

**Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/5
on the establishment of the GFCM regional fleet register**

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

RECALLING the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas and the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which call upon states to maintain a record of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flag and authorized to fish in the high seas as well as to exchange related information, including through FAO and other appropriate global, regional and subregional fisheries organizations;

RECALLING the International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity elaborated within the framework of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries which calls upon states to cooperate, where appropriate, through regional fisheries management organizations or arrangements and other forms of cooperation, with a view to ensuring the effective management of fishing capacity;

CONSIDERING that a regional fleet register is an effective and comprehensive tool for the management, at the regional level, of the capacity of fishing fleets and their activity;

RECOGNIZING that the GFCM record of fishing vessels larger than 15 metres in length overall authorized to fish in the GFCM area of application, established under Recommendation GFCM/29/2005/2 concerning the establishment of a GFCM record of vessels over 15 metres authorized to operate in the GFCM area of application, is a subset of the regional fleet register;

NOTING the request made by the Commission during its thirty-second session (FAO headquarters, February 2008) to address fleet capacity monitoring and management issues;

ADOPTS, in conformity with Articles 5 b), 8 b) and 13 of the Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, the following recommendation:

1. The GFCM shall establish, by 30 June 2010, a regional fleet register containing information on all vessels, ships, boats or other crafts that are equipped and used for commercial fishing activity in the GFCM area of application.
2. As from 2011, by 31 May of each calendar year, contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCs) shall submit a full dataset, as referred to in paragraph 1, followed by updates as appropriate. The updating of the GFCM regional fleet register lies within the responsibility of the CPCs and shall fully reflect the situation of their fleets at any time.
3. The annual data submission shall be done in accordance with appropriate data submission standards and protocols set by the GFCM Secretariat and address the timeframe of the year preceding the submission. The list of data fields as well as related definitions and confidentiality status are included in Annex 1.
4. The GFCM Secretariat shall make the regional fleet register database available through its online channels, in a manner consistent with the provisions established under Recommendation GFCM/30/2006/7 on data confidentiality policy and procedures.

Description of data fields in the GFCM regional fleet register

The data variables below shall be submitted to the GFCM Secretariat following the guidance provided by relevant GFCM subsidiary bodies through the technical manual of the GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework (DCRF). In line with the GFCM data confidentiality policy and procedures, the “data confidentiality status” identifies the access-level criteria for the sake of data dissemination: Public (P), Semi-private (S), Private (R).

	FIELDS	DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY (X)	DATA CONFIDENTIALITY STATUS
1	Country	ISO 3-alpha code of the country under which the vessel is operating	X	P
2	Reference year	Year to which the collected data refer	X	P
3	Registration authority	Name of the authority that issued the vessel registration	X	P
4	Vessel name (if any)	Name of the vessel (in Latin characters)	X	P
5	National registration number	The code representing the official vessel identifier as reported in the national fleet register (alphanumeric string)	X	P
6	Vessel registration number	Code representing the national registration number of the vessel (ISO 3-alpha code of the country plus 9 digits)	X	P
7	IMO registration number	If applicable, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) identification number assigned to the vessel by IHS Maritime & Trade. This information is compulsory in those cases where the fishing vessel is eligible under the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme (Res. GFCM/41/2017/6) (mandatory for vessels >15 m length overall [LOA])	X	P
8	Previous vessel name	Previous name of vessel, if applicable		P
9	Previous flag State	Previous flag of vessel, if applicable		P
10	Previous deletion from other registers	If applicable, reason why the vessel was deleted from other registers and moved to the current register		P
11	International radio call sign (IRCS)	If applicable, the International radio call sign of the vessel. This information is compulsory in those cases where the vessel is eligible for obtaining the IRCS due to the		P

