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Project & Partners Events

26-29 January 2011. Haliéutis Show, Agadir, Morocco. The appointment of the fisheries sector.

The organization of the Haliéutis Show responds to a real need, now more than ever before. It provided a great opportunity to enhance and promote the potential of the Kingdom of Morocco in the fields of marine fisheries, aquaculture and fishery products; and also to exchange several concerns related to the sector. The Haliéutis Show was also a meeting for different stakeholders and an appropriate framework for the business at national and international level.

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31 Jan - 4 February 2011. FAO Mediterranean Projects present at COFI.

The FAO Mediterranean Projects, namely AdriaMed, MedSudMed, CopeMed II, EastMed, ArtFiMed, MedFisis and the GEF-supported Partnership for the Mediterranean (MED-LME), were present during the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) meeting with a joint stand. Documents and products, including posters and flyers, were available to the participants.

The COFI, a subsidiary body of the FAO Council, was established by the FAO Conference at its Thirteenth Session in 1965. The Committee presently constitutes the only global inter-governmental forum where major international fisheries and aquaculture problems and issues are examined and recommendations addressed to governments, regional fishery bodies, NGOs, fishworkers, FAO and international community, periodically on a world-wide basis. COFI has also been used as a forum in which global agreements and non-binding instruments were negotiated. The 29th Session of COFI took place between 31 January and 4 February 2011.

17 January – 18 February 2011. Training course on direct acoustic methods for the assessment of small pelagic species in the Mediterranean Area at the Oceanographic Centre of Palma de Mallorca (IEO).

The Algerian Government will have a research vessel for the CNRDPA in 2011. From that moment on, Algerian experts should be able to assess the state of their pelagic resources using direct methods and independent of fisheries. CopeMed II organized a basic theoretical and practical training course to assess small pelagic resources by acoustic methods. The course was organised in collaboration and with the support of the IEO (Spain) and was held at the Oceanographic Centre of Palma de Mallorca. The course was attended by ten experts from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia who participated in that course: six CNRDPA (Algeria) experts, two experts from the INRH (Morocco), and two more from INSTM (Tunisia). Professors from the IEO were in charge of the training using standard Mediterranean acoustic methodologies.

1 - 3 February 2011. Monitoring and programming of activities of the Project ArtFiMed in Morocco.

Mr M. Bernardon (FAO ArtFiMed and CopeMed II Fishery Officer) conducted a 3-days-mission to Morocco to track and develop the activities of the projects CopeMed II and ArtFiMed in this country.

During this mission, he met the Fisheries Delegate of Tangier and the officials of the Chamber of Maritime Fisheries of the Mediterranean to work on various aspects:

- Organization of the Day of artisanal fisheries in the Moroccan Mediterranean.
- Monitoring the activities implemented on the community of artisanal fishermen of Dikky.
- Working on the pilot campaign for assessing the socioeconomic impacts of the use of the 40 mm square mesh.
- Studing the process of cooperation between Morocco and Spain for the stock assessment of *Pagellus bogaraveo*.

During this mission, he visited Dikky and he met the members of the fishing community to monitor and develop ongoing activities including:

- The construction and installation of winches for fishermen.
- The process of creating a cooperative for fishermen of Dikky.
- The support for the development of alternative income generation activities to fishermen.
- The development of activities to benefit women of the fishing community of Dikky.

7 - 11 February 2011. Marseille, France. Main activities and results of CopeMed II and ArtFiMed presented to the SAC-GFCM.

The FAO Mediterranean Projects were present during the different sessions of the 13th Session of the SAC celebrated in Marseille working in collaboration with the GFCM Secretariat.

Coordinators and the project's staff participated in the discussion and presented the document on Major activities of the FAO regional projects. The Coordinator of CopeMed II presented the results and main activities carried out by CopeMed II and ArtFiMed by each of the main components of the two projects underlining the main achievements. The Coordinator informed that this is the last year of activities of the projects if no new funds are available during 2011.

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7 - 11 February 2011. Marseille, France. CopeMed II countries participating in SAC-GFCM.

