

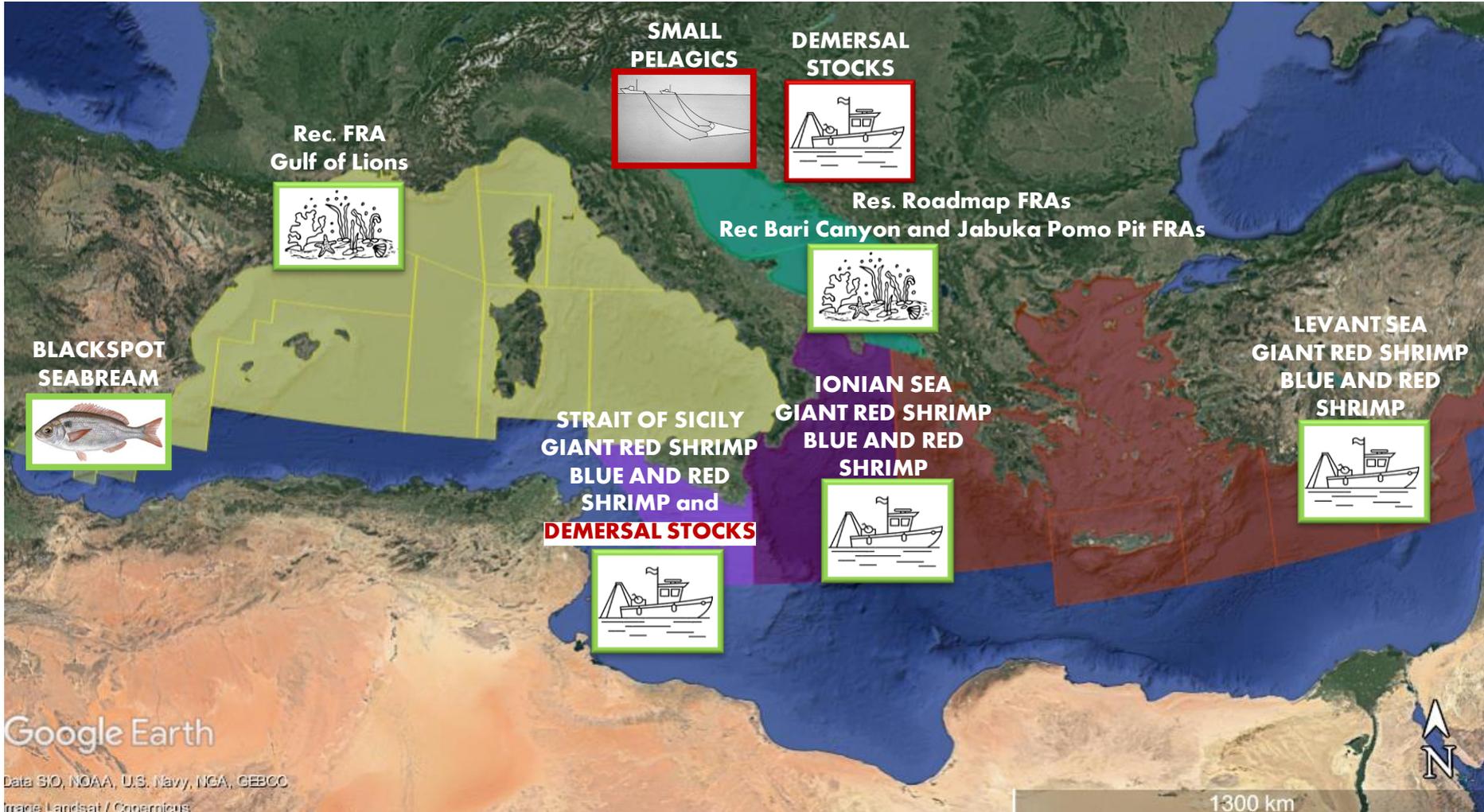


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*Last news on the GFCM
measures and MEDAC
workplan related to the
decisions*



MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ADOPTED DURING THE 44° GFCM SESSION



**THE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ADOPTED DURING THE 44° GFCM SESSION
WILL BE ENFORCED AFTER 6 MONTHS FROM THE ADOPTION**

Res. on the definition of minimum conservation reference size for priority stocks

Res. on a pilot project for the control and inspection of common dolphinfish fisheries

