

Resolution GFCM/43/2019/4
on the ban of single-use plastics in all GFCM meetings

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;

CONSIDERING that, as a semi-closed basin, the Mediterranean Sea is particularly sensitive to marine pollution, including pollution due to the discharge of plastic litter in the marine environment, and that making every effort in preserving the marine environment would help fulfilling the objectives of the GFCM Agreement;

RECALLING ongoing international efforts in fighting marine litter and plastic pollution;

AWARE of its responsibility both in advocating for the preservation of the marine environment and in leading by example;

ADOPTS, in conformity with Articles 5 and 8 of the GFCM Agreement, the following resolution:

Sole paragraph

The GFCM resolves to discontinue, as of 2020, the use of single-use plastics in all the meetings it holds, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and encourages the contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties to the GFCM Agreement and its partners to implement the same policy.