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Extension of the transitional period of the multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of **giant red shrimp** and **blue and red shrimp** in:



- the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12-16)
- the Ionian Sea (GSAs 19-21)
- the Levant Sea (GSAs 24-27)



*Rec. GFCM/48/2025/3-4-9 «CONSIDERING that certain management and technical measures of the multiannual management plan for demersal fisheries need to be revised, **extended and adapted according to the evolution of both the status of the demersal stock and scientific knowledge**, notably the total allowable catch (TAC) and consequently the quotas allocated to contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCs), **with a view to avoiding interruptions of fishing activities [...]**»*

Extension of the transitional period of the multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp



*MEDAC Ref. 53/2025 «**the fisheries sector is key to guaranteeing food in coastal communities.** The socio-economic component is fundamental and cuts across the sector, from the work carried out at sea to processing activities on land [...], the MEDAC members wish to recall the **fundamental importance of fisheries management based on achieving due balance between the three sustainability pillars of the CFP: environmental, economic and social [...]**»*

Rec. GFCM/48/2025/2 on the extension of the transitional period of the multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily



*[...] CONSIDERING that all measures formulated by the GFCM shall be based on the best scientific advice available, taking into account relevant environmental, economic and social factors; **CONSIDERING the socioeconomic importance of fisheries exploiting demersal in the Strait of Sicily and the need to ensure their sustainability [...]***

Rec. GFCM/48/2025/2 on the extension of the transitional period of the multiannual management plan for the sustainable exploitation of demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily



Ref.:107/2025 - MEDAC Advice on Resolution GFCM/47/2024/1:
"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, in response to Recommendation GFCM/45/2022/4"

Rec. GFCM/48/2025/5 on a long-term fishing regime and the establishment of catch limits in 2026 for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSAs 17 and 18)



Variation in quota of small pelagics
10% from 2025 to 2026

Ref.44/2024 - MEDAC contribution on the GFCM Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for Stakeholders *"The MEDAC recalls that the Rec. GFCM/44/2021/20 sets yield variation to a maximum of 10% for the first three years (starting from 2024), and to a maximum of 20% for the remaining years"*.

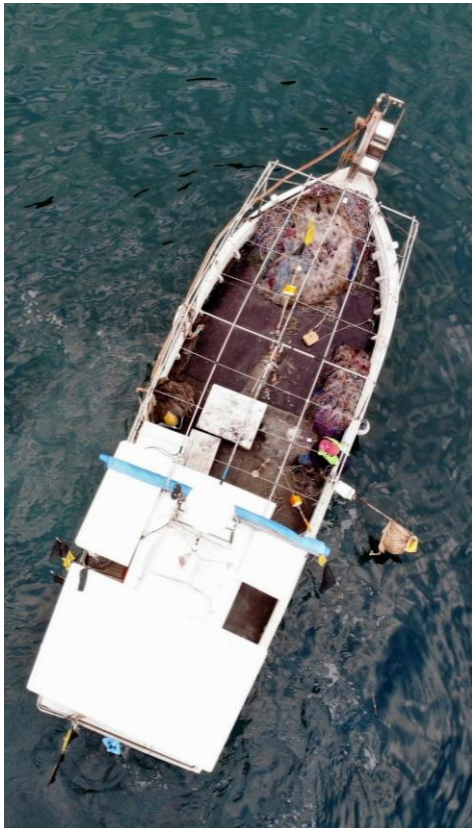
Rec. GFCM/48/2025/6 on the implementation of a fishing effort regime for key demersal stocks in the Adriatic Sea

*"A CPC may amend its fishing effort allocations by **transferring fishing days across fishing effort groups** of the same geographical area and fleet segments, provided that the CPC applies a **national conversion factor** that is supported by the best available scientific advice. In 2026, the SAC shall provide conversion factors. The updated fishing days and conversion factors shall be made available immediately, and no later than after 10 working days, to the GFCM Secretariat and other concerned CPCs."*

MEDAC agreed on additional flexibility in quotas/fishing days transfer in advice related to other MAPs (Ref.108/2024)



Rec. GFCM/48/2025/7 on a long-term fishing regime for blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea (GSAs 1 to 3)



