



***EU FP7 Project CREAM
Coordinating research in support to application of EAF
(Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management
advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas***

***Deliverable 1.4
Minutes of the kick-off meeting***

Start date of project: 01/05/2011

Duration: 36 months

Due date of deliverable: 30/06/2011

Lead partner for deliverable: Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza / International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies

WP leader: Dunixi Gabiña

European Commission DG RTD
7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

Improving research in support to scientific advice to fisheries management in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Coordination and Support Action (CSA). EU Grant Agreement no.: 265648

EU FP7 Project **CREAM**

Coordinating research in support to application of EAF (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Steering Committee Meeting and Kick-off Meeting

23-25 May 2011

Mexico Room, GFCM/FAO Headquarters, Rome

MINUTES

Draft Version 3

The Kick-off Meeting of the CREAM Coordinating Action was held at FAO headquarters in Rome on 24-25 May 2011. This first meeting also constituted the First General Assembly of CREAM. General assemblies are planned to be held at annual intervals.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Before the General Assembly a meeting of the Steering Committee (which includes WP leaders and the Commission) was held on the afternoon of 23 May in order to prepare the Kick-off meeting.

The meeting was attended by Coordinators, WP Leaders, Scientific Officer from EC, and its objective was to prepare the General Assembly of 24-25 May (see agenda in annex 1)

The coordinator (D. Gabiña, CIHEAM) and scientific coordinator (J. Leonart, ICM/CSIC) recalled the objectives of the CA and the functions of the Steering Committee and the External Advisory Committee.

The WP coordinators, briefly reviewed the content of each WP.

The meeting was completed for all items. In this meeting the need of a good coordination among all the WPs, especially between WP2 and WP3, was highlighted. Among the actions taken to enhance coordination, it was decided that WP3 would also be involved in the two workshops originally planned only for WP2.

It was also agreed that WP leaders will assume the task of leading the way in order to encourage partners to provide the outputs they requested in relation to the project. A regular, monthly monitoring of partners activities will be made by WP leaders. WP leaders will report activities to the coordinators every two months.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONCERTED ACTION KICK-OFF MEETING)

The General Assembly followed the agenda (annex 2) and was attended by 31 participants (annex 3), that include: Consortium members, External Advisory Committee members (FAO, GFCM, ICCAT, UNEP RAC/SPA and BSC), Ph. Moguedet, Research Programme Officer for Research on Fisheries, European Commission and R. Fletcher, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, as EAF expert.

The objectives of the Assembly were:

- Introduce the Consortium and its members
- Introduce the Australian experience on EAF

- Detail the objectives of each work package, and plan the work to be developed
- Explore linkages between work packages
- Explore linkage with other FP7 projects
- Establish project management procedures

Mr. K Cochrane (FAO), Mr. A. Srour (GFCM) and Mr. P. Moguedet (EC) welcomed the participants to the meeting.

Mr. D. Gabina (IAMZ/CIHEAM) as CA coordinator and Mr. J. Lleonart (ICM/CSIC) as scientific coordinator, briefly introduced the CA to the participants.

Mr. López-Francos acted as rapporteur.

All presentations, making reference to Agenda Items, are available at the Intranet of the CREAM Web site: www.cream-fp7.eu following the path:

Intranet - Meetings - Rome23-25May - Kick-off

For accessing the Intranet:

user	partnercream
password	keypartner

Item 1

Mr. Moguedet introduced the Fisheries Related Research in the 7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013). Introduction to CREAM from the EU perspective. Linkages with other FP7 projects on fisheries (presentation on the Intranet).

Item 2

Mr R. Fletcher, presented the communication: "Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries. The Australian experience". He highlighted the pros and cons of a real implementation of EAF, noting the need of a deep knowledge of the real problems to be addressed and the adaptive nature of the actual EAF implementation (presentation on the Intranet).

Item 3

The participants introduced themselves. The coordinator noted the EC request to incorporate scientists from Malta (already agreed but no present) and Georgia.

Regarding Georgia, the coordinator expressed his concern because of the failure to the attempts to contact Georgian scientists. Mr Simion Nicolaev from Romania and Mr. Borys Trotsenko from Ukraine will provide coordinators with contact addresses from Georgia, in order to incorporate this country to the consortium, as requested by the EC when signing the contract.

Malta and Cyprus have already completed the procedure in order to join CREAM. The request for amendment of the contract will be sent to the EC once the procedure with Georgia has been completed.

