



LaMed-1 Project

National legislation on site selection, licensing procedures and monitoring measures in the Mediterranean (GFCM/CAQ SHoCMed Project)

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GFCM/CAQ SHoCMed PROJECT

The SHoCMed Project aims at:

- Developing site selection and carrying capacity Guidelines for Mediterranean aquaculture within appropriate areas
- Producing criteria for enhancing the integration of aquaculture in ICZM by improving site selection and holding capacity benchmarks and reference points
- Providing a base for harmonization of regional standards and, as appropriate, aquaculture policy and legal frameworks across the Mediterranean

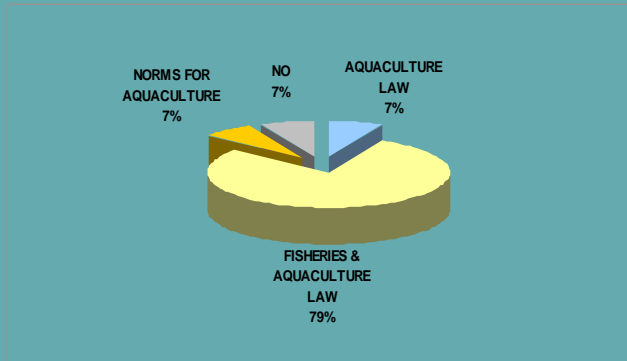


Workshop on National legislation on Site selection, Monitoring programme and Environmental Impacts

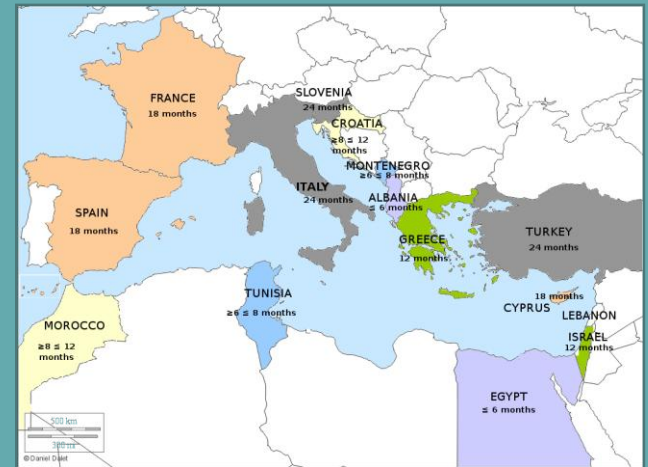
- Identification of the main legal issues through the analysis of Questionnaires on existing rules and procedures for site selection used across Mediterranean countries, in cooperation with the CETMAR Foundation (Vigo –Spain)
- Criteria for licensing procedures, environmental protection and site selection regulatory frameworks



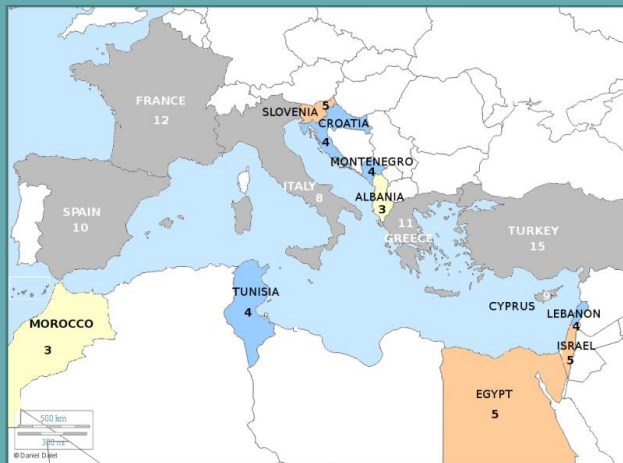
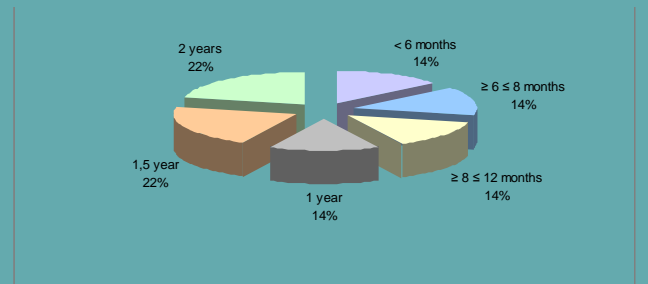
Some data from the questionnaires...



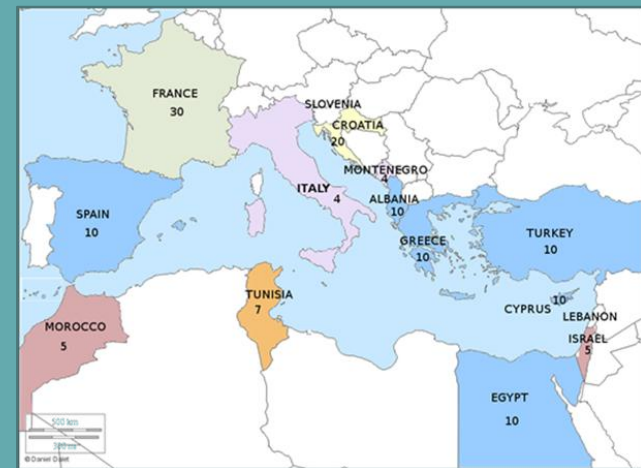
1. Countries with a Fisheries and Aquaculture legal frameworks



