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In order to take immediate actions to overcome the precarious conditions of the Mediterranean fish stocks, MEDAC continued to work as facilitator in the regionalization process co-organising the High Level Seminar on the Status of Stocks in the Mediterranean and the CFP approach, held in Catania on February 9-10.

Moreover, MEDAC modified, in 2016, its focus groups according to wider geographical areas of application (i.e. Western Mediterranean, Strait of Sicily and Northern Adriatic) in order to provide useful technical elements for the draft of multiannual management plans to the concerned MS that will eventually be forwarded to the EC. One of the priorities during this first semester has been the collection, the study and analysis of available scientific information on the state of demersal stocks characterizing the fisheries in order to comply with the Landing Obligation, entering into force in January 2017.

Starting from February, the members of the MEDAC have approved the following opinions:

- opinion on MAP for small pelagic species (anchovy and sardine) in GSA17 (Northern Adriatic);
- opinion on SWO-MED; opinion for a regulatory framework and efficient management for recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean;
- opinion on the Strait of Sicily for demersal fishery (deep rose shrimp and hake) and
- the Joint Recommendations on discards management plans for species defining the fisheries (hake, red mullet, common sole, deep rose shrimp).