Item 4

Mr J. Lleonart, as scientific coordinator, reviewed the general project objectives (presentation on the Intranet)

Item 5

Mr. J. Lleonart, as scientific coordinator introduced the External Advisory Committee and reviewed its functions, as well as that of Steering Committee (presentation on the Intranet)

Item 6

In order to introduce Work package objectives and plans, each coordinator took the floor and presented the WP led.

WP1. Project Coordination. Mr. D. Gabina (presentation on the Intranet)

WP2. Current understandings in stock assessment and fishery effects on ecosystems, by Mr. P. Sartor (presentation on the Intranet)

WP3. Data needs, quality, harmonization, methodologies and models for EAF, presented by Mr. J. Vigneau. (presentation on the Intranet)

WP4. Coordination with the assessment and management international/regional bodies, presented by Mr. J. Lleonart (presentation on the Intranet)

WP5. Training and capacity building. Conference. Dissemination component, presented by Mr. D. Gabiña (presentation on the Intranet)

WP6. Strengthening the scientific basis of EAF application in Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries, presented by Mr. P. Cury (presentation on the Intranet)

In the discussion that followed the presentations, the problem of a possible overlap among the content of some WPs was raised. These aspects particularly concerned WP2 and WP3 that apparently have similarities or overlappings. The coordinators of the two WPs committed themselves to produce a document aimed at explaining better the objectives and the working plan of the two WPs,

WP4. Some of the institutions belonging to the External Advisory Committee (EAC) have requested clarifications on their role in CREAM. Capacity building may be one of the converging activities amongst CREAM and the institutions belonging to the External Advisory Committee. FAO has not replied to the letter of invitation to become part of the EAC sent by the coordinators during the proposal submission. Now that the project is funded they will reply. A formal letter of invitation will be sent to Kevern Cochrane in this sense.

Item 7

Work plan and implementation. Mr. J. Lleonart (presentation on the Intranet)

The first Workshops to be organised by WP2, planned for months 12 will be held, if possible, together with the annual coordination meetings. WP3 will also participate in this Workshop and collaborate in their organization.

Item 8

Project monitoring. Mr. J. Lleonart (presentation on the Intranet))

It was decided that WP leaders will report to the coordinators every two months on their WP progress.

Item 9

Communication and dissemination strategies. Mr. D. Gabiña (presentation on the Intranet)

The following rules were decided after discussion:

- The Intranet will be organised in three levels: 1) Coordinators, 2) Steering Committee and 3) Consortium. Once created, a message will be sent to all partners with the Username and Password. In the future and if needed a Wiki and a space for a forum for discussion will also be created in the Intranet.
- The CREAM logo and Web banner have to be revised. At www.cream-fp7.eu there is a new proposal for logo and banner.
- The CREAM web site should be one of the main references on EAF. Links to the existing projects on EAF, such as the ones cited in part B of the project, to the widely recognised EAF reference articles, and to the institutions which are part of the EAC will be included on the Web site.
- Partners are encouraged to organise dissemination conferences at the country level. A small budget may be allocated to this action if necessary.

Item 10

7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013) Reporting Guidelines. Mr. P. Moguedet (presentation on the Intranet)

Item 11

Budget presentation. Mr. D. Gabiña (presentation on the Intranet)

Item 12

Review of administrative procedures and financial rules. Mr. A. López-Francos (presentation on the Intranet)

- The timesheets for time recording of the personnel dedication to CREAM is available on the Intranet (Item 12. CREAM-Timesheet.xls)
- **Timesheets are to be completed from now onwards**, at least weekly, by all personnel working for CREAM. On the other hand, this time dedication can only be recorded for the persons mentioned in Part B of the Contract. If there is a new person joining the CREAM group, this has to be notified to the Coordinators.
- Coordinators will send instructions for the preparation of scientific and financial reports well in advance of the end of the first reporting period (month 18).

Item 13

Planning of next steps. Mr. J. Lleonart (presentation in the Intranet) Immediate activities are the creation of the project Web and the brochure. For the month 2 these minutes and those of WP4 meeting. The dates for next deliverables are almost one year later, so monitoring of activities is needed, and consists on monthly monitoring of partners by WP leaders and two month reporting of WP leaders to Coordinators. The next meeting, in month 12, will be held in the Eastern Mediterranean possibly in Varna (Bulgaria).

