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# GFCM Lex

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of national legislation

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## What is GFCM-Lex?

- An electronic regional repository encompassing national legislation on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems in the GFCM area of application;
- A tool to provide information on existing national legislation, foster knowledge and raise awareness among the general public;
- A user-friendly, open-access, multilingual and collaborative platform aimed at empowering relevant stakeholders and supporting sustainable fishing practices.

## Why is it needed?

- Access to national legislation on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems is generally limited and information can be hard to find, particularly for users without a legal background;
- National legislation is usually available in the national language of the country that enacted it rather than in other languages, such as English or French;
- Most existing online databases of national legislation do not always focus on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems and available national legislation can be sometimes outdated.

## What does it offer?

- ✓ A single access point to national legislation on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems in the GFCM area of application;
- ✓ A contribution to knowledge sharing, capacity building and human development in the field of conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems.
- ✓ A better understanding of existing linkages between the national legislation in place and binding recommendations adopted by the GFCM.
- ✓ A coherent approach to national legislation on the conservation of marine living resources and ecosystems through the identification of key areas:

Access regimes to fisheries resources

Conservation and management

Monitoring, control and surveillance

Aquaculture-fisheries interactions

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## Who can use GFCM-Lex?

- Fishers
- Practitioners
- Policy-makers
- Students
- Researchers
- Scientists
- National administrators
- Non-governmental organizations
- Consumers

and any other relevant stakeholder eager to know more about the topic.

## What are the subregions covered?

GFCM-Lex is currently being developed based on a subregional methodology covering select countries in the central Mediterranean, the Adriatic Sea and the eastern Mediterranean. Once fully developed, the repository will cover the whole GFCM area of application.



Source: Adapted from United Nations, [World map], 2019.

## How can you use GFCM-Lex?

GFCM-Lex is available here: <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/gfcm-lex/en>

All interested users can access the repository of national legislation and read the accompanying text clarifying the scope, objectives and context.

All users are welcome to contribute to the content of GFCM-Lex by sending new legislations or amendments to [GFCM-Lex@gfcmonline.org](mailto:GFCM-Lex@gfcmonline.org)



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