

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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Project Name:	Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean - (FishEBM MED)
Countr(ies):	Regional, Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean - (FishEBM MED)

Country

Regional, Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro,
Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye

GEF ID

10560

Implementing Agency

FAO

Executing Entity

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
and Mediterranean Action Plan (Barcelona Convention)

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/1/2026

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2026 , 2nd PIR

Objective

To reverse the over-exploitation of select commercial living marine resources by enhancing the capacity of Mediterranean countries to manage fisheries, including through the application of ecosystem-based management tools, in their blue economy development pathway.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Satisfactory

Development Objective

Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

7,965,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

4,806,448.62

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

8/11/2022

Agency Approval

7/15/2022

Implementation Start 1/1/2023	First Disbursement 8/31/2023
Expected MTR 3/31/2025	Actual MTR 1/9/2026
Expected Completion 6/30/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Project implementation is progressing well overall, with most core indicators performing satisfactorily to highly satisfactorily and several targets already achieved. Although the indicator on “landings from relevant Mediterranean fisheries under sustainable management” declined to 128,386 tonnes (from 142,180 tonnes), this reflects the effectiveness of management measures that often reduce catches in the short term to ensure long-term sustainability. Accordingly, the project continues to contribute meaningfully to reversing the overexploitation of selected commercial marine resources. This is corroborated by the indicator 'percentage of relevant Mediterranean priority stocks whose status has improved' (which increased from 41% to 50%) and by findings from the GFCM's State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) publication (released during the reporting period, thanks in part to data contributed by the project), which confirms a regional decline in overexploited stocks. These results are underpinned by advances across all outcomes during the reporting period. Under Outcome 1, data collection and advisory processes improved through the completion of an exploratory survey in Lebanon despite geopolitical delays, the endorsement of a streamlined Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) framework for data-limited contexts, and the development and piloting of a harmonized regional value chain methodology in Tunisia and Lebanon. This value chain methodology was complemented by a consumer preference study on round sardinella and progress in mapping fisher-stakeholder organizations to support more inclusive consultation. Under Outcome 2, advances were made in assessing IUU fishing through a structured three-phase training programme, the GFCM-LEX repository was populated with over 200 legal documents, and monitoring technologies were rolled out, including via pilots for Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) and gear sensors. Technical support also strengthened work on discards, bycatch and abandoned fishing gear, including ghost gear retrieval in Morocco, alongside continued progress toward the adoption of National Plans of Action on IUU fishing. Outcome 3 delivered key ecosystem-based advances, including a regional protocol integrating environmental DNA into fisheries monitoring, progress on area-based management inventories, trawl selectivity trials in Tunisia, improved alignment of fisheries information within UNEP-MAP frameworks, and a regional workshop on nature-based solutions and climate adaptation. Under Outcomes 4 and 5, progress was made on blue economy integration and regional cooperation through setting up NAP+ coordination mechanisms and organising kick off workshops, strengthened coordination arrangements at national level between fisheries and environmental authorities, and a revamped knowledge management and communication strategy improving coherence, visibility and uptake of project results. These advances were further enabled by mid-term review recommendations, which streamlined activities and project coherence, while better clarifying synergies between fisheries and environmental governance.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

Project implementation has faced several challenges during the reporting period. These include issues stemming from a weak project design, notably the need to update and refine the results framework to better reflect achievements, strengthen alignment across components, enhance overall coherence, and more clearly articulate the links between activities, outputs, and intended impacts. Delays in implementing project activities have also been encountered as a result of complex administrative and procurement procedures (e.g. for VMS procurements), technical constraints and equipment malfunctions (e.g. for the pelagic acoustic survey in Algeria), and postponed field activities due to limited capacity of national institutions to respond to multiple concurrent demands (e.g. for selectivity and marine litter trials in Morocco). While these factors have slowed delivery across several components, activities remain on track for completion within the project timeframe. Progress in advancing National Action Plans (NAP+) has likewise been slower than anticipated, with no country yet finalizing a plan that includes an associated investment component and pilot activity. This reflects both early delays in the signing of the UNEP-MAP/SPA-RAC Project Cooperation Agreement, finalized in mid-2024, and the complexity of implementing multi-stakeholder processes within compressed timelines. Also in this case activities remain on track for completion within the project timeframe on the basis of the work plan approved at the 2026 PSC. In addition, coordination, capacity, and knowledge management constraints have posed challenges, including the need to streamline coordination mechanisms, strengthen national ownership, and more effectively capture and communicate project achievements and policy uptake. Although policy integration is progressing well, delays in generating technical results have limited knowledge management and capitalization efforts. Following the recommendations of the MTR, these challenges are being addressed through a revised work plan and