General Discussion

The objectives of the project were re-emphasized for clarification and it was stressed that the main objective was to create a Mediterranean and Black Sea network of expertise for the implementation of the EAF. With this regard, the CA needs to be innovative in networking, training and transferring knowledge, but not produce new data, models or concepts. The CA will seek to identify data and information conducive to the application of EAF based on existing data, information and initiatives in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. It was pointed out that in addition to standards data collection programmes (eg EU DCF) there are programmes that gather information useful for an EAF based on participatory approaches and citizen science (eg. the Mediterranean Large Elasmobranchs observation network –MEDLEM- or seabird observers). Likewise it was stressed that this CA would not develop new indicators, just review existing ones.

Regarding methodological progress, the modelling framework developed in the EC PRONE project (and currently employed by ICCAT) could be useful for CREAM. There are many initiatives regarding the ecosystem approach to fisheries, the main focus would be to create an innovative framework that will build on already existing experiments while defining an overall efficient scientific strategy for implementation.

Note on CREAM website

All presentations, making reference to Agenda Items, are available at the Intranet of the CREAM Web site: www.cream-fp7.eu/intranet/partners/meetings/rome23-25may (User: partnercream; password: keypartner).

They are self-explanatory and are the reference documents for these minutes. They contain the framework in which the project is to be developed, the WP objectives and plans, the details of the budget, the reporting requirements and financial rules and description of the planning of the next steps.

European Commission DG RTD
 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

Improving research in support to scientific advice to fisheries management in the Mediterranean and Black Seas
 Coordination and Support Action (CSA). EU Grant Agreement no.: 265648

EU FP7 Project **CREAM**
Coordinating research in support to application of EAF (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Annex 1

23 May 2011 afternoon. Steering Committee Meeting

Agenda

Participants: Coordinators, WP Leaders, Scientific Officer from EC
 Objective: to prepare the General Assembly of 24-25 May

Time	Item	Lead
14.00	Welcome and opening	Coordinators ¹
	1. Steering Committee and External Advisory Committee functions	Coordinators
	2. Review of the project objectives	Coordinators
	3. Review of Work Packages	WP leaders ²
	4. Work plan and implementation	Coordinators
	5. Project monitoring	Coordinators
	6. Communication and dissemination strategies	Coordinators
	7. Budget	Coordinators
18.00	Closure	

¹J. Leonart (Scientific) and D. Gabiña (Administrative)

²J. Leonart, D. Gabiña, P. Sartor, J. Vigneau, P. Cury

European Commission DG RTD
7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

Improving research in support to scientific advice to fisheries management in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Coordination and Support Action (CSA). EU Grant Agreement no.: 265648

EU FP7 Project **CREAM**

Coordinating research in support to application of EAF (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Annex 2

24-25 May. General Assembly (Kick-off Meeting)

Participants:

- Consortium members
- External Advisory Committee members (FAO, GFCM, ICCAT, UNEP RAC/SPA and BSC).
- Ph. Moguedet, Research Programme Officer for Research on Fisheries, European Commission
- R. Fletcher, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia

Objectives:

- Introduce the Consortium and its members
- Introduce the Australian experience on EAF
- Detail the objectives of each work package, and plan the work to be developed
- Explore linkages between work packages
- Explore linkage with other FP7 projects
- Establish project management procedures

24 May

Time	Item	Lead
09.00	Welcome and opening (Coordinators, GFCM/FAO, Ph. Moguedet)	Coordinators ¹
	1. Fisheries Related Research in the 7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013). Introduction to CREAM from the EU perspective. Linkages with other FP7 projects on fisheries	Ph. Moguedet
	2. Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries. The Australian experience	R. Fletcher
11.00	Coffee break	
11.30	3. Introduction of Consortium and External Advisory Committee	All
	4. Review of the general project objectives	J. Leonart
	5. Role of the External Advisory Committee	J. Leonart
	6. Workpackage objectives and plans	
	• WP1. Project Coordination	D. Gabiña
12.30	Lunch	

14.00	6. (Continued)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP2. Current understandings in stock assessment and fishery effects on ecosystems • WP3. Data needs, quality, harmonization, methodologies and models for EAF 	P. Sartor J. Vigneau
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP4. Coordination with the assessment and management international/regional bodies 	J. Leonart
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP5. Training and capacity building. Conference. Dissemination component 	D. Gabiña
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP6. Strengthening the scientific basis of EAF application in Mediterranean and Black sea fisheries 	P. Cury
18.00	Closure	

