

# General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean



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## GFCM Task Force and Framework Programme in support of the Task Force

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## Background on the Task Force

- ToRs for a Task Force agreed At the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the GFCM after a review of GFCM performances having been undertaken
- The Task Force is to ensure the adequate follow up to the recommendations elaborated by the Panel that reviewed GFCM performances
- It is clearly stated in the mandate of the Task Force that the ultimate goal is the adoption of a new agreement or the amendment of the existing one
- GFCM Bureau and Secretariat will supervise the works of the Task Force
- Points of reference (treaties and soft law agreements) have been identified to facilitate the works of the Task Force

## Task Force

- Methodology
- 10 identified areas, each one with sub issues
- Focus also on decision making and how ensuring a better functioning of GFCM, including the link between the Commission and the committees
- Identified issues are without prejudice to the possibility of addressing those which are not mentioned in the ToRs of the Task Force

## Work Programme of the Task Force












- Preparatory work for the Task Force (letters and focal points + questionnaire)
- Meeting of experts SAC/CAQ organized (15-16 December)
- Meetings in various GFCM sub-regions in 2012
- Concluding meeting of the Task Force tentatively scheduled for April 2012
- 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission will adopt the necessary decisions

## Task Force Discussion Forum

Making the GFCM more effective by addressing functional and structural issues towards long-term conservation and optimum utilization of fisheries resources in the GFCM area

**Welcome**  
All members of the GFCM Task Force you are kindly requested to provide views on behalf of your Country on the matters identified. Your contribution will be accessible to the other participants.

Mark subforums read

FORUM	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
 1. GFCM general objectives	3	9	by ALB_Kristo D Mon Dec 12, 2011 5:00 pm
 2. Conservation issues	0	0	by Nicola_Ferri D Thu Oct 06, 2011 1:44 pm
 3. Management issues	2	4	by LBN_Madjalani D Sat Nov 12, 2011 10:06 am
 4. Specific aspects related to aquaculture	2	2	by Nicola_Ferri D Mon Oct 03, 2011 1:36 pm
 5. Compliance and enforcement	0	8	by LBN_Madjalani D Sat Nov 12, 2011 9:07 am
 6. Financial and Administrative issues	2	4	by CYP_Vasilades D Mon Dec 12, 2011 11:55 am
 7. Decision-making	2	5	by LBN_Madjalani D Sat Nov 12, 2011 4:04 am
 8. Dispute settlement	1	3	by LBN_Madjalani D Sat Nov 12, 2011 9:20 am
 9. International Cooperation and interaction with non-Members	2	2	by Nicola_Ferri D Mon Oct 03, 2011 2:19 pm
 10. Broad GFCM Administrative Arrangement	0	0	No posts
 11. Any other issues	1	1	by admin D Wed Oct 05, 2011 9:22 am

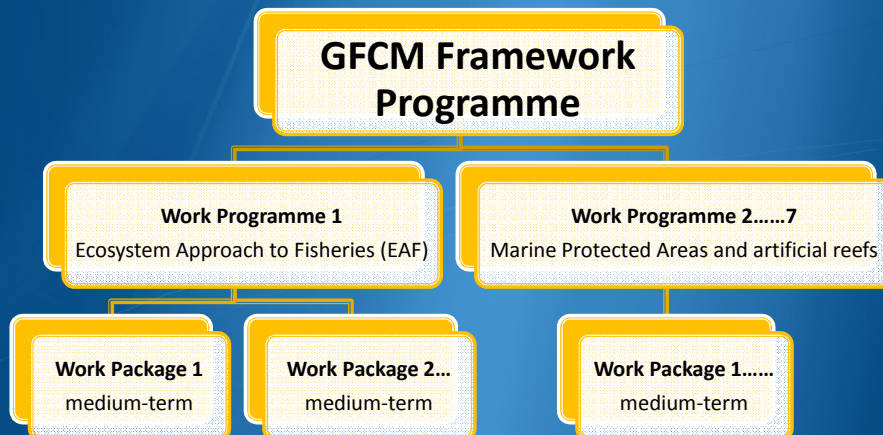
## Framework Programme (FWP)

- Strategic frame for the GFCM and in support of GFCM Task Force activities
- Platform to promote sustainable development of capture fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
- 5-year span: 2013-2018
- 2.5 million Euro/yr budget
- Multi-annual / multi-donor arrangements
- 7 indentified Work Programmes based on actual issues and needs

## FWP Work Programmes

1. Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)
2. Improving data collection and reporting capacity
3. Aquaculture and capture fisheries and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
4. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and artificial reefs
5. Enhancing artisanal fisheries
6. Strengthening fisheries management in the Black Sea area
7. Supporting capture fisheries and aquaculture in the Southern Mediterranean Sea

## FWP Structure



## The Strategy

- Focus on priorities at regional level in the context of sustainable development (Rio +20) e.g. food security, poverty alleviation, resource supply shortage, etc
- Foster strategic cooperation with partner organizations to implement joint initiatives
- Strengthen regional coordination and create synergies with on-going programmes

## Where are we at

- Identify a Road Map for the FWP
- Fine tuning towards finalization of the Work Programmes
- Identification and prioritization of Work Packages
- Finalization of FWP by May 2012 (36<sup>th</sup> Session of GFCM)
- Presentation to donors and Member Countries in the meantime