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Project & Partners Events

1st July 2010. Traditional embroidery training course for artisanal fisherwomen from Akarit and El Amaratt, Tunisia.

Twenty-four fisherwomen dedicated to clam collection from El Akarit and Amaratt, took part in a training course organised by ArtFiMed about handcraft embroidery from July 2010. During five months, the women have learned traditional embroidery which helped them to develop a fishery alternative activity. This training is supervised by the National Handicrafts Office (ONA) under an ad hoc agreement with the Project. The training took place in the CRDA Gabès Offices thanks to CRDA collaboration for the women benefit.

1-2 July 2010. Barcelona, Spain. Master on Fishery Management in the Mediterranean Area.

CopeMed II Coordinator attended to the Economic Department of the University of Barcelona as a member of the thesis Committee of the International Master on Fisheries Economics and Management, organised by the CIHEAM-IAMZ, Saragossa and Barcelona University. During two days the thesis Committee attended the presentation of an Algerian thesis on bluefin tuna fisheries and a Spanish thesis on socioeconomic aspects of the artisanal fisheries in Palamós and the relationship with the MPA of Formigues islands. The master course was jointly organized by the CIHEAM-IAMZ, the University of Barcelona and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, through the General Secretariat of Maritime Fisheries. Furthermore, the course counts on the collaboration of the Department of Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

5th July 2010. Malaga, Spain. CopeMed II and ArtFiMed Meeting at the Projects headquarters with IUCN Med.

The IUCN Office for the Mediterranean is in Malaga. Cooperation and collaboration with CopeMed II staff is very close considering common objectives within the Mediterranean region. A meeting between the Deputy Head, Advisor for Fisheries, Global Marine Programme of the IUCN, and the Coordinator of CopeMed was held in the project premises to strengthen the collaboration in different issues as artisanal fisheries, the study of species and shared stock, marine protected areas and management of Mediterranean fisheries, the Alboran project, etc. CopeMed II socioeconomist and IUCN responsible for marine issues in the Malaga Office were also participating in the meeting. The two organisations agreed in signing a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the cooperation and regularised the meeting of the two parties.

22 July & 21-22 September 2010. Malaga, Spain. Ad hoc scientific working group between Morocco and Spain to evaluate the *Pagellus bogaraveo* stock in the Gibraltar Strait fishing grounds.

GFCM requested to CopeMed II to organise a joint meeting between Spain and Morocco to evaluate the stock of the Blackspot seabream *P. bogaraveo* in the Gibraltar Strait area. According this request CopeMed II organised two meeting with Spanish and Moroccan experts from the IEO, Junta de Andalucía and INRH. The objective of the first meeting (Malaga, 22 July) was to strengthen scientific cooperation between Spain and Morocco to improve knowledge and analyse management strategies to this resources in the Strait of Gibraltar fishing area. This first meeting was focused on the revision of the biology and ecology of the specie, fisheries activities, research programs, national surveys, current management plans and to organise a joint stock assessment meeting for the management of the fisheries. The second workshop (Fuengirola, Malaga, 21-22 September) was focused mainly in the assessment exercise. As the experts discussed in the previous meeting, the blackspot seabream population in the Strait of Gibraltar should be considered as one unique (and shared) stock. Looking for preliminary conclusions, the yield per recruit model shows a fully exploitation of the stock status.

10th August 2010. Ghannouch, Tunisia. Closing session of three training courses organised by ArtFiMed on fishing nets construction and repair, fishing regulations and functional literacy. Women of Ghannouch received the training certificates.

In the framework of the ArtFiMed training activities for fishers and women in the Gulf of Gabès to improve their livelihood several courses have been organised in collaboration with local authorities and organisations. A first requested course on gears constructions and repair aimed to help the fisherman who loose gear pieces was organised with women of fishers from Ghannouch. A score of women successfully finished last August the six months training course about construction and nets repair and literacy. The women who finished the courses received a certificate which included their capacities in manufacturing and repairing fishing nets and literacy training. They also received an additional training on fishery regulation in Tunisia specially prepared for them. The contents of this last training will be included in a document prepared by ArtFiMed, a fisher marine guide that will be soon edited by the Project and that will be sending to the beneficiaries.