Rec. on the establishment of a GFCM record of authorized vessels over 15 m

Rec. on the on the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing

Rec. on the vessel sightings

Res. on the application of an International Maritime Organization number

Res. on the implementation of a winch sensor system for demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea

Res. on the implementation of a vessel monitoring system & Res. electronic logbook

Res. on the implementation on flag state performance (GFCM Secretariat will elaborate a report template)

Res. on the follow-up of the second GFCM performance review

Res. on appropriate measures to deter non-compliance (Added par.6 "The CoC will discuss on the appropriate measures which the Commission should recommend in relation to cases of confirmed non-compliance")

Resolution on abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear

NEW - Par.2 "fishing gear is understood to mean fishing gear that poses a significant risk of ghost fishing when abandoned"

NEW - Measure only for fishing vessel exceeding 20 meters LOA

Deleted - Each CPC shall encourage that port operators provide adequate, accessible and affordable reception facilities for waste fishing gear.

Resolution on the reporting of information on non-indigenous species used in aquaculture

Lebanon

Requested information on alien species

Each flag CPC shall: send to the GFCM each year the national list according to the following table

Species	Date of introduction	Type of culture	Origin	Justification of introduction	Annual production volume

Resolution on a GFCM 2030 Strategy for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

Algeria

The Commission underlined the key relevance of this document noting that it integrated fisheries, aquaculture and compliance priorities providing a comprehensive guiding light for future work.



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	MEDAC Involvement	Aim	GFCM Workplan	MEDAC meetings
Recommendations on the mitigation of fisheries impact on seabirds, sea turtles, cetaceans, sharks, skates and rays	Collaboration with the fishing communities and other relevant stakeholders	BY CATCH REDUCTION Minimising socioeconomic impact	WGVME-EFH March 2022 WGFIT September 2022	WG1 WG3
Pending proposal on Rec. minimum management standards in fisheries restricted areas	Increase the coherence of the network of GFCM FRAs, harmonize the management measures applicable across regional sub-basins, enhance the level playing field among fishers, and help improving the conservation status of stocks and ecosystems.		SAC-CoC seminar on FRAs TBD	
Recommendation on management measures for the use of anchored fish aggregating devices in common dolphinfish fisheries	Transitional period from 2020 to 2023 <i>"A GFCM working group shall be established in 2022 in order to develop a multiannual management plan for common dolphinfish fisheries that comprises measures for the management of FADs, taking into consideration socio-economic elements"</i>		Ad hoc WG in 2022 SRC-WM April 2022 SRC-CM May 2022	FG WMED FG Strait of Sicily
Pending proposal of Rec. on the establishment of minimum rules for sustainable recreational fisheries	This recommendation establishes minimum rules to ensure an effective management, control and monitoring of recreational fishing activities		WGRF February 2022	WG4 Recreational fisheries

Other GFCM MEETINGS LIKELY TO BE RELEVANT FOR THE MEDAC

SAC	date	
WGSAs	January 2022	2
WGSSF	February 2022	1
Twenty-third session of the SAC, including a side-event on the Jabuka/Pomo Pit FRA	June 2022	3
WG to establish a fair and equitable allocation key for Adriatic small pelagics	July 2022	2
WG to develop measures for the management of the deep water red shrimp species in the levant and Ionian seas	July 2022	2
WGFIT	September 2022	1
Workshop with scientists and stakeholders to discuss the preparation of a FRA proposal for the southern Adriatic in 2023	TBD 2023	2

CoC meetings	Place/Date	*
Working group on IUU fishing, including a session on the clarification process	Cyprus TBC May 2022	3
Working group on VMS and control systems		3
Fifteenth session of the CoC		3

Meeting modality: 1) online; 2) hybrid; 3) in-presence



Recommendation establishing fishing effort regime for Adriatic key demersal stocks stemming from Recommendation GFCM/43/2019/5

