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**EC PROPOSAL
RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
REGIONAL FLEET REGISTER IN GFCM AREA**

EC PROPOSAL
Proposal for a Recommendation on the establishment of the
GFCM Regional Fleet Register

Recalling the FAO Compliance Agreement and the International Plan of Action on IUU fishing which call upon States to maintain a record of fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag and authorized to be used for fishing on the high seas, and to exchange related information, including through FAO and other appropriate global, regional and sub-regional fisheries organizations.

Recalling the International Plan of Action on the management of fishing capacity elaborated within the framework of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries which calls for States to cooperate, where appropriate, through regional fisheries organisations or arrangements and other forms of co-operation, with a view to ensuring the effective management of fishing capacity.

Considering that a regional fleet register is an effective and comprehensive tool for the management at regional level of the capacity of fishing fleets and their activity.

Recognising that the GFCM record of vessels authorised to fish in the GFCM area established under Recommendation GFCM/2005/2 is a subset of the regional fleet register.

Noting the request made by the Commission during its 32nd Session to address fleet capacity monitoring and management issues.

ADOPTS, in accordance with paragraph 1 (h) of Article III and Article V of the GFCM Agreement that:

1. The GFCM shall establish by 1st January 2010 a Regional Fleet Register (RFR) to contain information on all vessels, boats, ships, or other crafts that are equipped and used for commercial fishing activity in the GFCM Area.
2. Contracting Parties shall submit a full dataset at least at the beginning of each calendar year followed by updates as appropriate. The updating of the GFCM RFR lies within the responsibility of the Contracting Parties and should fully reflect the situation of their fleets at any time.
3. The list of data fields and related definitions, reference codes (tables 1-7) and confidentiality status are included in Annex 1.
4. The GFCM Secretariat shall establish appropriate data submission standards and protocols to be followed by Contracting Parties in transmitting data and shall maintain a Regional Fleet Register database which should be published through an information system on the GFCM website, in a manner consistent with the GFCM confidentiality policy and procedures established under Recommendation GFCM/2006/7.
5. The RFR information system shall include relevant fleet capacity monitoring tools, such as dynamic charts on fleet capacity in terms of tonnage (GT) and power (kW), and other data browsing facilities.

Annex 1

	Fields	Description	Optional / Mandatory	Public / Restricted
1	Country (ISO-3)	Flag under which the vessel is operating	M	P
2	Registration authority	Authority having issued the registration	M	P
3	Vessel name (if any)	Name of vessel	M	P
4	Vessel register number	Code assigned by Members	M	P
5	GFCM registration number	Registration number assigned to the fishing vessel by the National Authorities (ISO 3 Country code + 9 digits.	M	P
6	IMO registration number	Code IMO given by Lloyds company	O	P
7	Previous vessel name (if any)	Previous name of vessel (if any)	O	P
8	Previous flag State (if any)	Previous flag of vessel (if any)	O	P
9	Previous details of deletion from other registries (if any)	Details of deletion from other registries (if any)	O	P
10	International radio call sign (if any)	International radio call sign (if any) Mandatory >= 24 m LOA	O	P
11	Vessel type	Type of vessel according to the International Standard Classification of Fishery Vessels by Vessel Types. (The 'International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishery Vessels by Vessel Types' (ISSCFV), based on the type of gear used by the vessels, approved by the CWP in 1984).	M	P
12	Operational status Active Indicator	Active / Inactive. Permanent status until receiving allowance to return into activity Indicator Y/N	M	P
13	Port of registration	Full name of the port	M	P
14	Year of entry into fishing activity	Year of entry into fishing activity	M	P
15	Events codes	Code identifying the type of event reported	M	P
16	Event date	Event date (Format: . yyyymmdd)	M	P
16.1	Year	Event date: year	M	P
16.2	Month	Event date: month (numerical)	M	P
16.3	Day	Event date: day (numerical)	M	P
17	Authorisation to fish License indicator	Any authorisation to fish, e.g. licence, permit or any other official denomination Indicator Y/N	M	P
18	Period authorized for fishing and/or transshipping	Time period authorized for fishing and/or trans-shipping.	O	P
18.1	Starting date	Starting date (Format)	O	P
18.1.1	Year	Starting date: year	O	P
18.1.2	Month	Starting date: month (numerical)	O	P
18.1.3	Day	Starting date: day (numerical)	O	P
18.2	Ending date	Ending date (Format yyyymmdd)	O	P

