

GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN



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Conclusions and recommendations from the SAC

Statistics and information issues

- Take the necessary steps to implement the adopted GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF), and provide: i) a detailed description of the GFCM data requirements; ii) a manual on how to meet these requirements; and iii) an analysis of the relation between the DCRF and previously adopted recommendations.
- Ensure continuing developments in cloud-based IT solutions for data, information and dissemination.
- Develop a strategy for the potential use of data collected through vessel monitoring system (VMS) for stock assessment and for the evaluation of fisheries populations (spatial and temporal dimensions could be envisioned when dealing with stocks on the basis of VMS data).

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Economic and social sciences issues

- Recognize the role of small-scale fisheries and the need to ensure their sustainable development through a regional programme on small-scale fisheries, to be developed following a concept note to be presented at the Commission.
- Make sure that the socioeconomic impacts of the multiannual management plans proposed by the Commission are adequately addressed and, to this end, involve economists in future meetings of the working groups where multiannual management plans will be examined.

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Environment and ecosystem issues

- Adopt a regional management plan for **red coral**.
- Adopt the Practical Guidelines on **Artificial Reefs** in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
- In connection with **marine protected areas (MPAs)**, consider options for strengthening the preservation of selected areas through the overlap of different protection instruments, as follows:
 - ✓ Designate national MPAs in areas deeper than 1000 m;
 - ✓ Designate FRAs in areas that are already protected by other institutions (e.g. the Pelagos International Sanctuary could host a FRA if relevant for the objectives of this recognized international SPAMI).
- Define mechanisms to ensure the control and enforcement of existing FRAs. Criteria for the regular evaluation of FRA management should also be foreseen together with the possibility of defining a scheme for joint international surveillance at the regional level.

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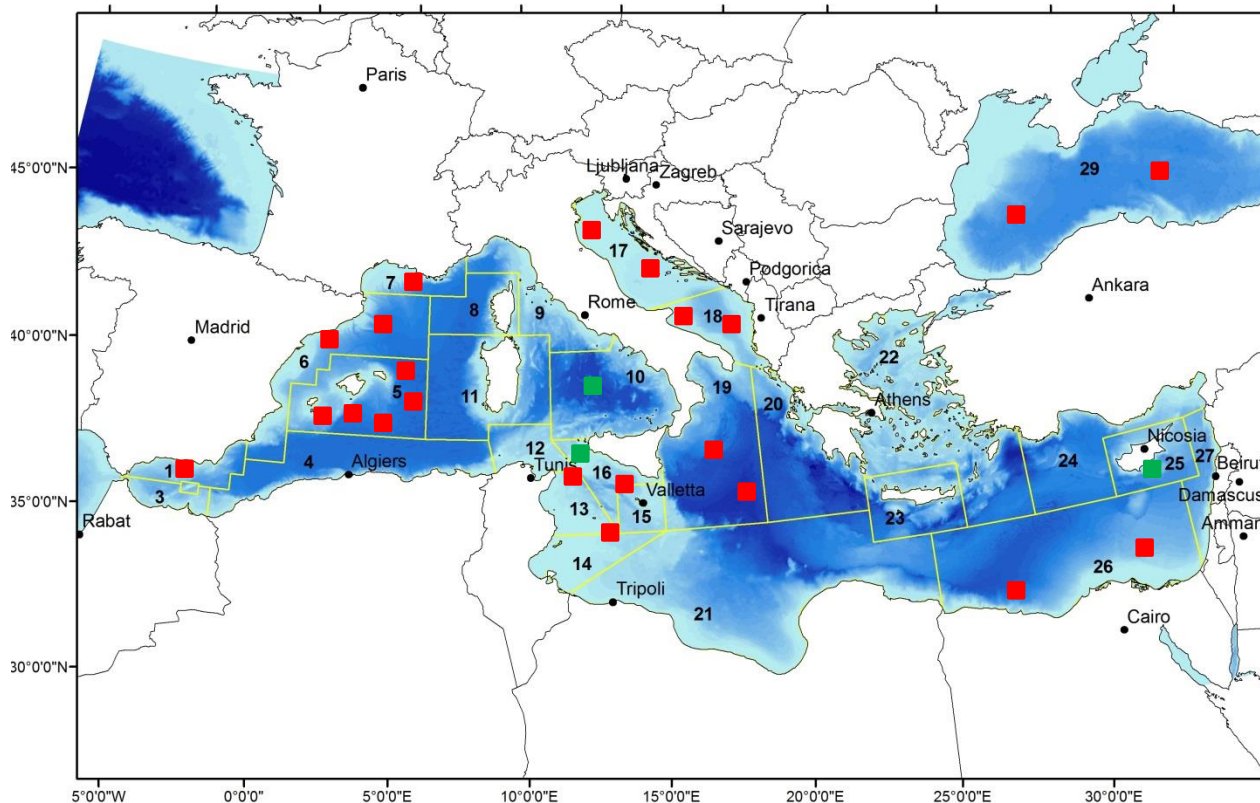


