



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR  
THE MEDITERRANEAN**

**COMMISSION GÉNÉRALE DES PÊCHES  
POUR LA MÉDITERRANÉE**



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**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A LEGAL AND LIASON  
OFFICER WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the direct supervision of the GFCM Executive Secretary, the incumbent will be responsible of legal and institutional issues, including by providing the necessary backstopping to the Compliance Committee (CoC), and of ensuring the liaison between GFCM and relevant organizations at international and regional level. In particular, he/she will perform the following specific duties:

- Provide technical backstopping to the Compliance Committee;
- Support the implementation of the GFCM Task Force activities, according to the related decisions taken by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission;
- Assist in the finalization of draft recommendations and implementation of GFCM recommendations by GFCM Members;
- Assist in the identification of cases of non-compliance with GFCM recommendations, including the undermining of GFCM conservation and management measures by non-Members;
- Facilitate any prospective amendment process of GFCM Agreement, GFCM Rules of Procedure and GFCM Financial Regulations;
- Contribute to the preparation of the Sessions of GFCM and coordinate the submission of relevant working documents to the CoC and the Commission;
- Ensure that GFCM policies are up to date on the basis of recent developments at international and regional level and closely follow these developments;
- Liaise with the FAO as well as with international and regional organizations whose work has an incidence on the activities of GFCM;
- Act as a focal point and contact person for GFCM vis-à-vis partner organizations that cooperate with GFCM under a Memorandum of Understanding and supervise all matters relating to the implementation of memoranda in place;

- Upgrade the GFCM Compendium of decisions on a periodical basis and ensure the consistency of GFCM body of law consistent with the outcomes of the Sessions of the Commission;
- Support GFCM Members in the harmonization of national laws relating to compliance and enforcement with GFCM recommendations;
- Assist in carrying out any duty that might entail legal, institutional and liaison issues, including contacts with Cooperating non Contracting Parties and non-Members.
- Perform any other duties.

#### **Qualifications and Experience - Essential**

- Degree in Law, Political Sciences and related fields;
- Five years of experience in legal and institutional issues relating to fisheries and the law of the sea, including in international organizations;
- Experience in drafting documents and releasing reports;
- Creative thinking, drafting, communication, organizational and teamwork skills within an international context;
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and to organize the workload in a deadline driven environment;
- Excellent knowledge of English and French. The additional knowledge of 1 or 2 GFCM official languages will be an asset.

#### **Qualifications and Experience - Desirable**

- Advanced academic degree, preferably in International Law, International Relations and related fields;
- Publications, including in peer reviewed journals, on issues related to fisheries and the law of the sea;
- Good knowledge of international and regional policies relating to fisheries and the law of the sea.