



**Working Group on Basic parameters related to small pelagic fish:
length at sexual maturity of anchovy and sardine in the
MedSudMed Project area**

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Provisional annotated agenda

General introduction: overview of the methodologies currently used for the estimation of length at sexual maturity of anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) and sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*) in each Geographical Sub Area (GSA) covered by the MedSudMed (12 Northern Tunisia, 13 Gulf of Hammamet, 14 Gulf of Gabes, 15 Malta Island, 16 South of Sicily and 21 Libya) and Adriamed Projects (GSA 17 Northern Adriatic Sea and 18 Southern Adriatic Sea). A presentation should be made by each institute detailing the reproduction period of the target species, sampling methods, number of samples used, etc.

Discussion and standardization: review and discussion of estimation of the length at sexual maturity of anchovy and sardine in areas concerned, e.g. selection of appropriate method and standardization (required raw data, sampling period, number of samples, macroscopic scale of sexual maturity).

Available data and data processing: discussion of available information for the determination of the length at sexual maturity for the anchovy and sardine in each GSA and joint estimation of length at sexual maturity of the two species.

Reporting: preparation of the draft of scientific papers that could be presented at the next GFCM-SAC working group on small pelagic species (May 2004).