

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the draft Decisions with amendments as specified below.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee noted the following issues:

- The regulations mentioned in Annex 1, page 7 have been repealed by the binding Recommendation GFCM/46/2023/14 (repealing Recommendations GFCM/30/2006/2, GFCM/43/2019/1 and GFCM/44/2021/11);
- GFCM has a Multi-annual Fisheries management plan for Mahi mahi as well as a regional action plan for fisheries interaction with vulnerable species in place with similar recommendations;
- Relating to draft Decision 15.BB b) an observer noted that ACCOBAMS will be implementing its second survey initiative (ASI2) in summer of 2026 (using vessels and airplanes) – this could be a source of information to gather further information regarding FADs;
- The recommendations in Annex 1 are useful but a collaboration between CMS and RFMOs will be key if there should be implementation.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following text is proposed for deletion in draft Decisions (page 9 of the document):

15.AA b) [Parties are encouraged to] report to the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on implementation of the Decision.