

Recommendation GFCM/35/2011/1
concerning the establishment of a GFCM logbook, amending
Recommendation GFCM/34/2010/1

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

RECALLING that the objective of the Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM Agreement) is to ensure the conservation and sustainable use, at the biological, social, economic and environmental level, of marine living resources in the GFCM area of application;

RECALLING Rule XVII paragraph 1 b) of the GFCM Rules of Procedure according to which contracting parties have the obligation to provide information on catches and other data relevant to enable the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC) to carry out its duties;

RECALLING Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/6 concerning the establishment of a GFCM record of vessels over 15 metres authorized to operate in the GFCM area of application, amending Recommendation GFCM/29/2005/2;

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

CONSIDERING the importance of knowing the spatial allocation of the fishing effort and the origin of the catches, at the highest possible level of resolution, for sound scientific monitoring and management of fisheries;

RECALLING Recommendation GFCM/32/2008/1 on a regional scheme on port state measures to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the GFCM area of application;

RECALLING Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/6 on the submission of data on fishing activities in the GFCM area of application;

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

1. Contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties (CPCs) shall require that the masters of fishing vessels over 15 metres in length overall authorized to fish in the GFCM area of application and registered on the GFCM record of vessels keep a bound logbook of their operations, indicating in particular the quantities of each species caught and kept on board, above 50 kg in live weight, whether the catches are weighed or estimated, the date and geographical positions of such catches and the type of gear used in accordance with the minimum specifications and information set out in Annex 1.
2. The minimum quantity referred to in paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to stricter rules implemented by CPCs, which may define a lower threshold between 0 and 50 kg in the light of further work to be undertaken under the GFCM framework.
3. The provisions of the present recommendation shall not affect more detailed or stricter obligations on the use of logbooks, including on the use of electronic means, adopted and implemented by CPCs.

Minimum specifications and information to be reported in the GFCM logbook

- a) Minimum specifications for the GFCM logbook:
1. the logbook shall be numbered by sheet (3-digit country code and 7-digit unique reference);
 2. the logbook shall be filled for each fishing operation carried out every day (preferably by midnight) and before port arrival;
 3. the logbook shall be completed in case of sea inspections or upon request of the flag state;
 4. one copy of the sheets shall remain attached to the logbook;
 5. logbooks shall be kept on board to cover a period of one-year operation or the quota period.
- b) Minimum standard information for the GFCM logbook:
1. master(s) name(s) and address(es);
 2. date and time of departure and return from/to port;
 3. vessel name, call-sign, GFCM unique number and IMO number (if available);
 4. fishing gear (FAO code and units) and their dimension, mesh size and number of hooks;
 5. operations at sea, with at least one line per day of trip, providing:
 - a) activity (fishing, steaming, etc.),
 - b) position: geographical positions, recorded for each fishing operation or at noon when no fishing has been conducted during this day as well as GFCM geographical subarea (GSA) and/or the number of the rectangle 30'x30' of the GFCM statistical grid,
 - c) the numbers of a rectangle in the GFCM statistical grid is a 5-digit code, as reported in the Annex 2 of this recommendation and identified by the following rule:
 - (i) latitude is covered by a 3-digit code composed of a letter and two numbers. Maximum range from M00 (30°N) up to M34 (47°30'N),
 - (ii) longitude is covered by a code composed of a letter and a number. The letter range is from A to J and number range per letter is from 0 to 9. Maximum range from A0 (6°W) up to J5 (42°E).
 - d) record of catches by species.
 6. species identification:
 - a) by FAO code,
 - b) round weight (RWT) in kg per day for all species,
 - c) number of fish caught per day (only for tuna, swordfish and highly migratory shark);
 7. master(s) signature(s);
 8. observer signature (if applicable);
 9. means of weight measure: estimation, weighing on board and/or counting of containers (boxes, baskets, etc.).
- c) Minimum information in case of landing and/or transshipment:
1. Date, time and port of landing and/or transshipment;
 2. Products:
 - a) presentation,

- b) number of fish or containers and quantity in kg;
- 3. Signature of the master(s) or vessel agent(s);
- 4. Vessel details (transshipment): (name, call-sign, markings, flag and any other characteristics);
- 5. The permitted margin of tolerance of 10 percent shall be expressed as a percentage of the actual determined live weight equivalent of each species retained on board.

