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CORRIGENDUM

ECOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES, OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND INDICATORS FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Page 6-7 Paragraph 23 should read:

23. In order to use indicators that are coherent with the monitoring efforts done by the Parties to report to the GFCM, the use of operational unit instead of fishery for variables like total catch, total effort and catch per unit effort (indicators 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3) is suggested by the Secretariat. Operational unit is “the group of fishing vessels which are engaged in the same type of fishing operation within the same Geographical Sub-Area, targeting the same species or group of species and belonging to the same economic segment¹”. GFCM has also commented that at present many of these data are still very partial in terms of geographical coverage. Further there are some difficulties in the interpretation of the indicators due to the multispecific character of many Operational Units in the Mediterranean. The process of choosing operational unit(s) being investigated for total catch, total effort, and CPUE to inform the Ecosystem Approach should be based on those single species fisheries or GFCM operational units for which data are currently being systematically collected. However, it may be necessary to supplement the ordinary fishery monitoring by the GFCM with targeted monitoring to track representative changes at each trophic level, both long-lived and fast-turnover species, and habitat-defining species. The choice of target species will have to be made with these considerations in mind, but also with considerations revolving around cost and resources available.

Page 8 Paragraph 26 should read:

26. As for the indicators corresponding to EO4, the GFCM has mentioned the limited availability of data for this suite of indicators when “proportion” is in the ecosystem due to the need to perform direct or indirect assessments, which normally are limited to very specific areas.

*Underlined sections of the text reflect the corrected wording.

¹ <http://www.gfcm.org/gfcm/topic/16166/en>