

ANNEX 3
UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

Active vessels of between 0 and 24 metres in length fishing for eel with other active gear in ICES VIII abd

MEASURES UNDER THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2021 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery.	Action No 1	The Directorate for Sea Fisheries and Aquaculture (DPMA) is paying particular attention to the segment of the fleet engaged in eel fishing. The fishing capacity of this segment in the Atlantic has been frozen ever since an imbalance was recorded in the segment. In collaboration with the industry which is responsible for managing CMEA licences including special fishing rights for yellow eel and glass eel, fleet renewal has been limited in such a way as to not alter capacity.
Action No 2	Ban on the granting of new regional fishing authorisations for eel.	Action No 2	Furthermore, loss of any licence conferring a glass eel fishing right led to the disappearance of a right with a view to specific fishing rights for glass eel reverting to the level of 2015. Between 2017 and 2020, the number of CMEA licences fell considerably (by 29). Since 2020, there has also been a sharp drop in the number of licences issued (by 10), bringing the number to 412. At the same time, discussions on a stricter capacity framework have been taking place.
Action No 3	Temporary closures laid down by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).	Action No 3	Mechanism not yet activated.

Vessels fishing Mediterranean Posidonia-dependent stocks and thereby impacting the sustainability of their habitat ('gangui').

MEASURES UNDER THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2021 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	1° Continuation of the current authorisation scheme which prohibits any modification or sale of vessels, failing which fishing licences are permanently withdrawn.	Action No 1	Bans on changing vessels or active vessel owners have been applied. Since 2018, holders of an authorisation for 'gangui' fishing must have a vessel monitoring system (VMS) in order to be issued such authorisation. Between 2019 and 2020, the number of available authorisations decreased from 19 to 13. The number of authorisations issued fell from 9 to 7.
Action No 2	Conversion of vessels to metiers 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.

Active vessels of between 18 and 40 metres in length trawling for hake in the Mediterranean
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MEASURES UNDER THE ACTION PLAN FROM THE 2021 REPORT		IMPLEMENTATION	
Action No 1	1° Continuation of the current authorisation scheme which prohibits any increase in vessel capacity or new vessels joining the fleet, failing which fishing licences are permanently withdrawn.	Action No 1	The segments have not changed. There were ultimately no requests for additional capacity or changes in ownership, and no new vessels joined the fleet.
Action No 2	2° Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery.	Action No 2	Entries to the fleet have been restricted and fleet entry and capacity increase requests for these segments were blocked. The segments did not change between 2017 and 2020. Capacity did not increase.
Action No 3	3° Continuation of effort reduction measures as part of the implementation of the plan for the Western Mediterranean (West Med) as from 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	West Med entered into force during the second half of 2019. Consequently, the fishing-effort quota has been gradually falling in both segments over the course of several years. The vessel reduction target for 2021 was met (-1).

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

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Action No 1	1) Ban on new vessels joining the fleet in this fishery.	Actions	The additional capacity being considered in the context of issuing European fishing licences has remained frozen for 4 years. Difficulties were experienced in regulating the granting of authorisations during the first 2 years as this is managed independently at regional level. This makes strict management by the national authorities complicated. As a result, the number of authorisations increased (by 9) between 2016 and 2018, and again (by 4) in 2019. Since 2020, however, the number of licences issued has fallen (211 licences issued in 2021).
Action No 2	2) Ban on the granting of new regional fishing authorisations for eel.		

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Action No 3	3) Temporary closures laid down by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).		
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