



PELAGIC SRWG ON SHARED STOCKS IN THE CopeMed II and MedSudMed AREA

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Draft Agenda

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Session 1. Morning, 9-13:30

- 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational issues.**
- 2. Election of chairperson and reporters and adoption of the Agenda.**
- 3. Objectives of the meeting and background information**
 - Introduction*
 - Revision of the Terms of Reference for the SRWGs.*
- 4. State of the Art of the Pilot Programme on Small Pelagic species in the Alboran sea.**
 - Introduction and State of the art*
- 5. Overview of the available data on pelagic stocks including fishery data (by national experts) for progressing in the definition of shared stocks:**
 - Biological and ecological characteristics (e.g. age-length key, length-weight relationship, growth equation, maturity at age, size at first maturity).*
 - Fisheries dynamics.*
 - Movements across the regions: eggs, larvae, recruits and adults.*
 - Fleets exploiting common grounds.*
 - Fishery Statistics available, e.g. effort and catches*
 - Biological sampling of commercial catches*
 - Surveys, e.g. acoustic and DEPM*
 - Others.*
- 6. Define the stocks that should be assessed as shared stocks, identifying the level of priority to be given to work on each of these shared stocks.**
 - Preliminary attempt could be made to jointly identify areas and species whose stocks should be assessed as a shared stock on the basis of available data and information.*
 - The list of possible shared stocks identified by the national experts during the meeting held in Malaga (April 2010) will be used as starting point for the identification of stocks for future joint assessment.*



Session 2. Afternoon, 15-18:00

- 7. Stock assessment methodologies: last assessments and future challenges**
Methodologies that have been used up to now.
Methodologies that can be used given the current information and taking into consideration new data available in the medium term period.
- 8. Identify the gaps in data, information and scientific knowledge required for joint assessments of these stocks.**

Session 3. Morning, 9-10:30

- 9. Needs for developing a feasible and phased scientific work programme.**
Taking into account the results of previous assessments or the information available on the fisheries of each species, a tentative -preliminary work plan indicating species that require prompt analysis could be defined.

Session 4. Morning 11.00-13.30, Fisheries and appraisal of *Coryphaena hippurus*

- 10. Review of the cooperative work carried out on *C. hippurus***
- 11. Currents state of fisheries (overall trends in capture production) and overview of the studies and research currently carried out on this species**

Afternoon, 15.00-17.30

- 11. Continuing**
- 12. Definition of a preliminary work plan to progress in the joint study on *C. hippurus***
- 13. Other matters.**
- 14. Date and venue for the next meeting**