



## GFCM ONLINE FORUM: Building fisheries and aquaculture resilience post COVID-19

### Webinar 1 - The experience of international organizations in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Thursday, 25 June 2020 – 15.00–16.30 CET – [ZOOM](#)

**15.00–15.10** Introduction of the topic and objectives of the webinar  
- **Nicola Ferri**, GFCM Secretariat

**15.10–15.20** Keynote address on the GFCM analysis of the impacts of COVID-19  
- **Abdellah Srour**, GFCM Executive Secretary

**15.20–16.10** Discussion on the impacts of COVID-19 and work towards building Blue Economy resilience. The discussion will focus on the preliminary assessment of the impacts COVID-19 and the consequences of the ongoing crisis as well as the work of regional organizations towards a “new normality”.

Among others, the following topics will be tackled:

- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of COVID-19 on the Blue Economy;
- Administrative arrangements for the functioning of organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. postponement of meeting/reliance on virtual meetings, adjustments in work plans, etc.), and
- Future strategies and plans to ensure adaption to the “new normality”.

Contributions by panellists:

- **Darius Campbell**, Secretary, North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)
- **Camille Manel**, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- **Gaetano Leone**, Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme – Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention (UNEP-MAP)
- **Abdelouahed Benabbou**, Executive Secretary, Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (ATLAFCO)
- **Iryna Makarenko**, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Black Sea Commission Secretariat (BSC)

**16.10–16.30** Q&A and conclusions

Moderator: **Nicola Ferri**, GFCM Secretariat

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English and French