Digits for the codification of the rectangles in the statistical grid

Latitude

Digit 2-3		
code	from	to
M00	30°N	30°30'N
M01	30°30'N	31°N
M02	31°N	31°30'N
M03	31°30'N	32°N
M04	32°N	32°30'N
M05	32°30'N	33°N
M06	33°N	33°30'N
M07	33°30'N	34°N
M08	34°N	34°30'N
M09	34°30'N	35°N
M10	35°N	35°30'N
M11	35°30'N	36°N
M12	36°N	36°30'N
M13	36°30'N	37°N
M14	37°N	37°30'N
M15	37°30'N	38°N
M16	38°N	38°30'N
M17	38°30'N	39°N
M18	39°N	39°30'N
M19	39°30'N	40°N
M20	40°N	40°30'N
M21	40°30'N	41°N
M22	41°N	41°30'N
M23	41°30'N	42°N
M24	42°N	42°30'N
M25	42°30'N	43°N
M26	43°N	43°30'N
M27	43°30'N	44°N
M28	44°N	44°30'N
M29	44°30'N	45°N
M30	45°N	45°30'N
M31	45°30'N	46°N
M32	46°N	46°30'N
M33	46°30'N	47°N
M34	47°N	47°30'N

Longitude

Digit 4-5		
code	from	to
A0	6°W	5°30'W
A1	5°30'W	5°W
A2	5°W	4°30'W
A3	4°30'W	4°W
A4	4°W	3°30'W
A5	3°30'W	3°W
A6	3°W	2°30'W
A7	2°30'W	2°W
A8	2°W	1°30'W
A9	1°30'W	1°W
B0	1°W	0°30'W
B1	0°30'W	0°W
B2	0°E	0°30'E
B3	0°30'E	1°E
B4	1°E	1°30'E
B5	1°30'E	2°E
B6	2°E	2°30'E
B7	2°30'E	3°E
B8	3°E	3°30'E
B9	3°30'E	4°E
C0	4°E	4°30'E
C1	4°30'E	5°E
C2	5°E	5°30'E
C3	5°30'E	6°E
C4	6°E	6°30'E
C5	6°30'E	7°E
C6	7°E	7°30'E
C7	7°30'E	8°E
C8	8°E	8°30'E
C9	8°30'E	9°E
D0	9°E	9°30'E
D1	9°30'E	10°E
D2	10°E	10°30'E

Digit 4-5		
code	from	to
D3	10°30'E	11°E
D4	11°E	11°30'E
D5	11°30'E	12°E
D6	12°E	12°30'E
D7	12°30'E	13°E
D8	13°E	13°30'E
D9	13°30'E	14°E
E0	14°E	14°30'E
E1	14°30'E	15°E
E2	15°E	15°30'E
E3	15°30'E	16°E
E4	16°E	16°30'E
E5	16°30'E	17°E
E6	17°E	17°30'E
E7	17°30'E	18°E
E8	18°E	18°30'E
E9	18°30'E	19°E
F0	19°E	19°30'E
F1	19°30'E	20°E
F2	20°E	20°30'E
F3	20°30'E	21°E
F4	21°E	21°30'E
F5	21°30'E	22°E
F6	22°E	22°30'E
F7	22°30'E	23°E
F8	23°E	23°30'E
F9	23°30'E	24°E
G0	24°E	24°30'E
G1	24°30'E	25°E
G2	25°E	25°30'E
G3	25°30'E	26°E
G4	26°E	26°30'E
G5	26°30'E	27°E

Digit 4-5		
code	from	to
G6	27°E	27°30'E
G7	27°30'E	28°E
G8	28°E	28°30'E
G9	28°30'E	29°E
H0	29°E	29°30'E
H1	29°30'E	30°E
H2	30°E	30°30'E
H3	30°30'E	31°E
H4	31°E	31°30'E
H5	31°30'E	32°E
H6	32°E	32°30'E
H7	32°30'E	33°E
H8	33°E	33°30'E
H9	33°30'E	34°E
I0	34°E	34°30'E
I1	34°30'E	35°E
I2	35°E	35°30'E
I3	35°30'E	36°E
I4	36°E	36°30'E
I5	36°30'E	37°E
I6	37°E	37°30'E
I7	37°30'E	38°E
I8	38°E	38°30'E
I9	38°30'E	39°E
J0	39°E	39°30'E
J1	39°30'E	40°E
J2	40°E	40°30'E
J3	40°30'E	41°E
J4	41°E	41°30'E
J5	41°30'E	42°E

