



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE
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**COMMISSION GÉNÉRALE DES PÊCHES POUR
LA MÉDITERRANÉE**



FORMAT FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS
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FORMAT POUR LA PRÉPARATION DES RAPPORTS NATIONAUX
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(Not to exceed four pages) / (pas plus de quatre pages)

Description of the fisheries

Provide the following information (use tables provided where appropriate):

Description of the fishing grounds and GSA.

Total landings by group of targeted species.

Total landings by species (estimated if needed)

Fleet:

- number of vessels by fleet segment (Tables will be provided). Indicate updates from last year.
- LOA (range and average)
- Total KW (or HP) + GT (or GRT)

Status of stocks of priority species

Indicate the species evaluated during the intersessional period expressing the exploitation status for each stock. The report should also indicate the geographical sub-areas covered by the assessment and whether those have been presented to the GFCM Working Groups or to any other instances.

Status of the statistics and information system

Description of the national system of fishery statistics and/or any improvement/change occurred. Indicate whether or not progress in activities related to the collection and processing of fishery statistics have been done with the assistance of FAO regional projects. Type of data collected, transmission to GFCM Secretariat and other international bodies. Inventory of existing databases. Synergies with other applications.

Status of research in progress

Description of the results of the continuing and in progress research projects of interest to GFCM Sub-Committees and Working Groups, with particular emphasis on management oriented assessment and GFCM priority species.

Status of the social sciences studies in progress or achieved during the intersessional period (economy, relevant legislation, sociology, etc.)

Description of the achievement and/or progress in activities related to the national research on the socio-economic aspects of the fishing communities and fishing sector.

Marine environmental studies in progress

Description of the main results from actions and studies carried out during the intersessional period which are relevant to the impact of the marine environment changes on the priority stocks and on the ecosystem alteration originated by the fisheries activities.

Involvement in activities of FAO regional projects

Description of activities carried out during the intersessional period by Regional Projects, level of involvement, results obtained and assistance received.

Management measures

Description of the management measures (legislation, regulations, etc) taken in direct response to GFCM recommendations during intersessional period **including the assessment of their effects**

Environment protection measures

Description of recent activities in establishing reserve areas during the intersession; and, whenever relevant scientific information do exist, highlighting the roles of existing marine protected areas in securing better opportunity for the sustainability of fish stocks.

With regard to: *Recommendation GFCM/35/2011/2 on the exploitation of red coral in the GFCM Competence Area*

If derogation of Paragraph 4 “*CPCs shall ensure the prohibition of the exploitation of red coral populations at depth less than 50 m until scientific studies, as validated by GFCM-SAC, indicate otherwise*” is applicable, provide detailed information on the national management framework and the studies carried out at national level to apply this derogation.

With regard to: *Recommendation GFCM/36/2012/2 on mitigation of incidental catches of cetaceans in the GFCM area*

Provide information on by-catch rates of cetaceans taking into account, amongst other relevant information: fisheries concerned, characteristics of gear type, times, locations (either by GSA or statistical rectangles) and affected cetacean species.

With regard to: *Recommendation GFCM/36/2012/3 on fisheries management measures for conservation of sharks and rays in the GFCM area*

Provide information on fishing activities, catch data, incidental taking, release and/or discarding events for sharks species listed either in Annex II or III of the SPA/BD Protocol.

Other recommendations will be added (eventually) when they request specific information to be transmitted through National Reports to SAC.

Proposals for future research programmes