

Date of endorsement by the SCMEE

**STANDARD FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR GFCM
FISHERIES RESTRICTED AREAS (FRA) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN¹**

Name of the FRA:

Submitted by (Institution, Scientists, GFCM Members...):

Date of submission:

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (maximum 500 words)

Supply a summary of the information contained in sections 2 to 8, including the expected results.

2. AREA IDENTIFICATION

2.1 GFCM GEOGRAPHICAL SUB-AREA

<http://www.gfcm.org/fi/website/GFCMRetrieveAction.do?dom=topic&fid=16162>

2.2 NAME OF THE FRA

2.3 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

2.3.1 General location

2.3.2 Precise location of the proposed core area: provide geographical coordinates (latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes and seconds) for the vertex of a polygonal area

2.3.3. Buffer area (if applicable), provide geographical coordinates (latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes and seconds) for the vertex of a polygonal area

2.3.4. Location Map: include geographical coordinates of the core and buffer areas, bathymetry, and the boundary of international waters. Add a global reference map of the Mediterranean with the location of the site

2.3.5. Depth range (in m; specify core and buffer area, if applicable)

2.4 SURFACE AREA (in ha and km²; specify core and buffer area if applicable)

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 MAIN PHYSICAL FEATURES

3.1.1. Geology/Geomorphology

Give a brief description of the geological aspects; processes of sedimentation and erosion observable in the area and other geomorphologic features. Geological risks. Indicate bibliographical sources.

3.1.2. Other interesting physical or chemical features: such as hydrodynamics, frontal areas, upwelling, etc. that support the proposal

3.2 BIOLOGICAL FEATURES

3.2.1. Habitats: a brief description of the dominant marine habitats including pelagic ones if applicable

3.2.2. List of regionally important species

List here those marine species protected by international agreements (specify the agreement) and/or included in the GFCM priority list. If applicable, give the IUCN category. Any other species may be listed if it is clearly considered of regional importance given its high representation in the area. For each species state:

- a. its relative abundance as Common (C), Uncommon (U) or Occasional (O):
- b. its regional status are rare (r), endemic (e) and/or threatened (t); and
- c. its status as an important resident population (R), or important for its breeding (B), feeding (F), wintering (W) or migratory passage (M)

SPECIES	Relative Abundance (C) (U) (O)	Regional STATUS (r) (e) (t)	Local STATUS (R) (B) (F) (W) (M)

3.2.3. Occurrence of biological and ecological processes relevant to fish resources (Essential fish habitats)

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3.3 USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

3.3.1. Current fishing use and development of fisheries

a. Briefly describe the current use of the area by artisanal, industrial and recreational fishing.

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b. Enter how many of the users depend on these resources, seasonality, and assessment of the social and economic importance of their use and of the perceived impact on the conservation of the area, in a score of 0-1-2-3 (meaning null, low, medium, high).

ACTIVITY AND CATEGORY	ASSESS IMPORTANCE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSERVATION IMPACT	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF USERS	SEASONALITY
FISHING			
Artisanal	0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3		
Industrial	0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3		
Other:			
• Aquaculture			
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3.2.2. Current human use and development (except for fisheries)

a. Briefly describe the current use of the area by other economic sectors

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b. Enter how many of the users depend on these resources, seasonality, and assessment of the social and economic importance of their use and of the perceived impact on the conservation of the area, in a score of 0-1-2-3 (meaning null, low, medium, high).

ACTIVITY AND CATEGORY	ASSESS IMPORTANCE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSERVATION IMPACT	ESTIMATED No. of users	SEASONALITY
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Tourism	0 1 2 3		
Transport	0 1 2 3		
Mining			
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4. REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SITE

This Section aims at stressing the importance of the site for conservation at the regional scale.

4.1 PRESENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS/HABITATS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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4.2 PRESENCE OF HABITATS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO ENDANGERED, THREATENED OR ENDEMIC SPECIES

Name the habitat types and the species linked to it. Give information about its status (IUCN classification, etc.)

4.3 OTHER RELEVANT FEATURES

4.3.1. Educational Interest

e.g. particular values for activities of environmental education or awareness

4.3.2. Scientific Interest

Explain if the site represents a particular value for research.

5. IMPACTS AND ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE AREA

5.1 IMPACTS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SITE

5.1.1. Exploitation of natural resources

Assess if the current rates of exploitation of natural resources within the area (e.g. fishing, sand and mineral exploitation) are deemed unsustainable in quality or quantity, and try to quantify these threats, e.g. the percentage of the area under threat, or any known increase in extraction rates.

5.1.2 Threats to habitats and species

Mention any serious threats to the habitat (e.g. modification, disturbance, pollution) or to species (e.g. disturbance, poaching, introduced alien species...) within the area.

5.2 IMPACTS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE SITE

5.2.1. Pollution

Name and describe sources of pollution.

5.2.2. Other external threats, natural and/or anthropogenic

Briefly describe any other external threat to the ecological, biological, aesthetic or cultural values of the area (such as unregulated exploitation of natural resources, serious threats on habitats or species, pollution problems) likely to influence the area in question.

5.2.3. Sustainable development measures

Comment whether the area is covered by a management plan or bordering upon a zone under such a plan.

6. EXPECTED DEVELOPMENT AND TRENDS²

This is not always easy to assess and thus, it is not obligatory to fill in this Section.

6.1 EXPECTED DEVELOPMENT AND TRENDS OF THREATS TO AND PRESSURES UPON THE AREA

Deal briefly with the development of economic activities within the area

7. MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION REGIME

7.1 LEGAL STATUS (if applicable)

7.1.1. Historical background of the management related to the area

7.1.2. Regulatory framework currently ruling the management of the site

Mention if the area, or part of it, has been designated and on what date, with an international or regional convention.

7.1.3. Objectives

Name in order of importance the objectives of the area as stated in its legal declaration.

² By expected development and trends are meant the development, which is thought most likely to occur in the absence of any deliberate intervention to protect and manage the site.

7.2 LEGAL BACKGROUND

Briefly mention if the area or part of it is subject to any legal claim, or to any file open in that connection within the framework of an international body.

7.3 LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

7.3.1. Zoning regulating the area

Briefly state if the legal text protecting the area provides for different zones to allocate different management objectives of the area (e.g. core and scientific zones, fishing zones, etc.) and in case this the surface area of these zones. Include a map as an annex.

7.3.2. Legal competencies

Legal competence and responsibility with regard to administration and implementation of regulatory measures.

7.3.3. Other legal provisions

Describe any other relevant legal provisions, such as those requiring a management plan or any other significant measures concerning the protection and management of the area.

8. OBJECTIVES OF THE FRA AND PROPOSED MANAGEMENT MEASURES

8.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE FRA

State the reasons that justify the designation of the FRA

8.2 PROPOSED PROTECTION MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE FRA

8.2.1. Management measures

Suggest management measures to be implemented in the FRA

8.2.2. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance measures

Suggest measures to effectively enforce the FRA

8.2.3. Socio-economic impact(s) of the FRA

Prevision of the socio-economic impact(s) of the proposed measures

8.2.3.1. Economic evaluation of the ecosystems services (not only marketable)

Economic value of the goods and services that the ecosystem supports

9. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

10. RELEVANT ADDRESSES

(Stakeholders (if applicable) or name(s), position(s) and contact address(es) of the person(s) that compiled the report and/or can provide further information).

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