

## ANNEX I

### WORK PROGRAM FOR 2014

#### **PRIORITIES**

The RACMED will continue make advices and draw up position papers on request of the EC (as in the case of swordfish), and at its own initiative.

The information will continue to be disseminated to RACMED members, observers, Member States and the EC through emails, website and meetings.

RACMED's priorities for 2014 are the followings: discards, management plans, regionalisation.

The RACMED will focus its activities on multiannual management plans, given that this is the basis on which to set a new fisheries management, particularly in the light of the general situation that has emerged from the state of stocks in the Mediterranean. A difficult situation characterized by wide overexploitation of fish stocks is the picture emerging from extensive discussion during a seminar, recently organized in Brussels by the EC.

Since the basic Regulation on the CFP reform will enter into force in January 2014, the RACMED, within its working groups, will keep on analysing the issues related to landing obligations, during the first half of the year and will give its contribution to the discussion on how to apply such regulation.

Eventually, the RACMED upon request, will try to provide, financial resources permitting, information on fishing activities for scientific purposes, as it was the case for the GAP2 project, where RACMED acts as a partner, and the MareFrame project, as an observer.

In conclusion, the RACMED work program will focus on the following three major issues:

1. International (GFCM, ICCAT);

- **Large Pelagic Fishes** (BFT – MED SWO and ICCAT related issues) (**WG2**): the RACMED will continue to pay particular attention to pelagic and migratory species (BFT, SWO, ALB), the most commercially important species, The RACMED will continue monitoring the impacts of the ICCAT measures on BFT, swordfish and albacore analysing the outcome of the scientific assessment on the basis of scientific data available from the 2014 campaign and the ICCAT scientific committee (SCRS) and the knowledge coming from the sector and taking into account the socioeconomic impact of the new ICCAT recommendations, in order to monitor the consequences to the fishery sector.
- **GFCM Related Issues-management plans** (**WG3**): The close cooperation between these two organizations might ensure the collection of the relevant information for the development of a more comprehensive framework related to fisheries designed by stakeholders and scientist through existing case studies that shows good management practice between National administrations and stakeholders. The RACMED will continue to make its contribution and give its advice, as it happened last year during this Working Group on the proposal for a recommendation, adopted by the GFCM, on a multiannual management plan for small pelagics fisheries stocks in the GSA 17 (northern Adriatic) and on transient conservation measures for fisheries related to small pelagic stocks in the GSA 18 (Southern Adriatic Sea). The RAC MED

will focus on the development of the multiannual management plans in the Mediterranean basin.

2. EU (CFP reform, CMO, new EMFF, Mediterranean Regulation, recreational fisheries)

- **CFP Reform (discards, regionalisation)(WG1)**: RACMED will continue to review and analyse what are the challenges ahead in the light of the CFP reform, in particular by analysing two priorities: discards, regionalization. In addition, the RACMED will continue to monitor the implementation and enforcement of the Mediterranean Regulation, reopening the discussion. The RAC will pay particular attention to the small scale fisheries, and define a position monitoring all the management tools proposed in the CFP basic regulation that could be applied in the Mediterranean, for example the implementation from a technical/ fishery point of view of the landing obligation and the information on the discards practices/amount affected by landing declaration in some relevant fisheries using the studies already carried out by each country and fishermen associations, but also through the data collected by the RACMED members (indicating the method used ); the regionalisation process. In addition, the exchange of experience on the implementation of the proposed legislation will continue in particular referring to the development of multiannual management plans for promoting sustainable fishery for the species in the areas of competence.

- **Recreational fisheries (WG4)**: The WG 4 on recreational fisheries will focus on the implementation of the legislation concerning recreational fisheries in the Member states and how it fits with the proposed framework. Furthermore it will concentrate on the implementation of the FAO Technical Guidelines For Responsible Fisheries No. 13 - Recreational Fisheries (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i2708e/i2708e00.pdf> published 2012) in the Mediterranean with particular attention to the coastal area, examining interactions with small scale fisheries. It will also keep on working with GFCM on a joint participation into each other meetings.

3. Horizontal (CFP reform, CMO, new EMFF)

- **CFP reform: socio economic impact assessment in each Member States and diversification (WG5)**: The RACMED will carry on the socio-economic analysis, taking into consideration the precautionary and ecosystem approaches, to widen the scope of scientific advice at sub-regional level. Continuing with the study of the effects of EFF already started in 2012, the WG will focus more on the economic performance and viability of some major fishery. Moreover, the RACMED will continue to carry out the socio-economic analysis of activities of diversification (“pescaturismo”). In addition, the exchange of experience on the implementation of the proposed legislation will continue in particular referring to the development of national management plans for promoting sustainable fishery for the species in the area of competence.

**Provisionally scheduled meetings:**

- 1 General Assembly
- 3 Executive Committee
- 5 Working Groups

**RACMED 2014 - PROVISIONAL PLANNING**

<b>Title of the meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Issue to be discussed</b>
<b>WG 1: EC CFP Reform- discards, regionalisation</b>	<b>4-5 March</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>The RACMED will continue to examine and analyse the challenges introduced with the CFP reform, focusing mostly on discards and regionalisation</b>
<b>WG 3: GFCM Related Issues – management plans</b>	<b>6 March</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>The RAC MED will focus on the development of LTMPs (long-term management plan) in the Mediterranean basin</b>
<b>WG 5: CFP reform socio-economic impact assessment in each Member States and diversification</b>	<b>23 April</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>The MED RAC will carry on the socio-economic analysis, taking into consideration the precautionary and ecosystem approaches, to widen the scope of scientific advice at sub-regional level. “Pescaturismo” regulations.</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>24 April</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>2013 Final budget approval. Advices to be adopted, overview of received membership applications and 2014 fees.</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>24 April</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>2013 Final budget approval. Presentation of 2014 draft budget. Update on the list of members and 2013 quotas received. Overview of new membership applications. 2013 membership fees and 2014 fees.</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>11 June/ Written procedure</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Adoption of eventual advices, new members validation. New RAC MED legal status.</b>
<b>WG4 Recreational Fisheries</b>	<b>7 October</b>	<b>?</b>	
<b>WG 2 Big pelagic fishes (BFT/SWO/ALB)</b>	<b>8 October</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Define a position on the basis of scientific data available coming from the 2014 campaign, ICCAT research program for BFT. Update data on MED SWO and ALB following the results of the SCRS</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>13 November</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>Closing of budget 2014, and final activity report 2014. Estimated budget 2015 and Work Programme 2015, overview of RACMED membership. Advices to be adopted, overview of received membership application and 2014 fees.</b>