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**SMALL-SCALE FISHERS’ FORUM**

**Non-indigenous species: from health and safety to marketing opportunities**

21-23 November 2023
Akyaka, Gökova Bay, Türkiye

**Agenda**

**Objectives**

The objective of this workshop is to build capacity of small-scale fishers that increasingly find non-indigenous species in their catches. In particular, the workshop will share experiences on handling non-indigenous species (NIS) existing in different Mediterranean subregions, based on the first-hand experience of fishers in Gökova Bay, Türkiye and best practices from across the region. Furthermore, it will explore strategies for capitalizing on potential new market opportunities for these species.

**TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

*9.30–17.30 (CET)*

1. **Welcome and introduction to the SSF Forum**
2. **Improving knowledge on NIS: how fishers can engage with the GFCM NIS research programme to identify solutions and promote opportunities**
   - Discussion with the participants
3. **Socio-economic impact of NIS on small-scale fisheries**
   - Sharing of experience from fishers
4. **Case studies and best practices in handling NIS in the Mediterranean**
   - Sharing of experience from fishers

**WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

*8.30–18.00 (CET)*

5. **Field trip to marine protected area**
6. Market opportunities in the management of NIS
   - Discussions and group work with the participants

   THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER
   9:00–11:00 (CET)

7. Closing discussions and presentation of conclusions