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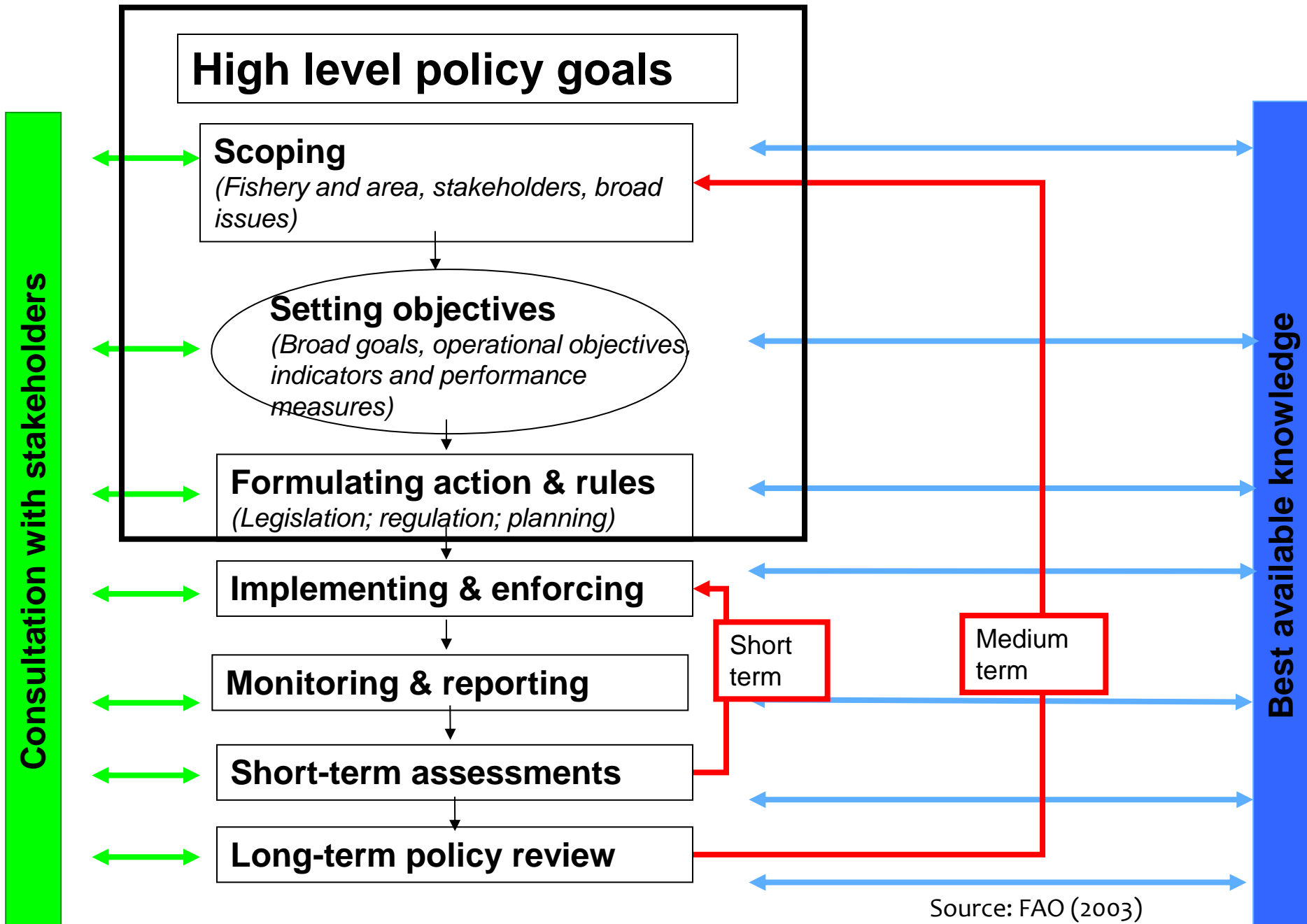


Implementation of the GFCM guidelines on multiannual management plans

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Introduction: Fisheries Management Process



