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RECREATIONAL FISHERIES IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES: An overview of the different national regulatory systems



International initiatives guiding recreational fisheries management in the Mediterranean

- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOSC). Ex: Art. 61
- Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.
- Four Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries addressing (explicitly) recreational fisheries:
 - Technical Guidelines on Fisheries Management (on the conservation and management of sharks)
 - Technical Guidelines on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
 - Technical Guidelines on the Precautionary principles.
- ICCAT, GFCM, EIFAC, Council Regulation No. 1967/2006 (Art.17)

Legal frameworks for RF in the Mediterranean

- The adoption of a comprehensive and specific management framework is necessary to regulate RF.
- Among Mediterranean countries:
 - Few countries have adopted a special regulation dedicated solely to RF (e.g. France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Turkey).
 - Most countries have included succinct provisions of a RF regulation within a general fisheries law.

Management measures identified

- Access regimes
- Conservation measures
- Special RF regulations
- Monitoring and control measures

Access regimes

- Categories of licences
- Special authorisations/ licences
- Duration of licences
- Licence fees
- Licence transferability
- Licence eligibility restrictions

Conservation measures

- Prohibition of sales
- Limitation of fishing modalities and tackles
- Catch limits/Daily bag limits
- Protection and conservation of juveniles
- Prohibited species
- Fish reserves
- Temporal restrictions
- Other recreational fishing restrictions .

Special RF regulations

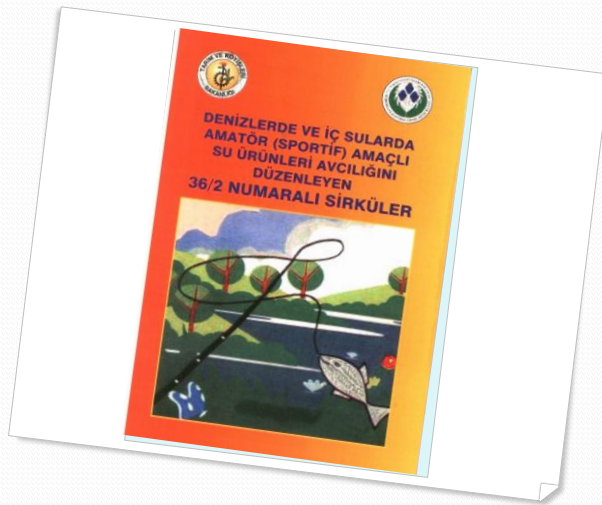
- Underwater RF regulations.
- Sport fishing (competition) regulatory frameworks
- Tourism /charter recreational fishing.
 - Charter fishing.
 - *Pesca turismo*.

Monitoring and control measures

- Monitoring and control bodies
- Monitoring and control measures:
 - Inspections
 - Sanctions
 - Reporting

Education and sensitization

Recreational
fishing circular in
Turkey.



... thus the necessity to:

- understand where and how we need to harmonize RF legal frameworks (i.e. effective licensing systems, detailed data frameworks providing integrated advice, improved collaboration with universities and RF associations, national-level codes of conduct).
- set up recommendations with the aim of coordinating the efforts of GFCM Members' governments.

... thank you for your attention !



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