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GFCM - Task Force for a “*Strategy for the sustainable development of Mediterranean and Black Sea Aquaculture*” – (ATF - First Meeting)

Naples, Italy, 4–6 May 2016

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

(Annotated Agenda)

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Presentation of the meeting agenda, arrangements and introduction of participants

2. The GFCM Task Force for a “Strategy for the sustainable development of Mediterranean and Black Sea Aquaculture” – ATF

- Characteristics of the aquaculture within the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries
- Aquaculture in the GFCM and achievements from the 2014 Regional Aquaculture Conference held in Bari
- Background information, objectives and status of art
- Objectives and expected outcomes of the first ATF meeting

3. ATF Elements for the Strategy

(Based on the knowledge papers, cross-cutting and cross-bordering issues and topics will be pointed out and discussed. The ATF members will provide advice on the key challenges and strategic scopes for aquaculture progress in the region and to be addressed at the 40th GFCM session)

Session 1: Aquaculture Governance and Regulatory Framework

(Regulatory frameworks; use of allocated zones for aquaculture; licensing and leasing procedures; competition for space; local-national-regional cooperation, aquaculture strategic plans in the region; etc.)

- Presentation of knowledge paper
- Open discussion (national priorities and regional challenges)
- Wrap-up and conclusions Session 1

Session 2: Interactions with Environment and Aquatic Animal Health and Welfare

(Aquaculture environmental interaction and environmental monitoring; better management practices (BMP); risk and disease management; application of biosecurity measures; prevention of epidemics and trans-boundary aquatic animal diseases; etc.)

- Presentation of knowledge paper
- Open discussion (national priorities and regional challenges)
- Wrap-up and conclusions Session 2

THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

Session 3: Product Quality and Market of Aquaculture Products

(Regional and national certification and traceability of aquaculture products and standards; food safety and quality; credit and trade issues in the region; market competitiveness and level playing field; social responsibility; aquaculture farmers' organizations and participatory process; image of aquaculture products; etc.)

- Presentation of knowledge paper
- Open discussion (national priorities and regional challenges)
- Wrap-up and conclusions Session 3

Session 4: Innovations and Knowledge Management

(Research technical cooperation and needs; innovation agenda priorities and cooperation; dissemination of research results; topics for transnational cooperation and research; etc.)

- Presentation of knowledge paper
- Open discussion (national priorities and regional challenges)
- Wrap-up and conclusions Session 4

FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016

(Only morning)

4. Conclusion of the ATF meeting

- Wrap-up of the First ATF Meeting for a “Strategy for the sustainable development of Mediterranean and Black Sea Aquaculture: key challenges and strategic scopes to be addressed at the 40th GFCM session” key elements for the ATF position paper.
- Closure of the meeting