

EastMed

Scientific and Institutional Cooperation to
Support Responsible Fisheries in the
Eastern Mediterranean

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Beneficiary countries

Countries with waters included in the GFCM
Geographical Sub-Areas (GSAs) 19-20 and 22-28

Donors

Greece

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Rural Development and Food

Italy

- Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry
Policies

European Community

- Directorate General of Maritime Affairs and
Fisheries (DG-MARE)



Hellenic Ministry of Rural
Development and Food

Hellenic Ministry of
Foreign Affairs



ITALIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD
AND FORESTRY POLICIES



The project EastMed

The regional project “Scientific and Institutional Cooperation to Support Responsible Fisheries in the Eastern Mediterranean” will support the development of regionally-consistent fisheries management plans among the Eastern Mediterranean countries. The project is planned to run for five years, starting in September 2009.



Objectives

The project’s longer-term development objective aims at contributing to the sustainable management of marine fisheries in the Eastern Mediterranean, and thereby at supporting national economies and protecting the livelihoods of those involved in the fisheries sector. The project’s immediate objective aims at supporting and improving the capacity of national fishery departments to increase their scientific and technical information base for fisheries management and to develop coordinated and participative fisheries management plans in the Eastern Mediterranean sub-region.



Areas of intervention

Training for the staff of the national fisheries administrations and research institutes to undertake data collection and analyses required for fisheries management.

Actions in the field of fishing fleet statistics, catch and effort data collection and monitoring by main fisheries.

Support on socio-economic and ecosystem data collection relevant to the fishery.

Development of skills in fisheries assessment and fisheries management necessary for elaborating the adequate techno-scientific framework for management plans.

Support networking to encourage cooperation among the countries.



Project benefits

By the end of the project, it is intended that each country will have achieved an expertise in fishery statistics, stock assessment, fishery bio-economic assessment and marine ecosystems, and will have fully functional data collection and processing programs. The participating countries will have improved capabilities in fisheries assessment methods and management with respect to the whole Mediterranean region. The cooperation among countries and with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) will be improved for the mutual benefit of all concerned.