adjustments to project outputs, endorsed by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) in early 2026, providing a clear framework for effective project delivery through to completion.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Please report on progress, challenges, and outcomes on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan) included at CEO Endorsement/Approval during this reporting period.

Profile	Stakeholder name	Type of partnership	Progress, results & Challenges on Stakeholder's Engagement
Government Institutions	Government of Albania	Co-financer/project partner	Active project participation and regularly strengthened coordination. Engagement is particularly strong on component 2, with the finalization of the VMS pilot and related procurement underway and support to national legislation and the adopting of a NPOA-IUU.
Government Institutions	Government of Algeria	Project partner	Changeovers at the ministry level have led to limited participation in the PSC and a need to continue strengthening coordination moving forward. Nonetheless good coordination at the technical level continues, including facilitating the pelagic survey-at-sea and discards monitoring. National workshop held towards a blue economy NAP.
Government Institutions	Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Project partner	Limited results to-date. Coordination issues at administrative level has resulted in limited participation in the PSC and the lack of a fishing fleet in Bosnia and Herzegovina has meant limited fisheries-related activities could be foreseen. Need to continue strengthening coordination.
Government Institutions	Government of Lebanon	Project partner	Active project participation and regularly strengthened coordination. The demersal exploratory survey-at-sea was completed (after two years delay due to the geopolitical situation). A round sardinella consumer preference study was completed, and a parallel value chain study is underway. Support to the setting up of a national fleet socioeconomic survey was also provided (with the survey expected to be carried out once it is safe to resume field data collection).
Government Institutions	Government of Libya	Co-financer/project partner	Active participant in the PSC. A national legislation profile (GFCM-Lex) was developed and work was carried out to address unreported fishing through bycatch monitoring. Continued close collaboration is foreseen moving forward, particularly on a national fleet socioeconomic survey. National workshop held towards a blue economy NAP+.
Government Institutions	Government of Montenegro	Co-financer/project partner	Active project participation, regularly strengthened coordination and active participant to the PSC. VMS and gear sensor pilot studies completed and procurement action underway. National workshop towards a NAP+ and pilot initiative carried out.

Government Institutions	Government of Morocco	Co-financer/project partner	Active project participation, regularly strengthened coordination and active participant to the PSC. Selectivity and marine litter trials being carried out. Project with local NGO to retrieve ALDFG underway. Assessment of national legislations carried out and participation of experts in MCS trainings. National workshop held towards a blue economy NAP+ and pilot actions.
Government Institutions	Government of Tunisia	Project partner	Active project participation, regularly strengthened coordination and active participant to the PSC. National fleet socioeconomic survey underway. Trawl gear selectivity trials completed. Work underway to support socially sustainable blue crab fisheries. National workshop held towards a blue economy NAP+ and pilot actions.
Government Institutions	Government of Türkiye	Co-financer/project partner	Active project participation, regularly strengthened coordination and active participant to the PSC. VMS procured and installation and operationalization underway. NPOA-IUU adopted. Continued collaboration foreseen.
NGOs	WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative	Co-financer/project partner	Regular consultation held in the context of the Friends of SSF and support provided to joint work on small-scale fisheries and vulnerable species
Private Sector entities	Collete Localisation Satelites (CLS)	Co-financer	Collaboration on the execution of VMS pilot studies and on the installation of VMS in Türkiye. Regular coordination underway.
Private Sector entities	MetOcean Telematics	Co-financer	Limited engagement to-date Efforts underway to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder in the project
Private Sector entities	Studio Lasso d.o.o.	Co-financer	Contribution to the VMS pilot study in Montenegro. Efforts underway to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder in the project.
Others	ATEPA	Partner/beneficiary organization	ATDEPA fishers supported in participating in SSF Forum sessions Continue supporting their engagement in project activities
Others	Notre Grand Bleu - Tunisia	Potential partner	Limited engagement to-date specifically in the context of the project, but general collaboration with GFCM towards SSF stakeholder engagement. Need to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder specifically in the project
Others	SSF Cooperatives - Lebanon	Partner/beneficiary organization	Cooperative representatives supported in participating in SSF Forum sessions Continue supporting their engagement in project activities, particularly the potential EAF pilot in Lebanon
Others	RAPA Algeria	Partner/beneficiary organization	Cooperative representatives supported in participating in SSF Forum sessions Continue supporting their engagement in project activities