Experts from the CopeMed II subregion representing their countries were participating in Marseille during the 13th Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the GFCM. The participants were: one representative from the Algerian fisheries administration, three from the INRH and the Moroccan Fisheries administration, one representative from the General Authority of Marine Wealth in Libya, the Director General of the INSTM and the Director of the Centre in Sfax from Tunisia, one Resource Manager at the Agriculture and Fisheries Regulation Department (MRRA) from Malta, two experts from the IEO and two from the Secretariat of the Sea of Spain, three representatives from the Fisheries Ministry of Italy, and several experts from Ifremer, the Fisheries and other Administrations of France.

The meeting was chaired by Mr H. Farrugio from France. Three of the four Coordinators of the Subcommittees were also from the subregion: Mr F. Alvarez (Spain) from the SCME, Mr J. Vigneau (France) from the SCS and Mr F. Fiorentino (Italy), who completed the participating experts from the CopeMed II subregion. The Coordinator of CopeMed II participated also in the SAC with the other Coordinators and experts of the FAO Projects in the Mediterranean.

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22 February 2011. Tangier, Morocco. CopeMed II Meeting with Fisheries representatives, Administration and INRH in Tangier (Morocco).

CopeMed II and FAO officers from Rabat met with representatives of the fisheries sector, fisheries administration and INRH representatives at the *Chambre des pêches Maritimes de la Méditerranée* in Tangier (Morocco), to discuss questions related with the activities of CopeMed II and ArtFiMed projects in Morocco.

During the Meeting, it was agreed that 2nd of June, ArtFiMed will organise a National Day of the artisanal fisheries in the Mediterranean coast of Morocco in coordination with the national representatives.

The general objective of this event is to give more opportunities to the artisanal fisheries and to agree on priorities that should be considered by the different Administrations.

The Project staff took advantage of this meeting to discuss with the fisheries sector, the Administration, and the INRH experts two important issues: the opportunity to carry out a pilot selectivity experience on the implementation of the 40 mm square mesh size in the trawl gears (GFCM Recommendation) and the SAC recommendations to Morocco and Spain related with the improvement of the data, sampling methodology and the assessment of the *Pagellus bogaraveo* (voraz) in the Gibraltar Strait area. Some important advances were overtake, particularly on the definition of the characteristics of the trawl vessel for the selectivity experience.

3 March 2011. Participation of the project ArtFiMed on the Meeting of the North Federation of artisanal fisheries.

The national responsible of the project ArtFiMed in Morocco attended to the meeting, organized by the North Federation of artisanal fisheries. The responsible presented of the project experience on the support to artisanal fisheries, and in particular to the process of supporting the professional organization for the creation of a Cooperative of artisanal fishermen. In addition, the project informed to the participants (representatives of 15 Unions and Associations of artisanal fishing sites located between Saidia and Larache, and representatives of the Administration of Marine Fisheries and the National Fisheries M'diq) about the organization of the National Day of artisanal fisheries in the Moroccan Mediterranean to be held on the 2nd June 2011 in Tangier.

15 March 2011. Malaga, Spain. Workshop on small pelagic fisheries management in the Alboran sea under the EAF (ecosystem approach to fisheries).

Organized by the project FAO CopeMed II, this meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2011. Twenty experts representing Spain, Morocco, Algeria, IUCN and FAO were at the headquarters of the Central Government of Malaga.

The experts from the Fisheries Oceanography Research Centers of Spain (IEO), Moroccans (INRH) and Algerians (CNRDPA) were able to present the available data on small pelagic fisheries in the Alboran Sea, and representatives of the Spanish administrations (Secretaría General del Mar and Junta de Andalucía) and the Maritime Fisheries Direction of Morocco exposed the main management measures and monitoring of these fisheries.

Following the discussions carried out at this meeting and through the presentation of the experience of a similar process underway in the Adriatic Sea, the participants agreed that, under the sub-regional working group CopeMed II / MedSudMed Small Pelagics, a scientific working group on small pelagics in the Alboran Sea, should meet soon to continue this process of consultation on terms of reference that have been validated at this meeting.

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24 March 2011. Closing ceremony of the training in weaving handicraft for women collecting clams.

Training in weaving craft was given to 25 women from El Akarit as part of the support of the project ArtFiMed to the development of alternative income generation activities for improving the living standards. The training took part from June 2010 to March 2011, and it was organized in close collaboration with the National government including the National Handicrafts Office (NAO), that provided training and supervision, the Regional Commissioner for Agricultural Development of Gabes (CRDA) that gave their equipment to make the training possible, and the Delegation of Métooua who spared no effort for the success of this training.

