

**Sub-regional Technical meeting on the Lessepsian migration and its impact on
eastern Mediterranean fishery**

Nicosia, Cyprus, 7-9 December 2010

Draft annotated agenda and time table

Day 1, 9:30 am

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements of the meeting – Election of a chairman and designation of rapporteurs**
- 3. Objectives of the meeting**
 - a. Presentation of the Terms of Reference of the meeting*
- 4. Overview on the Lessepsian migration phenomenon and the most invasive species**
 - a. Invited experts will present an overview on the “Status, trend and monitoring of Lessepsian migrant species in the Mediterranean Sea”, as well as, on “the historical events and environmental conditions favoring Lessepsian species expanding in the Mediterranean”*

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 am

- 5. General information on the Lessepsian species expansion and monitoring**
 - a. Experts from the region will bring information on the Lessepsian species recorded in the different areas. Harmful/venomous species will be distinguished from edible/commercial ones. Data on changes of environmental factors if available, as well as existing databases and monitoring programs, will be discussed*
 - b. Methods to overcome existing problems will be discussed*

13:00 Lunch break

14:00

- 5. General information on the Lessepsian species expansion and monitoring (continued)**
- 6. Information on the status of knowledge on key Lessepsian species biology, ecology and impact on fisheries**

- a. *The experts will present all available information on the biology of key Lessepsian species, including data on size composition, abundance and role in local fish assemblages. Fisheries data in terms of Lessepsian species contribution in catch composition by fishing gear and time series on native species catches affected by the phenomenon will be also presented.*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00

6. Information on the status of knowledge on key Lessepsian species biology, ecology and impact on fisheries (continued)

Day 2, 9:30 am

7. Presentations relevant to the Lessepsian migration

- a. *Any other works relevant to the Lessepsian migration will be presented*

8. Discussion to be developed

- a. *How to assess Lessepsian species impact on fisheries*
- b. *How to minimize bias made by external factors (climate change, overfishing, other alien species, anthropogenic impact...)*
- c. *Methods to overcome problems caused*

11:00 Coffee break

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8. Discussion to be developed (continued)

9. Establishment of a network of experts

- a. *Establishment of a network of experts, to facilitate a coordinated international research effort in order to better evaluate and understand the impact of Lessepsian species on fisheries. The ToR of the network will be drafted among the participants*

13:00 Lunch break

14:00

10. Preparation of a grant proposal

- a. *If agreed the framework and species to be studied will be decided upon. The working team will be formed and will be also responsible for identifying sources of funding*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00

Day 3, 9:30 am

- 11. Any other matters**
- 12. Approval of minutes and adoption of the report**
- 13. Closure of the meeting**