



Interventions from:

- Turkey: Fisheries Management in the Gökova Bay MPA in Turkey - **Vahdet Unal**, Associate Professor Dr. Ege University, Faculty of Fisheries & Mediterranean Conservation Society
- Stakeholders engagement in fishery: how to enhance ecological and socio-economic benefits in a co-management approach – **Marco Costantini**, Project Manager, WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative and Fishermen involved in local actions.
- Fisheries restricted area in France : the experience of the cantonnement du Cap Roux (CLLD) - **Christian Decugis**, Mediterranean director, LIFE
- Marine Protected Areas in Algeria - **Hacene Hamdani**, President, "Réseau Algérien des associations de la pêche artisanale, member of MedArtnet
- Involving small-scale fishermen in the Mediterranean advisory Council: the ArtFishMed project - **Simone Serra**, Staff, Unimar

- 12:45** Closing words by **Commissioner Karmenu Vella**
- 13:00:** Lunch
- 14:30** Optional guided tour of Mdina (return to the Excelsior by 17:00)

**Launch event of the conference
and welcome reception for delegations and stakeholders**

- 19:00** Verdala Palace, Buskett Gardens
- 19:30** Speech by **Commissioner Karmenu Vella** launching the Ministerial Conference event
- 20:00** Cocktail dinner

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**Ministerial Conference on Mediterranean fisheries
Plenary Conference**

- 09:00** Grand Master's Palace - Registration and welcome coffee (Restricted access to Ministerial delegations only)
- 10:00** Opening by the chair: **Commissioner Karmenu Vella**

Interventions by participants: National, International Multilateral Bodies and European Parliament vision for the Malta MedFish4Ever Declaration and the measures to implement in the next 10 years in the Mediterranean.
- 12:30** Conclusions by the chair: **Commissioner Karmenu Vella**

**Signature ceremony
of the Ministerial Conference Malta MedFish4Ever Declaration**

- 13:00** Grand Master's Palace
Signature ceremony of the Ministerial Conference Malta MedFish4Ever Declaration (Event open to stakeholders and media)

Lunch at the Casino Maltese

- 14:30** Lunch for stakeholders and Ministerial Delegations



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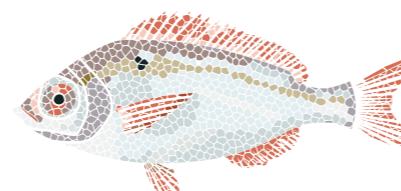
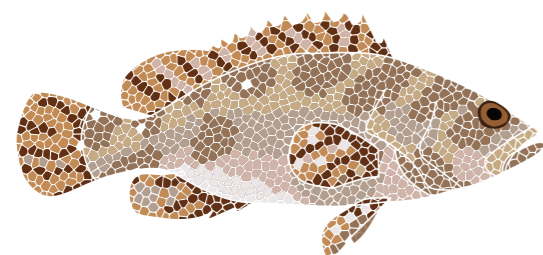
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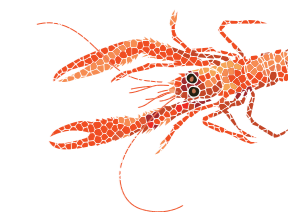
- 09:00 – 10:00** Xara Lodge, Sqaq Tac Cawla, Triq il-Belt, L/O Rabat - RBT 5320
Registration and welcome coffee
- 10:00 – 13:00** Round table event - Meeting between Commissioner Vella and stakeholders
- 13:00 – 14:30** Lunch
- 14:30 – 17:00** Optional guided tour of Mdina
- 19:00 – 22:00** Verdala Palace, Buskett Gardens, in Siggiewi
Launch event of the conference and welcome reception for delegations and stakeholders

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- 09:00 – 10:00** Grand Master's Palace, Palace Square, Valetta
Registration and welcome coffee for the Plenary Conference
- 10:00 – 13:00** Plenary conference (Ministerial delegations only)
- 13:00 – 14:00** Grand Master's Palace, Palace Square, Valetta
Signature ceremony of the Ministerial Conference Malta MedFish4Ever
Declaration by delegations (open to stakeholders and media)
- 14:30 – 16:30** Casino Maltese, 247 Republic St, Valletta
Lunch for delegations and stakeholders



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Meeting between Commissioner Vella and stakeholders “ Empowering small-scale fishermen in the Mediterranean as actors of ecological, social and economic sustainability ”

- 10:00:** Opening words by Commissioner Karmenu Vella
MEDAC Chairman **Giampaolo Buonfiglio**

Topic 1: National perspectives on small-scale fisheries

The small-scale fisheries sector is firmly rooted in local communities, traditions and values. Many small-scale fishers are self-employed and usually provide fish for direct consumption within their households or communities. As such, small-scale fisheries serve as an economic and social engine, providing food and nutrition security, employment and other multiplier effects to local economies while underpinning the livelihoods of riparian communities. Interventions made in this session would provide insight on various national perspectives on small-scale fisheries.

Interventions from:

- Croatia – **Ivan Birkic**, President, Croatian Chamber of Economy, fishing affiliation
- France – **Gérard Romiti**, President, CRPMEM Corsica
- Greece – **Ioannis Bountoukos**, President, PanHellenic Union of Middle Range Fisheries Shipowners (PEPMA)
- Italy – **Paolo Tiozzo**, President, “Federcoopesca”
- Malta – **Paul Piscopo** Secretary, “Ghaqda Koperattiva Tas-Sajd”
- Morocco – **Mohamed Bachir**, General Secretary, “Confédération Nationale de la Pêche Artisanale au Maroc” and **Mustapha Mazroua**, Adviser, CPMM
- Spain – **Antonio Abad i Mallol**, Vice president, “Federacio Nacional Catalania de Confraries de Pescadors”
- Tunisia – **Chamseddine Bourassine**, President, “réseau tunisien de la pêche artisanale durable”

Topic 2: Developing the social and economic contribution of small-scale fisheries

Small-scale fishing can play an important role in the economic and social fabric of coastal communities. Interventions made in this session would provide insight into ways small-scale fishing can improve food security, combat poverty, and boost competitiveness and sustainability, notably through actions focusing on marketing and valorisation of products, the full fishing value chain, diversification, social inclusion and greater participation of women.

Interventions from:

- Local fish promotion scheme in Catalonia – fisheries representative from Catalonia (Spain) **Màrius Vizcarro Gianni**, General Secretary, “Federacio Nacional Catalania de Confraries de Pescadors”
- Developing the inclusion of women in fisheries - **Katia Frangoudes**, Researcher, University of Brest (France)

Topic 3: Sustainable fisheries co-management in action

Involving small-scale fishing communities in the design, planning and implementation of management measures is seen by international organisations (e.g. FAO, GFCM) as an important factor in achieving sustainable management of resources. Interventions made in this session would provide insight into how local communities participate and take responsibility for their livelihood and well-being through co-management projects, fisheries-restricted areas and implementation of inclusive local governance actions.