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Project & Partners Events

16 May 2011. Sicily, Italy. CopeMed participated in the 9th Coordination Committee Meeting of the FAO MedSudMed Project in Capo Granitola.

The Coordinator of CopeMed II and ArtFiMed, Juan A. Camiñas attended the ninth Coordination Committee Meeting of the FAO MedSudMed Project "Assessment and monitoring of the fisheries resources and their ecosystems in the Straits of Sicily". It was held in Mazara del Vallo-Capo Granitola (Trapani, Italy), kindly hosted by the Istituto per l'Ambiente Marino Costiero – Consiglio Nazionale per le Ricerche (IAMC-CNR), from 16 to 18 May. The meeting focused on the inter committee period activities and on the activities planned for the next period. The meeting was attended by delegations from the three participating countries (Italy, Malta and Tunisia) and the Italian donors, as well as by the representative of FAO-FIRF, FAO-GFCM, and of the FAO Sub-Regional Projects CopeMed II and EastMed.

Coordination between the FAO projects MedSudMed and CopeMed is really important to strengthen the countries' capacities but also for the projects and the donor's interest, taking into account that the countries involved in MedSudMed are also part of the CopeMed II project. Delegations of the member countries agreed in different activities for the next annual period that will be jointly coordinated and organised by the two Projects.

25-26 May 2011. Al Hoceima, Morocco. Progress in organizing an experimental fishing survey using 40 mm square mesh in the cod-end of a trawl vessel in Morocco.

Considering the need to improve the trawl selectivity for a sustainable exploitation of Mediterranean fisheries, the GFCM adopted the Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/2 on a minimum 40 mm mesh size in the cod-end of demersal trawl nets by 31 January 2012. CopeMed II compromised with the GFCM to study the biological and socio-economic effects of such measure in the sub region, starting in Algeria and Morocco.

The Coordinator of CopeMed II and the expert in fishing technology Mr. Jacques Sacchi, visited Nador and Al Hoceima (Morocco) on 25-26 May with the aim of organising an experimental selectivity survey with a trawl fishing vessel from the port of Al-Hoceima using 40 mm square mesh in the cod-end, in cooperation with the INRH. They visited the owner of a trawler vessel at the port of Al-Hoceima (eastern coast of Morocco), discussed on the experience and took measures of the gear currently used by the fishing vessel in order to build the appropriate cod-end and cover cod-end for the selectivity experience. The INRH expert Mr. Omar Kada was also participating in this technical visit to Al-Hoceima.

2 June 2011. Tangiers, Morocco. Artisanal Fisheries Day in the Moroccan Mediterranean.

The Chambre des Pêches Maritimes de Méditerranée (CPMM) organised an Artisanal Fisheries Day in the Moroccan Mediterranean in collaboration with the Département de la Pêche Maritime (MPM), the Institut National de Recherche Halieutique (INRH) and with the support of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and CopeMed II and ArtFiMed FAO Projects.

This day helped to raise awareness on the role and challenges of artisanal fisheries, to strengthen coordination between the different partners involved in the sector to share experiences on best practices, to develop partnerships and to create knowledge sharing networks to identify ways that would increase the contribution of artisanal fisheries to poverty alleviation and food security.

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24 June 2011. Ghannouch, Tunisia. Training for fishermen's wives on the transformation and the valorisation of the sardines.

ArtFiMed project organised a training that was implemented with the collaboration of the "Groupement interprofessionnel des produits de la pêche de Gabès" and the "Centre de formation professionnelle de la pêche de Gabès". This training taught the women of the Community of Ghannouch in Tunisia the techniques and the basis for the hygiene in the artisanal methods for the transformation, preparation and conservation of sardines.

28 June 2011, Tunisia. National Day for the agreement of a strategic approach for the development of the artisanal fishery in Tunisia.

The Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (The General Direction of Agricultural Production -DGPA), in collaboration with the Union Tunisienne de l'Agriculture et la Pêche (UTAP), the Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de la Mer (INSTM) and with the support of the sub regional office of the Food and Alimentation Organization (FAO), in Tunis, and the international projects FAO-CopeMed II and ArtFiMed, organized an Artisanal Fisheries Day in Tunisia on 28 June 2011.

Aware of the challenges and the opportunities of the artisanal fisheries in Tunisia, the artisanal fisheries actors, coming from all the governorates of Tunisia, met to discuss about the problems and the future of the artisanal fisheries in Tunisia.

This Day, that gave lot of room for fishermen participation, achieved increasing the public awareness of a sustainable development of the fishery sector in Tunisia, of the need to strengthen the coordination of the different partners that are taking part of this activity, and the need of proposing new actions to strength the contribution of the artisanal fisheries to improve the livelihoods and working conditions of the communities.

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5-6 July 2011. Palermo, Italy. MedSudMed-CopeMed II Workshop on shared stocks in the Mediterranean: "Fisheries and appraisal of *Coryphaena hippurus*".

The workshop on shared stocks in the Mediterranean: "Fisheries and appraisal of *Coryphaena hippurus*", co-organized by the FAO CopeMed II and MedSudMed projects, was held in Palermo (Italy) on July 5-6, 2011 to discuss the cooperative work carried out on *Coryphaena hippurus*. The meeting gathered twelve national experts from Italy, Malta, Spain and Tunisia.

