

# RECREATIONAL FISHERIES IN GFCM MEMBER COUNTRIES

Overview of national legal frameworks

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# International initiatives guiding recreational fisheries management in the GFCM Area

- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
- Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries
  - Technical Guidelines on Fisheries Management on the conservation and management of sharks (4.1)
  - Technical Guidelines on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (4.2 and 4.2.2)
  - Technical Guidelines on the Precautionary principle
- EIFAC Code of Practice for Recreational Fisheries
- FAO Technical Guidelines for Responsible Recreational Fisheries (2012)
- Council Regulation No 1967/2006 (Art.17)
- GFCM/2005/3 (F) Recommendation by ICCAT to adopt measures concerning sport and recreational fishing activities in the Mediterranean Sea

# Legal frameworks for recreational fisheries in the GFCM Area

- Necessary adoption of a comprehensive and specific management framework to regulate RF
- Heterogeneous situation however among GFCM Members:
  - Few countries have adopted a specific regulation on RF
  - Most countries have included specific provisions within a general fisheries law



## Management measures identified

- Access regimes
- Conservation measures
- Special RF regulations
- Monitoring and control measures

## Access regimes

- Categories of licences
- Special authorisations/ licences
- Duration of licences
- Licence fees
- Licence transferability
- Licence eligibility restrictions

## Conservation measures

- Prohibition of sales
- Gear restrictions
- Catch limits/Daily bag limits
- Protection and conservation of juveniles
- Prohibited species
- Fish reserves
- Temporal restrictions
- Other RF restrictions



## Special RF regulations

- Underwater RF
- Sport fishing (competition)
- Tourism /charter RF



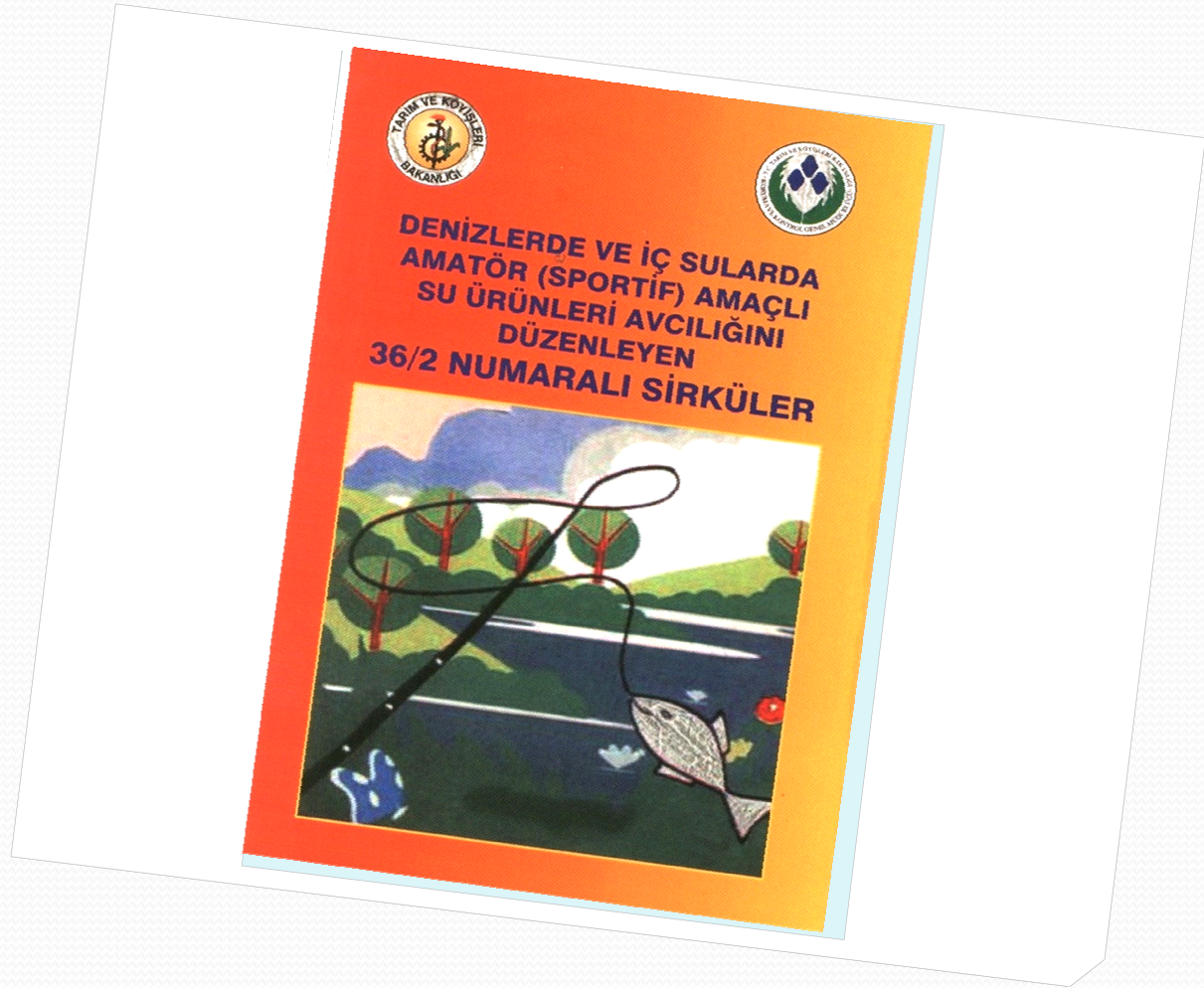
# Monitoring and control measures

- Monitoring and control bodies
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  - Reporting
  - Inspections
  - Sanctions

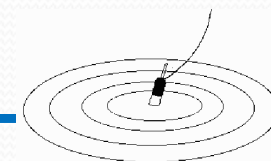


# Education and awareness

Recreational fishing circular in Turkey



... thus the necessity to:



- understand where and how we need to harmonize legal frameworks. (i.e. effective licensing systems, detailed data frameworks providing integrated advice, improved collaboration with universities and RF associations, national-level codes of conduct)
- set up recommendations with the aim of coordinating the efforts of GFCM Members



Thank you for your attention