Getting started: the Mediterranean Sea

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Mediterranean fisheries management

- -No TACs or quotas (except bluefin tuna & swordfish)
- -Technical measures
  - -Time at sea
  - -Mesh sizes
  - -MLS (Annex III)

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21 riparian countries

- -8 EU
- -9 non-EU
- -4 EU candidates

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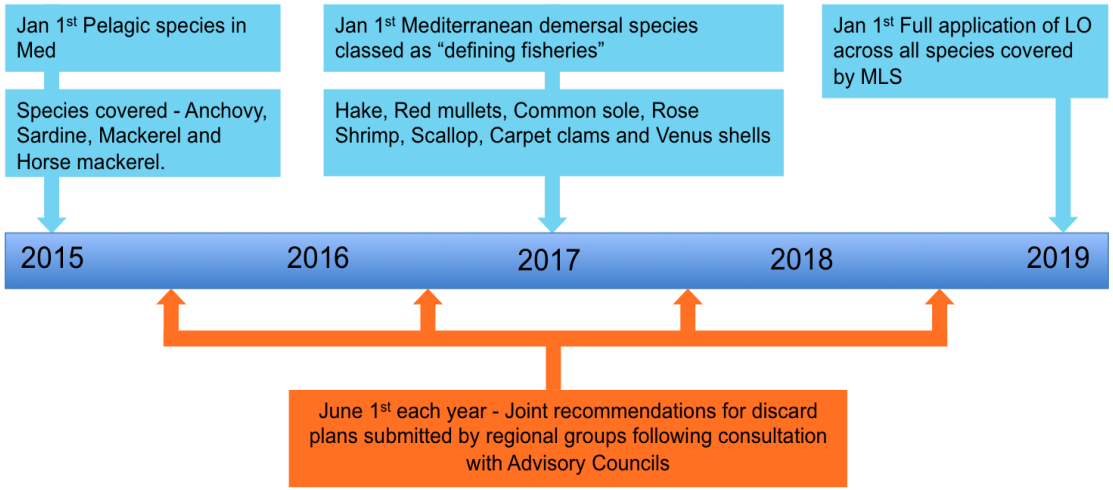
Highly multispecific fisheries: >100 commercial species

80% vessels <12 m length

Lack of fish processing industry

Timeline for Mediterranean discard plans



	Western Med	Adriatic	South-Eastern Med	Pelagics
Regulation	**86/2017, 2376/2016**			**1392/2014**
	All cover species subject to minimum sizes			
Dates covered	1/1/2017 – 31/12/2019			1/1/2015–31/12/2017
Spatial coverage	GFCM Sub-Areas 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	GFCM Sub-Areas 17 and 18	GFCM Sub-Areas 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25	Mediterranean Sea
Countries	France, Italy, Spain	Croatia, Italy, Slovenia	Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta	Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Malta, Slovenia
Species	Hake, red-mullet, scallop, carpet clams and Venus shells.	Hake, red-mullet and common sole	Hake, red-mullet and deep water rose shrimp	Anchovy, sardine, mackerel and horse mackerel.
High Survival exemptions (under certain conditions)	Scallop, carpet clams and Venus shells caught with dredges in GSAs 1, 2, 5 & 6 (valid for 2017 only)	Common sole caught with rapido (beam trawl) (valid for 2017 only)	None	None
	2376/2016 covers Venus fisheries in Italian waters only and a derogation based on high survivability of this species covers 2017-2019			
***de minimis* exemptions** (under certain conditions)	Hake & red-mullet on the basis of disproportionate costs of handling unwanted catches	Hake, Red Mullet & Sole on the basis of disproportionate costs of handling unwanted catches	Hake, Red Mullet & rose shrimp on the basis of disproportionate costs of handling unwanted catches	Between 3 and 7% of total annual catches of small pelagics in purse seine and mid-water trawl fisheries.
Other points: See Regulations 1392 of 2014 (pelagic) and 86 of 2017 (demersal) for details relating to exemptions.				

Minimum Sizes of marine organisms

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	Minimum size
1. Fishes		
Dicentrarchus labrax	*Sea-bass*	25 cm
Diplodus annularis	*Annular sea-bream*	12 cm
Diplodus puntazzo	*Sharpsnout sea-bream*	18 cm
Diplodus sargus	*White sea-bream*	23 cm
Diplodus vulgaris	*Two-banded sea-bream*	18 cm
Engraulis encrasicolus *	*European anchovy*	9 cm
Epinephelus spp.	*Groupers*	45 cm
Lithognathus mormyrus	*Stripped sea-bream*	20 cm
Merluccius merluccius ***	*Hake*	20 cm
Mullus spp.	*Red mullets*	11 cm
Pagellus acarne	*Spanish sea-bream*	17 cm
Pagellus bogaraveo	*Red sea-bream*	33 cm
Pagellus erythrinus	*Common pandora*	15 cm
Pagrus pagrus	*Common sea-bream*	18 cm
Polyprion americanus	*Wreckfish*	45 cm
Sardina pilchardus **	*European sardine*	11 cm
Scomber spp.	*Mackerel*	18 cm
Solea vulgaris	*Common sole*	20 cm
Sparus aurata	*Gilt-head sea-bream*	20 cm
Trachurus spp.	*Horse mackerel, Scad*	15 cm

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2. Crustaceans		
Homarus gammarus	*Lobster*	300 mm TL 105 mm CL
Nephrops norvegicus	*Norway lobster*	20 mm CL 70 mm TL
Palinuridae	*Crawfish*	90 mm CL
Parapenaeus longirostris	*Deep water rose shrimp*	20 mm CL
3. Mollusc bivalves		
Pecten jacobeus	*Scallop*	10 cm
Venerupis spp.	*Carpet-clams*	25 mm
Venus spp.	*Venus-shells*	25 mm

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Ice-breaking questions

- How can the LO be implemented in the Mediterranean Sea?

1.1. What are the main problems regarding the LO implementation?

1.2. What are the benefits of the LO for the Mediterranean Sea?

- How can scientific projects such as DiscardLess help for the LO implementation?