. The **national reports e-tool**, to submit national reports electronically, is accessible from the WGBS Sharepoint Portal with the access credentials that will be provided to each country.

Interested participants can submit additional contributions under relevant agenda items by inserting an abstract when registering online for the meetings. Relevant presentations will be integrated in the annotated agenda as appropriate.

## **Languages**

The meetings will be carried out in English (and Russian, if the need arises)

## **Registration**

Kindly register your participation and submit your technical contributions on the GFCM website at <u>http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/info/en/c/463097/</u> by 8 June 2017.

Participants will then be invited to access the <u>GFCM Extranet</u>, where background documents and constantly updated working material can be consulted.

#### **Attendance**

Please note that the GFCM has limited availability to cover attendance expenses to the WKMSE. If interested, please contact the GFCM Secretariat (GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org) detailing your contribution to the meeting as soon as possible.

# <u>Visa</u>

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

# **Contacts**

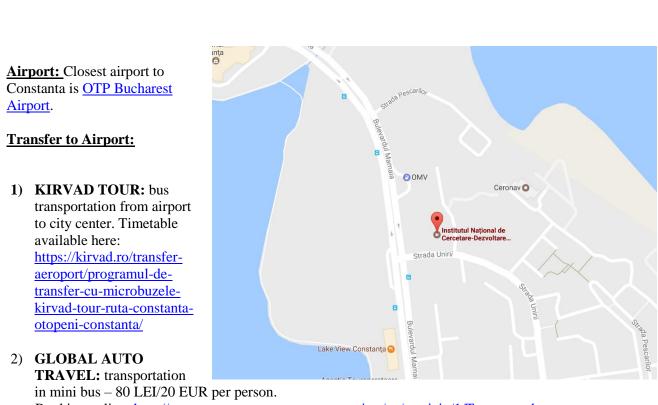
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## **Meeting venue:**

The meeting will be held at the:

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