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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
<i>Corallium rubrum</i>	COL	Red coral

Table 1  
Maximum number of fishing authorisations(\*)

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

(\*) 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 current temporal ban until April 2024 for red coral fisheries established in Spanish waters, pending a further decision at the end of that period.

Table 2

Maximum level of harvested quantities expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Red coral <i>Corallium rubrum</i>	Zone:	Union waters in the Mediterranean Sea - GSAs 1-27 COL/GF 1-27
Greece	1,844		
Spain	0(**)		
France	1,400		
Croatia	1,226		
Italy	1,378		
Union	5,848		
TAC	Not relevant		

(\*\*) In accordance with the current temporal ban until April 2024 for red coral fisheries established in Spanish waters, pending a further decision at the end of that period.

## ANNEX II

### FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNION FISHING VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMON DOLPHINFISH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The tables in this Annex set out the maximum number, kW and GT of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish for common dolphinfish by using FADs in the Mediterranean Sea and the maximum level of catches.

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
<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	DOL	Common dolphinfish

(a) Maximum fleet capacity of vessels targeting common dolphinfish by using FADs in the Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 1-27)

Member State	Number of vessels	kW	GT
Italy	797	67 925,37	7 203
Malta	130	16 662	1 296,28
Spain	45	2 105,73	153,34

- (b) Maximum number of FADs per vessel authorised to target common dolphinfish in the Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 1-27)

Member State	Number of FADs per vessel
Italy	100
Malta	200
Spain	50

- (c) Maximum level of catches in tonnes live weight caught in the Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 1-27)(\*)

Species:	Common dolphinfish <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	Zone:	Union and International waters of GFCM-GSAs 1-27 (DOL/MED)
Italy	1 174	Maximum level of catches	
Malta	517		
Spain	127		
Union	1 818 (*)		
TAC	Not relevant		

- (\*) This quota may be fished only between 15 August and 31 December 2024 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2023/2124.

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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 trawls<sup>1</sup> 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
<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	ARS	Giant red shrimp
<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	ARA	Blue and red shrimp
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	HKE	European hake
<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	MUT	Red mullet
<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	NEP	Norway lobster
<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp

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<sup>1</sup> TBB, OTB, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, OTT, OT, PT, TX, OTP and TSP.

1. Maximum allowable fishing effort (in fishing days)

(a) Number of fishing days for trawlers in the 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
Red mullet in GSAs 1, 5, 6 and 7; hake in GSAs 1, 5, 6 and 7; deep-water rose shrimp in GSAs 1, 5 and 6; Norway lobster in GSAs 5 and 6	< 12 m	1 507	0	0	EFF1/MED1_TR1	EFF1/MED1_TR1_AA
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	16 189	0	0	EFF1/MED1_TR2	EFF1/MED1_TR2_AA
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	30 375	3 429	0	EFF1/MED1_TR3	EFF1/MED1_TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	10 698	4 173	0	EFF1/MED1_TR4	EFF1/MED1_TR4_AA
Blue and red shrimp in GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7	< 12 m	0	0	0	EFF2/MED1_TR1	EFF2/MED1_TR1_AA
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	759	0	0	EFF2/MED1_TR2	EFF2/MED1_TR2_AA
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	7 690	0	0	EFF2/MED1_TR3	EFF2/MED1_TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	6 173	0	0	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	Additional allocation code
Red mullet in GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11; hake in GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11; deep-water rose shrimp in GSAs 9, 10 and 11; Norway lobster in GSAs 9 and 10	< 12 m	0	139	1 969	EFF1/MED2_TR1	EFF1/MED2_TR1_AA
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	0	556	29 613	EFF1/MED2_TR2	EFF1/MED2_TR2_AA
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	0	139	19 915	EFF1/MED2_TR3	EFF1/MED2_TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	0	139	2 658	EFF1/MED2_TR4	EFF1/MED2_TR4_AA
Giant red shrimp in GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11	< 12 m	0	0	326	EFF2/MED2_TR1	EFF2/MED2_TR1_AA
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	0	0	2 402	EFF2/MED2_TR2	EFF2/MED2_TR2_AA
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	0	0	1 934	EFF2/MED2_TR3	EFF2/MED2_TR3_AA
	≥ 24 m	0	0	259	EFF2/MED2_TR4	EFF2/MED2_TR4_AA

- (c) Number of fishing days for demersal longliners in the 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, 2, 5, 6 and 7	< 12 m	9 433	6 432	0	EFF1/MED1_LL1
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	2 148	93	0	EFF1/MED1_LL2
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	74	0	0	EFF1/MED1_LL3
	≥ 24 m	29	0	0	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
Hake in GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11	< 12 m	0	1 650	33 187	EFF1/MED2_LL1
	≥ 12 m and < 18 m	0	51	4 748	EFF1/MED2_LL2
	≥ 18 m and < 24 m	0	0	26	EFF1/MED2_LL3
	≥ 24 m	0	0	0	EFF1/MED2_LL4

2. Maximum catch limits for deep-water shrimp

- (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

Species:	Blue and red shrimp <i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	Zone:	GSA 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 (ARA/GF1-7)
Spain	787	Maximum level of catches	
France	51		
Italy	0		
Union	838		
TAC	Not relevant		