¹J. Leonart (Scientific) and D. Gabiña (Administrative)

25 May

Time	Item	Lead
09.00	7. Work plan and implementation	J. Leonart
	8. Project monitoring	J. Leonart
	9. Communication and dissemination strategies	D. Gabiña
11.00	Coffee break	
	10. 7th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013) Reporting Guidelines	Ph. Moguedet
	11. Budget presentation	D. Gabiña
	12. Review of administrative procedures and financial rules	A. López-Francos
	13. Planning of next steps	J. Leonart
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	This afternoon will be devoted to the WP4 kick off meeting (see agenda)	
17.00	Closure	

CREAM Project
Coordinating research in support to application of EAF (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

Grant Agreement no.: 265648

Steering Committee Meeting and Kick-off Meeting

Rome, Italy, 23-25 May 2011
Mexico Room, GFCM/FAO Headquarters

ANNEX 3. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Bulgaria

Marina PANAYOTOVA

Department of Marine Biology and Ecology
Institute of Oceanology
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
"Parvy maj" street, 40
9000 Varna
Bulgaria
Tel.: +359 52370486
E-mail: mpanayotova@io-bas.bg

Croatia

Nedo VRGOC

Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries
Seatliste Ivana Mestrovica, 63
21000 Split
Croatia
Tel.: +385 21408051
E-mail: vrgoc@izor.hr

Cyprus

Giorgos BAYADAS

Department of Fisheries and Marine Research
Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment
Vithleem, 101
1416 Nicosia
Cyprus
Tel.: +357 22807815
E-mail: gpayiatas@dfmr.moa.gov.cy

Egypt

Abdel-Fattah EL-SAYED

Oceanography Department
Faculty of Sciences
Alexandria University
El Geish street, 22
21526 Alexandria
Egypt
Tel.: +20 34843172
E-mail: afmelsayed@gmail.com

France

Philippe CURY

UMR EME 212 IRD/UM2
Centre de Recherche Halieutique
Méditerranéenne et Tropicale
IRD - IFREMER & Université Montpellier II
Avenue Jean Monnet, BP 171
34203 Sète Cedex
France
Tel.: +33 499573234
E-mail: philippe.cury@ird.fr,
philippe.cury@ifremer.fr

Bastien MÉRIGOT

UMR EME 212 IRD/UM2
Centre de Recherche Halieutique
Méditerranéenne et Tropicale
IRD - IFREMER & Université Montpellier II
Avenue Jean Monnet, BP 171
34203 Sète Cedex
France
Tel.: +33 499573205
E-mail: bastien.merigot@univ-montp2.fr

Joël VIGNEAU

Laboratoire Ressources Halieutiques
Station de Port-en-Bessin
Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation
de la Mer
Avenue du G^{al} De Gaulle
14520 Port-en-Bessin
France
Tel.: +33 231515641
E-mail: joel.vigneau@ifremer.fr

Greece

Christos MARAVELIAS

Institute of Marine Biological Resources
Hellenic Centre for Marine Research
46.7 km Athens-Sounio Avenue
19013 Anavissos Attiki
Greece
Tel.: +30 2109856703
E-mail: cmaravel@ath.hcmr.gr

Italy

Germana GAROFALO

Instituto per l'Ambiente Marino Costiero
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
Via Luigi Vaccara, 61
91026 Mazara del Vallo (TP)
Italy
Tel.: +39 0917829740
E-mail: germana.garofalo@cnr.it

Serena LÓPEZ

Dipartimento di Biologia Ambientale
Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza
Viale dell'Università, 32
00185 Roma
Italy
Tel.: +39 0649914773
E-mail: serej85@hotmail.it

Paolo SARTOR

Renewable Resources Laboratory
Consorzio per il Centro Interuniversitario di
Biologia Marina ed Ecologia Applicata "G. Bacci"
Viale Nazario Sauro, 4
57128 Livorno
Italy
Tel.: +39 0586807287
E-mail: psartor@cibm.it

Lebanon

Michel BARICHE

Department of Biology
American University of Beirut
Bliss Street College Hall Ras
Beirut
Lebanon
Tel.: +961 1374374
E-mail: mb39@aub.edu.lb

Morocco

Said TALEB

Cooperation Division
Institut National de Recherche Halieutique
2, rue de Tiznit
20000 Casablanca
Morocco
Tel.: +212 522297329
E-mail: taleb@inrh.org.ma

