



Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Working Group on Recreational Fisheries (WGRF)

**Online, Zoom
8–9 March 2022**

DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY 8 MARCH

Morning, 09.00–12.00 hours (CET)

Afternoon, 15.00–17.00 hours (CET)

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs
- Introduction of the working group objectives and expected outputs

2. Improving technical knowledge on recreational fisheries

One of the main objectives of the WGRF is to improve the existing knowledge on recreational fisheries in order to provide informed advice to the GFCM. Contributions and discussions are foreseen to take stock of ongoing recreational fishing research activities and key research needs in the region, in view of developing a potential longer-term research programme that builds inter alia on the conclusions of the ongoing pilot studies.

- Updates on the ongoing GFCM pilot studies on recreational fisheries (*GFCM Secretariat*)

Participants are encouraged to submit relevant contributions on the points below:

- Current catch, effort and socio-economic data collection initiatives
- Integration of recreational fisheries data in stock assessment
- Catch and release studies
- Stakeholder engagement initiatives

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3. Advancing on technical issues related to management, control and monitoring of recreational fishing activities

It is foreseen to examine key provisions within the pending recommendation on minimum rules for sustainable recreational fishing activities and provide expert guidance to the SAC. The discussion will focus on the following topics:

- Species of interest to recreational fisheries
- Conservation measures
- Catch declaration and other end user needs
- Governance needs
- Licensing and/or registration needs
- Recreational fishing gear

4. Towards a regional research programme for recreational fisheries

Discussion will focus on elements and next steps to build a concept note for a regional research programme (e.g. countries involved, objectives, period, etc.), including based on the inputs provided under item 2.

5. Workplan for 2022-2023

6. Conclusions and recommendations

7. Any other matter

8. Closure of the meeting