13-14 September 2010. Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands (Spain). CopeMed II meeting in the Oceanographic Centre of the Balearic Island (IEO) to organise a course on acoustic and prepare a document on small pelagic.

In the framework of the CopeMed II subregional training activities on fisheries science and subregional cooperation between Research Institutes, the Coordinator Mr Camiñas visited the IEO centre in Palma de Mallorca (Spain) and discussed with the Director Mr Masutti and the Coordinator of the course Mr J. Miquel the contents for a basic and practical course on acoustic for small pelagic evaluation that will be supported by CopeMed II. Beneficiaries will be 10 fisheries scientist from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia who will be participating in this course during one month starting in January 2011. The project Coordinator was also working with Mr Alvarez (IEO) to review the draft pilot plan on small pelagic in the Alboran sea prepared by the expert for CopeMed II. This pilot plan will be discussed during a foreseen meeting between Algerian, Moroccan and Spanish experts.

13-17 September 2010. Mazara del Vallo, Sicily (Italy). Demersal SRWG on shared stocks in the CopeMed II and MedSudMed area.

CopeMed II and MedSudMed organized the first Subregional Demersal Working Group (SRDWG) for the members' countries of the two Projects. The meeting was held in the premises of the IAMC-CNR at Mazara del Vallo (Sicily, Italy). A total of 14 experts from Algeria (CNRDPA), Italy (CNR), Malta (MRRRA), Morocco (INRH), Tunisia (INSTM), and the two FAO projects were participating in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was the strengthening of subregional scientific cooperation on the identification and definition of the subregion shared demersal stocks. New possible shared stock on crustaceans, hakes and other demersal species were identified by the experts shared between two or more countries. Ad hock working groups will be soon organised by the 2 projects jointly.

16-17 September 2010. Alghero, Italy. GFCM-SAC Transversal workshop on Red Coral.

The GFCM SAC workshop on red coral was adopted by the Commission during the last meeting in Athens (Greek, April 2010). The report of Alghero' meeting raised that substantial information on Red Coral exists in Mediterranean countries related to biological aspects.

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20-22 September 2010. Sfax, Tunisia. First GFCM-SAC Transversal Expert Meeting on Elasmobranchs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

The meeting undertook an inventory of elasmobranchs including a review of the available information on taxonomy and species distribution as well as on the status of these species in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. CopeMed II supported one participant from Algeria and one from Morocco.

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21 September 2010. Casablanca, Morocco. CopeMed II staff meeting with the new INRH General Director, Mr Mustapha Faik.

The CopeMed II staff met the new INRH General Director Mr Faik to express the interest in maintaining the good relationship between the project and the national institute. The GD offered to reinforce the cooperation between the INRH and CopeMed II in different areas. An issue raised during the meeting was the necessary participation of the INRH in the scientific survey in the Morocco Mediterranean to analyse the biological and socio-economic effects of implementing the GFCM Resolution on the use of 40 mm square mesh size or the 50 mm diamond mesh size in bottom trawl fisheries in the Mediterranean. The DG agreed in this collaboration although he underlined he needs to know the opinion of DG Fishery and Aquaculture (DPMA, Rabat) before taking decisions. The project offered the support to national INRH experts to be involved in GFCM and CopeMed II meeting and activities.

22 September 2010. Rabat, Morocco. CopeMed II staff meeting with the Fisheries and Aquaculture Direction (DPMA).

A meeting at the DPMA was organised in collaboration with the FAO Office representative in Rabat to discuss different issues of common interest. This meeting permitted to update previous commitments with the Moroccan fisheries authority in relation with two issues: the preparation of a Moroccan 40 mm square mesh size research pilot survey in trawl fleet according the GFCM Resolution and the organization of an artisanal fisheries journey in the Mediterranean Morocco area. In respect the first question the DPMA proposed to carry out the selectivity survey by using the INRH research vessel in order to have basic biological and selectivity information of this gear codend size before to involve the fleet. It was agreed that if the use of the INRH research vessel is supported by the INRH DG the affected fishing sector should be involve in the experience. Concerning the organisation of the Artisanal Fishery Day meeting in Morocco it was agreed that it should take place during the first quarter 2011.

