

# **Fishing in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) Agreement area: transposition of GFCM decisions**

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**PURPOSE:** to transpose into Union law the relevant measures of the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean).

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Regulation (EU) 2019/982 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area.

**CONTENT:** this Regulation amends [Regulation \(EU\) No 1343/2011](#) in order to transpose into EU law a number of measures adopted by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) at its annual meetings in 2015, 2016 and 2017. These measures concern European hake and deepwater rose shrimp in the Strait of Sicily, turbot in the Black Sea, blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea and red coral. The Regulation also establishes a restricted fishing area in the Adriatic (Jabuka Basin/Pomo area).

The Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean provides an appropriate framework for multilateral cooperation to promote the development, conservation, rational management and best utilisation of living marine resources in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea at levels which are considered sustainable and at low risk of collapse.

The recommendations adopted by the GFCM are binding on its contracting parties. The Union, as well as Bulgaria, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, Romania and Slovenia are Contracting Parties to the GFCM Agreement.

In line with the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), the amending Regulation covers conservation measures, management, monitoring, control and surveillance measures, as well as measures to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

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