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GFCM-MAVA project towards a region-wide legal framework for the conservation of Mediterranean marine living resources and ecosystems (GFCM-LEX)

GFCM-Lex online training workshop for Turkey

INFORMATION NOTE

Date and place

The training workshop will take place online on Zoom on 6 April 2021 from 09.00 to 11.00 hours (CET).

Background

In the Mediterranean region, access to national legislation on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems is generally limited and information can be hard to find, particularly for users without a legal background. There is a general lack of knowledge regarding existing legal databases relating to marine living resources and ecosystems at the country level, which implies an even weaker knowledge of GFCM recommendations transposed into national legislation. In a region where there is an increasing need to promote the exchange of best practices, the national legislation is usually available in one language only (national language) and rarely found in other languages, such as English or French.

Therefore, there is a need for a transparent and user-friendly way of getting information about a specific country's legislation on fisheries and aquaculture for fishers, practitioners, administrators, scientists, lawyers and any other person interested in the sector. The GFCM Regional Repository of National Legislation (GFCM-Lex) provides reliable information based on national legislation relating to the management of living marine resources and marine ecosystems in the Mediterranean and binding recommendations adopted by the GFCM. National legislation is presented in a harmonized framework for the countries covered in the region and categorized according to four key areas: access regimes to fisheries resources; conservation and management; monitoring, control and surveillance, and aquaculture-fisheries interactions.

The GFCM-Lex online training workshop will help participants in Turkey to learn how to use the regional repository, contribute to it, and raise their awareness about existing national legislation and GFCM recommendations addressing the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems in the Mediterranean region.

Main objectives

The training workshop will: i) emphasize concerned stakeholders' need for GFCM-Lex; ii) explain to participants how to use GFCM-Lex, including how to collaborate through adding/updating national legislation; iii) help participants to use GFCM-Lex for identifying national measures and solutions to challenges related to the management of marine living resources and ecosystems; iv) help participants familiarise themselves with the GFCM-Lex framework (structure of country profiles); v) help participants become acquainted with some areas of the fisheries sector (small-scale fisheries, bycatch, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing); and vi) raise awareness on sustainable practices relating to the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems.

Attendance

The training workshop is intended for fishers, fishers' associations representatives, policy-makers, students, researchers, professors, scientists, national administrators, non-governmental organizations representatives, civil society organisations representatives and MAVA partners' project managers.

Languages

The working language of the workshop will be Turkish. Simultaneous interpretation from/into English and Turkish will be available.

Registration

Participants should register for the GFCM-Lex online training workshop through the following [online form](#).

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