Others	<i>Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM)</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Regular consultation held in the context of the Friends of SSF. Collaboration carried out in the context of developing the GFCM-LEX Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action.</i>
Others	<i>National Center for Marine Science (CNRS)</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Local research partner in the implementation of surveys- at-sea in Lebanon Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action and capacity development support</i>
Others	<i>La Conférence Ministérielle sur la Coopération Halieutique entre les Etats Africains Riverains de l'Océan Atlantique (COMHAFAT)</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Limited engagement to-date Efforts underway to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder in the project</i>
Others	<i>General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)</i>	<i>Executing agency/co-financer</i>	<i>Executing agency of the project backstopping the majority of project activities Contribute to GFCM decisions through project activities and project results that align with the GFCM work plan and the GFCM's needs for scientific advice</i>
Others	<i>Global Fishing Watch (GFW)</i>	<i>Co-financer/project partner</i>	<i>Regular contributions provided to GFCM technical working groups, including in relation to the monitoring of fishing activities using remote sensing data. A joint workshop was held on MCS tools for the Mediterranean. Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action.</i>
Others	<i>International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Regular contributions provided to GFCM technical working groups on area-based management and vulnerable species Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action.</i>
Others	<i>Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI)</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Limited engagement to-date Need to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder in the project</i>
Others	<i>UNEP-Mediterranean Action Plan</i>	<i>Executing agency/co-financer</i>	<i>Executing agency of the project backstopping select project activities Ensure project activities and results support UNEP-MAP processes</i>
Others	<i>University of Alicante</i>	<i>Co-financer</i>	<i>Support to the master in sustainable fisheries management course through project expertise and results Need to improve coordination and better engage stakeholder in the project</i>

NGOs	Mediterranean Conservation Society (MCS)	Partner	Support provided to promote market-based Blue Economy solutions to address the proliferation of non-indigenous species in the southwestern coast of Türkiye (within the context of Component 1 and 4) Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint follow-up action.
Others	AssiDMER	Partner	Support provided for the population of the GFCM-LEX platform Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action.
Private Sector entities	Ocean Foundation	Partner	Support work to advance data poor MSEs Continue the good collaboration, further refining activities for joint action.
NGOs	HYDRA	Partner	Collaboration on the execution of socioeconomic survey in Albania
Government Institutions	CNRDPA	Partner	Collaboration on the demersal survey at sea and preparatory work for the pelagic acoustic survey, as well as bycatch monitoring programme in Algeria
Government Institutions	INRH	Partner	Collaboration on the execution of a selectivity study on bottom trawl fishing gear, marine litter trials and retrieval of ghost gear nets
Government Institutions	INSTM	Partner	Collaboration on selectivity trials for fisheries targeting European hake, on the national fleet socioeconomic survey in Tunisia and on the blue crab value chain and social sustainability work.
Others	Università Tor Vergata	Partner	Support to e-DNA sequencing for the e-DNA metabarcoding trials carried out in Türkiye.
Others	MEDFRI	Partner	Collaboration on the implementation of the exploratory trawl survey in Lebanon (2023 and 2025)
Others	Sürkoop	Partner	Collaboration on national socioeconomic survey in Türkiye and stakeholder engagement.
Others	Association Champions Fineq Chasse Sous Marine et Protection de l'environnement	Partner	New partner, supporting the implementation of the pilot on ghost gear monitoring and retrieval in Morocco, together with youth awareness raising and collaboration with local women's cooperative for recycling of retrieved gear.
Others	LOQUS	Partner	New partner with expertise on IUU assessment supporting regional trainings on IUU assessment methodologies.