	Fields	Description	Optional / Mandatory	Public / Restricted
18.2.1	Year	Ending date: year	O	P
18.2.2	Month	Ending date: month (numerical)	O	P
18.2.3	Day	Ending date: day (numerical)	O	P
19	Main fishing statistical area	GSA where the vessel is authorised to fish and operates the majority of the year.	O	P
20	Secondary fishing statistical area	GSA where the vessel is authorised to fish and operates occasionally	O	P
21	Tertiary fishing statistical area	GSA where the vessel is authorised to fish and operates occasionally	O	P
22	Fishing Gear used	Main gear according to the fishing license of the vessel or the owner/operator, using the International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear (The International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear (ISSCFG) was adopted during the 10th Session of the CWP (Madrid, 22-29 July 1980).	M	P
23	Secondary Fishing Gear	Secondary gear according to the fishing license of the vessel or the owner/operator, using the same International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear as "Fishing gear used"	M	P
24	Length Overall (LOA)	Length Over All (LOA, in metres). The principle longitudinal dimension of the hull of the vessel. Accuracy of 2 digits	M	P
25	Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT)	Gross Registered Tonnage according to the Oslo Convention (1947) (in use until 1995). (GRT represented the total measured cubic content of the permanently enclosed spaces of a vessel, with some allowances or deductions for exempt spaces such as living quarters [1 gross register ton = 100 cubic feet = 2.83 cubic metres]).	O	P
26	Gross Tonnage (GT)	Gross Tonnage according to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, London, 1969 (in use since 1996) for vessels ≥ 15 m.	M	P
27	Construction year		M	P
28	Hull material	Code	M	P
29	Powered/Motorised	Power of the main engine > 0 Indicator Y/N	M	P
30	Power of the main engine(s)	Total maximum continuous rated output power in kW of all the vessel's main propulsion machinery which appears on the vessel's certificate or registry or other official document (STCW-F convention)	M	P
31	Power of auxiliary engine(s) (if any)	Includes all installed engine power not included under the heading "Power of the main engine(s)"	M	P
32	Owner	Owner		R
32.1	Name	Name of owner(s).	M	R
32.2	Address	Address of owner(s).	M	R

	Fields	Description	Optional / Mandatory	Public / Restricted
33	Operator (if different from owner)	Operator		R
33.1	Name	Name of operator(s).	M	R
33.2	Address	Address of operator (s).	M	R
34	Min number of the crew	Minimum number for conducting fishing operation	O	R
35	Max number of the crew	Number of the crew for conducting specific fishing operation if superior to "Min number of the crew"	O	R
36	VMS	Indicator Y/N mandatory > 15m LOA	M	P
37	Navigation equipment	Codification table	O	P
38	Communication equipment	Codification table	O	P
39	Fish finder	Codification table	O	P
40	Deck machinery to operate fishing gear	Codification table	O	P
41	Fish hold capacity	Tons	O	P
42	Refrigeration equipment		O	P
43	Fish processing equipment		O	P
44	Lights for fishing	In case of use of a fishing operation requiring light	O	P
45	Safety equipment		O	P

Table 1 - Classification of Fishery Vessels by Vessel Types

“International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishery Vessels by Vessel Types” (ISSCFV), based on the type of gear used by the vessels, approved by the CWP in 1984 (<ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/DOCUMENT/cwp/handbook/annex/annexLII.pdf>)

ISSCFV	Vessel type	Standard abbreviation
0100	Trawlers	TO
0200	Purse Seiners	SP
0300	Dredgers	DO
0400	Lift Netters	NO
0500	Gill Netters	GO
0600	Trap Setters	WO
0700	Long Liners	LL
0710	Other Liners	LOX
0900	Multipurpose vessels	MO
4900	Fishing Vessels not specified	RO
1100	Motherships	HO
1200	Fish Carriers	FO
1400	Protection and Survey Vessels	BO
1500	Fishery Research Vessels	ZO
1600	Fishery training Vessels	CO
9900	Non-Fishing Vessels	VOX

Table 2 – Code for type of events

Type of event		Standard abbreviation
Entry to fleet	Census	CEN
	New construction	CST
	Change of activity	CHA
	Intra-Mediterranean import, transfer	IMP
Within fleet	Modification	MOD
Exit from fleet	Break-up, shipwreck	DES
	Change of activity	RET
	Intra-Mediterranean export, transfer	EXP

Table 3 – Code for hull material

Hull material	Code
Wood	1
Metal	2
Fibreglass/plastic	3
Other	4
Unknown	5

Table 4 – Code for navigation equipment

Navigation Equipment	Code
No navigation equipment	1
Loran C	2
Loran A	3
Omega	4
Decca	5
GPS (Satellite navigation)	6
Radar	7
Direction finder	8
Automatic pilot	9
Meteorological map receiver	10
Gyrocompass	11
Other	98
Unknown	99

Table 5 – Code for communication equipment

Communication Equipment	Code
Radio VHF	1
Radio telephone	2
Cellular phone	3
Fax	4
Satellite radio	5
Telegraph	6
Other	8
Unknown	9

Table 6 – Code for fish finder equipment

Fish Finder Equipment	Code
Echo sounder	1
Sonar	2
Net sond	3
Other	8
Unknown	9

Table 7 – Code for Deck machinery to operate fishing gear

Deck Machinery	Code
Line winch	1
Net winch	2
Trammel winch	3
Power block	4
Other	8
Unknown	9