23-24 September 2010. Salambô, Tunisia. GFCM-SAC Transversal workshop on European Eel.

The SAC transversal workshop reviewed the available information on biology, fisheries and other human impacts, the existing information on stock assessments, current management rules and the recovery and/or management plans already in force on *Anguilla anguilla* in the Mediterranean countries. After discussions on the needs for the fisheries management the workshop proposed a proper framework (data needs, assessment methodologies and management advice) to prepare a GFCM management plan for improving and integrating the current approaches to manage eel fisheries in the Mediterranean. CopeMed II supported one participant from Morocco.

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27-28 September 2010. Rome FAO HQ, Italy. Transversal workshop on fishing capacities in the GFCM area.

Recommendations on the management on fishing capacity which includes specific actions, activities, and timeframes, were proposed during the 33rd session of the GFCM (Tunisia, March 2009) and the Commission decided to revisit it during its next session which was held in Athens last April 2010. The main aim of this GFCM transversal workshop was to provide scientific and practical guidelines to the GFCM members to appraise the impacts, requirements and effects of the different options in relation to possible freezing of fleet capacity. CopeMed II supported one participant from Morocco.

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29 September - 1st October 2010. Rome, Italy. GFCM Transversal Workshop on data collection methods (GFCM Task 1).

The objectives of the workshop were: to review the different methods and data collection programmes in place within GFCM Member Countries and the problems arising from the submission of Task 1 data; to exchange experiences from other countries in the same field for each of the problems raised and to agree on methods to address the problems raised and to anticipate problems related to the submission of Task 1.3. CopeMed II Project supported four participants, one from each of the following countries: Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

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Researches & Publications

Download CopeMed II - ArtFiMed latest reports:

[Spanish information about the Red Seabream \(*Pagellus bogaraveo*\) fishery in the Strait of Gibraltar Region](#)

[Situation sur la mise en oeuvre des activités ArtFiMed au Maroc. Novembre 2010.](#)

[Situation sur la mise en oeuvre des activités ArtFiMed en Tunisie. Novembre 2010.](#)

CopeMed II - ArtFiMed Technical Documents N° 13

[Sistema de Seguimiento del Proyecto ArtFiMed - French version](#) - [Spanish version](#)

The Projects in images



A score of women successfully finished a 6 months training about mounting nets inshore and Literacy. On the picture: women from Akarit.



CopeMed II held the ad hoc meeting between Morocco and Spain on *Pagellus bogaraveo*.



Twenty-four fisherwomen dedicated to clam collection from El Akarit living in Amaratt, took part in training about manual embroidery since July the 1st.

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News

30/09/2010 - EUR 50 million to ensure continuation of EU integrated maritime policy
Agence Europe

28/09/2010 - The effects of Mediterranean water long travel are being studied
Spanish Institute of Oceanography

21/09/2010 - The health status of the *Pagellus bogaraveo* in the Strait of Gibraltar is being assessed in Malaga
Spanish Institute of Oceanography

08/07/2010 - A complex oceanographic campaign to improve the bluefin tuna management comes to an end
Spanish Institute of Oceanography

05/07/2010 - Online market: centralized access to all tenders and results
Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Maritime Fisheries

02/07/2010 - The Secretaría del Mar of Spain presented in Almeria their activities for biodiversity conservation in the Alboran Sea
Spanish Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs

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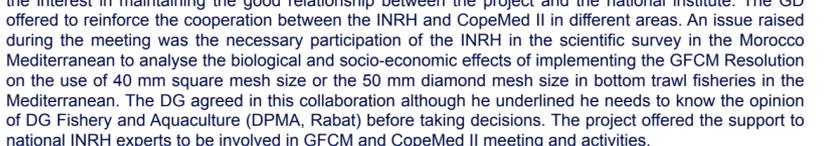
Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche en Tunisie

► [ONAGRI Newsletter](#)

IEO Press Publications (Spanish Institute of Oceanography)

IUCN - Alboran initiative

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