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Working Group on Stock Assessment of Demersal Species (WGSAD) - Western Mediterranean Stocks (WGSAD-W)

Online (Teams), 17-22 January 2022

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Chair: George TSERPES

Monday 17 – Saturday 22 (morning session only) January 2022

**Monday 17 January 2022
9.30 am (Rome time) start**

1. Joint opening and arrangements of the WGSAs (WGSAD-W and WGSASP)

IMPORTANT: This session will be carried out at the Zoom link for WGSAD-W

- Recap on relevant conclusions and decisions from the 22nd session of the SAC and 44th session of the GFCM – *GFCM Secretariat*
- STAR framework – *GFCM Secretariat*

2. Introductory session for the WGSAD-W Mediterranean

- Adoption of the Agenda – *WGSAD Chair*
- Review of previous year conclusions and recommendations – *WGSAD Chair*
- Review of Terms of Reference provided by the SAC and the Commission and input data provided to the WGSAD 2021 – *WGSAD Chair*

In order to ensure that priority stocks are devoted an adequate amount of time, assessments will be presented in the following order, with priority stocks first, followed by updated benchmark assessments, followed by non-priority stocks.

3. Assessment of priority stocks for the subregion (Table 1)

- Presentation of assessments
- Practical sessions if needed
- Presentation of the results
- Open discussion with the experts

4. Updates of benchmark assessments (Table 2)

- Presentation of updated advice
- Presentation of issue lists if any

5. Assessments of non-priority species – updates of previously presented assessments (Table 3)

- Presentation of assessments
- Practical sessions if needed
- Presentation of the results
- Open discussion with the experts

6. Assessments of non-priority species – new assessments (Table 4)

- Presentation of assessments
- Practical sessions if needed
- Presentation of the results

7. Closing Session:

- Summary of the assessments results, stock by stock
- Any other matter
- Adoption of conclusions

Table 1 – Priority stocks for the subregion

#	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
1	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	01-05-06-07	Update assessment ¹
2		01	Update assessment
3		01 - 03	Update assessment ²
4		04	Update assessment
5		05	Update assessment
6		06	Update assessment
7	<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	01	Update assessment
8		03	Update assessment (+ new method (XSA/a4a))
9		04	Update assessment
10		05	Update assessment
11		06	Update assessment
12		09-10-11	Update assessment
13	<i>Corallium rubrum</i>	11	New assessment

Table 2 - Updates of benchmark assessments

#	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
14	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	08-09-10-11	Updated benchmark assessment
15	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	01&03	

¹ Although European hake assessment in 01-05-06-07 were not considered benchmarked, WGSAD agreed to use them as a basis for advice until ongoing dedicated projects on stock units are concluded and further information on the matter is available. Complementary information on GSA 01, GSA 01 & 03 GSA 04, GSA 05, GSA 06, were also provided in the last WGSAD session

Table 3 - Assessments of non-priority species – updates of previous assessments

#	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
16	<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	01	Update assessment
17		02	Update assessment
18		06	Update assessment
19		05	Update assessment
20		9-10-11	Update assessment
21	<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	9-10-11	Update assessment
22	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	01	Update assessment
23		06	Update assessment
24		07	Update assessment
25		09	Update assessment
26		10	Update assessment
27	<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>	05	Update assessment
28	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	05	Update assessment
29		06	Update assessment
30		09	Update assessment

Table 4 - Assessments of non-priority species – new assessments

#	Species	GSA	Type of assessment
31	<i>Micromesistius potassou</i>	06	New assessment