MareFrame, introduced during General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) working meetings
Special focus on the Black Sea Case Study

Subregional Group on Stock Assessment in the Black Sea,
including harmonization of methodologies and analysis of data for surveys at sea
(10-12 November 2014)
Constanta, Romania

Ad hoc meeting of the Working Group on the Black Sea on turbot fisheries
(13-14 November 2014)
Constanta, Romania

NIMRD hosted the two working meetings of the GFCM – Working Group for the Black Sea, which were attended by participants from Romania, Ukraine, Georgia and Turkey, as well as the European Union (DG Mare) and the GFCM Secretariat.

Proposed management plan for turbot in the Black Sea

The ecosystem approach to fisheries was one of the central points of discussion, as the proposed management plan for turbot in the Black Sea is to "counteract and prevent overfishing while providing high long-term yields and maintaining, to the extent possible, the stocks size of harvested species at levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield and with a low risk of stocks falling outside safe biological limits". The management plan must be "coherent with the precautionary and/or ecosystem approach and minimize the impact of fishing on sensitive habitats".

Stakeholder participation

The meetings were attended by stakeholders representing both the scientific community and economic factors. Apart from fisheries experts, representatives from the Romanian and Bulgarian National Agencies for Fisheries and Aquacultures, fishermen organizations, ministries and European Union (DG MARE, Commissioner Anna Manoussopoulou) discussed on the proposed measures for managing turbot stocks in the Black Sea.

The **MareFrame** approach was welcomed and all participants acknowledged that modeling can provide useful data for establishing the best management measures.

The full report of the meetings will be available on the GFCM website.

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