

**Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/1**  
**on reporting of aquaculture data and information, amending and repealing**  
**Recommendation GFCM/35/2011/6**

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

*RECALLING* that the objectives of the Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM Agreement) include ensuring the sustainable development of aquaculture in the GFCM area of application;

*RECALLING* the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) which calls for sustainable aquaculture development and responsible aquaculture practices;

*RECALLING* the role of the GFCM in promoting the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and connecting waters;

*RECALLING* Rule XVII 1. b) of the GFCM Rules of Procedure whereby contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCs) have an obligation to provide information on production as well as other data relevant to the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ);

*CONSIDERING* the continuous development of the Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM) over the past years;

*RECOGNIZING* the need for the CAQ to have reliable data available in order to carry out its work effectively;

*RECALLING* that standards in aquaculture data collection and statistics should be established in line with the guidelines set by the FAO Coordinating Working Party on Aquaculture Statistics (CWP-AS);

*NOTING* the proposal made at the sixth session of the CAQ (Albania, December 2008) to establish a regional data collection scheme for aquaculture;

*NOTING* that the thirty-first session of the GFCM (FAO headquarters, January 2007) recommended that the responsibilities of the SIPAM national coordinators be formally endowed with a national institution;

*ADOPTS*, in conformity with Articles 5 b), 8 b) and 13 of the GFCM Agreement, the following recommendation:

1. CPCs shall submit the data for all the parameters listed below to the GFCM Secretariat, on an annual basis:

Production statistics

- CWP-AS<sup>1</sup> statistical areas
- Culture environment (brackish, marine and freshwater)
- Cultured species (scientific and common names; including capture-based species)
- System of culture (extensive, semi-intensive, intensive)
- Type of culture (cages, ponds, raceways, hatcheries, etc.)
- Type of product (ongrowing, eggs, fingerlings, etc.)

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<sup>1</sup> See *The Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics: Its origin, role and structure*. FAO Fisheries Circular. No. 193. December 1995.

- Capture-based aquaculture input (seed quantity: eggs, wild fingerlings, wild fish, etc.)
- Production quantity (tonnes/units)
- Production value (currency)

#### Production centres

- Units (segments) of production (hatcheries, ongrowing farms)
- Number of production centres per unit (segment)
- Cultured species per unit (segment)
- Total volume (m<sup>3</sup>) of facilities of production centres per segment
- Destination of production per segment (consumption, ongrowing, restocking, ornamental)

#### Market

- Trade and consumption
  - Imports and exports of aquatic products of animal origin (weight and value)
  - Imports and exports of species that are also produced with aquaculture (weight and value)
  - Top five import origins and export destinations of farmed species

2. The data shall be submitted by 31 December, the reference year for submitted data being the preceding year.
3. CPCs shall nominate a national focal point responsible for the submission of aquaculture data.