

# Webinar on the results of the GFCM research programme on European eel in the Mediterranean

23 February 2022  
9.00-13.00 CET (online)

## BACKGROUND

In 2018, the GFCM adopted a binding recommendation (Rec. GFCM/42/2018/1) on a multiannual management plan for European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) in the Mediterranean requesting 1) the development of a set of transitional precautionary management measures, while preparing the grounds for a future long-term management plan and 2) the launch and implementation of a research programme to collect and collate information on European eel in the Mediterranean towards informing scientific advice on management.

Against this background, and as the result of region-wide consultations and the endorsement of the GFCM Scientific Advisory Committee for Fisheries, the research programme was executed as a concerted action to be achieved by joining forces of ongoing research activities and sharing expertise over a period of 18 months, ending in February 2022. It has involved nine scientific partners and nine administration focal points from as many countries, towards achieving a coordinated framework for management towards the preparation of a management plan for eel in the Mediterranean.

The research programme covered numerous aspects related to the biology, habitats, monitoring and data collection of the European eel population in the Mediterranean as well as to the assessment and management of its fisheries.

This webinar represents an opportunity for the partners involved in the GFCM research programme on European eel to share the results of this 18-month effort with the Mediterranean community and more widely.



## AGENDA

Time (CET)	Agenda
9:00 – 9:10	Opening of the webinar
9:10 – 9:40	<p>A general introduction GFCM Research Programme on European eel in the Mediterranean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background and rationale</li> <li>• Structure and methods</li> </ul>
9:40 – 10:50	<p>Results of the Research programme – Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eel habitats</li> <li>• Eel recruitment</li> <li>• Eel local stocks</li> <li>• Eel aquaculture</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
10:50 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Results of the Research programme – Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eel fisheries</li> <li>• Management frameworks in place</li> <li>• Assessment and Management scenarios</li> <li>• Eel monitoring Eel data collection</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
12:30 – 12:55	General conclusions and way forward
12:55 – 13:00	Closure of the webinar