

MEDAC WG 4 – List of the main species targeted by the Recreational Fisheries

The first step of the WG4 2020 work is to identify a list of the most iconic target species for the recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean (in alphabetical order). This list does not include ICCAT species because they are covered by specific management.

Some species have been added in addition to those proposed by RF on request of commercial fishermen representatives, some of them are not so “iconic” for recreational fisheries but they have been added with footnote (*) because although they are not iconic their catch can be significant at local level. The species suggested by RF representatives are written in **red**.

SPECIE	IMPORTANCE FOR RF ++++ (HIGH) + (LOW)	NOTES
Coryphaena hippurus (*)	+++	Their importance for RF is increasing, we can start to consider it among iconic.
Dentex dentex	++++	
Dicentrarchus labrax	++++	
Diplodus spp	++++	
Epinephelus spp	++++	
Galeurhinus gales (*)	+	
Lichia amia	++++	
Loligo vulgaris (*)	++	
Merlangius merlangus (*)	+	IMPORTANCE (+++) IN NORTHERN ADRIATIC
Octopus vulgaris	++++	
Pagellus bogaraveo	++++	
Pagellus erythrinus (*)	++	

Pagrus pagrus (*)	++	
Pomatomus saltatrix	++++	
Sciaena umbra	++++	
Scomber scombrus (*)	++	
Scorpaena scrofa (*)	++	
Sepia officinalis	++++	
Seriola dumerili	++++	
Sparus aurata	++++	
Spicara flexuosa (*)	++	
Trachurus mediterraneus (*)	++	
Umbrina cirrosa	++++	
Zeus faber (*)	++	

The following are commonly collected also by people who doesn't fish at all. Their importance for recreational fisheries is very low.

Echinus esculentus (*)	+	
Paracentrotus lividus (*)	+	
Donax trunculus (*)	+	

(*) On request of commercial fishermen representatives, mainly Balearic Islands, Malta and Slovenia (and Italy: Paracentrotus lividus and Donax trunculus)