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**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PROPOSAL  
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The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

*CONSIDERING* that rational management for sustainable fisheries is dependent on the scientific utilisation of relevant data on fishing fleet capacity, on fishing activities carried out, on the status of exploited biological resources and on the social and economic situation of fisheries;

*CONSIDERING* the GFCM strategy to manage the fisheries through, inter alia, effort control by Operational Units;

*NOTING* the importance of multidisciplinary data and information required to monitor and assess fisheries and fisheries resources and to ensure their sustainable exploitation;

*RECOGNIZING* the need to develop a GFCM database, on the basis of the information received from Members according to a standardized format;

*RECALLING* Recommendation GFCM/2006/1 on the management of fishing effort for particular fisheries and the identification of related Operational Units and the appropriate parameters to measure fishing effort;

*CONSIDERING* that Resolution GFCM/31/2007/1 was amended to take into consideration the changes in the fleet segmentation and allocation criteria;

*CONSIDERING* that timely and complete submission of data and analysis of the status of fisheries and exploited resources is of paramount importance for the effectiveness and credibility of GFCM management measures;

*TAKING* into account the importance to use technical tools set up by GFCM for specific data collection such as fleet segmentation (Annex 1), the table on nominal fishing effort measurement (Annex 2) as well as the achievements in the field of Operational Units (Annex 3);

*ADOPTS* in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article III and Article V of the GFCM Agreement that:

1. The GFCM Task 1 statistical matrix (Annex 3) is an adequate tool to communicate in a standardised format relevant information for fisheries management to the GFCM Secretary with a view to develop the GFCM database;
2. Members and Cooperating non-members shall submit to the GFCM Secretary the complete Task 1.1, Task 1.2 and Task 1.4 of the statistical matrix referred to in paragraph 1 for the first time by February 2010 at the latest, and subsequently update the relevant data by transmissions to the GFCM Secretariat not later than May each calendar year, and in accordance with appropriate data submission standards and protocols to be set by the Secretariat.
3. Members and Cooperating non-members shall submit Task 1.3. and Task 1.5, by January 2011 at the latest, in coherence with the SAC assessment forms.
4. **Resolution GFCM/31/2007/1 is hereby repealed.**

## ANNEX 1

## GFCM/SAC Fleet Segmentation

Groups	<6 metres	6-12 metres	12-24 metres	More than 24 metres
1. Polyvalent Small-scale vessels without engine	A			
2. Polyvalent small-scale vessels with engine	B	C		
3. Trawlers		D	E	F
4. Purse Seiners		G	H	
5. Long liners			I	
6. Pelagic Trawlers			J	
7. Tuna Seiners			K	
8. Dredgers		L		
9. Polyvalent vessels			M	

Description of segments

- A- Polyvalent small-scale vessels without engine. All vessels less than 12 metres in length (LOA) without an engine (wind or propulsion).
- B- Polyvalent small-scale vessels with engine less than 6 m. All vessels under 6 metres in length (LOA) with engine.
- C- Polyvalent small-scale vessels with engine between 6 and 12 metres. All vessels between 6 and 12 metres in length (LOA) with engine, that use different gears during the year without clear predominance of one of them or that use a gear not considered in this classification.
- D- Trawlers less than 12 m. All vessels less than 12 metres in length (LOA) allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a demersal trawl.
- E- Trawlers between 12 and 24 m. All vessels, between 12 and 24 metres in length (LOA) allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a demersal trawl.
- F- Trawlers longer than 24 m. All vessels over 24 metres in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a demersal trawl.
- G- Purse Seiners between 6 and 12 m. All vessels between 6 and 12 m in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a purse seine.
- H- Purse Seiners longer than 12 m. All vessels over 12 m in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a purse seine, excluding those using a tuna seine during any time of the year.
- I- Long liners longer than 6 m. All vessels over 6 m in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a long line.
- J- Pelagic Trawlers longer than 6 m. All vessels over 6 m in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a pelagic trawl.
- K- Tuna Seiners. All vessels operating with a Tuna Seine for any length of time during the year.
- L- Dredgers longer than 6 m. All vessels over 6 m in length (LOA), allocating more than 50 percent of their effort operating with a dredge.
- M- Polyvalent vessels longer than 12 m. All vessels over 12 metres in length (LOA), that use different gears during the year without clear predominance of one of them or that use a gear not considered in this classification.

Note: All the cells are open for collecting information. The cells left blank in the above table are considered as unlikely to have a significant population. However, if necessary, it is advisable to merge the information of a “blank cell” with the most appropriate neighbouring “blue cell”

## ANNEX 2

Table on fishing effort<sup>1</sup> measurement

Gear	Number and dimension	Capacity	Activity	Nominal Effort <sup>2</sup>
Dredge (for molluscs)	Open mouth Width of mouth	GT	Time fishing	Dredged bottom surface <sup>3</sup>
Trawl (including dredges for flatfishes)	Type of trawl (pelagic, bottom) GT and/or GRT Engine power Mesh size Size of the net (width of mouth) Speed	GT	Time Fishing	GT*days GT*hours KW*days
Purse seine	Length and drop of the net GT Light power Number of small boats	GT Length and drop of the net	Search time Set	GT * Fishing sets <sup>2</sup> Length of the net * fishing sets
Nets	Type of net (e.g.trammel net, gillnets, etc.) Net length (used in regulations) GT Net surface Mesh size	Net length and drop	Time fishing	Net length * days Surface*days
Long lines	Number of hooks GT Number of longline Characteristics of hooks Bait	Number of hooks Number of longline unit	Time fishing	Number of hooks * hours Number of hooks * days Number of longline units * days/hours
Traps	GT	Number of traps	Time fishing	Number of traps * days
Purse seine/FADs	Number of FADs		Number of trips	Number of FADs * Number of trips

<sup>1</sup> It refers to nominal effort.

<sup>2</sup> Should be referred to a particular area (indicating the surface) to estimate fishing intensity (effort • km<sup>2</sup>) and to relate the effort to exploited communities

<sup>3</sup> The effort measures that do not include a time activity should be referred to a period of time (i.e. by year).

GFCM Task 1 – Operational Units (*REVISED FLEET SEGMENT NAMES*)

