



EU proposals for GFCM recommendations (2019 annual meeting)

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A. OBJECTIVES OF THE GFCM MID-TERM STRATEGY (PLUS MEDFISH4EVER AND SOFIA DECLARATION)

- *Target 1: reverse the declining trend of fish stocks through strengthened scientific advice in support of management*
- *Target 2: support livelihoods for coastal communities through sustainable small-scale fisheries*
- *Target 3: curb IUU fishing, through a regional plan of action*
- *Target 4: minimize and mitigate unwanted interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems and environment*
- *Target 5: enhance capacity building and cooperation*

B. ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

GFCM MANAGEMENT PLANS (1/3)

	Western Med	Central Med	Adriatic Sea	Eastern Med	Black Sea
Pelagic species	<i>Anchovy</i>	<i>Anchovy</i>	<i>Anchovy (GFCM emergency measures)</i>	<i>Anchovy</i>	<i>Anchovy</i>
	<i>Sardine</i>	<i>Sardine</i>	<i>Sardine (GFCM emergency measures)</i>	<i>Sardine</i>	<i>Mediterranean horse mackerel</i>
				<i>Round sardinella</i>	<i>Sprat (EU quota)</i>

GFCM management plan – proposal (2019) for a GFCM management plan – other measures

B. ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

GFCM MANAGEMENT PLANS (2/3)

	Western Med	Central Med	Adriatic Sea	Eastern Med	Black Sea
Demersal species	<i>Deep-water rose shrimp</i>	<i>Deep-water rose shrimp</i>	<i>Red mullet</i>	<i>Red mullet</i>	<i>Whiting</i>
	<i>Hake</i>	<i>Hake</i>	<i>Hake</i>	<i>Hake</i>	<i>Turbot (+ EU quota)</i>
	<i>Blackspot (red) seabream</i>	<i>Blue and red shrimp</i>	<i>Deep-water rose shrimp (GSA 18)</i>	<i>Blue and red shrimp</i>	<i>Rapana (GFCM research plan)</i>
		<i>Giant red shrimp</i>	<i>Norway lobster</i>	<i>Giant red shrimp</i>	<i>Red mullet</i>
		<i>Red mullet</i>	<i>Sole (GSA 17)</i>	<i>Lizardfish</i>	
			<i>Cuttlefish</i>		
			<i>Mantis shrimp</i>		

B. ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR GFCM MANAGEMENT PLANS (3/3)

	Western Med	Central Med	Adriatic Sea	Eastern Med	Black Sea
Species of regional importance		<i>Dolphinfish</i>			
Species of conservation concern	<i>European eel</i>				<i>Piked dogfish (GFCM MCRS)</i>
	<i>Red coral</i>				
Non-indigenous species	<i>Lionfish</i>				
	<i>Silver-cheeked toadfish (pufferfish)</i>				

GFCM management plan – proposal (2019) for a GFCM management plan – other measures

C. ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR – OTHER

- *Regional plan of action for SSF*
- *Inspection schemes and regional plan to fight IUU*
- *Research programmes (e.g. eel, turbot, blue crab)*
- *Collection of scientific data and enhanced scientific advice*
- *Protection of vulnerable species, VMEs, essential fish habitats and nurseries (FRAs)*
- *Development of sustainable aquaculture*
- *Conservation of sharks and rays*
- *Etc.*

Our proposals for the 2019 GFCM annual meeting aim at closing gaps to implement the GFCM mid-term strategy and the MedFish4Ever and Sofia Ministerial Declarations.

D. OUTLOOK OF THE EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019

6 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS (1/2)

- 1. Recommendation amending Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/4 on a multiannual management plan for turbot fisheries in the Black Sea (geographical subarea 29)*
- 2. Recommendation on a management plan for the sustainable exploitation of red coral in the Mediterranean Sea*
- 3. Recommendation on a transitional management plan for the sustainable exploitation of blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea (GSAs 1 to 3)*

D. OUTLOOK OF THE EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019

6 DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLANS (2/2)

- 4. Recommendation on a multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16) and Ionian Sea (GSAs 19, 20, 21); amendment of Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/4*
- 5. Recommendation on a set of management measures for the use of anchored Fishing Aggregating Devices (FAD) for dolphinfish fisheries in the Mediterranean*
- 6. Recommendation establishing a multiannual plan for sustainable demersal fishing activities in the Adriatic Sea (Geographical sub-areas 17 and 18)*

D. OUTLOOK OF THE EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019

2 OTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Recommendation amending Recommendation GFCM/30/2009/8 on the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing in the GFCM area of application

8. Recommendation on information on access agreements

D. OUTLOOK OF THE EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019

5 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution establishing a Compliance Assessment Scheme for the application of the Recommendation GFCM/38/2014/2 concerning the identification of non-compliance*
- 2. Resolution for implementing VMS and electronic logbook in the GFCM area of competence*
- 3. Resolution on the establishment of a set of measures to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME) formed by cnidarian (coral) communities in the GFCM area of application (geographical subareas 1-28)*
- 4. Resolution on enhancing the conservation of cetaceans in the GFCM area of application*
- 5. Resolution on mapping of control measures applicable in Fisheries Restricted Area*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

1. **Recommendation** amending Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/4 on a multiannual management plan for turbot fisheries in the Black Sea (geographical subarea 29)

