

# **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GFCM WORKSOP ON IUU FISHING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

**COUNTRY: LIBYA**

**INSTITUTE: GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR MARINE WEALTH**

1. Yes, We do in both EZ and EEZ, mostly vessels of Libyan nationality, Since Nineties

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- A) all year around
- B) Territorial water and Exclusive Economic Zone ( EZZ ).
- C) Trawler, and others
- D) 15 m up to Tuna long liner (40-60 m)
- E) Demersal species and pelagic species
- F) Unknown
- G) Unknown

3. There is no studies on IUU fishing in Libya

4. Yes, There are a legal measures to reduce IUU fishing in Libyan waters.

These measures stipulated in the Fisheries law no 14/1989 , and executive regulation.

5. Yes, We have statistics for detained boats only.

6. Yes, the monitoring and control is enforced by coastguard authorities and usually they have surveillance the coasts plus information which reported by fishers and commercial ships direct to common central operation center for the marine ports.

7. monitoring and controlling system for the Tuna fishing fleet only.

For the artisanal fishing fleet still under study.

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Socio – economic impacts is very great:

- Reduce the fish stocks.
- Damage to the marine environment by the indiscriminate activities.
- Losing an important food item.
- reluctance fishermen from this profession
- Increased unemployment

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- Implementation of law and the other regulations.
- Installation of monitoring and controlling systems for the fishing fleets.
- Support coast guard by patrol vessels.
- Completion of infrastructure (ports and harbors)
- Identify adjacent areas between States and preventing fishing
- cooperation between all GFCM parties to prevent IUU fishing

10. A.

Total number of vessels : 4641

Active : 3335

Not active : 1306

B.

Main categories of vessels length

Length classes	0 - 6	6 - 12	12 - 18	18 - 24	> 24 m
Total (active)	1135	1120	797	162	121
Total (not active)	605	515	172	9	5

Main categories of fishing gear

Vessel type	Trawlers	Seiners	Long liners	Nets and Hocks	Light fishing
Total	263	39	11	3910	418

C.

52 Tuna vessels equipped with VMS system

11. there are some fleet management plans, such as:

- Updating Law, Regulations and Ministerial Decrees
- modify trawlers which are less than 22m length.
- implementing of (GFCM) recommendations of

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In spite of presence legislations which regulated fishing activities, but due to the following reasons that is the cause of increase of illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing, such as:

- weakness of facilities of coast guard
- awareness of the regulations between fishermen
- shortage in personal training ( human resource )