During the closing ceremony, all participants received their diploma and a loom, which let them start a new alternative income-generation activity to fishing.

The project ArtFiMed thanked all participants and especially Ms Rakia Belkahia, who is part of the *Direction Générale des Pêches et de l'Aquaculture* (DGPA), who came from Tunis specially for the meeting. The project ArtFiMed also thanked all the people who contributed to the success of this training.

4 April 2011. CopeMed II in the presentation of Spanish results on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in High Seas.

CopeMed represented FAO - FIR in this event. The Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs (MARM) presented the results of the research carried out by the IEO and the Secretaria del Mar in different marine regions during the last decades. The Spanish Fisheries administration and the IEO are jointly working on vulnerable marine ecosystems in high seas in different experiences (NE and NW Atlantic, Namibia, SW Atlantic) to implement the 2006 UNGA 61/105 Resolution and the FAO recommendations. The multidisciplinary research includes 4 projects in the framework of ICES, NEAF, NAFO, SEAFO regions.

Opened by the Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs and the General Secretary of the Sea, the meeting was chaired by the General Director of Marine Resources and the Director of the IEO. Representatives from national research Institutions, fisheries sector, ICES and European Commission were also participating as invited speakers.

28-29 April 2011. Madrid, Spain. 4th Meeting of the CopeMed II Coordination Committee.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Donors, Secretaria General del Mar of Spain and Agencia Española de Cooperación internacional para el Desarrollo and the European Commission, delegations from the countries participating in the Project (Algeria, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia), the Deputy Executive Secretary of the GFCM, the FAO Fisheries Management and Conservation Service, Coordinators from FAO AdriaMed, MedSudMed and EastMed Projects, a representative of the FAO subregional offices in Tunisia as well as the officers from CopeMed II Project.

The General Secretary of the Sea of the Spanish Ministry of Environment Rural and Maritime Affairs, Alicia Villauriz, underlines the relevant achievements of the CopeMed II Project on scientific and management collaboration for a sustainable fishery in the Mediterranean Area. Ms Villauriz emphasizes the need to continue supporting this project which aims to achieve security and prosperity of coastal communities and also the sustainability of the Mediterranean Sea.

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Researches & Publications

Download CopeMed II - ArtFiMed latest reports and documents:

Report of the working group on small pelagic fisheries management in the Alboran Sea under the ecosystem approach to fisheries management. Malaga, Spain. 15th March 2011.

Report of the Fourth Meeting of the CopeMed Coordination Committee. Madrid, Spain. 28-29 April 2011.

The Projects in images



Closing ceremony of the training in weaving handicraft for women collecting clams.



Monitoring and programming of ArtFiMed project activities in Morocco.



4th Meeting of the CopeMed II Coordination Committee in Madrid, Spain.

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News

28/04/2011 - The Secretariat of the Sea of Spain underlines the wish of the Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs for improving the international fishery govern (supporting CopeMed II). Spanish Ministry of Environment

27/04/2011 - New study of the "Regional social and economic impacts of change in fisheries-dependent communities"

► [Link to the final report of the study](#)

European Commission Fisheries

12/04/2011 - The EU "zero tolerance" campaign against illegal fishing gets tougher

European Commission Fisheries

► [Questions and answers about the campaign](#)

06/04/2011 - UNEP Technical Report "Governing Marine Protected Areas: Getting the Balance Right" University College London

04/04/2011 - Media research on vulnerable marine ecosystems in high seas Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino

04/2011 - European Atlas of the Sea launched European Commission

24/03/2011 - Meeting of a working group on small pelagic fisheries in the Alboran Sea in the city of Malaga Telepremsa World

17/01/2011 - In the framework of CopeMed II Project, the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO) and the FAO organize a training course on fishery assessment addressed to experts from the North of Africa

English version - [Leer en español](#)
Spanish Institute of Oceanography

14/01/2011 - Fisheries experts agree on first global guidelines on reducing fishing discard FAO Media Centre

Links

Reform on the Common Fisheries Policy for the EU

- [Green paper on a reform of the Common Fisheries Policy](#)
- [Report on the results on the consultation](#)

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Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)

Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional en Argelia (AECID)

Medisamak

RACs - Regional Advisory Councils (EU)

Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche Maritime du Maroc

Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche en Tunisie

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IEO Press Publications (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

IUCN - Alboran initiative

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