FAO - EAF Steps in the development of a management plan

STEP 1: INITIATION AND SCOPE



STEP 2: IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

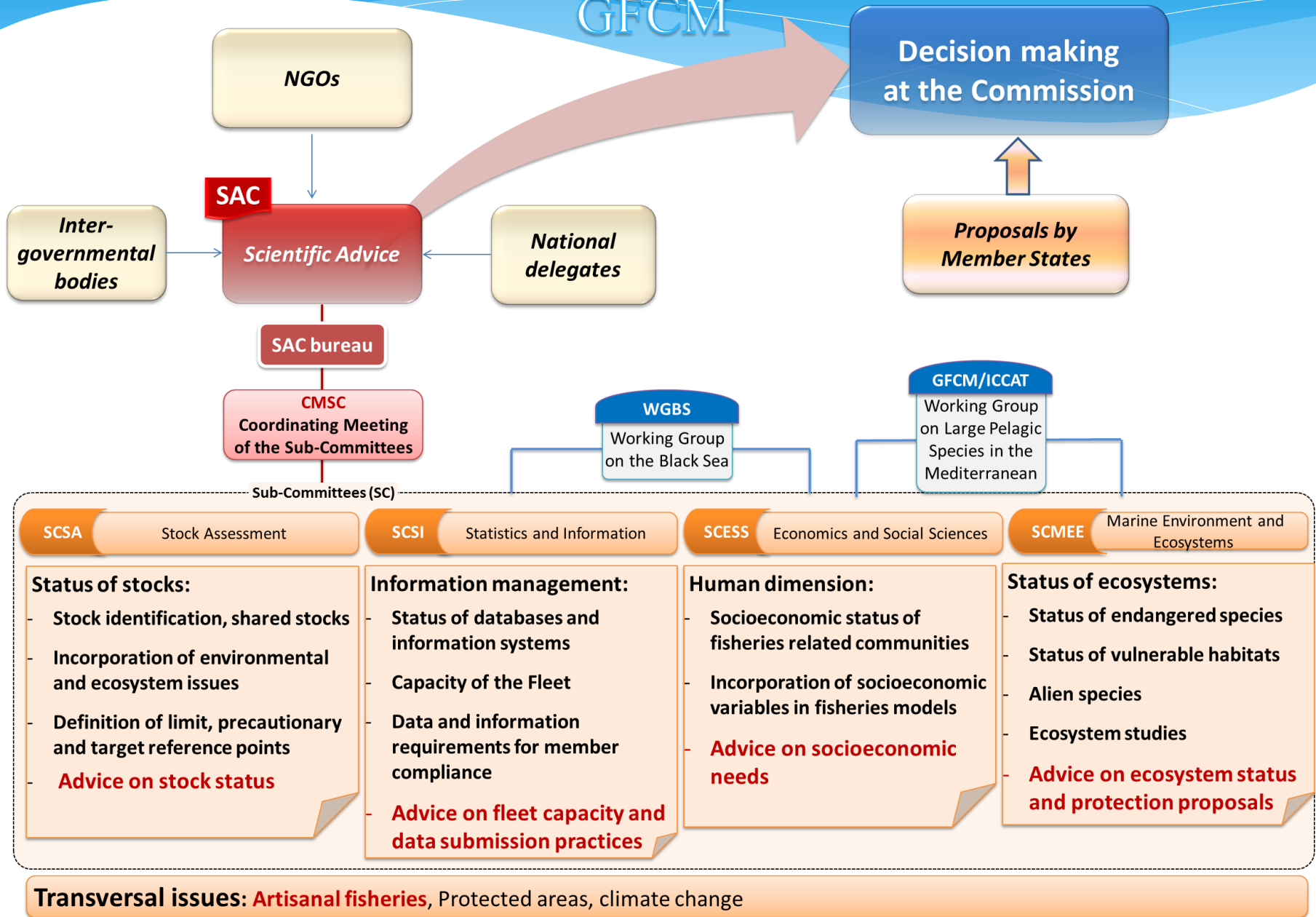


STEP 3: DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



STEP 4: IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Process: Implementation of management plans in the GFCM



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- GFCM Framework Programme



Governance



Data collection



Aquaculture



Small-Scale Fisheries



Subregional cooperation
and technical assistance

*“A strategic framework to
achieve the objectives of the
GFCM in support to the regular
autonomous budget”*

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Governance

Dedicated action towards Assessing the feasibility to implement management plans in the Mediterranean and Black Sea

“A strategic framework to achieve the objectives of the GFCM in support to the regular autonomous budget”

The Process: Implementation of management plans in the GFCM

- FWP activity with the involvement of National Focal Points, experts, SAC and subsidiary bodies.

- Background Technical Document
- Structure for management plans

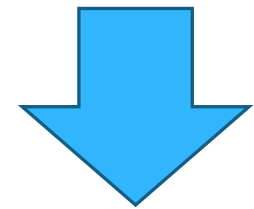
Review of assessment of **stock status**

Questionnaire National Focal Points:

- status of fisheries and management (national);
- stakeholders views

Sub-regional workshop:

- identification of issues to be addressed at sub-regional level;
- technical subsidies to management plan.



