

Recommendation GFCM/45/2022/17 on information contained in the GFCM record of authorized vessels over 15 metres in the GFCM area of application, amending Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/6 and repealing Recommendation GFCM/44/2021/18

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 the GFCM 2030 Strategy for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, in particular its Output 2.1 “Full compliance with GFCM recommendations achieved”;

RECALLING the provisions of 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 the provisions of Recommendation GFCM/41/2017/7 on a regional plan of action to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the GFCM area of application;

CONSIDERING the commitments of the 2017 Malta MedFish4Ever Ministerial Declaration and of the 2018 Sofia Ministerial Declaration on Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture;

NOTING the conclusions of the fifteen session of the Compliance Committee (Cyprus, May 2022);

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

1. The annex of Recommendation GFCM/33/2009/6 shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

The below list encompasses all the compulsory data fields on fishing vessels in the GFCM record of fishing vessels larger than 15 metres in length overall authorized to fish in the GFCM area of application (GFCM-AVL) to be reported to the GFCM following the guidance provided by relevant GFCM subsidiary bodies through the technical manual of the GFCM Data Collection Reference Framework. These variables are a subset of the GFCM regional fleet register, which shall be considered as a reference for the field description and any optional data applicable to the GFCM-AVL. In line with GFCM data confidentiality policies and procedures, the data confidentiality status identifies the access-level criteria for the sake of data dissemination: public (P), semi-private (S) or private (R).

DATA FIELDS	DATA CONFIDENTIALITY STATUS
Country	P
Reference year	P
Registration authority	P
Vessel name in Latin characters	P

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Previous vessel name (if any)	P
National registration number	P
Vessel registration number	P
International radio call sign (IRCS) (if applicable)	P
Maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) (if applicable)	P
International Maritime Organization (IMO) number (if applicable)	P
Operational status (activity indicator)	P
Port of registration	P
Year of entry into fishing activity (if any)	P
Authorization to fish (license indicator)	P
Geographical subarea (GSA) (main GSA)	P
Secondary fishing statistical area (GSA) (if any)	P
Tertiary fishing statistical area (GSA) (if any)	P
Type of vessel (e.g. trawler, longliner)	P
Main fishing gear	P
Subsidiary fishing gear	P
Third fishing gear (if any)	P
Length overall (LOA)	P
Gross tonnage (GT)	P
Construction year	P
Power of the main engine (kW)	P
Owner (name and address)	R
Operator (name and address) (if different from owner)	R
Minimum number of crew members	R
Maximum number of crew members	R
Vessel monitoring system (VMS) indicator (presence/absence)	P
Authorization to fish in a fisheries restricted area (FRA), name of the FRA (as adopted by the GFCM)	P

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2. This recommendation repeals and replaces Recommendation GFCM/44/2021/18.