

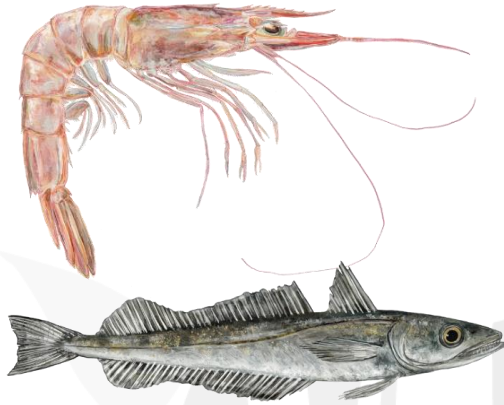


Decisions taken during the 47th GFCM Session in the Strait of Sicily



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BACKGROUND

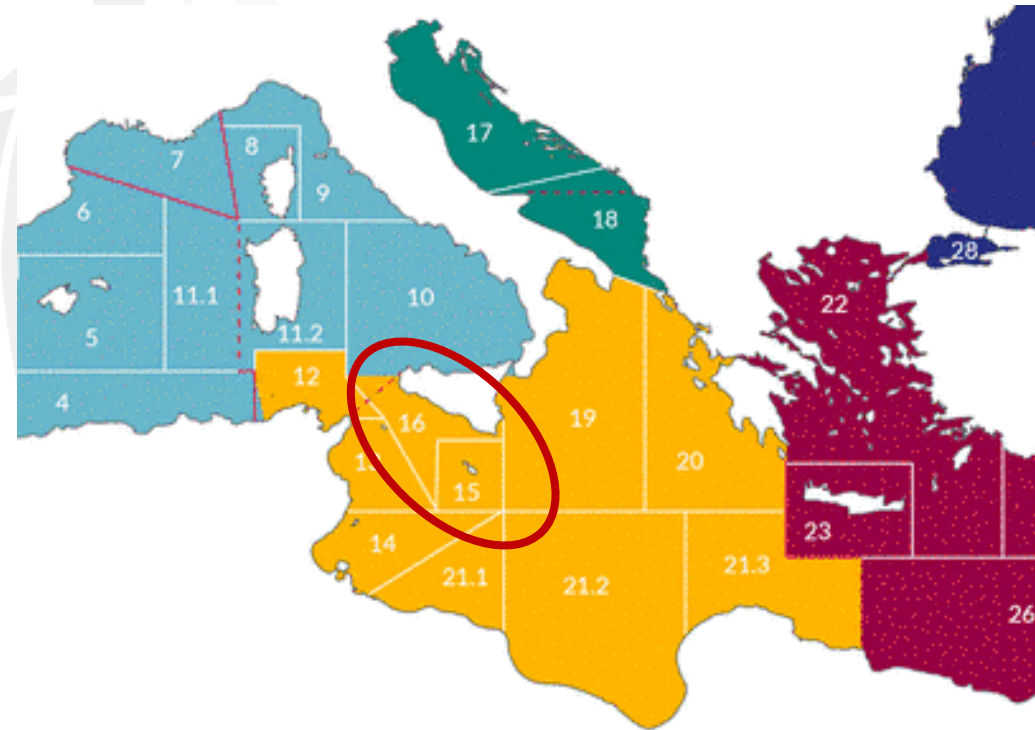
European hake and deep-water rose shrimp continued to show signs of progressive improvement indicating the beneficial effects of the management plan.

