

Recommendation GFCM/35/2011/6
on reporting of aquaculture data and information, amending Recommendation
GFCM/33/2009/4

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),

RECALLING the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries which calls for sustainable development and responsible aquaculture practices;

RECALLING the GFCM's role in promoting the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and connecting waters;

RECALLING the Rule X(e) of the GFCM Agreement in which Contracting Parties have an obligation to provide information on production and other data relevant to the function of the CAQ;

CONSIDERING the development of the Information System to promote aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM) over the years;

RECOGNIZING the need of the Committee on Aquaculture to have reliable data available to undertake its work effectively;

RECALLING that standards in aquaculture data collection and statistics should be established in line with guidelines set by the FAO Coordinating Working Party on Aquaculture Statistics;

NOTING the proposal made by the Sixth Session of CAQ to establish a regional data collection scheme for aquaculture;

NOTING that the Thirty-first Session recommended that the responsibilities of the SIPAM National Coordinators be formally endowed with a national institution;

ADOPTS, in conformity with the provision of paragraph 1 (b) and (h) of Article III and Article V of the GFCM Agreement, the following:

1. Contracting Parties shall submit the data for all the parameters listed below on an annual basis to the GFCM Secretariat:

PRODUCTION STATISTICS BY:

- CWP¹ Statistical Areas;
- Culture environment (brackish, marine and freshwater);
- Cultured species (scientific and common name; including capture-based species);
- System of culture (extensive, semi-intensive, intensive);
- Type of culture (cages, ponds, raceways, hatchery, etc.);
- Type of product (ongrowing, eggs, fingerlings, etc.);

¹ See *The Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics: Its Origin, Role and Structure*. FAO Fisheries Circular. No. 193. December 1995.

- Capture-based aquaculture input (seed quantity: eggs, wild fingerlings, wild fish etc.);
- Production quantity (tonnes/units);
- Production value (currency);

PRODUCTION CENTRES

- Unit (segment) of production (hatcheries, ongrowing farms);
- Number of production centres per unit (segment);
- Cultured species per unit (segment);
- Total volume (m³) of facilities of production centres per segment;
- Destination of product per segment (consumption, ongrowing, restocking, ornamental).

MARKET

- Feed, Fishmeal and Fish Oil:
 - Domestic production (tonnes)
 - Feed prices for major farmed species (per tonne)
 - Domestic Prices (per tonne)
- Trade and Consumption:
 - Import and export of aquatic products (weight and value)
 - Import and export of major farmed species (weight and value)
 - Main export destination for farmed species
 - National per capita consumption of aquatic products

2. The deadline for submissions is 30 June, with the reference year for the data submitted being the preceding year.

3. Members shall nominate a national focal point responsible for the submission of aquaculture data.