



**Deep-water rose shrimps, European hake and related fisheries
in the MedSudMed Project area**

Malta, 24-26 June 2014

Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The Agenda, objectives and organisation of the meeting will be introduced.

2. Description of the current knowledge on *Parapenaeus longirostris* and *Merluccius merluccius* and related fisheries in the MedSudMed area

*National experts will be called to illustrate the research, monitoring activities and data/information on *Parapenaeus longirostris* and *Merluccius merluccius* and related fisheries performed at national and international level. Scientific and anecdotic information will be dealt with. The results of joint stock assessment, spatial distribution, critical areas (nurseries and spawning grounds) will be illustrated and discussed, as well as information on fishing effort, fishing grounds, fishing gears adopted and possible options to reduce the capture of juveniles and of discards generally, and on fisheries socio-economic related aspects.*

3. GFCM framework for the development fisheries management plans

*The current framework for the development fisheries management plans in place in Mediterranean will be briefly illustrated. The contents and process that lead to the development of the GFCM Guidelines on management plans, fishing capacity and precautionary measures and Proposed minimum structure, criteria and measures to be used in a regional management plan for bottom trawling fisheries for deep water rose shrimp (*P. longirostris*) and associated species in the Strait of Sicily (GSA12 – 16) will be illustrated. The options to take the best possible advantage of the outcomes of the work done by the GFCM will also be explored.*

4. Roadmap to progress toward the joint development of multi-annual management plan for fisheries targeting *Parapenaeus longirostris*, *Merluccius merluccius* and associated species.

*The gaps that may hamper the development of a harmonised approach on the management of fisheries targeting *Parapenaeus longirostris* and *Merluccius merluccius* will be identified. Participants will discuss and preliminary agree on steps to be followed for filling the gaps that hamper the joint discussion on fisheries management in the south central Mediterranean. The preliminary timeframe for addressing priority issues identified during the meeting will also be dealt with. The best options to ensure the full involvement of stakeholders into the cooperative discussion for the definition of multi-annual management plan for fisheries targeting *P. longirostris*, *M. merluccius* and associated species will tentatively be identified.*

5. Other matters.