



## GFCM SUB-REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON EASTER MEDITERRANEAN 25-27 May 2021



### Main contents of the SRC on Eastern Mediterranean

- i) **Deep-water red shrimp:** SRC-EM underlined the importance of acting swiftly to implement the measures and requirements contained in existing recommendations for these fisheries, including in the Levant Sea; **additional stock assessments would be needed** to enable a quantitative assessment of alternative management measures prior to the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC) **in 2022** with the aim of ultimately informing the adoption of a long-term adaptive management plan for this fishery; proposal of precautionary measures.
- ii) **Round sardinella:** proposal of a pilot study for a revision of the fishing season and to establish a programme approaching the management from an ecosystem perspective including a process of stakeholder consultation.
- iii) The SRC-EM welcomed the completeness of a proposal for a fisheries restricted area (**FRA**) in the **Palmahim Disturbance** in GSA 27 and deemed the proposal technically suitable for submission to the SAC.
- iv) Regarding the technical inputs to the regional **adaptation strategy** to cope with the effects of **climate change**, the group welcomed the document containing a crucial toolbox of measures to be considered, including when implementing regional and/or national adaptation strategies to climate change
- i) Other important topics: integrated monitoring **platform of NIS** (non-indigenous species), GFCM Database on Sensitive Benthic Habitats

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