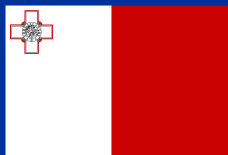


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Priority Axis 1

Measure for the Adaptation of the Maltese Community Fishing Fleet Permanent Cessation of Fishing Activities Scheme

Tuna Fishing Effort Adjustment Plan

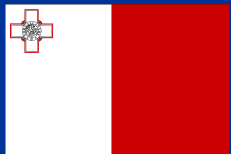


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Implementation Procedure

- The plan was forwarded for comments to:
 - The Commission
 - The Fisheries Advisory Board
 - Fisheries Cooperatives
- It was approved by:
 - Permanent Secretary and Hon. Minister
- Published on the Government Gazette and on the Ministry's website

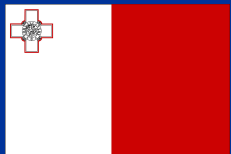


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Plan Objectives

- Adjustment of the fisheries capacity for Blue Fin Tuna
- Reduction of the number of Blue Fin Tuna Licences for operative and active vessels, and currently actively involved in the actual take up of wild fish stocks fishing
- Vessels have to be 5 years old or over and registered in the MFA or MFB category;

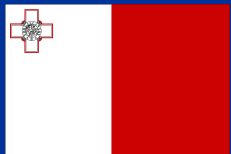


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Plan Objectives

- Defines the actions that the Maltese fisheries administration intends to implement
- Is a continuation of the Maltese Fisheries Management Plan (Action Plan) as approved by the Ministry responsible for the sector, and as submitted to the European Commission in May 2008
- Considers the conservation and exploitation of living resources where activities are practiced in Community waters

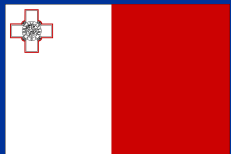


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Plan Objectives

- Adopts plans to conserve BFT in view of the depletion of stocks in the Mediterranean Sea and achieve a higher sustainability in fisheries for BFT
- Actions lead to a definite reduction of BFT licences
- The plan gives a description of the registered BFT licences
- Describes research in the BFT quantities according to a report issued by ICCAT and GFCM

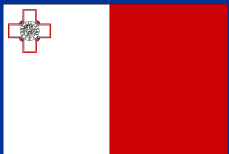


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Priority and Approved Amount

- A total of 1,000,000 Euro are available to implement this FEAP
- During the evaluation procedure those vessels who have a BFT licence will be granted an extra 20 points

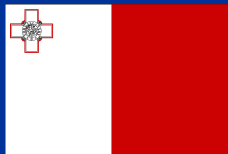


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Assumption of the number of BFT licences to be removed from the Register

Overall Length	No. Of Fishing Vessels	Gross Tonnage	Engine Capacity
< 11.99m	2 from a total of 33	5	220
>12m	7 from a total of 49	155	1,070

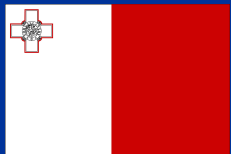


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Conclusion

- The implementation of the plan aims to reduce the BFT fishing capacity in Malta
- Reduce a significant amount of the negative impact on the environment through more sustainable BFT fishing activities
- Reduce the number of by-catches out of season such as dolphin fish, sharks, turtles, small tuna and other unvalued fish



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