	FIELDS	DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY (X)	DATA CONFIDENTIALITY STATUS
		presence of on-board radiocommunication devices		
12	Maritime mobile service identity (MMSI)	If applicable, the maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) of the vessel. Series of nine digits commonly associated to on-board radio equipment. This information is compulsory in those cases where vessel is eligible for obtaining the MMSI due to the presence of on-board radiocommunication devices.	X	P
13	Operational status (Activity indicator)	Active / Inactive. Permanent status until receiving allowance to return to activity: indicator Y/N	X	P
14	Port of registration	Full name of the port where the vessel is registered	X	P
15	Year of entry into fishing activity (if any)	Year in which the vessel commenced its fishing activity	X	P
16	Authorization to fish (license indicator)	Any authorization to fish, e.g. license, permit or any other official authorization: indicator Y/N	X	P
17	Period authorized for fishing and/or transshipping	Time period authorized for fishing and/or trans-shipping		P
18	Main geographical subarea (GSA)	GSA where the vessel is authorized to fish and operates the majority of the year	X	P
19	Secondary GSA	If any, GSA where the vessel is authorized to fish and operates occasionally		P
20	Tertiary GSA	If any, GSA where the vessel is authorized to fish and operates occasionally		P
21	Main fishing gear used	Main gear, according to the fishing license of the vessel or the owner/operator, based on the International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear (ISSCFG)	X	P
22	Secondary fishing gear	If any, secondary gear according to the fishing license of the vessel or the owner/operator, based on the ISSCFG		P
23	Third fishing gear	If any, third gear according to the fishing license of the vessel or the owner/operator, based on the ISSCFG		P
24	Length overall (LOA)	Vessel's LOA in metres, which represents the main longitudinal	X	P

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		dimension of the hull of the vessel. This value should be provided with an accuracy of 2 digits		
25	Gross tonnage (GT)	Gross tonnage, according to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, London, 1969 (in use since 1996)	X	P
26	Construction year	Year in which the vessel was constructed	X	P
27	Hull material	Material of the vessel hull		P
28	Powered/Motorised	Value indicating whether the power of the vessel's main engine > 0: indicator Y/N		P
29	Power of the main engine (kW)	Total maximum continuous rated output power in kW of all the vessel's main propulsion machinery which appears on the vessel's certificate or register or other official document, according to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel	X	P
30	Power of auxiliary engine(s) (if any)	Total installed auxiliary engine power not included in the value "Power of the main engine"	X	P
31	Owner(s)	Details of the owner(s): name and address (mandatory for vessels >15 m LOA)		R
32	Operator (if different from owner)	Details of the operator: name and address		R
33	Minimum number of the crew	Minimum number of crew required to conduct fishing operations during the reference year (mandatory for vessels >15 m LOA)		R
34	Maximum number of the crew	Number of crew required to conduct specific fishing operation, if superior to "Minimum number of the crew" (mandatory for vessels >15 m LOA)		R
35	VMS	Indicating whether the vessel is equipped with a vessel monitoring system (VMS) device. Enter Yes (Y) or No (N)	X	P
36	Navigation equipment	Type of navigation equipment being reported		P
37	Communication equipment	Type of communication equipment being reported		P

	FIELDS	DESCRIPTION	MANDATORY (X)	DATA CONFIDENTIALITY STATUS
38	Fish finder	Type of fish finder equipment being regularly used		P
39	Deck machinery	Deck machinery used to operate fishing gear, listed according to the vessel on which each item is present and the event being reported		P
40	Fish hold capacity (m ³)	Capacity, in m ³ , of the vessel's fish hold		P
41	Refrigeration equipment	Textual description of refrigeration equipment being reported		P
42	Fish processing equipment	Textual description of fish processing equipment being reported		P
43	Lights for fishing	Number of lights on the fishing vessel, in case of fishing operations requiring light		P
44	Safety equipment	Textual description of the main item of safety equipment being reported		P
45	Period authorized for fishing with demersal trawl gear	If applicable, period authorized for fishing with demersal trawl gear		P
46	Fisheries restricted area (FRA)	Name of the GFCM fisheries restricted area (as adopted by the Commission)	X	P
47	Number of fishing days	Number of fishing days operated by the vessel in the GFCM FRA during the year	X	P
48	Fishing gear used in the FRA	Name of the gear used to fish in the GFCM FRA, according to the ISSCFG	X	P
49	Period authorized (if applicable) for fishing in the FRA	Period authorized for fishing in the GFCM FRA	X	P