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Actions of the GFCM relating to the fight against IUU Fishing

GFCM BSC Joint Workshop on IUU Fishing, Istanbul, Turkey 25 -27/2/2013



GFCM and the fight against IUU fishing: an overview

- Declaration of the Ministerial Conference for the Sustainable Development of Fisheries in the Mediterranean, Venice 25-26 November 2003
- GFCM Control and Enforcement Scheme (Appendix H to the report of the 29th Session of the GFCM - 2005)
- GFCM 30th Session: Compliance Committee, criteria for obtaining the status of Cooperating non-contracting party, IUU list
- 2008: Port State Measures; 2009: VMS

GFCM and the fight against IUU fishing: facts sheet

- Estimated summary of costs of IUU fishing for three commercial groups (i.e. lost stock value, lost catch value and lost jobs) could equal to roughly 15% of the fishery value of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and the amount to several thousands of Euros over the 2010-2020 decade
- IUU fishing is one of the root causes for the fish stocks in the GFCM Area being outside safe biological limits
- IUU fishing remains widespread in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea

GFCM and the fight against IUU fishing: recommendations by the Task Force

- Endowing GFCM with the necessary measures to counter IUU fishing in the Black Sea
- Strengthening the existing institutional and legal framework to bring about the even implementation of recommendations
- Providing for an ad hoc scheme for sanctions and penalties
- Considering the use of market to halt the trade in IUU fishing products
- Harmonizing national laws relating to compliance and enforcement through the GFCM COC

GFCM and the fight against IUU fishing: the GFCM Framework Programme

- WP I: Improving governance and fisheries management in the GFCM Area consistent with an integrated maritime approach
- *E. Evaluation of the extent and impacts of IUU fishing and elaboration of strategies to fight it*
 - Organize regional workshops to define common methodologies and strategies relating to the extent and impacts of IUU fishing by Members and non Members
 - Based on methodologies and strategies agreed proceed with proper assessment of IUU fishing activities
 - Elaborate appropriate strategies to fight IUU fishing activities, including traceability and market related measures
- Technical assistance will be provided
- Two regional workshops will be held

Joint GFCM BSC Workshop on IUU Fishing in the Black Sea (25-27 February 2013)

- Previous assessment of the nature and the extent of IUU fishing in the Black Sea
- Enhanced cooperation with the Black Sea Commission in the interest of all BS States
- Collect and review information provided by BS States on their fleet, experience in the fight against IUU fishing and MCS related measures
- A roadmap to fight IUU fishing in the Black Sea will be drawn up
- Possibility to envisage technical assistance and training

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