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on socio-economic aspects, setting up sub-regional monitoring systems for the assessment of small pelagic stocks and joint bottom trawl surveys following common protocols prepared and agreed upon by all countries involved, and carrying out joint acoustic and biological sampling surveys covering three countries in the northern Adriatic region;

- improving the capacity of scientific institutions through training courses on demersal and small pelagic fishery resources, on socio-economic aspects of fisheries and on statistics and fisheries management. More than 170 nationals participated actively in this training program;
- establishing cooperative networks among the Adriatic scientific institutions, which have contributed *inter alia* to the critical review on main shared demersal stocks in the Adriatic Sea, the identification of nursery areas and bio-economic indicators;
- providing technical assistance to the countries on statistical, biological, environmental and socio-economic aspects to improve the multi-disciplinary approach to the fisheries sector. Based on this, the participating countries are implementing activities to assess the different facets of the fisheries. Support to the national statistical systems with standardized information has also been provided;
- disseminating more widely scientific information in the area by creating an on-line information centre on fisheries related information. AdriaMed is also an international partner of Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA); and
- providing technical support to the subsidiary bodies of the GFCM and exchanging information and technical support with other FAO regional fisheries projects in the Mediterranean (MedSudMed, CopeMed, MedFisis and EastMed).