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ANNEX I

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GFCM MULTIANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR RED CORAL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The tables in this Annex set out the maximum allowable number of fishing authorisations and the maximum level of harvested quantities of red coral in the Mediterranean Sea.

Reference to fishing zones are references to the GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names of fish stocks is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Corallium rubrum	COL	Red coral

Table 1

Maximum number of fishing authorisations¹

Member States	Red coral COL
Greece	12
Spain	0 (2)
France	32
Croatia	28
Italy	40

Table 2

Maximum level of harvested quantities expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Red coral	Zone:	Union waters in the Mediterranean Sea-GSA 1-27
	Corallium rubrum	COL/GF1	-27
Greece	1,844		
Spain	0 (2)		

Representing number of vessels or divers, or both, or a pair of one diver with one vessel, authorised to harvest red coral.

In accordance with the temporal ban for red coral fisheries established in Spanish waters.

France	1,400	
Croatia	1,226	
Italy	1,378	
Union	5,848	
TAC	Not relevant	

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ANNEX III

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF DEMERSAL STOCKS IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The tables in this Annex set out the maximum allowable fishing effort (in fishing days) by stock groups, as defined in Article 2, point (13), of Regulation (EU) No 2019/1022, maximum catch limits and overall length of vessels for all types of trawls¹ and demersal longliners fishing for demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea.

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be subject to the rules set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1022 and Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) 1224/2009.

Reference to fishing zones are references to GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names of fish stocks is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Aristaeomorpha foliacea	ARS	Giant red shrimp
Aristeus antennatus	ARA	Blue and red shrimp
Merluccius merluccius	НКЕ	European hake
Mullus barbatus	MUT	Red mullet
Nephrops norvegicus	NEP	Norway lobster
Parapenaeus longirostris	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp

- 1. Maximum allowable fishing effort in fishing days
- (a) Number of fishing days for trawlers in Alboran Sea, Balearic Islands, Northern Spain and Gulf of Lion (GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7)

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	Fishing effort group code	Additional allocation code
GSAs 1, 5, 6	< 12 m	рт	рт	рт	EFF1/MED1_TR 1	EFF1/MED1_TR1_AA
and 7; hake in GSAs 1, 5, 6 and 7; deep-	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	pm	pm	рт	EFF1/MED1_TR 2	EFF1/MED1_TR2_AA
water rose shrimp in GSAs 1, 5	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	pm	рт	EFF1/MED1_TR 3	EFF1/MED1_TR3_AA
and 6; Norway lobster in GSAs 5 and 6	≥ 24 m	pm	рт	pm	EFF1/MED1_TR 4	EFF1/MED1_TR4_AA

TBB, OTB, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, OTT, OT, PT, TX, OTP and TSP.

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	Fishing effort group code	Additional allocation code
	< 12 m	pm	pm	рm	EFF2/MED1_TR1	EFF2/MED1_TR1_AA
2, 5, 6	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	pm	pm	рт	EFF2/MED1_TR2	EFF2/MED1_TR2_AA
and 7	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	рт	pm	EFF2/MED1_TR3	EFF2/MED1_TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	рm	рт	рт	EFF2/MED1_TR4	EFF2/MED1_TR4_AA

(b) Number of fishing days for trawlers in Corsica Island, Ligurian Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea and Sardinia Island (GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11)

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	Fishing effort group code	Add ition al alloc atio n code
GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11; hake in GSAs 8, 9,	< 12 m	рт	рт	рт	EFF1/MED2_TR1	EFF1/ MED2 _TR1_ AA
10 and 11; deep-water rose shrimp in GSAs 9, 10 and 11;	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_TR2	EFF1/ MED2 _TR2_ AA
Norway lobster in GSAs 9 and 10	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_TR3	EFF1/ MED2 _TR3_ AA
	≥ 24 m	рт	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_TR4	EFF1/ MED2 _TR4_ AA

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	group code	Additiona l allocation code
Giant red shrimp in GSAs	< 12 m	pm	pm	рт	EFF2/MED2_TR 1	EFF2/MED2 _TR1_AA