3. Licensing procedure for aquaculture: average period of time required to obtain a license.



2. Licensing procedure for aquaculture: Bodies/ Authorities involved in the aquaculture licences granting.



4. Aquaculture licences: validity (in years)

Review on major gaps in regulation, reporting and communication of monitoring program: main conclusions

- **Space allocation and monitoring**
 - Aquaculture procedures of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 - Monitoring of marine aquaculture and capture fisheries
 - Geographic Information System (GIS) applications
 - Environmental Quality Standards



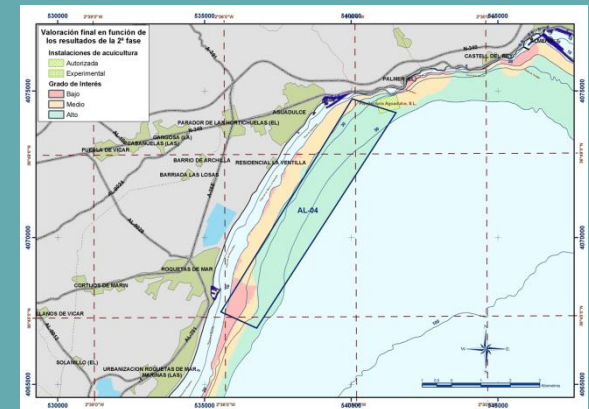
▪ Licensing procedures

- Heterogeneous picture of the legal frameworks relating to aquaculture in the region
- Cumbersome institutional settings and overlapping competence
- Limitation of the aquaculture planning and the integrated coastal zone management
- Lack of common criteria and standards (monitoring and EIA) and participation mechanisms
- Need for implementation of specific aquaculture regulations
- Creation of “one-stop-shops” or single windows
- Improvement of the governance



The Allocation of Zones for Aquaculture (AZA) as one of the main achievements of SHoCMed

- Good instrument for decision makers, administration and investors: it induces self-regulation and improves inter-administrative coordination
- A tool to avoid conflicts among users and therefore increase competitiveness, sharing costs and services
- A starting point for implementing sustainable marine finfish aquaculture and integrating aquaculture into ICZM



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- Reporting Forms: AVL | Task 1 | Dolphin Fish | Minimum Mesh Size FRA | Stock Assessment | Statfam 37A

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2009, December 8 - Trabzon (Turkey)
 GFCM/CAQ Workshop on harmonisation standards for Mediterranean aquaculture data collection

2009, November 18-19 (Venue to be decided)
 GFCM/CAQ Workshops on guidelines and application on sustainable indicators in Aquaculture (INDAM)

2009, October 29-30 - Tangier (Morocco)
 GFCM/CAQ Stakeholder Workshop on Siting and Carrying Capacity (SCCAP)

2009, October 26-27 - Tangier (Morocco)
 GFCM/CAQ Working Group on Marketing on Aquaculture Development of a Strategy for Marketing and Promotion of Mediterranean Aquaculture

2009, October 22-23 - Venice (Italy)
 GFCM/CAQ 2009 Mediterranean Expert Conference on Sustainable Aquaculture in Seafood

October 2008
 The Project in support to the GFCM CAQ Working Group on Siting and Carrying Capacity (SCCAP)

November 2008
 Project in support to the GFCM CAQ Working Group on Sustainable Development of Aquaculture and Guidelines for their use in the Mediterranean (INDAM)

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- GFCM / CAQ reports
- Case aquaculture - Regional growth and global overview - 2007
- Marketing of aquaculture from the Mediterranean basin - 2007
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- Interactions between aquaculture and capture fisheries: a methodological perspective - 2003
- Report of the Experts Meeting for the establishment of the GFCM Committee on Aquaculture network on Environmental and Aquaculture in the Mediterranean - 2003
- GFCM - Report of the fifth session of the Committee on Aquaculture, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 2-7 June 2008
- Available publications: Fundamental and practical

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SHoCMed QUESTIONNAIRE



IDENTIFICATION

1. Is there any specific law [a law regulating exclusively aquaculture issues] for aquaculture regulation in your country?

- Yes, there is an aquaculture law [a law regulating exclusively aquaculture issues]
 No, there is no specific law; but we have a law for fisheries and aquaculture [a law regulating both fisheries and aquaculture issues]
 No, but we have other regulatory norms for aquaculture [legally binding commands with a lower rank in the normative system than a Law, for instance Decrees, Regulations, Orders, etc.].
 No, we have no legislation for aquaculture

LICENSING PROCEDURE

2.2 How many authorities/administrations are involved [those who should be consulted or informed –as for instance, Defence or Tourism departments] in aquaculture activities or licensing procedures?

3. What is the official name of the aquaculture licence in your country?

- Concession for aquaculture
 Permit for aquaculture
 Authorisation
 Other, please indicate the appropriate name

4. What is the average time-consuming to obtaining an aquaculture licence?

[How long it takes to get a license; the question is related not to the legal timeframe foreseen in the regulation, but to the normal time that takes for an applicant to get his/her License for fish farming]

- < 6 months ≥ 6 and < 8 months ≥ 8 and < 12 months 1 year

AQUACULTURE PLANNING

8.1 Do you have a specific planning for aquaculture? [a plan focused in the promotion and development of the marine aquaculture, including strategic plans, development plans and other planning tools]

- Yes No

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SITE SELECTION

11. Do you have any procedures or guidelines [indications of actions required or recommended] for aquaculture site selection?

- Yes (Please, provide a short description) No

12. Is there any kind of criteria and regulatory systems [mandatory requirements applicable to the definition of zones for aquaculture] applied on site selection?

- Yes (Please, provide a short description) No