

**Terms of Reference for the Sub-regional Workshop on collection and organization of data
Beirut, Lebanon 14-17 September 2010**

According to the 1st Coordination Committee meeting (Athens, 19-20 April 2010) of EastMed Project a sub-regional workshop on collection and organization of data has been agreed to be held. The activity is under the project objective to *Strengthening National Capacity on Fisheries Data Collection*. The terms of reference for the workshop are the following:

- Review the systems/procedures/methods used in each country for collection and organization of fisheries data (include all types/subsets of data);
- Identify common issues and main differences in the systems of the different countries;
- Provide an overview and discuss different systems, processes and methods currently advocated to design and carry out fisheries data collection systems and used successfully in other countries or regions
- Identify the needs of the different countries;
- Find coherence with the requirements of the GFCM Task 1¹;
- Find coherence with the requirements of the on-going EC project on Data Collection
- Design a programme for working with the countries to improve the capacity for data collection
- Prepare an adequate report of the meeting
- Notes:
 - Two consultants both with expertise in data collection programs will be in charge of the workshop. The one will bring fisheries experience from the Eastern Mediterranean and the other one will bring experience from the EC Data Collection Project and GFCM Operations Units framework.
 - The consultants of the workshop will provide the participants with a template for the report of the system on data collection, so that the information collected from all participants will be systematically organized and will cover all the essential points;
 - The templates to be prepared on data collection will refer to catch, effort and biological indicators (length, weight, sex, maturity stage, gonad/liver weight and age) per fishing technique;

¹ Visit GFCM website: <http://www.gfcm.org/gfcm/en>

- This workshop should be organized before the GFCM regional workshop on data collection for Task 1 reporting, if possible

EastMed Project will function as the Technical Secretariat of the workshop. EastMed will request the countries through the national focal points to appoint the members to the workshop as soon as possible, before the 2010 GFCM regional workshop on data collection for Task 1 (Rome, 29 September to 1 October 2010)