D. Gender Equality

Information on Progress on Gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent (when applicable) during this reporting period.

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period.
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a. Closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources	Yes	By empowering women stakeholders (including researchers and members of national administrations) to actively participate in decision-making processes (see point b), the project is strengthening their leadership capacities and increasing their influence in governance and management practices. Through enhanced engagement and greater representation in decision-making forums, the project is fostering an enabling environment in which women can contribute meaningfully to shaping policies, priorities, and actions. As a result, decision-making processes are expected to better reflect the perspectives, needs, and expertise of women, thereby promoting their sustained, equitable, and effective participation across the sector.
b. Improving women's participation and decision making	Yes	Through its promotion of an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management, the project is fostering inclusive and participatory decision-making processes that actively aim to engage the full range of fisheries stakeholders, including women. This commitment is demonstrated through the meaningful involvement of female experts in scientific and technical activities, alongside efforts to ensure the equitable participation of both women and men in targeted training programmes, workshops, and knowledge-sharing events. By creating opportunities for women to contribute their knowledge, expertise, and perspectives, the project is helping to strengthen their role in shaping fisheries management outcomes and advancing more inclusive governance across the sector.
c. generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	Yes	Gender-disaggregated data collection has been integrated into the socioeconomic surveys conducted under the project and is now being promoted across all GFCM socioeconomic data initiatives. This approach helps generate a more accurate understanding of women's contributions to the fisheries sector. Similarly, the value chain data collection methodology currently being piloted is capturing women's roles along the entire value chain (where the majority of women work), enhancing the visibility of women in fisheries, which in turn informs targeted interventions to address the inequalities faced by women. A pilot initiative in retrieving and recycling ghost gear, carried out in Morocco, is providing a replicable example of how to link scientific work (monitoring of ghost gear), fisher engagement (in gear retrieval) and value-generating opportunities for women (engagement with women's cooperative to recycle nets into items to be sold by the cooperative).
Any other good practices on gender		The GFCM's State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) report, published in 2025 and drawing on data generated through the FishEBM MED project, presented gender-disaggregated data on the fisheries sector for the first time. As the region's principal reference publication on fisheries, SoMFi plays an important role in informing regional policy discussions and decision-making. By shedding light on women's participation and contributions across the sector, the inclusion of gender-disaggregated data helps ensure that their roles are recognized, considered in policy processes, and no longer overlooked.

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge activities/products (when applicable), as outlined in Knowledge Management (and Learning) Approach approved at CEO Endorsement/Approval, during this reporting period. (This section will be uploaded to the GEF Portal)

Knowledge management and Learning (KML): Does the project have a KML strategy?	Yes
If YES, what is the implementation progress? In your answer, please describe how the project is fostering knowledge sharing and learning among stakeholders at national and sub-national level.	Over the reporting period, the project has revised and revamped its knowledge management and communications strategy, responding to recommendations of the MTR (with changes endorsed by the PSC in February 2026). The project has made significant strides in implementing this KMC strategy, with a view to developing and disseminating a robust communication strategy. This has included the development of experience notes (designed to function as factsheets following the model offered in the IW:LEARN library, capturing project knowledge in an accessible format), as well as component notes (supporting a common and more coherent understanding of the project narrative), and work towards a project film illuminating the human side of FishEBM MED. Country toolkits, have also been developed to support countries in disseminating their project successes. Since the adoption of the revised KMC strategy, efforts have been placed on the preparation of these KMC outputs, while their publication and dissemination are foreseen in the next reporting period. In addition to these products, the project has continued to place focus on targeted communication efforts, including IUU Day coverage through web news, an animated video on the VMS system, and a newsletter, as well as an IW:LEARN human story on ghost gear retrieval in Morocco. Furthermore, as project technical activities have begun to bear fruit, technical documents and similar outputs have also been released, including a regional protocol for integrating environmental DNA-based approaches into fisheries monitoring in a regionally harmonized way, as well as a graphic novel on the GFCM Recommendation on gear marking (translated in multiple languages), aiming to reach diverse audiences and raise awareness to combat ghost gear. The project has developed robust collaboration with the countries to ensure dissemination of these targeted communications and technical outputs through local channels.
If NO, how does the project identify, collect and document good practices?	