- (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 <i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	Zone:	GSA 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ARA/GF8-11)
Spain	0	Maximum level of catches	
France	9		
Italy	236		
Union	245		
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Giant red shrimp <i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	Zone:	GSA 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ARS/GF8-11)
Spain	0	Maximum level of catches	
France	5		
Italy	344		
Union	349		
TAC	Not relevant		

## 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 vessel effort groups and, where appropriate, the conditions functionally linked thereto, 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
<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	ANE	Anchovy
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	HKE	European hake
<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	MUT	Red mullet
<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	NEP	Norway lobster
<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp
<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	PIL	Sardine
<i>Solea solea</i>	SOL	Common sole

1. Small pelagic stocks – GSAs 17 and 18

Maximum level of catches expressed in tonnes live weight

Species:	Small pelagic species (anchovy and sardine) <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> and <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	Zone:	Union and International waters of GFCM-GSAs 17 and 18 (SP1/GF 17-18)
Italy	30 672 (*)	Maximum level of catches	
Croatia	47 139		
TAC	Not relevant		

(\*) 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)

Gear type	Geographical area	Stocks concerned	Overall length of vessels	Effort group code	Fishing days 2024		
					Italy	Croatia	Slovenia
Trawls (OTB)	GFCM sub-areas 17 and 18	Red mullet; hake; deep-water rose shrimp; and Norway lobster	< 12 m	EFF/MED3_OTB_TR1	3 098	9 864	(*)
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	EFF/MED3_OTB_TR2	69 625	22 981	(*)
			≥ 24 m	EFF/MED3_OTB_TR3	6 100	2 063	(*)
Beam trawls (TBB)	GFCM sub-area 17	Common sole	< 12 m	EFF/MED3_TBB_TR1	194	0	0
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	EFF/MED3_TBB_TR2	3 635	0	0
			≥ 24 m	EFF/MED3_TBB_TR3	3 614	0	0

(\*) 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	OTB	495	79 867,99	13 267,99
Italy	OTB and TBB	1 363	260 618,37	47 148
Slovenia (*)	OTB	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) of GFCM/43/2019/5. The fishing capacity of the active fleet operating with trawls (OTB) shall not increase by more than 50 % with respect to that reference period.
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## 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 vessel effort groups and, where appropriate, the conditions functionally linked thereto, including the maximum number of Union fishing vessels authorised to fish demersal species and deep-water shrimp.

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
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	HKE	European hake
<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	DPS	Deep-water rose shrimp
<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	ARS	Giant red shrimp
<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	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 the Strait of Sicily (GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16)

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

- (b) Maximum level of fishing effort (in fishing days), for bottom trawl vessels targeting European hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) in the 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	OTB	T-07	EFF4/MED4_OTB1	90
ITA	OTB	T-10	EFF4/MED4_OTB2	188
ITA	OTB	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	OTB	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 <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>	Zone:	GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (DPS/GF 12-16)
Cyprus	1	Analytical catch limit	
Italy	2 083		
Malta	6		
Union	2 090		
TAC	Not relevant		

## 2. Deep-water shrimp

(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	OTB	1	265	105
Spain	OTB	2	440,56	218,78
Italy	OTB	320	93 756	26 076
Malta	OTB	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 <i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	Zone:	GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (ARS/GF 12-16)
Spain	1	Analytical catch limit	
Italy	844		
Cyprus	0		
Malta	36		
Union	881		
TAC	Not relevant		

(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 <i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	Zone:	GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (ARA/GF 12-16)
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
<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	ARS	Giant red shrimp
<i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	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	OTB	410	95 996	22 252
Malta	OTB	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 <i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	Zone:	GSAs 19, 20 and 21 (ARS/GF 19-21)
Greece	33	Analytical catch limit	
Italy	303		
Malta	45		
Union	381		
TAC	Not relevant		

(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 <i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	Zone:	GSAs 19, 20 and 21 (ARA/GF 19-21)
Greece	14,5	Analytical catch limit	
Italy	242,5		
Malta	0		
Union	257		
TAC	Not relevant		

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	OTB	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 <i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>	Zone:	GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27 (ARS/GF 24-27)
Italy	46,4	Precautionary catch limit	
Cyprus	11,6		
Union	58		
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 <i>Aristeus antennatus</i>	Zone:	GSAs 24, 25, 26 and 27 (ARA/GF 24-27)
Italy	9,4	Precautionary catch limit	
Cyprus	5,6		
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 <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	Zone: Union waters in the Alboran Sea – GSAs 1, 2 and 3 (SBR/GF 1-3)
Spain	29,76	Maximum level of catches
Union	29,76	
TAC	Not relevant	

- (b) Maximum number of longlines and handlines authorised for fishing in the 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, the 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
<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	SPR	Sprat
<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>	TUR	Turbot

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

Species:	Turbot <i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>	Zone:	Union waters in the Black Sea – GSA 29 (TUR/F3742C)
Bulgaria	95	Analytical TAC	
Romania	75	Article 3(2) and 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	170 (*)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	857		

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