Some changes in ANNEX I

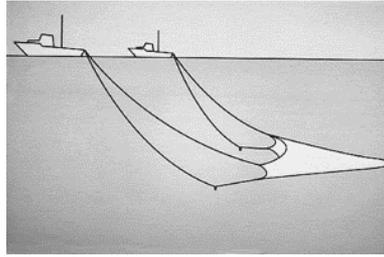
Table 1. Fishing Effort allocation to CPCs involved, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, for the period 1st of January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Gear type	Geographical area	Stocks concerned	Overall length of vessels	Effort group code	EU	Albania
Otter Trawls (OTB)	GFCM sub-areas 17-18	Red mullet; Hake; Deep-water rose shrimp, and Norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB12<	13909	0
			≥ 12 m and < 18 m	OTB12-18	68726	6228
			≥ 18 m and < 24 m	OTB18-24	34615	10069
			≥ 24 m	OTB>24	9107	5812
Beam trawls (TBB)	GFCM sub-area 17	Common sole	< 12 m	TBB12<	200	0
			≥ 12 m and < 18 m	TBB12-18	899	0
			≥ 18 m and < 24 m	TBB18-24	2848	0
			≥ 24 m	TBB>24	3726	0

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Otter Trawls (OTB)	>12 m and < 24 m	103341	16297

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Beam Trawls (TBB)	>12 m and < 24 m	3747

Montenegro shall not exceed the effort limit of 3 000 fishing days per year in accordance with paragraph 13 of GFCM/43/2019/5.



Recommendation establishing a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSAs 17 and 18)

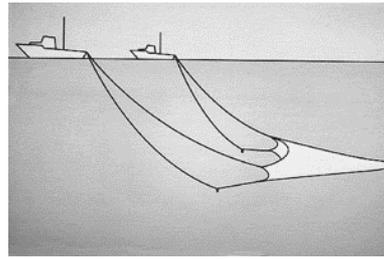
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Par. 13 The CPCs with declared catches under 2500 tons in 2014 shall implement the same reductions as identified in paragraph 11 and for the period 2022-2023 catch limits are established in Annex I.

For the CPCs with declared catches under 2500 tons in 2014, **it is established a joint catch limit**, where the same reductions as identified in paragraph 11 shall apply and for the period 2022-2023 catch limits are established in Annex I. **CPCs, falling under the conditions of this paragraph, shall not exceed 70% of the total joint limit at any time.**



Recommendation establishing a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSAs 17 and 18)

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Par 49. CPCs shall monitor the **consumption of the catch limit or total allowable catch quota** [...]. As from the date when a 80% of quota has been exhausted, the CPC concerned shall communicate to GFCM monthly reports on catch.

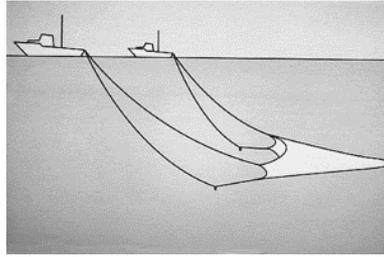
Such a report should be sent by the 10th day of the month for the previous month.

When the catch limit has been reached, CPC shall prohibit catch of small pelagics or individual species, taking into account paragraph 21.

- Such a report should be sent by the **15th day** of the month for the previous month.
- **In case of joint catch limits** CPCs shall communicate to GFCM monthly reports on catch. Such a report should be sent by the 15th day of the month for the previous month.
- GFCM Secretariat, when 70% of the joint catch limit has been ex-hausted [...] CPC shall establish a **fishing activities plan** to avoid exceeding the jointly allocated catch limit [...]

Species	Catch Limits								
	EU 2022	EU 2023	[EU 2024]	Albania 2022	Albania 2023	[Albania 2024]	Montenegro 2022	Montenegro 2023	[Montenegro 2024]
Anchovy and Sardine Combined	91998	84976	[]	2325	2151	[]	2325	2151	[]

Joint catch limit 2022	Joint catch limit 2023	[Joint catch limit 2024]
4650	4301	[]



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Next STEPS relevant for MEDAC

- The plan should take account of the mixed nature of the fisheries and the nature of stock dynamics.
- A set of **transitional precautionary management measures** for the Adriatic Sea shall be developed in order to ensure that while minimizing socio-economic impacts and finalizing scientific advice by the SAC, the stocks and fisheries progress towards biologically sustainable levels.



In the first two years, with the possibility of a third transitional year

In 2022 and 2023, CPCs will fully engage to support and complete the sardine benchmark assessment and the **management strategy evaluation**



MEDAC will meet the provisional scientific results (STECF) on 17 December

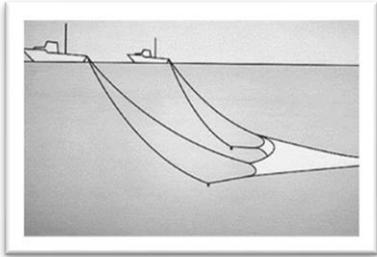
The SAC, at its twenty-third session in 2022, shall give mandate to: the

- (1) WGSASP to complete a sardine benchmark in 2022 and
- (2) to the **Workshop on the assessment of management measures (WKMSE)** to carry out a **management strategy evaluation** in order to define the most appropriate **harvest control rules** for anchovy and sardine to be implemented according to paragraph 17 and 18.