Demersals stocks

28 stocks assessed
(25 Mediterranean + 3 Black Sea)

**25 stocks were in
overfishing status**

3 sustainable exploited

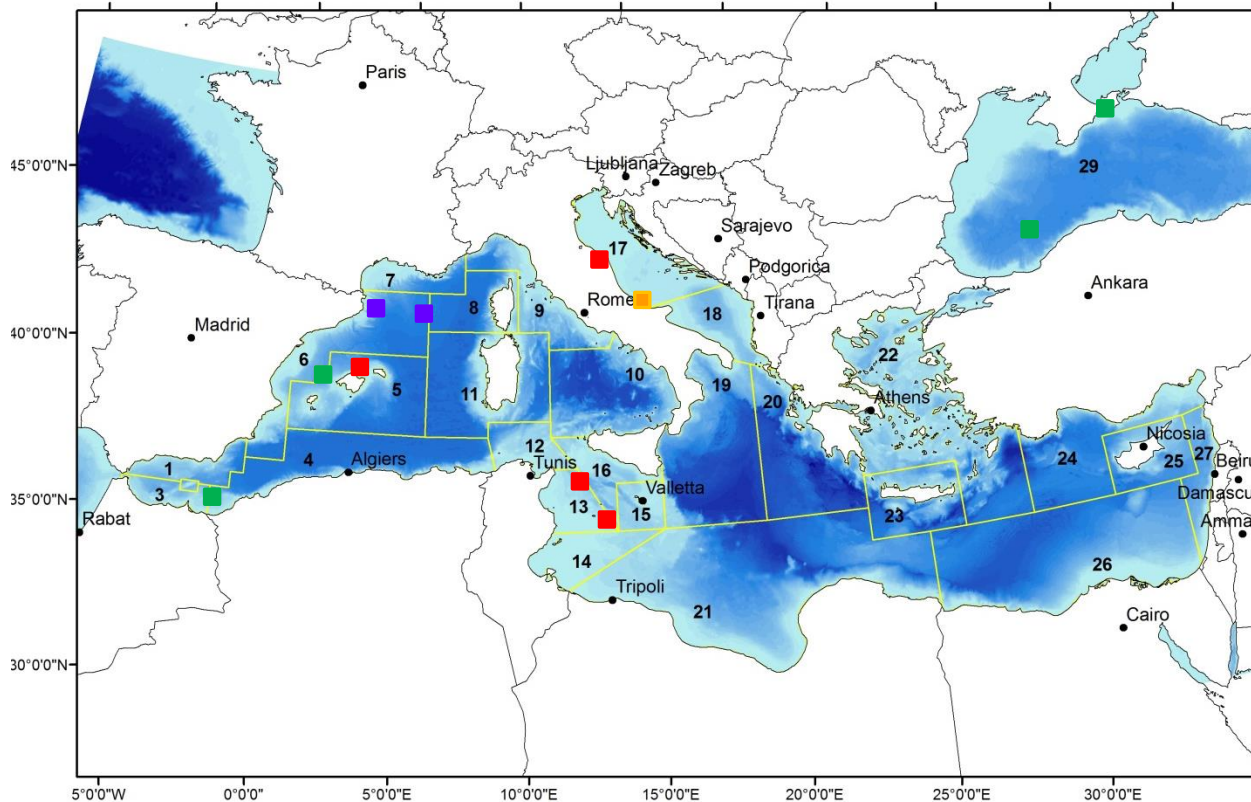


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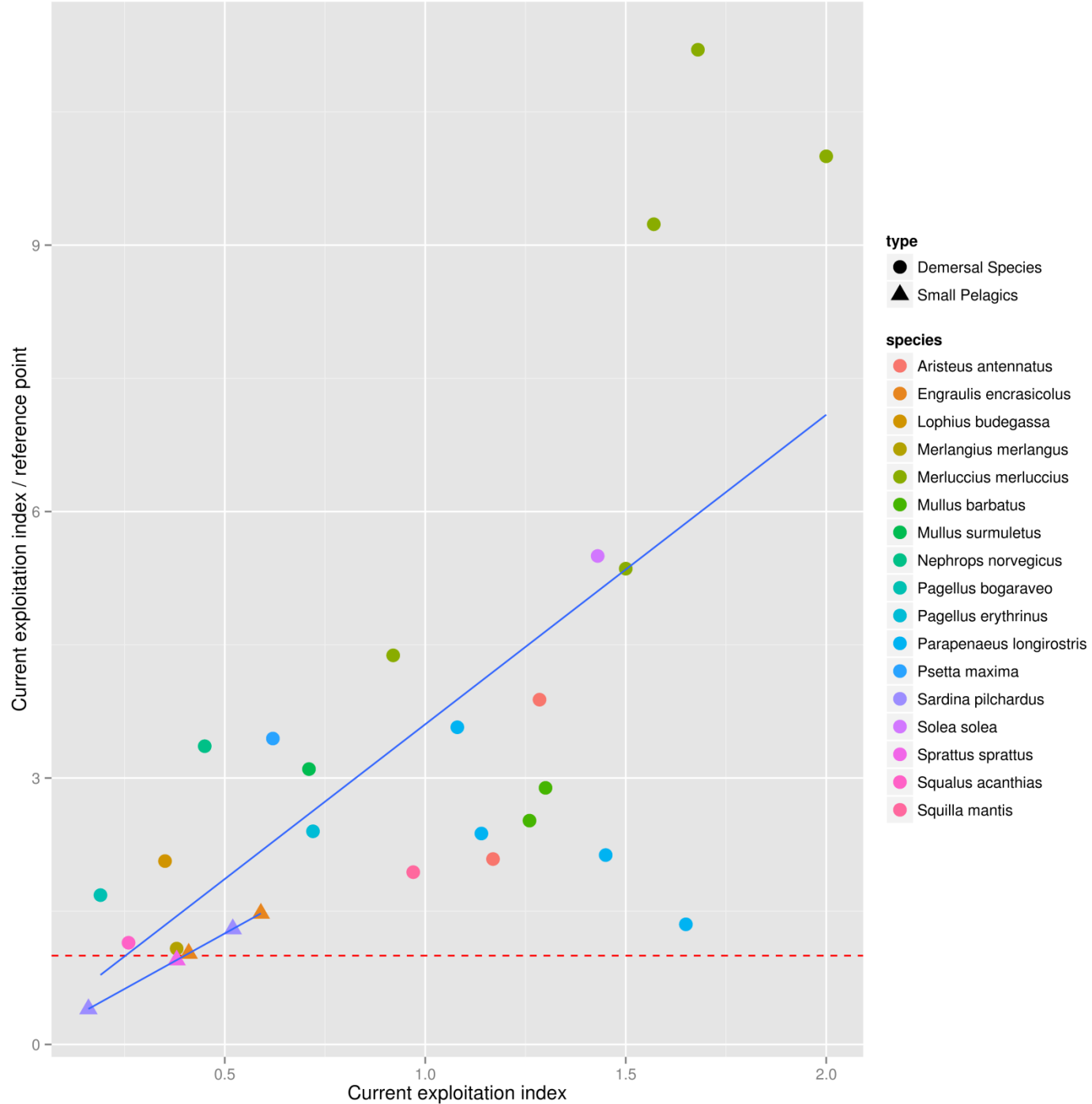
Small pelagics stocks



