



High-level event on advancing the RPOA-SSF in the context of the GFCM 2030 Strategy! 30 June 2021



Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) for Small-Scale Fisheries in the Med and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF) already adopted as a Ministerial Declaration (Malta, September 2018)

↳ The RPOA-SSF represents a political commitment to implement concrete actions over ten years (until 2028) in order to strengthen and support sustainable SSF

[GFCM 2030 strategy](#) stresses the importance of fully implementing the RPOA-SSF, this pre-meeting event was foreseen to review early successes and lessons learned in implementing the RPOA-SSF and discuss topics for which increased focus is needed, particularly in light of changing priorities as a result of COVID-19

CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVENT

- The RPOA-SSF is the reference guide to shape COVID-19 recovery plans for stronger resilience of **coastal livelihoods** and long-term sustainable Blue Transformation;
- New financial strategic initiatives should be put into place to **promote the role of women** and facilitate the **access of young generations** to the sector;
- SSF must be considered in national dialogues in view of the **development of economic recovery plans** and investments by raising awareness on SSF concerns;
- Participatory mechanisms** and co-management plans should be put in place at local level to support long-lasting sustainable solutions.

The conclusions of this event will contribute to the discussions on the implementation of the GFCM 2030 strategy, helping to drive priority actions.

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