Annex 3: STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN

Vessels of between 12 and 18 metres in length fishing for European pilchard with a purse seine in the Bay of Biscay

MEASURES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2019 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
	Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery. New operating permits are granted only in cases where the fleet is renewed in such a way that its capacity remains the same.		The additional capacity being considered in view of issuing European fishing licences has been blocked since last year (added to list of imbalanced fleet
Action No 2	A scientific evaluation is in progress.		segments). Progress has been made in drawing up a management plan for European pilchard, in particular in the South West Waters Advisory Council.
Action No 3	Management plan, which will be drawn up and implemented on the basis of work done by IFREMER and the IEO (Spanish scientific institute).	Action No 3	

Vessels fishing Mediterranean Posidonia-dependent stocks, the fishing of which affects the sustainability of their habitat ('gangui')

MEASURES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2019 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	Maintenance of the current authorisation system, which prohibits any modification or sale of vessels, failing which fishing licences are permanently withdrawn.	Action No 1	Bans on changing vessels or active shipowners have been applied. It should also be pointed out that, since 2018, holders of an authorisation for 'gangui' (pair trawl) fishing must have a vessel monitoring system (VMS) as a prerequisite for being issued the authorisation. Thus only 10 authorisations were issued in 2019.
Action No 2	Conversion of vessels to methods other than 'gangui' fishing. As 'gangui' fishing is a highly subsidiary activity, vessels will be encouraged to fish with nets, as most already do.	Action No 2	Conversion has continued involving metiers using nets and other active gear. The population of fishermen is ageing and the number of fishermen who practise 'gangui' fishing is in natural decline.

Vessels of between 18 and 40 metres in length trawling for hake in the Mediterranean (ME ME DTS VL1824 - ME ME DTS VL2440)

MEASURES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2019 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	1) Maintenance of the current authorisation system, which prohibits any increase in vessel capacity or new vessels joining the fleet, failing which fishing licences are permanently withdrawn.	Action No 1	The segment has not changed. There were ultimately no requests for additional capacity, changes in ownership or new vessels which joined the fleet.
Action No 2	2) Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery.	Action No 2	Entries into the fleet have been restricted and fleet entry and capacity increase requests for this segment have been blocked. The segment did not change between 2016 and 2018. Capacity was not increased.
Action No 3	3) Maintenance of the effort reduction measures put in place, which will be stepped up as part of implementing the plan for the Western Mediterranean (WestMED) in the second half of 2019. Consultations are in progress with the industry to adapt the tools to enable a reduction in fishing effort.	Action No 3	WestMED will enter into force during the second half of 2019.

Vessels of between 0 and 24 metres in length fishing for eel in the Mediterranean

MEASURES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2019 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery. Ban on the granting of new regional authorisations to fish for eel.	Action No 1	The additional capacity being considered in view of issuing European fishing licences has remained blocked for two years. However, the number of regional authorisations has increased slightly despite stricter checks being carried out. Between 2016 and 2018, an additional 9 authorisations were issued. However,
	2) Ban on the granting of new regional authorisations to fish for eet.		the stricter checks introduced in 2019 helped to limit the increase in the number of regional authorisations to two.
Action No 2	Temporary closures envisaged under the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).	Action No 2	