

ON THE FEAP-FAO GFCM COLLABORATION AROUND
THE 2030 STRATEGY AND AQUACULTURE GUIDELINES

GFCM 2030 STRATEGY

FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
AND AQUACULTURE IN
THE MEDITERRANEAN
AND THE BLACK SEA

Background

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) released, in 2021, the GFCM 2030 Strategy for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (GFCM 2030 Strategy). In line with the GFCM 2030 Strategy, in particular its Target 3, the GFCM has published four aquaculture guidelines outlining how to tackle crucial topics in the aquaculture sector. These documents provide a wealth of inspiration and vision that together have motivated Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) to adopt and promote these guidelines and use them as a blueprint to further strengthen the Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive European Union aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030, published by the European Commission in 2021.

“Going the extra-mile by bringing the best of European Union and GFCM policies, putting farmers first for the benefit of their areas and families.”

Given the aim to enhance the sustainable development of aquaculture in Europe and to overcome potential and existing obstacles,¹ the GFCM 2030 Strategy, as well as the FAO [Blue Transformation vision](#), constitute a reference for FEAP. Together, they are an ambitious and practical approach, and highlight the needs and opportunities to transform policies, perception and the potential of aquaculture. They form a roadmap to a an aquaculture sector that empowers farmers to lead a truly sustainable and beneficial activity supporting their families, society and the ecosystems in which they live.

The GFCM 2030 Strategy for sustainable aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and the GFCM aquaculture guidelines: mutual opportunity for FEAP and European Union aquaculture producers

FEAP and its members have joined the effort in implementing the GFCM aquaculture guidelines, with a clear and ambitious aim: to ensure the sustainable and resilient growth of the sector to its full potential.

¹ See our recent press release on European Court of Auditors' special report on European Union aquaculture practices https://feap.info/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/231218-feap-pr_eca-report-and-eu-policies-final-002.pdf