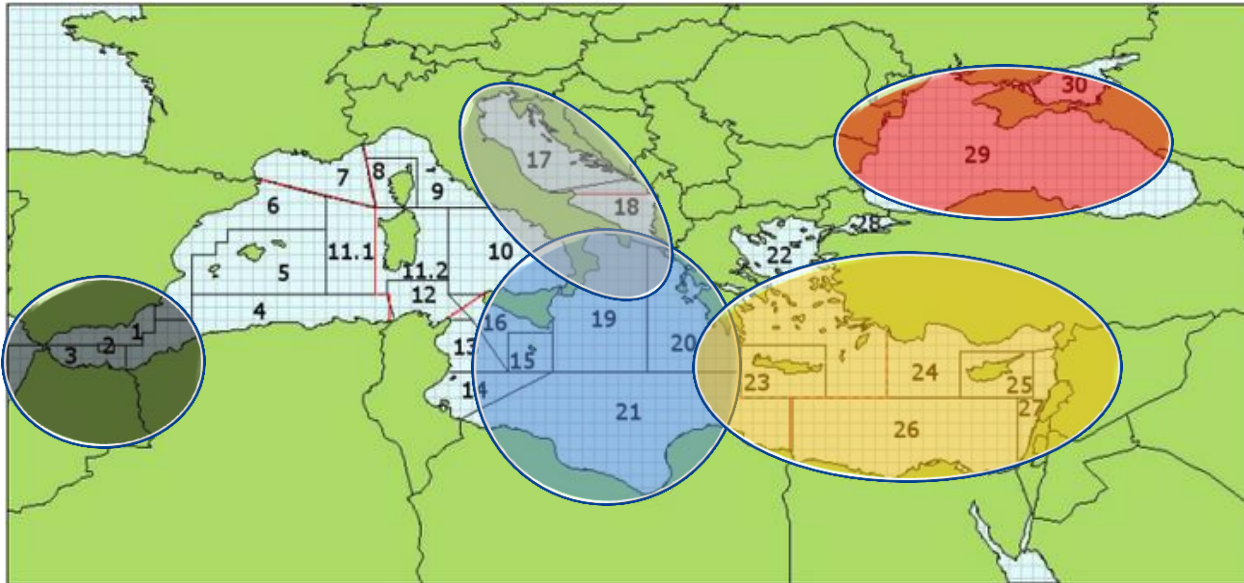
- Review by SAC
- Submitted to the Commission

Overview of current status of management plans

Adriatic Sea

- Small pelagic fish (sardine/anchovy)

Case studies for the implementation of management plans



- 2012 GFCM guidelines for management plans
- **First plan adopted in 2013:** small pelagic fishery in the Adriatic
- **Transitory measures** in advance of management plans proposed in 2013
- **Harmonized measures** for turbot in the Black Sea approved in 2013

Western Mediterranean

- Small pelagic fish (sardine/anchovy)

Central Mediterranean

- *P. longirostris* and *M. merluccius*.

Eastern - Central Mediterranean

- *Aristeus antennatus*
- *Aristaomorpha foliacea*

Black Sea

- *Psetta maxima*

GFCM Guidelines for management of shared resources

- * Guidelines on a general management framework and presentation of scientific information for multiannual management plans for sustainable fisheries in the GFCM area (GFCM/36/2012)
- * Guidelines on precautionary conservation measures pending the development and adoption of GFCM multiannual management plans for relevant fisheries at sub-regional levels in the GFCM area (GFCM/37/2013).
- * Guidelines on the management of fishing capacity in the GFCM area (Resolution GFCM/37/2013/2)

Adopted recommendations on management plans/measures

- * Recommendation GFCM/37/2013/1 on a multiannual management plan for fisheries on small pelagic stocks in the GFCM-GSA 17 (Northern Adriatic Sea) and on transitional conservation measures for fisheries on small pelagic stocks in GSA 18 (Southern Adriatic Sea)

(Suggestion to revise the technical measures by the SAC 2014)

Adopted recommendations on management plans/measures

- * Recommendation GFCM37/2013/2 on the establishment of a set of minimum standards for bottom-set gillnet fisheries for turbot and conservation of cetaceans in the Black Sea;

Outcomes of the FWP action:

- Background technical document for
 - Adriatic Sea small pelagic fisheries (finalized).
 - Alboran Sea small pelagic fisheries (comments from participants received).
 - Hake and shrimps in Strait of Sicily and deep-water shrimps in Eastern Mediterranean (draft before participants ready).
 - Eel in the Mediterranean and turbot in the Black Sea (under preparation).
- Minimum structure for management plans:
 - Adopted for all case studies but eel

Structure for a management plan

- * Scope of the management plan
- * Objectives
 - * General objectives
 - * Operational objectives
 - * Indicators and reference points
- * Management measures, actions and decision rules
- * Scientific monitoring
- * Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance program
- * Review of the management plan

Proposed next steps:

- Commission invited to review technical contents of Recommendation GFCM37/2013/1
- Commission invited to analyse the elements for management for several Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries as endorsed by the SAC
- Follow up Workshop for the implementation of management measures in selected fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
- Guidelines for management of eel in the Mediterranean to be discussed in an ICES/EIFAAC/GFCM workshop

**Thank you for your
attention !**

