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Forum Convenor: Miguel Bernal, GFCM Executive Secretary

Monday, 19 February

10.30–17.30 **Participant registration**

11.00 **Opening of Fish Forum stands**

12.00–14.00 **Welcome lunch**

Technical workshops

(with coffee stations in the foyer area)

<p>14.00–17.30 Hanedan room</p>	<p>Workshop 1 Mitigating multitaxa fisheries interactions in the Mediterranean: a collaborative approach to monitor and reduce vulnerable species bycatch and dolphin depredation ACCOBAMS, GFCM, UNEP-MAP-SPA/RAC, IUCN-Med, MEDASSET, BirdLife ECA, WWF and Turkish Marine Research Foundation</p>
<p>14.00–16.00 Sultan room</p>	<p>Workshop 2 Extending social protection coverage to the fisheries and aquaculture sector FAO, GFCM and Autonomous University of Barcelona</p>
<p>15.00–17.00 Ferman room</p>	<p>Workshop 3 Smart tools and digital twins of the ocean: unlocking data access for evidence-based policy making for sustainable fisheries management American University of Armenia and FAO</p>
<p>15.00–18.00 Hasoda room</p>	<p>Workshop 4 Perspectives and efforts to deter illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the southern Mediterranean: CAPFISH project World Maritime University</p>
<p>15.00–18.00 Sehzade room</p>	<p>Workshop 5 Uniting forces for sustainable fisheries through digital collaboration and innovative technologies Global Fishing Watch and Fish-X</p>
<p>15.00–18.00 Harem room</p>	<p>Workshop 6 Fish stock identification using morphological markers Karadeniz Technical University</p>

Tuesday, 20 February

08.30–09.00

Participant registration

09.00–09.30

Beylerbey room

Interpretation in English,
French and Turkish

Official opening

- H.E. İbrahim Yumaklı, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye
- Manuel Barange, Assistant Director General, Director Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO (*video message*)
- Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, IOC-UNESCO (*video message*)
- Hulusi Şahin, Governor of Antalya, Türkiye

09.30–10.15

Beylerbey room

Interpretation in English,
French and Turkish

Setting the scene

- Alan Haynie, General Secretary, ICES

Theme session 1

Better science for better advice

10.15–11.00

Beylerbey room

Interpretation in English,
French and Turkish

Better science for better advice – keynote address

- Betulla Morello, Fishery Resources Officer, GFCM

11.00–11.15

Coffee break

11.15–12.00

Better science for better advice – parallel sessions

Beylerbey room

Interpretation in English,
French and Turkish

Parallel session 1.1

Good practices in data and resource limited assessments

Chairpersons:

- Reda Fahim, Head of Fisheries Department, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt
- Anne Marie Cooper, Professional Officer for Fisheries and Aquaculture Advice, ICES

Dolmabahce A

Parallel session 1.2

Assessing fisheries under changing climate and productivity

Chairpersons:

- Diego Alvarez-Berastegui, Researcher, Spanish Institute of Oceanography of the Spanish National Research Council, Spain, and European Delegate, ICCAT
- Tarûb Bahri, Fishery Resources Officer, FAO

Dolmabahce B

Parallel session 1.3

Management strategy evaluation for fisheries advice

Chairpersons:

- Eyüp Mümtaz Tirasın, Faculty Member, Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology of Dokuz Eylul University, Türkiye
- Kostiantyn Demianenko, Deputy Director on Science, Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology, Ukraine

12.00–14.00	Side events and lunch break
Dolmabahce A	Untangled: opportunities and challenges in tackling marine plastic pollution from (ghost) fishing gear OceanCare
Dolmabahce B	Standardization as a tool for sustainable fisheries ISO/TC 234
Dolmabahce C	New generation of fishers: new challenges for the sector with a vision for the future MEDAC
Kaftan room	Special workshop towards the establishment of a GFCM network of experts on climate change GFCM
14.00–17.15	Better science for better advice – parallel sessions (cont.)
Beylerbey room	Parallel session 1.1 Good practices in data and resource limited assessments
Dolmabahce A	Parallel session 1.2 Assessing fisheries under changing climate and productivity
Dolmabahce B	Parallel session 1.3 Management strategy evaluation for fisheries advice
17.15–18.00 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish	Expert roundtable – The science-policy interface Moderator: Betulla Morello , Fishery Resources Officer, GFCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission ○ Alan Haynie, General Secretary, ICES ○ Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP ○ Abdelmalek Faraj, Director, National Institute for Fisheries Research, Morocco
18.00–19.00 Beylerbey foyer	Poster session
18.30-19.30	Fish Forum 2024 reception Offered by Türkiye

Wednesday, 21 February

<p>09.00–9.45 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camille Manel, Executive Secretary, ICCAT
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Theme session 2

Healthy seas and sustainable fisheries

<p>9.45-10.30 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Healthy seas and sustainable fisheries – keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simone Libralato, Senior Scientist, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics, Italy
<p>10.30–11.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11.00–12.00</p>	<p>Healthy seas and sustainable fisheries – parallel sessions</p>
<p>Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Parallel session 2.1 Advancing fisheries management through marine spatial planning Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Giacomo Chato Osio, Science and Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission ○ Violin Raykov, Fisheries Biologist, Institute of Fish Resources and Institute of Oceanology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria
<p>Dolmabahce A</p>	<p>Parallel session 2.2 Innovation and adaptation in building resilience to climate change impacts Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anis Zarrouk, Biodiversity Programme Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-SPA/RAC ○ Manuel Hidalgo, Fisheries Ecologist and Ecosystems Oceanographer, Spanish Institute of Oceanography of the Spanish National Research Council, Spain
<p>Dolmabahce B</p>	<p>Parallel session 2.3 Effective measures for protecting vulnerable species Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Kenny, Principal Ecosystem Scientist and Marine Benthic Ecologist, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, United Kingdom ○ Emanuela Fanelli, Associate Professor of Ecology and Fishery Biology, Polytechnic University of Ancona, Italy

