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The EEC Diplomatic Conference on Fisheries Management in the Mediterranean, held in Heraklion, Crete, 12-14 December 1994, will certainly be seen in future years as marking a milestone in regional approaches to coordinating fishery management issues for the region. The General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean and its secretariat took an active part in the Conference, at which a broad discussion of technical issues was held, based on working documents with a significant technical content, in two working groups respectively on the Marine Environment and on Living Marine Resources (the bibliographical references and style are as presented by the authors). These documents are included in this paper, followed by annexes containing the reports of the two working parties and the final Declaration of the Conference. The report was edited by J.F. Caddy based on inputs and assistance provided by DG IV of the European Community in Brussels.

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ABSTRACT

This document contains background papers presented at two technical working groups on the Marine Environment and Fisheries Resources, held at the Diplomatic Conference on Fisheries Management in the Mediterranean, Heraklion, Crete, 12-14 December 1994. These include reviews of fisheries and environmental issues, assessment and management of demersal, shellfish and small pelagic fish. They also include notes on the status and functions of the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and a summary of recent GFCM fisheries statistics. The document concludes with annexes containing the reports of the two working parties of the Conference, and the final Conference Declaration.

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