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Subject: Your Ref.:238/2020_MEDAC opinion on invasive species and algae

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your letter of 14 October 2020, expressing your opinion on the impact of invasive species and algae in the Mediterranean Sea basin.

Your contribution is timely and most welcome, considering the importance of the topic for the future of sustainable fisheries management in the region. The Commission is carefully assessing your document, especially the proposed actions, and we will consider these in our work, within the EU and in the cooperation with our regional partners, at the level of the GFCM.

The Commission is also looking forward to assessing the results of the specific research projects it is financing, namely for the blue crab and for rapana. All these important evaluations will provide the necessary information to allow us taking the best decisions in terms of management measures for the fisheries concerned.

Let me thank you for your commitment. Looking forward to our continued cooperation, I invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (Pascale.Colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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