The experts from the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO), the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs of Malta, the National Institute of Marine Science and Technology (INSTM) of Tunisia, the Institute for Coastal Marine Environment (IAMC), University of Palermo, the Italian General Association of Agricultural Co-operatives (AGCI Agrital) and the Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) of Italy presented available data, research and monitoring activities on *Coryphaena hippurus* in the Mediterranean Sea.

CopeMed prepared and supported four documents (available on CopeMed website) on: the activities carried out by COPEMED I (period 2000-2005), the Dolphinfish recreational fishing in the Mediterranean Sea, the Dolphinfish fisheries in Majorca Island during 2003-2010, and a document prepared by the IEO on Dolphinfish by-catch in the Spanish Mediterranean Large Pelagic longline fisheries.

8 July 2011. Paris, France. CopeMed Coordinator met the Directeur des Pêches maritimes et de l'aquaculture in Paris.

In the framework of the activities of CopeMed in reinforcing the cooperation between the participating countries, the Coordinator Mr. Juan A Camiñas was invited by the Directeur des Pêches maritimes et de l'aquaculture from the French Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Rural Affaires, Mr. Philippe Maugin to a meeting in Paris at the DG Pêche to discuss the activities of the Project, the participation of France and the options for an extension of the French participation. In a very friendly environment, the Director expressed the interest of the Ministry in the activities of CopeMed, the importance of the regional coordination and cooperation to achieve more synergies in the fisheries activities in the Mediterranean and the intention of his department in facilitate some type of support to CopeMed.

The meeting was also attended by the French national focal point and chairperson of the SAC-GFCM, Dr Henri Farrugio, the responsible of the office for European and international affairs in the DG Pêche, Mr. N. Gorodetska and the Chargé de mission Affaires Internationales Mr. Ph. Maraval.

18-19 July 2011. Fuengirola (Spain). First meeting of the Working Group on *Parapenaeus longirostris* shared stock for Algeria, Morocco and Spain (GSA 04, 03 and 01). CopeMed II and MedSudMed Subregional Demersal Working Group.

The first meeting of the working group on *Parapenaeus longirostris* shared stock for Algeria, Morocco and Spain was held at the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO) in Fuengirola (Spain) on July 18-19, 2011. The aim was the strengthening of regional scientific cooperation, launch a joint research working group for the assessment of the sub-regional *P. longirostris* stock by identifying the most relevant issues and consequently formulating specific activities to be implemented within the cooperative framework of the CopeMed II project.

The meeting gathered experts from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Spain: the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO), the National Research Centre for the Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CNRDPA) of Algeria, the National Institute of Fisheries Research (INRH) of Morocco, and the National Institute of Marine Science and Technology (INSTM) of Tunisia, that presented relevant information from each country on *P. longirostris* shared stock and prepared preliminary evaluation using different methods.

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26 July 2011. Rome, Italy. CopeMed Coordinator met Mr. Conte from MiPAAF.

In the framework of the activities of CopeMed II in reinforcing the cooperation between the participating countries, the Coordinator visited MiPAAF (Ministero delle Politiche Agricole Alimentari e Forestali) to discuss with the representative of the GD of Fisheries and Aquaculture Dr. Plinio Conte, the activities of CopeMed and ArtFiMed, and to analyze the options to increase the participation of Italy in the Project. Mr. Conte noted that Italy was contributing to AdriaMed, MedSudMed and EastMed. He expressed the interest of Italy in the activities of the Mediterranean projects under FAO including CopeMed II. He suggested that FAO organise a donor meeting, as already requested during the fourth Coordination Committee meeting of CopeMed II in Madrid, and underlined that this has lot of importance as coordination between donors would significantly improve on efficiency and effectiveness of the regional work. Ms. Francesca Granata from PEMAC 2-MiPAAF and Ms. M. Rais from FAO-FIRF also participated in the meeting.

Researches & Publications

Download CopeMed II - ArtFiMed latest reports and external documents:

State of the Dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus* L.) fishery in Majorca Island during 2003-2010.

Report on Dolphinfish Larval Catches off the Balearic Sea.

Dolphinfish (*C. hippurus*) recreational fishing in the Mediterranean Sea, a theoretical tool for scientist and managers.

Activities carried out by CopeMed on Dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*) and the national fisheries associated during the period 2000-2005.

Guide sur les tailles autorisées pour les principales espèces débarquées par la pêche artisanale à Ghannouch et Akarit (Golfe de Gabès, Tunisie).

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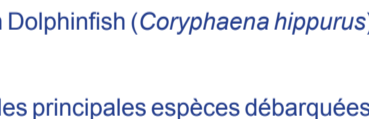
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The Projects in images



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Artisanal Fisheries Day in the Moroccan Mediterranean. 2 June 2011. Tangiers, Morocco.



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News

13/07/2011 - European Commission: a fisheries policy for the future.
European Commission – Press release

12/07/2011 - EU and Morocco to sign new protocol for fisheries agreement.
ENPI Info Centre

29/06/2011 - Europe: La pêche artisanale, affaiblie mais toujours présente.
Collectif Pêche & Développement

27/06/2011 - Newsletter of AKTEA European Network, regrouping women organisations in fisheries and aquaculture.
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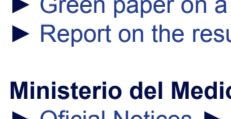
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