



FAO EastMed Working Group on Fisheries Data Analysis

21-25 October 2019, FAO HQ, Rome

Draft Agenda

Joint Session with GFCM on data preparation for the assessment of round sardinella, 21-22 October 2019

Monday 21 October 10:30 – 17:30 (Canada Room A356)

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome addresses and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chair

2. General overview of objectives and expected outcomes (including objectives and expected results of the upcoming benchmark assessment of round sardinella) (*EastMed/GFCM Secretariat*)

3. Available data for the assessment of round sardinella

Review of available data for the assessment of round sardinella and definition of management/assessment units

- Presentation of available data by country (*presentations by participants*)
- Data exploration to identify possible sources of bias: presentation of the results of the work done during the intersession on the identification of possible biases in data (*Participants/EastMed*)
- Outcomes of the age determination and intercalibration workshop (*EastMed*): presentation and endorsement of the handbook on the age determination of *Sardinella aurita* (*EastMed*)
- FISHBONE project: status of the art by Country and next steps to be taken (*EastMed*)

4. Determination of appropriate assessment methodologies

Preliminary analysis of stock assessment models for round sardinella – simulation testing (*Ricardo Amoroso*)

5. Data collation

Collation of data according to the assessment/management units determined above

Tuesday 22 October 09:00 – 17:00 (Canada Room A356)

Collation of data according to the assessment/management units determined above (cont'd)

Presentation of preliminary results obtained from Countries' datasets (*Ricardo and participants*)

Wednesday 23 October 09:00 – 17:00 (Room D838)

Wrap up and definition of a road map to the benchmark assessment of round sardinella (April 2020)

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Presentation of available data for the assessment of other species by Country

- Palestine: *Saurida undosquamis*
- Lebanon: *Pagellus erythrinus*; *Lithognathus mormirus* (using LBSPR)
- Egypt: *Metapenaeus stebbingi*; *Mullus surmuletus* (using LBSPR)
- Turkey: *Mullus barbatus*
- Cyprus: *Mullus barbatus* (A4A); *Pagellus erythrinus* and *Spicara smaris* (TBC)

Data preparation and preliminary assessment of the stocks

Thursday 24 October 09:00 – 17:00 (Espace Gabon A025)

Preliminary assessment of the stocks (cont'd)

Friday 25 October 09:00 – 13:00 (Espace Gabon A025)

Presentation of the preliminary assessments

Closure of the meeting

Coffee Breaks will be from 10.30 - 11.00 & Lunch breaks will be from 12.30 to 14.00 every day