

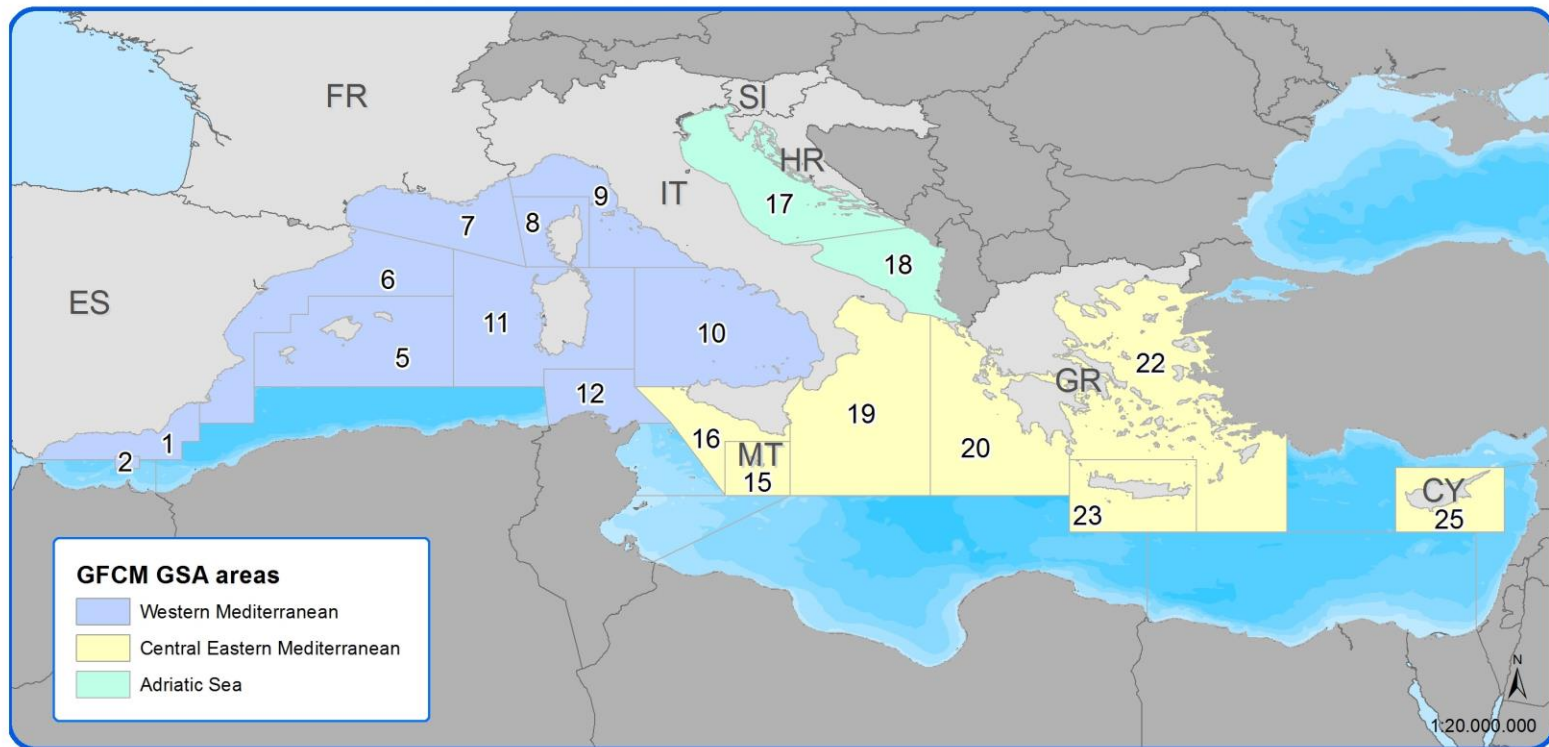


# MEDAC's opening remarks

Roundtable Meeting with Commissioner Vella

Ministerial Conference  
on Mediterranean fisheries – Malta 2017

MEDAC is made up of 42 members representing the fisheries sector and other interest groups (such as NGOs and recreational fishery associations) coming from 8 EU Member States



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# RESEARCH

- To intensify research activities and the evaluation of the state of stocks, extending to recreational fisheries too
- To evaluate the state of the fishery resources concentrating on the main target species only
- To study the other sources of impact, other than fisheries activities, which could affect the state of the fishery resources

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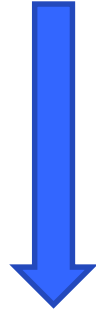
# CONTROL

- Monitoring and control activities to combat illegal fisheries all around the basin
- Adopting a more proactive approach in the supply chain (such as distribution, markets and catering)

**TO AVOID ILLEGAL FISHERIES:  
SUITABLE CONSUMER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE  
PURCHASE OF ILLEGAL PRODUCTS**

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**SPATIAL PLANNING**  **Blue Economy**



**Regulating access to FRAs and MPAs**

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

**Effective system of control, monitoring and  
management of FRAs and MPAs**

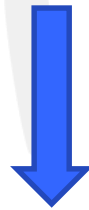
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# TIME FACTOR

- Acceleration of the procedures:
  - Discards management plans:  
regionalization and delegated acts
  - MAPs: ?

# **SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS FROM 2008 TO 2014**

- **NEGATIVE TREND IN EMPLOYMENT -8% AND IN THE NUMBER OF VESSELS – 14%**
- **SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT -13% AND IN THE NUMBER OF VESSELS -16%**



**IT IS IMPORTANT TO PUT IN PLACE MEASURES  
TO SUPPORT FISHING ENTERPRISES AND  
WORKERS IN THE FUTURE MAPs**

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# Thank you for your attention!

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