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Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Working Group on Stock Assessment of Small Pelagic Species (WGSASP),
including a benchmark session for anchovy and sardine in GSAs 06&07

Online (Teams), 18-23 January 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Chair: Marianna GIANNOULAKI

Monday 18 – Saturday 23 (morning session only) January 2021¹

Monday 18 January 2021

9.00 am (Rome time) start

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

- Recap on relevant conclusions and decisions from the 21st session of the SAC and 43rd session of the GFCM, including the request for the revision of the Framework for the provision of advice and Covid-19 pandemic related consequences on the WGSAs work plan.

2. Introductory session for the WGSASP

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Review of previous year conclusions and recommendations
- Review of Terms of Reference provided by the SAC and the Commission and input data provided to the WGSASP 2019

WGSASP splits in two sub-groups

(two different virtual rooms will be available should they be needed)

3. Assessment of priority stocks for the subregion (Appendix 1), and others

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

3. Benchmark session for ANE-PIL in GSAs 06&07

- Presentation of the data and assessments
- Practical sessions
- Presentation of the results

4. Closing Session (in Plenary)

- Summary of the assessments results, including from the Benchmark session
- Any other matter
- Adoption of conclusions

¹ Online meetings will have two sessions per day: 2 hours in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, at the discretion of the Chair and the group.

List of pelagic species stocks covered by management plans

| Subregion | Species | GSA | GFCM Recommendation |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------------------|
| <i>Adriatic Sea</i> | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 17-18 | Rec. GFCM/42/2018/8 |
| <i>Whole Mediterranean</i> | <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i> | All | Rec. GFCM/43/2019/1 |

List of benchmarked small pelagic species stocks for which updates² only are required

| Subregion | Species | GSA |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----|
| <i>Western</i> | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 1 |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 3 |

**List of other desirable updated and new assessments of priority species
(based on 21st SAC and assessments performed in 2019)**

| Subregion | Species | GSA | Type of assessment |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Western</i> | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 1 | Further development of 2019 |
| | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 9 | Further development of 2019 |
| | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 5, 10, 11 | Still to be performed |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 1 | Updated assessment |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 9 | Updated assessment |
| <i>Central</i> | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 16 | Updated assessment |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 12, 13, 14, 15 | Still to be performed |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 16 | Update assessment |
| <i>Eastern</i> | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 22 | Update assessment |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 22 | Update assessment |
| | <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> | 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 | Still to be performed |
| | <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> | 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 | Still to be performed |

² Updates of benchmark assessments *will not* foresee reopening of discussions on assumptions and models but *will* foresee a discussion of the issues to be addressed before the next benchmark (i.e. towards compiling a list of issues).