

42ND Session of the GFCM- FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy, 22–26 October 2018

ADOPTED 12 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE AFTER 6 MONTHS (END OF APRIL 2019)

PROPOSAL	RESULTS
EU-Tunisia (and Algeria) Proposal on a multi-annual management plan for fishing activities catching European eel (<i>Anguilla Anguilla</i>) in the Mediterranean Sea	Adopted with some amendments: GFCM Recommendation 42/2018/1
Red coral (Ref. to Rec GFCM/41/2017/5)	No information by CPCs on the use of ROV has been submitted: no advice by SAC Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia expressed their interest in using ROV to assess Red coral from 2019
Vulnerable marine ecosystems	Importance of establishment of FRAs, their implementation and control
Proposal on fisheries management measures for conservation of sharks and rays in the GFCM area of application, amending Recommendation GFCM/36/2012/3	Adopted: GFCM Recommendation 42/2018/2
Proposal of multiannual management plans for sustainable trawling activities for deep-water red shrimps in the eastern and	Adoption of: - GFCM Recom. 42/2018/3 multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red

central Mediterranean (Levant MAP and Ionian MAP)	shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Levant Sea (Geographical Sub Areas (GSAs)24, 25, 26 and 27); - GFCM Recom. 42/2018/4 multiannual management plan for sustainable trawl fisheries targeting giant red shrimp and blue and red shrimp in the Ionian Sea GSAs 19, 20 and 21).
Proposal of a multiannual management plan for bottom trawl fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12 to 16) repealing two GFCM recom. 39/2015/2 and 40/2016/4	Adopted with some amendments: GFCM Recom. 42/2018/5
Proposal on an international joint inspection and surveillance scheme outside the waters under national jurisdiction in the Strait of Sicily (geographical subareas 12 to 16)	Adopted: GFCM Recom. 42/2018/6
(EU-Tunisia) Proposal establishing a regional research programme and transnational measures for blue crab in the Mediterranean (GSAs 12,13,14,15 and 16)	Adopted a regional research programme on blue crab in the Mediterranean, including <i>Portunus segnis</i> and <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> . Establishment of a monitoring network expanded to other areas of the Mediterranean Sea- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/7
Proposal of further emergency measures in 2019, 2020 and 2021 for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSA 17 and GSA 18)	Adopted with some amendments with regards to countries catching less than 2500 tons- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/8
Pending proposal on a minimum conservation reference size of	Adopted- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/9

Blackspot seabream in the western Mediterranean	Issue reported to the next annual session (western limit of GFCM area of application needs to be defined)
Rapa whelck in the Black Sea	Adopted- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/10- regional research program
Small-scale and recreational fisheries	SSF – implementation of RPOA-SSF determining a timeline, including short-term (summer university, campaign among consumers, social protection) and long-term (study best practice solution for enhancing livelihoods for SSF to improve profitability and social protection) priorities Recreational fisheries – Continue working to pilot the draft handbook
Access to information and data related to monitoring, control and surveillance within the framework of joint inspection and surveillance scheme	Adopted- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/11
Proposal on regional marking of fishing gear	Adopted- GFCM Recom. 42/2018/12