



GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
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SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN AUTONOMOUS BUDGET

INTRODUCTION

1. The Twenty-second Session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) (Rome, October 1997) adopted several amendments to the Agreement and Rules of Procedures of GFCM. The amendments allowed *inter alia* the membership of regional economic integration organizations, and the setting up of an autonomous budget, this latter implying new obligations for the members of the Commission. The amendments involving these new obligations shall enter into force after acceptance by two-thirds of the members and for each of them after their own acceptance (Article X.2 of the Agreement).
2. Article VIII *bis* of the Agreement, as amended, states that each member of GFCM undertakes to contribute annually its share of the autonomous budget in accordance with a scale of contributions to be adopted by the Commission, and that the amount of each member's contribution shall be determined in accordance with a scheme to be adopted by the Commission.
3. At its Twenty-third Session in July 1998, GFCM discussed the scale of contributions for an autonomous budget on the basis of a document prepared by the GFCM Secretariat¹. The Commission requested the Secretariat to prepare a new proposal to be discussed during a special session of the Commission².

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTION

4. Since the Twenty-third Session, the Secretary of GFCM has consulted GFCM members on this issue. Based on these consultations the GFCM

Secretariat proposes that the scale of contributions to the GFCM autonomous budget be as identified in Annex 1 to this document.

5. It is furthermore assumed that:

- the autonomous budget is adopted at each regular session of the Commission on the basis of the annual work programme;
- all current members accept the amendments to the GFCM Agreement relating to the autonomous budget, and the amended Agreement enters into force for them.

6. Table 1 shows how an autonomous budget (of US\$ 750 000 in this case) would be allocated among GFCM members applying the proposed scale of contributions.

ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission is invited to review and adopt the proposed scale of contributions.

Table 1: Scale of contribution to hypothetical GFCM autonomous budget of US\$ 750,000 for 2000

		Basic Fee	GNP Component		Catch Component		Total	Total
Member		US\$	Index	US\$	GFCM mt	US\$	US\$	%
Albania		3409	0.003	18	5063	587	4014	0.54
Algeria		3409	0.095	583	151104	17518	21510	2.87
Bulgaria		3409					3409	0.45
Croatia		3409	0.037	227	36813	4268	7904	1.05
Cyprus		3409	0.035	215	12351	1432	5056	0.67
Egypt		3409	0.066	405	152146	17639	21453	2.86
France		3409	6.620	40637	0	0	44046	5.87
Greece		3409	0.355	2179	0	0	5588	0.75
Israel		3409	0.349	2142	11215	1300	6852	0.91
Italy		3409	5.498	33749	0	0	37158	4.95
Japan		3409	20.228	124169	2192	254	127832	17.04

Lebanon		3409	0.016	98	9303	1079	4586	0.61
Libya		3409	0.134	823	93617	10853	15085	2.01
Malta		3409	0.014	86	8009	929	4424	0.59
Monaco		3409	0.014	86	13	2	3497	0.47
Morocco		3409	0.042	258	69322	8037	11704	1.56
Romania		3409					3409	0.45
Spain		3409	2.610	16021	0	0	19431	2.59
Syria		3409	0.065	399	7347	852	4660	0.62
Tunisia		3409	0.028	172	243752	28259	31840	4.25
Turkey		3409	0.445	2732	225760	26173	32314	4.31
EC		3409	0.000	0	2853561	330821	334230	44.56
			36.654		3881568			100.00
US DOLLARS		75000		225000		450000	750000	

Table 2: GFCM Tonnage in Equivalent US dollars for contributions for 2000

(based on capture fish and marine aquaculture production in the Mediterranean and Black Sea - average 1995/97 ; and application of a conversion rate of 1 for small pelagic species and 4 for other species)

GFCM-MEMBERS	Small Pelagics		Other Fish		Total	
	M. Tons	Converted	M. Tons	Converted	M. Tons	Converted
Albania	286	286	1194	4776	1480	5062
Algeria	85031	85031	16518	66072	101549	151103
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	9712	9712	6775	27100	16487	36812
Cyprus	26	26	3081	12324	3107	12350
Egypt	18018	18018	33532	134128	51550	152146
France	16326	16326	46481	185924	62807	202250
Greece	55662	55662	122157	488628	177819	544290
Israel	1076	1076	2535	10140	3611	11216

Italy	106317	106317	402438	1609752	508755	1716069
Japan	0	0	548	2192	548	2192
Lebanon	2150	2150	1788	7152	3938	9302
Libya	13200	13200	20104	80416	33304	93616
Malta	354	354	1914	7656	2268	8010
Monaco	0	0	3	12	3	12
Morocco	23614	23614	11427	45708	35041	69322
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	106513	106513	71110	284440	177623	390953
Syria	748	748	1650	6600	2398	7348
Tunisia	31789	31789	52991	211964	84780	243753
Turkey	39053	39053	46677	186708	85730	225761
TOTAL	509875	509875	842923	3371692	1352798	3881567

Appendix 1

Scheme for Calculation of Contributions to the Autonomous Budget of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

1. An amount equal to ten percent (10 %) of the Autonomous Budget shall be divided equally among all Members.
2. An amount equal to thirty percent (30 %) of the Autonomous Budget shall be divided among Members so that each GFCM member contributes a portion of said thirty percent that is proportional to that same member's share of the combined contribution of all GFCM members to FAO's regular budget.
3. An amount equal to sixty percent (60 %) of the Autonomous Budget is divided among Members so that each member pays a share of said sixty percent that is proportional to its share of the "GFCM Tonnage".
4. The "GFCM Tonnage" is calculated as follows. It is measured in tons of fish, crustacea and molluscs (in the rest of the paragraph referred to as "fish" only). The GFCM tonnage includes all fish produced by capture fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean (but not in the Black Sea) as reported by FAO. All tonnage is converted into GFCM tonnage. Small pelagic species³ of fish are converted to GFCM tonnage by multiplying the quantity of small pelagics by a factor of 1. All other species are multiplied by a factor of 4. A three-year average

is used. The three year period begins with the year that occurred five years before the calendar year in which the start of the budget period falls.

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Document: GFCM/XXIII/98/5. *Scheme and scale of contributions to an autonomous budget.*

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Paragraph 68, *Report of the Twenty-third Session*, Rome, Italy 7-10 July 1998.

³

The "Small pelagic" group includes ISSCAAP groups 34 (Jacks, mullets, sauries), 35 (Herrings, sardines, anchovies) and 37 (Mackerels, snoeks, cutlassfishes).