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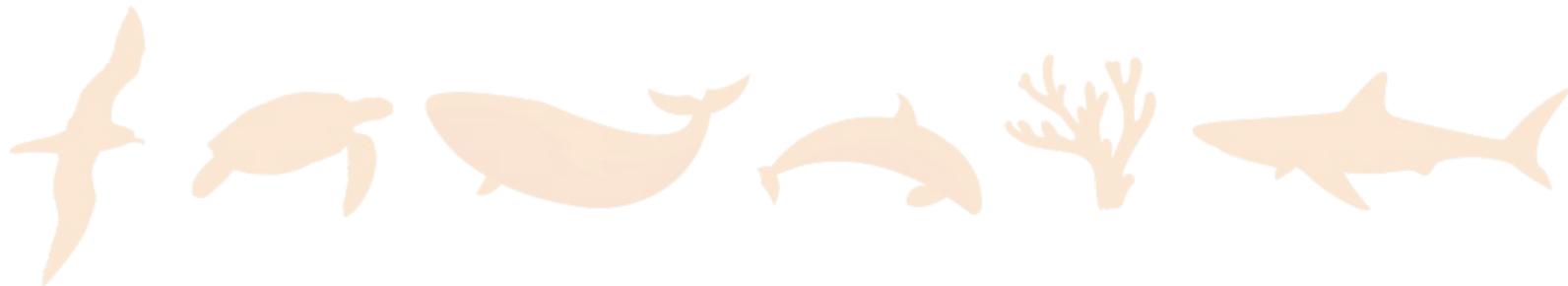


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Mediterranean Association
to Save the Sea Turtles



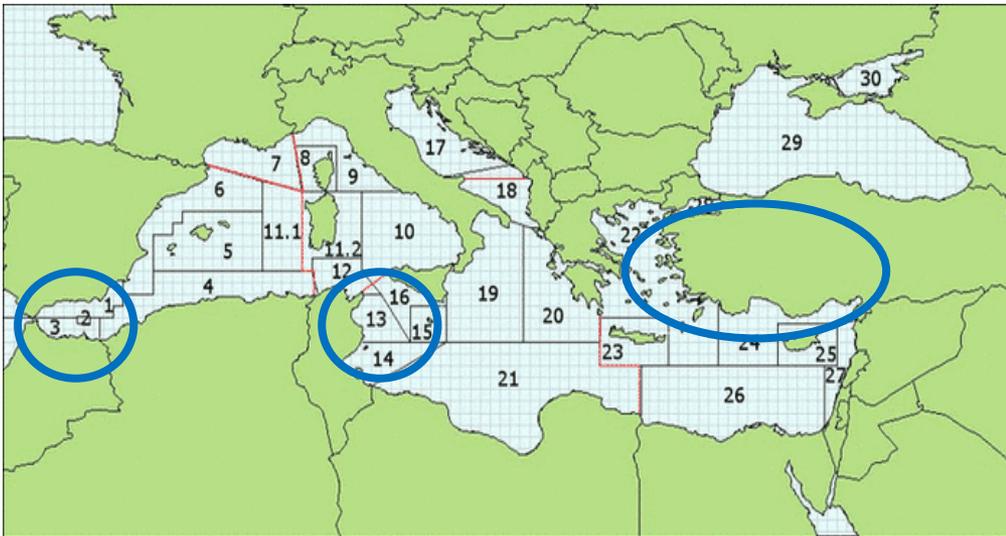
MEDBYCATCH PROJECT

Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa bycatch of vulnerable species and testing mitigation: a collaborative approach



PHASE 1: 2017-2020

Alboran Sea (GSA 3) – Sicily Channel & Tunisian Plateau (GSAs 12,13,14) –
Central Aegean & Levantine Basin (GSAs 22,24)



- ❖ 3 pilot countries: Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey
- ❖ 6 regional partners
- ❖ 9 national partners

➔ Aim: to develop a **common standardized methodology to collect data** and test solutions that can be replicated at the regional level, starting at the national level

 42 OBSERVERS

 5 TAXA 

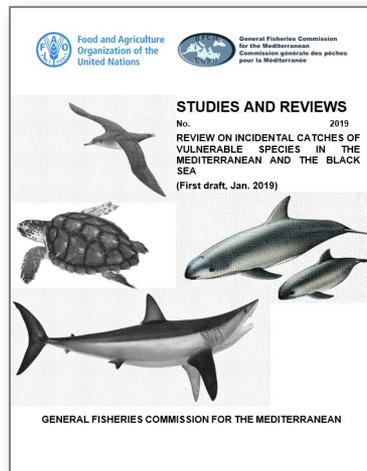
 >300 OBSERVATIONS

 43 PORTS

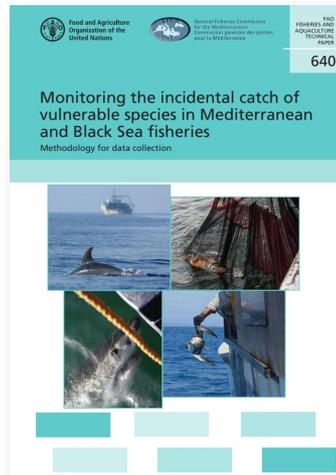
PHASE 1 OUTPUTS

<p>A. Creating knowledge and baseline information</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional review of incidental bycatch Data collection protocol Observer programme Med bycatch database Data analysis/publication 	<p>B. Support advocacy Awareness raising</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication strategy (brochure, video, photo exhibitions, fishers tales etc.) Advocacy to decision-makers (national factsheets, briefings, meetings etc.) Med Bycatch Strategy/Action Plan 	<p>C. Capacity building of relevant actors</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of observers Training of fishers (self reporting) Outreach to fishing sector Capacity building of local NGOs 	<p>D. Support adoption of technical solutions</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation trials <p>MOSTLY POSTPONED TO PHASE II</p>
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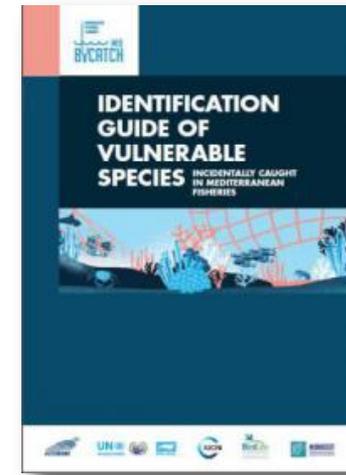
Regional Bycatch Review



Monitoring Protocol



ID Toolkit



PHASE2: 2020 - 2022



- ❖ 5 pilot countries: Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey (France and Spain for policy/advocacy)
 - ❖ 7 regional partners
 - ❖ 14 national partners
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- ❖ Conducting **trials of technical solutions/mitigation measures** that are effective in reducing the impact of bycatch on vulnerable species
 - ❖ Informing and supporting the **development of policies** related to the bycatch of vulnerable species at national and regional level (e.g. European and Mediterranean)
 - ❖ Building **capacities** and supporting fishers to apply measures to tackle bycatch of vulnerable species