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Some Mediterranean stakeholders advocated that a tailored<sup>1</sup> management approach, informed by robust and detailed disaggregated datasets, can enhance precision in decision-making and the alignment of management with conservation, social and economic objectives. The Commission explored a more disaggregated approach for the implementation of the Western Mediterranean Multi-Annual Management Plan (MAP), following the repartition of the Geographical sub-Areas (GSAs)<sup>2</sup>.

In 2025, the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries indicated<sup>3</sup> differences in the status of each stock group and therefore considered that the fishing mortality needs to be reduced differently between the stock groups and GSAs.

Considering that the most vulnerable stock in each Effort Management Unit is not present in all GSAs, the Commission proposed to compensate, in the respective GSAs, fishing vessels not fishing the most vulnerable stock. This was meant to ensure a level-playing field between the fleets of different GSAs, as reflected in the Commission non paper on the Western Mediterranean Fishing Opportunities<sup>4</sup>, complementing the original Commission proposal.

The European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) can support a wide range of actions for Member States to implement with their national EMFAF programmes, including temporary and permanent cessation measures in order to achieve the objectives of the Western Mediterranean MAP, insurance schemes, actions for selectivity improvement, reduction of undersize catches and efficient closure areas as well as actions to support the resilience of the sector and advancing on its innovation and energy transition.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.en.med-ac.eu/files/documentazione\\_pari\\_lettere/2025/02/33\\_2025\\_medac\\_advice\\_disaggregated\\_data\\_tailored\\_management.pdf](https://www.en.med-ac.eu/files/documentazione_pari_lettere/2025/02/33_2025_medac_advice_disaggregated_data_tailored_management.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> As defined by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

<sup>3</sup> STECF 25-09 pages 14-19;  
[https://stecf.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5a91e273-626f-4468-858b-72a875da211d\\_en](https://stecf.ec.europa.eu/document/download/5a91e273-626f-4468-858b-72a875da211d_en).

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0509>.