- And Spatial and temporal closure and Fleet management measures

Par. 36 Based on the SAC advice, the GFCM may review the content of the MAP

Sub Regional Committee on Adriatic Sea, including a Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation session on small pelagic and demersal fisheries GFCM SRC-AS APRIL 2022 – MEDAC FG Adriatic



Perform an assessment of **alternative management scenarios** according to the general terms of reference [...], in particular in the context of the **management of small**

pelagic species and the five key demersal species covered by Recommendation GFCM/43/2019/5, including due consideration to the **participatory process**.

Launch a pilot project to underpin the biology and ecology of **bamboo coral in the Adriatic**, including a quantification of the interaction between *Isidella* and **bottom contact fisheries and the determination of their footprint**.



Implement the roadmap and **technical actions** to advance towards replying to the request of Rec. GFCM/43/2019/5 and the roadmap included in the recommendation to establish **additional FRAs** in the northern and southern Adriatic.  *CPCs, following a bottom up approach and while engaging with relevant stakeholders (Res. Roadmap).*

Sub Regional Committee on Western Med, including a Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation session on small pelagics, Blackspot Seabream and Common Dolphinfish fisheries GFCM SRC-WM APRIL 2022 – MEDAC FG WestMed

Continue to monitor **blackspot seabream** fisheries in Spain and in Morocco, [...] assessing the effectiveness of the measures in place, including their socio-economic impact



 In **2022 GFCM shall adopt long-term measures**

Perform an assessment of alternative management scenarios [...], in particular in the context of the management of **small pelagic species, blackspot seabream and common dolphinfish**

Continue providing support to the TRANSBORAN project for the analysis of stock boundaries of priority species in the subregion



Rec. FRA in the **Gulf of Lions** “The SAC (in 2023) shall evaluate the fishing effort regime and its reference period, the socio-economic and environmental impacts [...], including a **modification of the current closures, in time, geographical extension or gear-dependency**, taking into account fisheries characteristics, developments in the selectivity of the gear made, implementation of the European multiannual plan for demersal stocks”

Sub Regional Committee on Eastern Med, including a Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation session on sardinella and deep-water red shrimp fisheries

GFCM SRC-EM MAY 2022 – MEDAC FG EastMed



Sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Levant and Ionian Sea “At its forty-fifth session (2022), the GFCM shall adopt long-term management measures”

Eastern Mediterranean

In the context of a research programme on NIS, continue efforts towards the assessment of priority NIS in the subregion

Eastern-central Mediterranean

In the context of deep-water red shrimp fisheries (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea* and *Aristeus antennatus*), carry out technical activities proposed by the SAC to provide advice on potential management measures, including the implementation of a research programme, work of the interaction between VMEs and the DWRS fishery and the implementation of a pilot project towards the establishment of a catch certification scheme.

Sub Regional Committee on Central Med, including a Working Group on demersal, common dolphinfish and deep-water red shrimp fisheries GFCM SRC-CM MAY 2022 - MEDAC FG Strait of Sicily



Sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Strait of Sicily “At its forty-fifth session (2022), the GFCM shall adopt long-term management measures”

Bottom trawl fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily towards the implementation of a long-term multiannual management plan  implementation of a large-scale multiannual pilot study on the selectivity

Central Mediterranean

In the context of demersal fisheries in the central Mediterranean (European hake and deep-water rose shrimp), carry out technical activities proposed by the SAC to provide advice on potential management measures, including potential FRAs.

Western-Central Mediterranean

Common dolphinfish is a priority species in both the western and central Mediterranean, targeted by a specific small-scale fishery assisted by fish aggregating devices (FADs)



A GFCM WG shall be established in 2022 in order to develop a **multiannual management plan** for common dolphinfish fisheries that comprises measures for the management of FADs, considering socio-economic elements



Thanks for your
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PICTURES REFERENCES



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underwater by Olga from the Noun Project



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