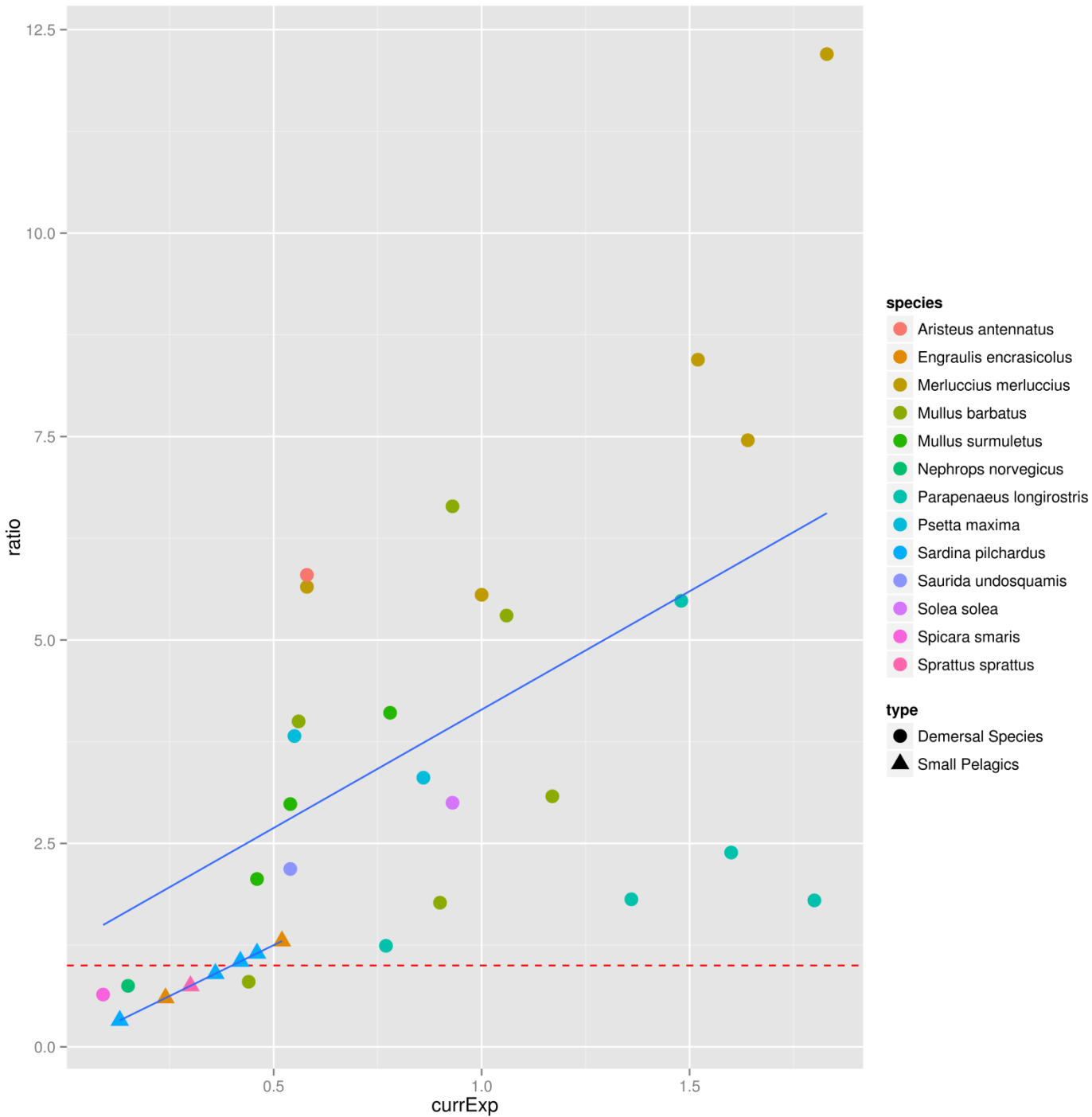
11 assessments
(9 Mediterranean + 2 Black Sea)

- 2 depleted / unbalanced
- 4 overfishing and/or overfished
- 1 stocks in increased risks
- 4 sustainable exploited

Status of stocks in 2011



Status of stocks in 2013



Conclusions and recommendations from the SAC

Management

- Reduce fishing mortality and improve selection patterns for fisheries that exploit those stocks considered to be overexploited or in overexploitation.
- The Commission may wish to reopen the discussion on the management measures included in recommendation GFCM/37/2013/1 on the management of small pelagic fisheries in GSA 17 and 18 (Adriatic Sea).
- Review and take the appropriate actions on the elements for the management of : i) small pelagics in the Alborán Sea; ii) mixed fisheries of European hake and deep water rose shrimp in the Strait of Sicily; iii) deepwater shrimp in the eastern Mediterranean; and iv) turbot in the Black Sea, in light of possible decisions on the management of these fisheries.
- Endorse the framework for providing guidance in formulating advice and recommendations in relation to stock status and reference points, as adopted by the SAC

**Thank you for your
attention !**



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