

Turkey – screening of fisheries acquis

Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings

Resource management

- 1) What is your evaluation of the status of marine resources exploited by your fleets in the various GFCM geographic sub-areas, including Black Sea? A distinction between demersal, small pelagic and large pelagic species as well as between coastal and offshore species is advisable.
- 2) How do you think to strike a balance between fleets' capacity, fishing effort and status of exploited resources in the main fisheries? What scientific monitoring strategies are in place or are going to be established to ensure that such a balance is achieved and maintained?
- 3) How much of the small pelagic resources exploited by your fleet has been or is going to be devoted to the maintenance of the bluefin tuna fattening plants?
- 4) How are you going to ameliorate the exploitation pattern of your demersal and small pelagic fisheries?
- 5) How the fishing effort is going to be controlled both in terms of capacity, activity and dimension and number of fishing gears to ensure a sustainable fishing mortality?
- 6) Is there any distinction between professional, subsistence and recreational fisheries? What is their relative importance in terms of people involved and exploitation of marine resources?
- 7) What type of measures, both in terms of selectivity of fishing gears, minimum legal size and restricted access to fishing gears in certain areas, are in place to protect nursery areas and to reduce fishing mortality on juveniles of exploited resources?
- 8) What resources are subject to a minimum landing size regulation?
- 9) Where and how many areas of restricted access to fishing gears have been established for fisheries management? Which species or group of species areas each area has been established for? What management measures are implemented therein?
- 10) What type of catch limitations is in place to control the fishing mortality on exploited stocks? For which stocks?

Fleet management

- 1) Have you measured the characteristics of all your fishing vessels in accordance with the Community provisions (R2930/86), particularly tonnage and power ?
- 2) How do you manage the entry of capacity into the fishing fleet ? Do you respect a balance between entries and exits for the total capacity of your fleet as it is established by Community law?
- 3) Do you have a fishing fleet register including all fishing vessels (according to the definition of fishing vessel established by Community law R 2371/2002)?
- 4) Does your fishing fleet register include all the information required in accordance with Community law (R 26/2004)?

VMS

When will Turkey establish a satellite based monitoring system to monitor the position of Community fishing vessels?

Inspection and Control

What means will Turkey put at the disposal of its competent authorities in order to enable it to monitor and register landings on its territory ?

When will Turkey have a system in place for collecting and verifying information on fishing activities and for reporting this information to the Commission ?

Structural Actions

What is the staff foreseen for managing the structural policy, including preparing the national strategic plan and the operational programme, selection of projects, payments, evaluation, control and audit?

Please describe the relation between structural actions and resource sustainability

Please describe the policy for consulting the industry.

Can you provide information on the current planning policy for the fishing sector?

What is the current national budget for structural actions?

Market Policy

Please provide information on the:

- Progress in the adoption of national legislation on markets, in particular concerning producer organisations, common marketing standards and consumer information.
- Establishment of adequate administrative arrangements for the implementation of market policy, in particular the setting-up of competent authorities dealing with interventions and producer organisations, which Ministries are responsible for market policy and arrangements for the transmission of electronic data concerning prices to the Commission.
- Control arrangements for compliance with common marketing standards and consumer information requirements.
- Progress in the setting-up of producer organisations.

State aid:

- What types of aid and in what amounts has been granted to the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the years 2005-2006?
- Are there other aid measures planned for 2006 and in what amounts?

International Agreements

Management of bluefin tuna, linked to the provisions of the ICCAT Convention¹

- (1) What measures were put in place by Turkey to control their fisheries within the "others" quota levels approved by ICCAT?
- (2) What effort limitation measures were introduced to ensure that the fishing effort of its vessels is commensurate with the fishing opportunities available to Turkey under ICCAT measures?
- (3) How many vessels are authorised to fish for bluefin tuna?
- (4) What type of measures, both in terms of selectivity of fishing gears, minimum legal size and restricted access to fishing gears in certain areas, are in place to reduce fishing mortality on juveniles of bluefin tuna?
- (5) What types of measures are in place to implement the ICCAT recommendation on the bluefin tuna fanning? (Sampling programme, list of farms, reporting of the quantities of bluefin tuna placed in cages, verification of the origin of the quantities caged).
- (6) What types of measures are in place to implement the ICCAT recommendation on the statistical programme of ICCAT?

Data collection (Council Regulation (EC) N°1543/2000):

¹ International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

1. The new measures, adopted at the GFCM's annual meeting, include the development of a fishing effort management system in a number of fisheries, particularly to develop programmes to manage fishing effort in certain small pelagic and demersal fisheries, where conservation measures are urgently needed. Within this new context: Is Turkey making a follow-up of the exerted fishing effort in these fisheries in order to provide figures to the relevant assessment working group?
2. Concerning the data collection provisions according to Commission Reg. 1639/2001 and 1581/2004: Has Turkey implemented a systematic collection of basic biological and economical fisheries data in order to analyse the situation of their resources, fleet and processing industries sectors?
3. Has Turkey implemented any study, or collection of basic data, on the fisheries and/or aquaculture effects on the environment? If so, have they reveal any particular situation?