ADVICE

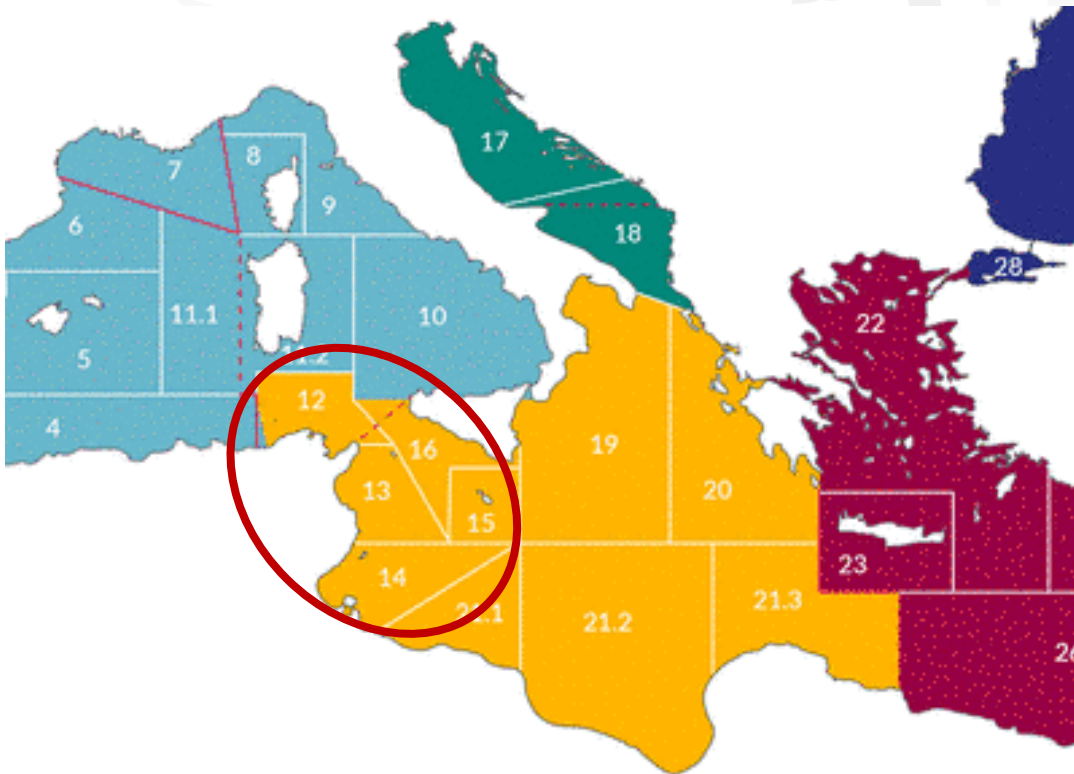
- **Continue closely monitoring the status** of European hake and deep-water rose shrimp stocks and **advance in the stock assessment of Norway lobster, red mullet and striped red mullet**, towards their inclusion in the fishing effort regime of the management plan.
- Adopt the **roadmap for a joint project** to inform long-term measures for demersal fisheries
- Consider adopting **additional measures to mitigate the bycatch of elasmobranchs**.

Rec. GFCM/47/2024/12 on the implementation of **conversion factors for GSAs 15 and 16** in the framework of the implementation of the multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of **demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily**

A CPC may implement, in 2025 and until the assessment by the SAC, **one or several transfers of fishing days from fleet segments of a greater size to fleet segments of a smaller size** in GSAs 15 and 16, **using the conversion factor (1:1) and within a maximum of 15 %** of the total number of days allocated to the concerned CPC.  SAC assessment in 2026 of the impact



Res. GFCM/47/2024/1 on a **roadmap for a joint project** to collect all required and identified scientific evidence to provide a basis for the discussion of **potential additional measures for the long-term** portion of the management plan **for demersal fish** in the Strait of Sicily



The aim should be to collect all required and identified scientific evidence to provide a **basis for the discussion of potential additional measures** to be addressed for **the long-term portion** of the Strait of Sicily demersal stocks management plan **(2026–2030)**

The **roadmap's objectives** should be to better understand and gain more information on:

- the different sources of fishing mortality of **European hake** (i.e. trawling vs. SSF);
- the **impacts of the different types of gear on the size structure of European hake**, with trawls fetching high numbers of juveniles and passive types of gear selectively catching larger individuals, including the mega-spawners; and
- the different potential measures available to ensure the sustainable exploitation of European hake and other key species, such as **deep-water rose shrimp** (*Parapenaeus longirostris*), **including FRAs and technical and market measures for the protection of juveniles.**



Data collection and partial impacts assessment of **SSF by gear**, stakeholders' involvement (SSF Forum and Friends of SSF), awareness-raising among consumers, and:



c) addressing **spatial measures** to manage fishing effort, including through the following actions:

- identifying **additional FRAs** in the Strait of Sicily area, as well as **spawner aggregations potentially targeted by SSF**;
- confirming the **effectiveness** of currently established FRAs; and
- understanding the incidence of SSF in existing FRAs and **whether types of gear other than bottom trawls** have an impact.



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