

# FISHERIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BLACK SEA

## LaMed Project

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## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

- Cacaud, P. Fisheries Laws and Regulations in the Mediterranean, a comparative study. General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean. No. 75. Rome, FAO. 2005.40 p.
- General guidelines for a GFCM Control and Enforcement Scheme: needs and principle
- 34<sup>th</sup> Session of GFCM

## HOW?

- Establishment of a network of national experts/consultants
- Circulation of the questionnaire among the national consultants identified
- Organization of a Meeting (questionnaire responses, assessment of strengths, gaps and constraints for regional cooperation)

## QUESTIONNAIRE OUTLINE

- Legal framework
- Access regimes to fisheries resources
- Conservation and management measures
- Monitoring, control and surveillance
- Post-landing, post harvest practices and trade
- Enforcement and compliance

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- Definition and use of terms, objective, scope and application
- The institutional framework and mechanisms for integration, cooperation and participation

## ACCESS REGIMES

- Licensing systems

(e.g. in Italy, recent adoption of a decree establishing a certificate required for the practice of sport and recreational fishing at sea: *Decreto MIPAAF 6/12/2010 Comunicazione triennale.*)

## CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Fishing capacity
- Fishing effort
- Area and time restrictions
- Protected species
- Gear restrictions/Prohibitions
- Minimum sizes
- By-catch
- Recreational/sport fisheries

## MONITORING, CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE (MCS)

- Register of fishers
- Registers or records of fishing vessels
- Vessel marking
- Reporting requirements
- Inspection (port State, at-sea)
- Transshipment programme
- Observer programme
- Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

## POST-LANDING, POST-HARVEST PRACTICES AND TRADE

- Processing/handling/sale/marketing
- Trade/import/export

## ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- Judicial/administrative processes
- Evidentiary provisions
- Violations/fines/penalties

## CHALLENGES

- IUU fishing
- Enforcement and compliance
- Ecolabelling
- Trade documentation

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Elaboration of a reference publication to provide policy-makers, administrators and fisheries managers with information on the principal measures adopted in the Region
- Identification of an harmonized approach to fisheries laws in the GFCM Region which would provide a foundation for further cooperation

Thank you for your attention.