8, 9, 10 and 11	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	рт	pm	pm	EFF2/MED2_TR 2	EFF2/MED2 _TR2_AA
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	рт	pm	EFF2/MED2_TR 3	EFF2/MED2 _TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	рт	pm	pm	EFF2/MED2_TR 4	EFF2/MED2 _TR4_AA

(c) Number of fishing days for demersal longliners in Alboran Sea, Balearic Islands, Northern Spain and Gulf of Lion (GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7)

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	Fishing effort group code
Hake in GSAs 1,	< 12 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED1_LL1
2, 5, 6 and 7	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	pm	рт	pm	EFF1/MED1_LL2
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED1_LL3
	≥ 24 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED1_LL4

(d) Number of fishing days for demersal longliners in Corsica Island, Ligurian Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea and Sardinia Island (GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11)

Stock group	Overall length of vessels	Spain	France	Italy	Fishing effort group code
	< 12 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_LL1
9, 10 and 11	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_LL2
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_LL3
	≥ 24 m	pm	pm	pm	EFF1/MED2_LL4

2. Maximum catch limits for deep-water shrimps

(a) Fishing opportunities for blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) in the Alboran Sea, Balearic Islands, Northern Spain and Gulf of Lion (GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7), expressed as maximum level of catches in tonnes live weight

Aristeus antennatus (ARA/GF1-7)	Species:	Blue and red shrimp Aristeus antennatus	Zone:	GSA 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 (ARA/GF1-7)
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Spain	pm	
France	pm	
Italy	pm	
Union	pm	
TAC	Not relevant	Maximum level of catches

(b) Fishing opportunities for blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) and giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea*) in Corsica Island, Ligurian Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea and Sardinia Island (GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11), expressed as maximum level of catches in tonnes live weight

Species:	Blue and red shrimp Aristeus antennatus	Zone:	GSA 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ARA/GF8-11)
Spain	pm		
France	pm		
Italy	pm		
Union	pm		
TAC	Not relevant	Maximum lev	rel of catches

Species:	Giant red shrimp Aristaeomorpha foliacea		Zone:	GSA 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ARS/GF8-11)
Spain	pm			
France	pm			
Italy	pm			
Union	pm			
TAC	Not relevant		Maximum l	evel of catches

ANNEX IV

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

The tables in this Annex set out the fishing opportunities by stock or vessels effort groups and the conditions functionally linked thereto, where appropriate, including the maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish small pelagics.

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be subject to the rules set out in Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Reference to fishing zones are references to GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Engraulis encrasicolus	ANE	Anchovy
Merluccius merluccius	НКЕ	European hake
Mullus barbatus	MUT	Red mullet
Nephrops norvegicus	NEP	Norway lobster
Parapenaeus longirostris	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp
Sardina pilchardus	PIL	Sardine
Solea solea	SOL	Common sole

1. Small pelagic stocks – GSAs 17 and 18

Maximum level of catches expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Small pelagic species (sardine) Engraulis encrasicolus pilchardus	and Sardina	Zone:	Union and International waters of GFCM-GSAs 17 and 18 (SP1/GF1718)	
Italy	pm	<u>(*)</u>	Maximu	m level of catches	
Croatia	pm			8(2) and 3(3) of Regulation (EC)	
TAC	Not relevant		No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall n apply		

^(*) Concerning Slovenia, the quantities are based on the level of catches made in 2014, up to an amount that should not exceed 300 tonnes.

Maximum fleet capacity of trawlers and purse seiners actively fishing for small pelagics

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Croatia	PS	249	77 145,52	18 537,72
Italy	PTM, OTM and PS	685	134 556,7	25 852
Slovenia_(*)	PS	4	433,7	38,5

^(*) The provision under paragraph 28 of GFCM/44/2021/20 shall not apply to national fleets of less than 10 purse seiners or pelagic trawlers actively fishing for small pelagic stocks, as recorded both in national and GFCM registers in 2014. In such case, the capacity of the active fleet may increase by not more than 50 % in number of vessels and in terms of gross tonnage (GT), gross registered tonnage (GRT) and kW.

2. Demersal stocks – GSAs 17 and 18

Maximum allowable fishing effort (in fishing days) by types of trawls and fleet segment fishing for demersal stocks in GSAs 17 and 18 (Adriatic Sea).

