



Implementation into EU law of measures adopted in 2021 and 2022 by the GFCM (COM (2024) 183 final)

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**Objective:** to implement into EU law the fisheries conservation and management measures adopted in 2021 and 2022 by the GFCM

The first implementation of GFCM measures was done through Regulation (EU) 1343/2011, amended several times and recasted in the interest of clarity, simplification and legal certainty in 2023, through Regulation (EU) 2023/2124.

The current proposal will insert further amendments into Regulation (EU) 2023/2124.

The GFCM recommendations become binding within 120 days after the date of first notification, if no objections are lodged. It is incumbent on the EU to ensure compliance with these measures as international obligations as soon as they enter into force

# Specific provisions of the proposal

## The proposal will address issues generally related to:

- (i) the sustainable conservation and management of fisheries; and
- (ii) the impact of fishing activities on certain marine species in the Mediterranean and Black Sea areas

## In addition, the proposal contains technical measures for:

- (i) the sustainable exploitation of **European eel** and, **red coral** in the GFCM Agreement area;
- (ii), the mitigation of incidental captures of **seabirds, sea turtles and cetaceans** in the GFCM Agreement area; and
- (iii) the conservation of **monk seals, sharks and rays** in the GFCM Agreement area.

## The proposal also:

- (i) implements in Union law certain measures for fisheries for **small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea**;
- (ii) ... (Black sea)
- (iii) introduces two new chapters on transshipments and recreational fisheries in the GFCM area.

# Reccomendations GFCM 2021 to be implemented

- **GFCM/44/2021/2** on the establishment of a FRA in the jabuka/pomo pit in the **Adriatic sea**, amending Rec. GFCM/41/2017/3
- **GFCM/44/2021/5** on the establishment of a fisheries restricted area in the **Gulf of lion** to protect spawning aggregations and deep-sea sensitive habitats, repealing Rec.GFCM/33/2009/1.
- **GFCM/44/2021/13** on the mitigation of fisheries impacts for the conservation of seabirds in the **Mediterranean Sea**,
- **GFCM/44/2021/14** on the mitigation of fisheries impacts for the conservation of sea turtles,
- **GFCM/44/2021/15** on the mitigation of fisheries impacts for the conservation of cetaceans
- **GFCM/44/2021/16** on additional mitigation measures for the conservation of elasmobranchs in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **GFCM/44/2021/19** on the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, repealing Rec.GFCM/43/2019/8. Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008<sup>5</sup> only partly covers the content of that recommendation.
- **GFCM/44/2021/20** on a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of small pelagic stocks in **the Adriatic Sea**.

# Reccomendations GFCM 2022 to be implemented

- **GFCM/45/2022/1** on a multiannual management plan for European eel in **the Mediterranean Sea**, amending Rec.GFCM/42/2018/1.
- **GFCM/45/2022/2** on a management plan for the sustainable exploitation of red coral in the **Mediterranean Sea**, amending Rec.GFCM/43/2019/4.
- **GFCM/45/2022/3** on a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of blackspot seabream in the **Alboran Sea**, repealing Recommendations GFCM/44/2021/4, GFCM/43/2019/2 and GFCM/41/2017/2.
- **GFCM/45/2022/4** on a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of demersal stocks in the **Strait of Sicily**, repealing Recommendations GFCM/44/2021/12 and GFCM/42/2018/5.
- **GFCM/45/2022/5** on a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp stocks in the **Strait of Sicily** repealing Recommendations GFCM/44/2021/7 and GFCM/43/2019/6.
- **GFCM/45/2022/6** on a multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp stocks in the **Ionian Sea**, repealing Recommendations GFCM/44/2021/8 and GFCM/42/2018/4.

# Reccomendations GFCM 2022 to be implemented

- **GFCM/45/2022/7** on a multiannual management plan for sustainable demersal trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp **in the Levant Sea**, repealing Rec.GFCM/42/2018/3.
- **GFCM/45/2022/12** on the establishment of a set of minimum rules for sustainable recreational fisheries in the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- **GFCM/45/2022/11** on the establishment of a set of minimum standards for fisheries restricted areas in the GFCM area of application.
- **GFCM/45/2022/14** on the regulation of transshipment in the GFCM area of application.
- **GFCM/45/2022/15** and Rec.GFCM/45/2022/16 on international joint inspection and surveillance schemes outside the waters under national jurisdiction in the **Strait of Sicily** and in the Ionian Sea