Please list good practices, including key-technical and/or institutional innovations, from the project thus far.	Since its official launch in 2023, the FishEBM Med project in the Mediterranean has introduced a range of good practices and key innovations, technical and institutional, that are already yielding positive impacts and serve as valuable models for replication. Inclusive governance The project is promoting a transformative shift in fisheries management by actively accounting for the socio-economic realities of fishers and ensuring their voices and knowledge are integrated into decision-making processes. It is also helping countries uncover the role of women in the sector, ensuring their participation is recognized. A notable good practice in the matter is updated regional guidance facilitating the collection and transmission of gender-disaggregated socioeconomic data. Stakeholder engagement for sustainable practices Under FishEBM fishers are stewards of their environment and actively contribute to a more sustainable sector. In Fnideq, Morocco, fishers actively participated in ghost gear retrieval and recycling, joining hand with scientists, divers, women cooperatives and community leaders. This model is feeding a protocol explaining best practices on ghost gear retrieval. Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Targeted efforts to address IUU fishing include strengthening national legislation and delivering specialized training to fisheries inspectors, enhancing institutional enforcement capacity and promoting legal, sustainable fishing practices. FishEBM has been regularly training officers across the region and is deploying a new VMS system across the Turkish fleet,
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	Yes
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	Over the reporting year, important milestones have been achieved in project communications. The KMC strategy was revised to be more coherent and results-driven and was subsequently endorsed by the PSC. The project is promoting a strategic shift in how project knowledge is communicated by bringing together the results of different activities into a coherent narrative, organized by topic and region, that follows the progress of the project over time. The focus has shifted from 'what was done' to 'what has changed because of FishEBM'. This approach ensures that communication products are interrelated and mutually reinforcing rather than standalone outputs, helping to build a clearer and more compelling story of project achievements. Products are developed as part of a broader, interrelated system of products designed to support national dissemination efforts. The project has also worked on maintaining transparency and open communication with country focal points throughout the development and dissemination process, ensuring that national stakeholders remain engaged and informed partners in sharing project results. This has been translated in communications by participating ministries on project successes like the adoption of an NPOA-IUU by Türkiye. In addition to being featured at a ministerial level, FishEBM activities have gained the attention of the press in various participating countries. The project also gained visibility via stories on the GFCM and SPA/RAC websites and the IW:Learn portal. There has been an overall strong progress in the visibility of the project, and dissemination at national and regional levels.

Human-interest story: Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits. Please indicate any Socio-economic Co-benefits that were generated by the project. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.	In Fnideq, Morocco, an entire community is mobilised against ghost gear. With the help of scientists from the GFCM and the support of FishEBM, the youth of Fnideq, with the full participation of local fishers, is retrieving ghost gear, recycling them via a women's cooperative and raising awareness in local schools. With these initiatives, the community of Fnideq is giving a replicable model to tackle marine litter while supporting the next generation of ocean stewards. "The fishers were the first people that we convinced to join us in this mission." recalls Younes Baghdidi, the president of Abtal Fnideq. Committed and passionate, he was born in a family of fishers and grew up enjoying diving in the region. He witnessed firsthand the impact of marine pollution, so he decided to take action. "There were challenges at the beginning, but over time we built a strong collaboration. Today, fishers are active participants in our retrieval activities and provide invaluable expertise in helping us identify where abandoned nets are located."
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III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	Relevant project outputs and activities were reformulated/rearranged on the guidance of the MTR. The project objective and outcomes remain unchanged from the Project Document. Revisions to the results framework were discussed in detail and agreed at the February 2026 Project Steering Committee meeting.
Components and Cost	No changes have been made in terms of total budget amount or cost per component, however, in the context of developing the annual budgets, minor changes have been made to the CEO endorsed budget in terms of cost category (e.g. shifting funds from travel to a consultancy, etc.) to align with evolving needs for activity implementation.
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	A new work plan, integrating MTR comments and recommendations was presented and approved at the last PSC, with a No Cost Extension agreed until 30 June 2027.
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	

Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Mediterranean Sea	35.0	20.0	

Location Description:

Mediterranean Sea

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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