Romania

Simion NICOLAEV

National Institute for Marine Research and
Development "Grigore Antipa"
Mamaia Bvd., 300
900581 Constanta
Romania
Tel.: +40 241543288
E-mail: nicolaev@alpha.rmri.ro

Russian Federation

Oleg LAPSHIN

Laboratory of Commercial Fisheries
Russian Federal Research Institute of Fisheries
and Oceanography
Verhnyaya Krasnoselskaya, 17
107140 Moscow
Russian Federation
Tel.: +7 4992649310
E-mail: lapshin@vniro.ru

Spain

Federico ÁLVAREZ

Centro Oceanográfico de Baleares
Instituto Español de Oceanografía
Apdo. 291
07080 Palma de Mallorca
Spain
Tel.: +34 971133723
E-mail: federico.alvarez@ba.ieo.es

Dunixi GABIÑA

Instituto Agronómico Mediterráneo de Zaragoza /
CIHEAM
Av. Montañana, 1005
50059 Zaragoza
Spain
Tel.: +34 976716000
E-mail: iamz@iamz.ciheam.org

Jordi LLEONART

Institut de Ciències del Mar
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta, 37-49
08003 Barcelona
Spain
Tel.: +34 932309500
E-mail: lleonart@icm.csic.es

Antonio LÓPEZ-FRANCOS

Instituto Agronómico Mediterráneo de Zaragoza /
CIHEAM
Av. Montañana, 1005
50059 Zaragoza
Spain
Tel.: +34 976716000
E-mail: iamz@iamz.ciheam.org

Francesc MAYNOU

Institut de Ciències del Mar
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta, 37-49
08003 Barcelona
Spain
Tel.: +34 932309559
E-mail: maynouf@icm.csic.es

Tunisia

Othman JARBOUI

Living Marine Resources Laboratory
Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de
la Mer
BP 1035
3018 Sfax
Tunisia
Tel.: +216 74497117
E-mail: othman.jarbouï@instm.rnrt.tn

Turkey

Adnan TOKAÇ

Fisheries Faculty
Ege University
Su Ürünleri Fakültesi
35100 Bornova, İzmir
Turkey
Tel.: +90 2323747450
E-mail: adnan.tokac@ege.edu.tr

Ukraine

Borys TROTSENKO

Southern Scientific Research Institute of Marine
Fisheries and Oceanography
2, Sverdlov Street
Kerch 98300 AR Crimea
Ukraine
Tel.: +380 656161605
E-mail: island@crimea.com

BSC (Black Sea Commission)

Violin RAYKOV

Institute of Oceanology
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
"Parvy maj" street, 40
9000 Varna
Bulgaria
Tel.: +359 52624382
E-mail: vio_raykov@abv.bg

EC (European Commission)

Philippe MOGUEDET

DG Research (RTD)
European Commission
Unit E4 - Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries,
Aquaculture
SDME 08/93
1049 Brussels
Belgium
Tel.: +32 22986817
E-mail: philippe.moguedet@ec.europa.eu

**FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of
the United Nations)**

Kevern L. COCHRANE

Fishery Resources Division
FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Roma
Italy
Tel.: +39 0657056109
E-mail: kevern.cochrane@fao.org

**GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the
Mediterranean)**

Pilar HERNÁNDEZ

GFCM-FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Roma
Italy
Tel.: +39 0657054617
E-mail: pilar.hernandez@fao.org

Abdellah SROUR

GFCM-FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Roma
Italy
Tel.: +39 0657055730
E-mail: abdellah.srourofao.org

ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas)

Laurence KELL

ICCAT Secretariat
Corazón de María, 8
28002 Madrid
Spain
Tel.: +34 914165600
E-mail: laurie.kell@iccat.int

UNEP/MAP - RAC/SPA (United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan - Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas)

Atef OUERGI

Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA)
UNEP/MAP
Boulevard du Leader Yasser Arafat
BP 337
1080 Tunis Cedex
Tunisia
Tel.: +216 71206649 / 485 / 765
E-mail: atef.ouerghi@rac-spa.org

Western Australia (Visiting Scientist in FAO)

Warrick Jeffrey FLETCHER

Department of Fisheries
Government of Western Australia
PO Box 20
North Beach 6920 WA
Australia
Tel.: +618 92030114
E-mail: rick.fletcher@fao.org,
rfletcher@fish.wa.gov.au