						Fishing Days	2024
Gear type	Geographical area	concerne	Overall length of vessels	Effort group code	ITALY	CROATIA	SLOVENIA <u>(*)</u>
	areas 17 and	Red mullet;	< 12 m	EFF/MED3_OTB _TR1	рт	рт	
	18	aeep- water	≥ 12 m and < 24 m	EFF/MED3_OTB _TR2	pm	рт	
			≥ 24 m	EFF/MED3_OTB _TR3	рт	рт	
trawls		Common sole	< 12 m	EFF/MED3_TBB _TR1	рт	pm	
(TBB)			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	EFF/MED3_TBB _TR2	pm	pm	
			≥ 24 m	EFF/MED3_TBB _TR3	рт	pm	

^(*) Slovenia shall not exceed the effort limit of 3 000 fishing days per year in accordance with paragraph 13 of GFCM/43/2019/5.

Maximum fleet capacity of bottom trawler and beam trawl vessels authorised for fishing demersal stocks

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Croatia	ОТВ	495	79 867,99	13 267,99
Italy	OTB and TBB	1 363	260 618,37	47 148
Slovenia (*)	ОТВ	11	1 813,00	168,67

^(*) The provisions of paragraphs 9(c) and 28 of GFCM/43/2019/5 shall not apply to national fleets operating with trawls (OTB) and fishing for less than 1 000 days during the reference period mentioned in paragraph 9(c). The fishing capacity of the active fleet operating with trawls (OTB) shall not increase by more than 50 percent with respect to the reference period.

ANNEX V

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE STRAIT OF SICILY

The tables in this Annex set out the fishing opportunities by stock or vessels effort groups and the conditions functionally linked thereto, where appropriate, including the maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish demersal species and deep-water shrimps.

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be subject to the rules set out in Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

References to fishing zones are references to GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Merluccius merluccius	НКЕ	European hake
Parapenaeus longirostris	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp
Aristaeomorpha foliacea	ARS	Giant red shrimp
Aristeus antennatus	ARA	Blue and red shrimp

1. Demersal Stocks

(a) Maximum fleet capacity, expressed in number of vessels, kW and GT, of bottom trawl vessels authorised to fish demersal stocks in Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16)

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Cyprus	OTB	1	265	105
Spain	ОТВ	1	100	118
Italy	ОТВ	594	144 175	36 856
Malta	ОТВ	15	5 562	2 007

(b) Maximum level of fishing effort, expressed in number of fishing days, for bottom trawl vessels targeting European hake *(Merluccius merluccius)* in Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

Member State	Gear	Vessel Length	Effort group code	Fishing Days 2024
CYP	OTB	T-12	EFF4/MED4_OTB4	51
ITA	ОТВ	T-07	EFF4/MED4_OTB1	90
ITA	ОТВ	T-10	EFF4/MED4_OTB2	188
ITA	ОТВ	T-11	EFF4/MED4_OTB3	19 366
ITA	OTB	T-12	EFF4/MED4_OTB4	3 657
MLT	OTB	T-11	EFF4/MED4_OTB3	338
MLT	ОТВ	T-12	EFF4/MED4_OTB4	165

(c) Maximum level of catches of deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*) in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Deep-water rose shrimp Parapenaeus longirostris	Zone: GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (DPS/GF12-16)
Cyprus	1	Analytical catch limit
Italy	2083	
Malta	6	
Union	2090	
TAC	Not relevant	

2. Deep-water shrimps

(a) Maximum fleet capacity, expressed in number of vessels, kW and GT, of bottom trawl vessels authorised to fish deep-water shrimp stocks in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13 14, 15 and 16)

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Cyprus	ОТВ	1	265	105
Spain	OTB	2	440,56	218,78
Italy	ОТВ	320	93 756	26 076
Malta	ОТВ	15	5 562	2 007

(b) Maximum level of catches of giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea*) in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Giant red shrimp Aristaeomorpha foliacea	Zone: GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (ARS/GF12-16)
Spain	1	Analytical catch limit
Italy	844	l .
Cyprus		
Malta	36	5
Union	883	
TAC	Not relevan	t

(c) Maximum level of catches of blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) in the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Blue and red shrimp		Zone: GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16
	Aristeus antennatus		(ARA/GF12-16)
Spain		1	Precautionary catch limit