12.00–14.00		Side events and lunch break
Dolmabahce A	Introducing adviceXplorer: a new app that makes ICES fisheries advice interactive and accessible ICES	
Dolmabahce B	Success stories from sustainable small-scale Fisheries in Mediterranean marine protected areas MedPAN	
Dolmabahce C	Black Sea sturgeons: solutions to preserve iconic migratory species threatened with extinction GFCM and WWF-Med	
Kaftan room	Special workshop on the collaboration among Mediterranean and Black Sea research institutes GFCM	
14.00–16.45		Healthy seas and sustainable fisheries – parallel sessions (cont.)
Beylerbey room	Parallel session 2.1 Advancing fisheries management through marine spatial planning	
Dolmabahce A	Parallel session 2.2 Innovation and adaptation in building resilience to climate change impacts	
Dolmabahce B	Parallel session 2.3 Effective measures for protecting vulnerable species	
16.45–17.15		Coffee break
17.15–18.00 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish	Expert roundtable – What science do we need to address international agreements? Moderator: Nicola Ferri , Institutional and Compliance Officer, GFCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO ○ Dmitry Gonchar, Principal Legal Officer, UNDOALOS ○ Joseph Appiott, Coordinator for Marine, Coastal and Island Biodiversity, CBD Secretariat ○ Camille Manel, Executive Secretary, ICCAT ○ Mohammed Malouli Idrissi, Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries, GFCM 	
18.00–19.00 Beylerbey foyer	Poster session (with coffee and refreshments)	

Thursday, 22 February

<p>09.00–9.45 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO
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Theme session 3

Economic and technologic innovation for resilient fisheries

<p>9.45–10.30 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Economic and technologic innovation for resilient fisheries – keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olfa Ben Abdallah, Researcher and Lecturer, National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology, Tunisia
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<p>10.30–11.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
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<p>11.00–12.00</p>	<p>Economic and technologic innovation for resilient fisheries – parallel sessions</p>
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<p>Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Parallel session 3.1 Using economic data and engaging stakeholders to support fisheries livelihoods Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yessine Ben Arfa, Researcher of Fisheries Economics, National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology, Tunisia ○ Aurélien Calas, Research Assistant, Monaco Scientific Center, Monaco
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<p>Dolmabahce A</p>	<p>Parallel session 3.2 Envisaging the future of fisheries value chains Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mohamed Naji, Head of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine, Morocco ○ Olivier Thébaud, Researcher, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea, France
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<p>Dolmabahce B</p>	<p>Parallel session 3.3 Innovative technologies for sustainable fisheries Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Francesca Ottolenghi, President, LegaCoop ○ Anne Marie Cooper, Professional Officer for Fisheries and Aquaculture Advice, ICES
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12.00–14.00		Side events and lunch break
Dolmabahce A	Blue Ports Initiative FAO	
Dolmabahce B	Scientific collaboration and innovation for shark and ray conservation to support the implementation of existing legislation in the Mediterranean and Black Seas WWF and Shark Trust	
Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French	Saving the European eel: best practices Mediterranean Recovery Action and FishSec	
Dolmabahce C	The United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement and its current relevance for science in fisheries management UNDOALOS	
14.00–16.45		Economic and technological innovation for resilient fisheries – parallel sessions (cont.)
Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish	Parallel session 3.1 Using economic data and engaging stakeholders to support fisheries livelihoods	
Dolmabahce A	Parallel session 3.2 Envisaging the future of fisheries value chains	
Dolmabahce B	Parallel session 3.3 Innovative technologies for sustainable fisheries	
16.45–17.15		Coffee break
17.15–18.00 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish	Expert roundtable – Fisheries research in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea Moderator: Miguel Bernal , Executive Secretary, GFCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria del Carmen García-Martinez, Director, Spanish Institute of Oceanography of the Spanish National Research Council, Spain ○ Tamara Elzein, Secretary General, National Council for Scientific Research of Lebanon, Lebanon ○ Murat Dağtekin, Head of the Agricultural Economy Department, Central Fisheries Research Institute, Türkiye ○ Hechmi Missaoui, Director, National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology, Tunisia 	
18.00–19.00 Beylerbey foyer	Poster session (with coffee and refreshments)	

Friday, 23 February

<p>09.00–09.45 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Closing session – keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrique Curchitser, Professor of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers University, United States
<p>09.45–11.15 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Priorities for the upcoming decade and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme session chairpersons and parallel session moderators
<p>11.15–11.45 Coffee break</p>	
<p>11.45–12.15 Beylerbey room Interpretation in English, French and Turkish</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Altug Atalay, Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Türkiye ○ Eric Banel, Director-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture, France (<i>video message</i>) ○ Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO
<p>12.15–13.00 Beylerbey room</p>	<p>Cooking demonstration</p>

Fish Forum stands

- **Albero Association and Notre Grand Bleu**
- **DuWo project**
- **FAO Calypso project**
- **Friends of SSF** – GFCM, Mediterranean Advisory Council and WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative
- **General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)**
- **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)**
- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and United Nations Environment Programme Mediterranean Action Plan Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (**UNEP/MAP-SPA/RAC**)
- **OceanCare**
- **The Shark Trust**

