

# ***STATE OF THE ART*** ***on the Multiannual management plan*** ***for demersal fisheries in Adriatic***

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# Recommendation GFCM/43/2019/5

on a multiannual  
management plan  
for sustainable  
demersal fisheries  
in the Adriatic Sea  
(GSA 17 and 18)

Fishing  
techniques

**bottom otter-trawls (OTB), beam-trawls (TBB), bottom pair trawls (PTB) and otter twin trawls (OTT)**

Key Stocks

**European hake, Norway lobster, Deep-water rose shrimp, Red mullet, Common sole (only for GSA 17)**

Goal

Ensure that exploitation levels are at the **MSY by 2026**, while **maintaining sustainable and relatively stable fisheries**

Two-step  
approach

**2020-2021:**  
**Transitional fishing effort regime (number of fishing days)**

↓  
12% OTB  
16% TBB

**2022-2026: Fishing effort regime**  
GFCM establishes **yearly effort quotas** expressed in **fishing days**  
**and effort group** for the fleet segments and gear

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## Main measures

Exemption  
from fishing  
effort regime

**No applied** to fleets operating with **OTB** and **fishing for less than 1000 days during the reference period (2015-2017)**  
**BUT: shall not exceed the effort limit of 3 000 fishing days per year**

MCRS

deep-water rose shrimp (**20mm CL**); Norway lobster (**20mm CL; or 70 mm TL**), common sole (**20cm TL**); red mullet (**11cm**)

FRA

Established a FRA in **Jabuka/Pomo Pit**  
Mandate to SAC to **examine the possibility of new FRAs**

Spatial and  
temporal  
closure

- **8 weeks:** closure of coastal zone at specific conditions; or
- **30 days and 20% of territorial sea:** in areas and period important for the protection of juveniles

Catch reporting  
to address IUU  
fishing

From 2021: **Vessel >12 m** to be equipped with **VMS**  
From 2022: **Vessel >12 m** to be equipped with **e-logbook**

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### Transitional fishing effort regime (2020-2021)

Gear type	Geographical subareas (GSAs)	Number of fishing days					
		EU 2020	EU 2021	Albania 2020	Albania 2021	Montenegro 2020	Montenegro 2021
Single boat bottom otter trawls (OTB)	17-18	147 606	137 046	23 124	22 748	Not applicable <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable <sup>4</sup>
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	8 663	7 910				

**2020-2021**



12% OTB  
16% TBB

## Recommendation GFCM/44/2021/1

### Establishment of the Fishing effort regime

Transitional fishing effort allocations for relevant contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Gear type	Geographical subarea (GSA)	Stocks concerned	Overall length of vessels	Effort group code	Number of fishing days in 2022		
					European Union	Albania	Montenegro <sup>1</sup>
Otter trawls (OTB)	17-18	Red mullet; European hake; deep-water rose shrimp; and Norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB12<	13 909	0	
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB12-24	103 341	16 297	
			≥ 24 m	OTB>24	9 107	5 812	
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	Common sole	< 12 m	TBB12<	200	0	
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB12-24	3 747	0	
			≥ 24 m	TBB>24	3 726	0	

**2022**



7% OTB  
3% TBB

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## 2° year of the Fishing effort regime

### Annex

Transitional fishing effort allocation to concerned contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, for the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fishing gear type	Geographical subarea	Stocks concerned	Vessel length overalls	Effort group code	Fishing days 2023		
					European Union	Albania	Montenegro <sup>1</sup>
Otter trawls (OTB)	17–18	Red mullet; European hake; deep-water rose shrimp; norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB 12 <	13 372	0	
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB 12–24	97 124	16 015	
			≥ 24 m	OTB 24	8 561	5 711	
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	Common sole	< 12 m	TBB 12 <	194	0	0
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB 12–24	3 635	0	0
			≥ 24 m	TBB > 24	3 614	0	0

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## 3° year of the Fishing effort regime

### Annex 1

Transitional fishing effort allocation to concerned contracting parties and cooperating non-contracting parties, expressed in fishing days and effort group code, for the period of 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Fishing gear type	Geographical subarea	Stocks concerned	Vessel length overalls	Effort group code	Fishing days 2024		
					European Union	Albania	Montenegro <sup>1</sup>
Otter trawls (OTB)	17–18	Red mullet; European hake; deep-water rose shrimp; norway lobster	< 12 m	OTB12<	12962	0	
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	OTB12–24	92606	15789	
			≥ 24 m	OTB>24	8164	5631	
Beam trawls (TBB)	17	Common sole	< 12 m	TBB12<	194	0	0
			≥ 12 m and < 24 m	TBB12–24	3 635	0	0
			≥ 24 m	TBB>24	3 614	0	0

**2023**  
↓  
5.2 % OTB  
3% TBB

**2024**  
↓  
4% OTB  
0% TBB

# Next GFCM meeting on demersal species in Adriatic

May 27-31  
Podgorica, MNE  
(hybrid)

**Subregional Committee for the Adriatic Sea (SRC-AS)**  
including a **session of the WGMSE on small pelagics**

## **Comments and input from MEDAC Members on critical issues of the Multiannual Management Plan:**

- From the local ecological knowledge: noted changes of abundance of the main stocks, where some stocks are increasing in presence and others decrease
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# Thank you for your attention!

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