Italy	98	
Cyprus	0	
Malta	2	
Union	101	
TAC	Not relevant	

ANNEX VI

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE IONIAN SEA AND THE LEVANT SEA

The tables in this Annex set out the maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish for demersal stocks in the Ionian Sea and the Levant Sea. References to fishing zones are references to GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names of fish stocks is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Aristaeomorpha foliacea	ARS	Giant red shrimp
Aristeus antennatus	ARA	Blue and red shrimp

1. Ionian Sea

(a) Maximum fleet capacity, expressed in number of vessels, kW and GT, of bottom trawl vessels authorised to fish deep-water shrimp stocks in the Ionian Sea (GSAs 19, 20 and 21)

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Greece	OTB	240	69 281	23 101
Italy	ОТВ	410	95 996	22 252
Malta	ОТВ	15	5 562	2 007

(b) Maximum level of catches of giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea*) in the Ionian Sea (GSAs 19, 20 and 21) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Giant red shrimp Aristaeomorpha foliacea		Zone: GSAs 19, 20 and 21 (ARS/GF19-21)
Greece	1 0	33	Analytical catch limit
Italy	3	03	
Malta		45	
Union	3	81	
TAC	Not releva	ınt	

(c) Maximum level of catches of blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) in the Ionian Sea (GSAs 19, 20 and 21) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Blue and red shrimp Aristeus antennatus	Zo	one: GSAs 19, 20 and 21 (ARA/GF19-21)
Greece	14	,5	Anaytical catch limit
Italy	243	,5	
Malta		0	
Union	2	57	
TAC	Not releva	nt	

2. Levant Sea

(a) Maximum fleet capacity, expressed in number of vessels, kW and GT, of bottom trawler vessels authorised to fish deep-water shrimp stocks in the Levant Sea (GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27)

Member State	Gear	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Cyprus	ОТВ	6	2 048	618
Italy	OTB	80	37 192	13 199

(b) Maximum level of catches of giant red shrimp (*Aristaeomorpha foliacea*) in the Levant Sea (GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Giant red shrimp Aristaeomorpha foliacea	Zone: GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27 (ARS/GF24-27)
Italy	46,4	Precautionary catch limit
Cyprus	11,3	
Union	57,7	
TAC	Not relevant	

(c) Maximum level of catches of blue and red shrimp (*Aristeus antennatus*) in the Levant Sea (GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27) expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Blue and red shrimp Aristeus antennatus	Zone: GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27 (ARA/GF24-27)
Italy	9	Precautionary catch limit
Cyprus	6	
Union	15	
TAC	Not relevant	

ANNEX VII

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE ALBORAN SEA

(a) Maximum level of catches carried out by longlines and handlines, expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Blackspot seabream Pagellus bogaraveo		Zone: Union waters in the Alboran Sea – GSAs 1, 2 and 3 (SBR/GF1-3)
Spain		29.76	Maximum level of catches
Union		29.76	
TAC	Not re	elevant	

(b) Maximum number of longlines and handlines authorised for fishing in Alboran Sea (GSAs 1, 2 and 3)

Member State	Blackspot seabream in GSAs 1, 2 and 3	
Spain	82	

ANNEX VIII

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE BLACK SEA

The tables in this Annex set out TACs and quotas expressed in tonnes live weight by stock and, where appropriate, conditions functionally linked thereto.

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be subject to the rules set out in Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Reference to fishing zones are references to GFCM GSAs.

For the purposes of this Annex, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
Sprattus sprattus	SPR	Sprat
Scophthalmus maximus	TUR	Turbot

Species:	Sprat	Zone:	Union waters in the Black Sea – GSA 29
	Sprattus sprattus		(SPR/F3742C)
Bulgaria	8 032,50	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Romania	3 442,50		
Union	11 475		
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Tur Scophti maxi	halmus	Zone:	Union waters in the Black Sea – GSA 29 (TUR/F3742C)
Bulgaria	рт		Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Romania	рт			
Union	рт	/ X		
TAC	рт			

⁽¹⁾ No fishing activity, including transhipment, retaining on board, landing and first sale, shall be permitted from 15 April to 15 June 2024.

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