



Strengthening the links between European
marine fisheries science and fisheries management



7th Work Package

**Collaborative programmes in the Mediterranean
2nd Management and Scientific meeting:**

*Towards an ecosystem based approach for fisheries management in the
Mediterranean: Essential fish habitats and their trophic interactions.*

Corsica (France) – March 30th & 31th 2009

Venue:  Stareso - scientific basis dedicated to marine research in the Mediterranean, located at the "cap Revellata" near Calvi <http://www.stareso.com>
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Agenda

Objectives of the meeting: Progress updates on the MariFish collaborative programme and further development in the Mediterranean
Implication of a new operator: IRD

Day 1 – 30th March 2009

9:30

- 1- Welcome and Introductions
Meeting format and announcements

9:45

- 2- Introducing MariFish and WP7 updates for the five collaborative projects

10:30

- 3- Presentation of the IRD (French Institute of Research For Development)

11:15-11:30 *Refreshments*

11:30

- 4- MariFish joint call: Summary of the proposals received and critical analysis on the reasons of the collapse of projects addressing the Mediterranean basin

12:00

- 5- Summary of the inventory of the National Programmes in the Mediterranean - Dissemination plan of this task

13:00-14h30 Lunch

14:30

- 6- Cooperation among national programmes

For each task: Progress updates

Questions: How to raise awareness and mobilize resources to implement these projects: *Are they challenging enough? Analysis of commitment level – Eventual need for other projects to develop stronger collaboration in common programme*

6.1 Free exchange of data to build shared databases under common format

- ❖ MEDITS / building an historical data base between MariFish partners

- Background and MariFish proposed statement
- Round table discussion on Ministry's decision including Italy and Croatia
- Position of DG Mare
- Actions plan

6.2 Mapping of the abundance of Small pelagic

- The issue of calibration of acoustics methods for small pelagic in the Med Sea
- Push forward this proposal
- Connection with the WP8 project

6.3 Demersal Fisheries and Trophic relationships

- Push forward this proposal
- Development of synergies between projects currently funded in the Mediterranean

6.4 Information about the task "Large pelagic – habitat mapping"

- How continue (or not) the cooperation in the framework of MariFish Med? what subjects and priorities? New schedule timetable? other topics for cooperation on large pelagics? Connection with ICCAT

16:00-16:30 Refreshments

18:15-18:30 Closure of the day 1 meeting

Day 2 – 31th March 2009

9:00

- 6- Cooperation among national programmes - Progress updates (continued if necessary)
- 7- Funds by the operators or under MariFish ERA-Net (*depending on Commission's answer – Yvan Conesa*) for PhD and Post-doc – application to the Mediterranean
- 8- Information about FP7 implementation in the field of fisheries particularly as regards WP 2010 - Theme 2 "International cooperation (fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea)"
- 9- Conclusion and work programme for the MariFish WP7 Mediterranean programme
- 10- Discussion about the dissemination plan of the Mediterranean programme (ICES action - poster - others...)

10:30-10:45 Refreshments

12:30 Closure & Lunch

This agenda could be modified according to the attendance of Antonio Cervantes –EC/ DG MARE.

List of Documents for the Meeting

- I: MariFish Mediterranean collaborative programme – “*step by step*”
- II: Exchange of data: MariFish proposed statement
- III: Med MoU