

**EU Proposal –
Fishing Opportunities 2026
(Mediterranean and Black Seas)
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Geographical scope and fish stock

Blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*), deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*), giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorph a foliacea*), European hake (*Merluccius merluccius*), Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) and red mullet (*Mullus barbatus*)
WESTMED

European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*), red coral (*Corallium rubrum*) and common dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*)
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) and sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*)
ADRIATIC

European hake (*Merluccius merluccius*), Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*), common sole (*Solea solea*), deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*) and red mullet (*Mullus barbatus*)
ADRIATIC

European hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*)
STRAIT OF SICILY

giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorph a foliacea*) and blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*)
STRAIT OF SICILY, IONIAN SEA AND LEVANT SEA;

blackspot seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) in the **ALBORAN SEA;**

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**Reg. 2019/1022
STECF**

Next steps

- 1) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Sustainable fishing in the EU: state of play and orientations for 2026 (June 2025)
- 2) Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas for 2026 (september 2025)
- 3) Scientific advice from the STECF and Scientific advice from GFCM 48 (november 2025)
- 4) The Council will adopt measures on the fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities, including certain conditions functionally linked to those fishing opportunities (december 2025)

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the fishing opportunities should be set on the basis of available scientific advice, taking into account biological and socioeconomic aspects whilst ensuring fair treatment between fishing sectors

Medac advice on the Communication on state of play and orientations for 2026 (ref.175/2025)

...The MEDAC is pleased that finally it is recognized that “however, efforts must also be made to tackle pressures other than fisheries that are increasingly affecting fish stocks. Example climate change impact in Mediterranean Sea” ...

...Once again, the MEDAC strongly recommends that when fishing opportunities require a substantial fishing effort reduction or a shift to low impact gears, the related socioeconomic accompanying measures should be granted...

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...MEDAC supports the Commission statement on its commitment to base on the best available scientific advice STECF, or on decisions taken by regional fisheries management organisations (RFMO - GFCM) including on socio-economic analysis. Once again, MEDAC invites the Commission to consider also causes other than fishing that impact on marine living resources....

Notwithstanding with the importance of the GFCM role in the implementation of the common level playing field, the MEDAC underlines the GFCM lack of socioeconomic information to assess the impact of MAPs at the GFCM level as stated during all the GFCM SRCs, particularly due to the lack of data from non-EU CPCs.