- *Set a TAC for 2020-2022*
- *TAC management: catch reporting, payback and transfer*
- *Pilot project for a traceability scheme*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

2. Recommendation on a management plan for the sustainable exploitation of red coral in the Mediterranean Sea

- *Compiles the 4 existing recommendations + further measures in line with SAC advice*
- *Transitional management measures (2020-2021) – freeze harvest and fishing authorisations at levels exerted over a reference period*
- *Long-term management measures (2023) - GFCM to set long-term harvest and effort limits*
- *Research programme (2020-2022)*
- *Traceability – pilot phase (2021-2021) and CoC working group to develop the catch documentation scheme*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

3. Recommendation on a transitional management plan for the sustainable exploitation of blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea (GSAs 1 to 3)

SAC advice 2019: *i) the stock is overexploited and in overexploitation and ii) a MCRS, maximum effort, catch limits and temporal closures should be set, while assessing the socio-economic effects*

- *Commercial longlines and handlines*
- *Transitional measures (2020) - freeze catches + decrease effort by 20% (reference period 2010-2015)*
- *MCRS - 33 cm total length*
- *SAC to provide consolidated advice in 2020*
- *GFCM (2020) to adopt long-term management measures including: catch limits, effort limits and possibly closures to protect juveniles and/or spawners*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

4. **Recommendation** on a multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16) and Ionian Sea (GSAs 19, 20, 21); amendment of Recommendation GFCM/42/2018/4

- *Extend the scope of the Ionian and Levant Seas plans into the Strait of Sicily*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

5. Recommendation on a set of management measures for the use of anchored Fishing Aggregating Devices (FAD) for dolphinfish fisheries in the Mediterranean

SAC advice 2019: *FAD management measures should be implemented, in particular identification of fishing gear and improved information on catch and effort*

- *Management measures - freeze the number of FAD (transitional period) and regulate their composition, identification, maintenance and retrieval*
- *Parties to set up a code of conduct for the implementation of this Recommendation*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

6. Recommendation establishing a multiannual plan for sustainable demersal fishing activities in the Adriatic Sea (Geographical sub-areas 17 and 18)

SAC advice 2019: *all priority demersal species in the Adriatic are overexploited and management measures should be implemented: i) identify and implement additional FRAs, ii) freeze fishing capacity while fishing effort is managed sustainably and iii) enforce MCRS*

- *2-step approach pending consolidated SAC advice*
- *Effort reduction during a 2-years transitional period, then effort quotas*
- *Technical measures: MCRS, spatio-temporal closures, VMS and ERS for vessels >12 m as of 2021*
- *Pilot international joint inspection scheme for fighting IUU*
- *Mandate to SAC to identify additional possible FRAs*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

7. Recommendation amending Recommendation GFCM/30/2009/8 on the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing in the GFCM area of application

IUU remains high in the GFCM area of application and reaching the objectives of the mid-term strategy and MedFish4Ever requires effective deterrence of IUU activities

- *Reinforce the existing recommendation to ensure more effective deterrence against IUU*
- *Align with other RFMOs*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

8. **Recommendation** on information on access agreements

- *Notify and provide information to GFCM on access agreements (in line with SMEFF and ICCAT provisions)*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

9. Resolution establishing a Compliance Assessment Scheme for the application of the Recommendation GFCM/38/2014/2 concerning the identification of non-compliance

- *Objective: to identify and deter non-compliance*
- *GFCM to prepare a Compliance Assessment Scheme (CAS) for each CPC, to be integrated in the non-compliance identification process*
- *3 categories of non-compliance vis-à-vis: conservation and management, reporting, MCS*
- *2 levels of non-compliance: minor or significant (with mitigating or aggravating considerations)*
- *Actions in response to non-compliance: e.g. additional reporting, MCS requirements, fishery restrictions, IUU listing of non-compliant vessels, trade restriction*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

10. Resolution for implementing VMS and electronic logbook in the GFCM area of competence

- *Reinforce the provisions of the current GFCM recommendation on VMS*
- *Based on voluntary pilot projects building on ICCAT and NEAFC schemes, CoC working group to prepare the ground for a possible recommendation (in 2021) on a centralised or regionalised VMS system*
- *Pilot project (voluntary basis) launched in 2019 to explore mainstreaming ERS for vessels including SSF (in line with MedFish4Ever and Sofia Declarations and the RPOA-SSF)*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

11. Resolution on the establishment of a set of measures to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME) formed by cnidarian (coral) communities in the GFCM area of application (geographical subareas 1-28)

SAC advice 2019: *the fishing footprint of deep-sea fisheries should be mapped and the fisheries impact on VMEs should be mitigated*

- *Scientific monitoring, data collection and reporting, pilot research programme, fleet management measures, fishing authorisations, measures against IUU and MCS programme*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

12. Resolution on enhancing the conservation of cetaceans in the GFCM area of application

- *Encourage scaling up actions to eliminate incidental catches of cetaceans*
- *SAC to compile the information available and map the progress in implementing the 2012 (Med) and 2013 (Black Sea) recommendations*
- *Upon SAC advice, GFCM (2021) may adopt further management measures*

E. EU PROPOSALS FOR 2019 IN MORE DETAIL

13. Resolution on mapping of control measures applicable in Fisheries Restricted Area

- *Empower GFCM to map the control measures applicable in FRAs (in line with CoC conclusions)*