STATE OF THE ART on the Multiannual management plan for demersal fisheries in Adriatic

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Recommendation GFCM/43/2019/5

on a multiannual management plan for sustainable demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea (GSA 17 and 18) Fishing techniques

bottom otter-trawls (OTB), beam-trawls (TBB), bottom pair trawls (PTB) and otter twin trawls (OTT)

Key Stocks

European hake, Norway lobster, Deep-water rose shrimp, Red mullet, Common sole (only for GSA 17)

Goal

Ensure that exploitation levels are at the MSY by 2026, while maintaining sustainable and relatively stable fisheries



2020-2021:

Transitional fishing effort regime (number of fishing days)



16% TRR

Two-step approach



2022-2026: Fishing effort regime

GFCM establishes **yearly effort quotas** expressed **in fishing days and effort group** for the fleet segments and gear



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Main measures

Exemption from fishing effort regime

No applied to fleets operating with OTB and fishing for less than 1000 days during the reference period (2015-2017)

BUT: shall not exceed the effort limit of 3 000 fishing days per year

MCRS

deep-water rose shrimp (20mm CL); Norway lobster (20mm CL; or 70 mm TL), common sole (20cm TL); red mullet (11cm)

FRAs

Established a FRA in Jabuka/Pomo Pit
Mandate to SAC to examine the possibility of new FRAs

Spatial and temporal closure

- 8 weeks: closure of coastal zone at specific conditions; or
 - 30 days and 20% of territorial sea: in areas and period important for the protection of juveniles

Catch reporting to address IUU fishing

From 2021: **Vessel >12 m** to be equipped with **VMS**From 2022: **Vessel >12 m** to be equipped with **e-logbook**



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Transitional fishing effort regime (2020-2021)

		Number of fishing days					
Gear type	Geographical subareas (GSAs)	EU 2020	EU 2021	Albania 2020	Albania 2021	Montenegro 2020	Montenegro 2021
Single boat bottom otter trawls (OTB)	17–18	147 606	137 046	23 124	22 748	Not applicable ³	Not applicable⁴
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	8 663	7 910				

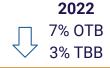
Recommendation GFCM/44/2021/1Establishment of the Fishing effort regime

Transitional fishing effort allocations for relevant contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Gear type	Geographical subarea (GSA)	Stocks concerned	Overall	Effort anoun	Number of fishing days in 2022		
			length of vessels	Effort group code	European Union	Albania	Montenegro ¹
Otter trawls (OTB)		Red mullet; European hake; deep- water rose shrimp; and Norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB12<	13 909	0	
	17–18		≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB12-24	103 341	16 297	
			≥ 24 m	OTB>24	9 107	5 812	
			< 12 m	TBB12<	200	0	
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	Common sole	≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB12-24	3 747	0	
			≥ 24 m	TBB>24	3 726	0	



2020-2021 12% OTB 16% TBB



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2° year of the Fishing effort regime

Annex

Transitional fishing effort allocation to concerned contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, for the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

					Fishing days 2023			
Fishing gear type	Geographical subarea	Stocks concerned	Vessel length overalls	Effort group code	European Union	Albania	Montenegro ¹	
Otter	17–18	Red	< 12 m	OTB 12 <	13 372	0		
trawls (OTB)	2010-010174020	mullet; European hake; deep-	≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB 12- 24	97 124	16 015		
	water rose shrimp; norway lobster	≥ 24 m	OTB 24	8 561	5 711			
Beam	17	Common	< 12 m	TBB 12 <	194	0	0	
trawls (TBB)	sole	≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB 12- 24	3 635	0	0		
			≥ 24 m	TBB > 24	3 614	0	0	



2023 5.2 % OTB 3% TBB

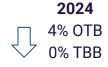
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3° year of the Fishing effort regime

Annex 1

Transitional fishing effort allocation to concerned contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, for the period of 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

					Fishing days 2024		
Fishing gear type	Geographical subarea	Stocks concerned	Vessel length overalls	Effort group code	European Union	Albania	Montenegro ¹
Otter trawls (OTB)	17–18	Red mullet; European hake; deep- water rose shrimp; norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB12<	12962	0	
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB12- 24	92606	15789	
			≥ 24 m	OTB>24	8164	5631	
Beam 1 trawls (TBB)	17	sole	< 12 m	TBB12<	194	0	0
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB12- 24	3 635	0	0
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Next GFCM meeting on demersal species in Adriatic May 27-31 Podgorica, MNE (hybrid)

Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS) including a session of the WGMSE on small pelagics

Comments and input from MEDAC Members on critical issues of the Multiannual Management Plan:

- From the local ecological knowledge: noted changes of abundance of the main stocks, where some stocks are increasing in presence and others decrease
- ...



Thank you for your attention!

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