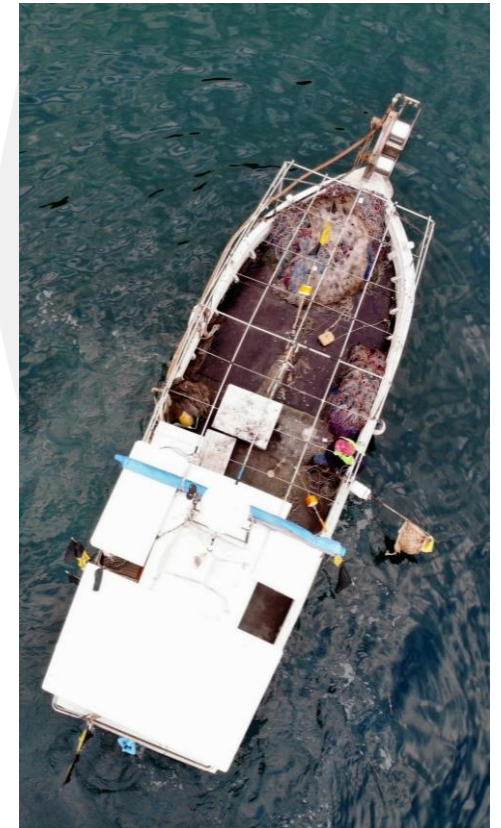
*Long term management plan for the sustainable exploitation of blackspot seabream adopted in GFCM includes common management measures, such as: catch limits for 2026 are established based on a 56 percent reduction of the 2025 catch limits; reduction of 50 percent of the **number of hooks** for 2026 with respect to the number of hooks of 2025; **temporal closures on both sides; MCRS; prohibition of recreational fishery in all CPCs** .*



Rec. GFCM/48/2025/7 on a long-term fishing regime for blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea (GSAs 1 to 3)

Ref.:94/2024 - MEDAC ADVICE ON THE STATE OF ART – *Pagellus bogaraveo* in the GSAs 1, 2 and 3

"[...] On the basis of the information provided during the FG on West Mediterranean, the MEDAC deems appropriate to speed up the harmonization process of the management measures in the area already started by the previous adopted GFCM decisions".



Rec. GFCM/48/2025/8 on the application of an International Maritime Organization number



*"The contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCs) shall authorize their fishing vessels of steel and non-steel hull construction **of 20 metres length overall or above** to operate outside waters under national jurisdiction, **only if eligible vessels have an IMO number allocated by the manager of the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme.**"*

Rec. GFCM/48/2025/8 on the application of an International Maritime Organization number



*Ref.: 261/2024 - MEDAC ADVICE ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN IMO NUMBER STANDARDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN "MEDAC advises the EU to table a Rec. to the GFCM to harmonise this requirements on the IMO number in line with the EU standards, to require the GFCM authorized vessels to have an IMO number, **extending the requirement to all eligible fishing vessels of 15 meters or above**, operating outside water under national jurisdiction in the Mediterranean."*

Rec. GFCM/48/2025/10 addressing compliance issues and corresponding actions

"Amendment of Recommendation GFCM/46/2023/22 - After the entry into force of the current recommendation, the CoC shall propose the appropriate measures addressing each individual case of non-compliance depending on its type and level of severity [...]"



Rec. GFCM/48/2025/10 addressing compliance issues and corresponding actions



*Ref.:53/2025 - MEDAC
RESPONSE TO THE CALL
FOR EVIDENCE ON THE
EUROPEAN OCEANS PACT*

*[...] The MEDAC proposes the application of a truly holistic approach, **to be implemented in a framework that goes beyond the EU**: limiting EU citizens in order to work towards a goal that will never be achieved without **wider collaboration** would be a brake on the development and competitiveness of the EU itself.*

[...]

*If a Pact is to be made for the Oceans, it must involve **ALL THE COUNTRIES** that border the Oceans in question.*



The MEDAC deems appropriate (Ref. 148/2024) the efforts in reaching a common level playing field in the Med in collaboration with the GFCM (Ref. 74/2024).

Moreover, also in this context, the continuous stakeholder's involvement is needed.





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