



SCREENING CHAPTER 13 FISHERIES

AGENDA ITEM 3: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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I. LEGAL BASIS



Technical measures for management of fishing are defined in Fisheries Law no. 1380, Implementing Regulation on Fisheries and Circulars on Fishing



Circulars on Fishing

- Circulars are drawn up and implemented by MARA.
- These circulars are prepared in consultation with Fisheries Advisory Board which consists of all kind of stakeholders in the fishery sector.

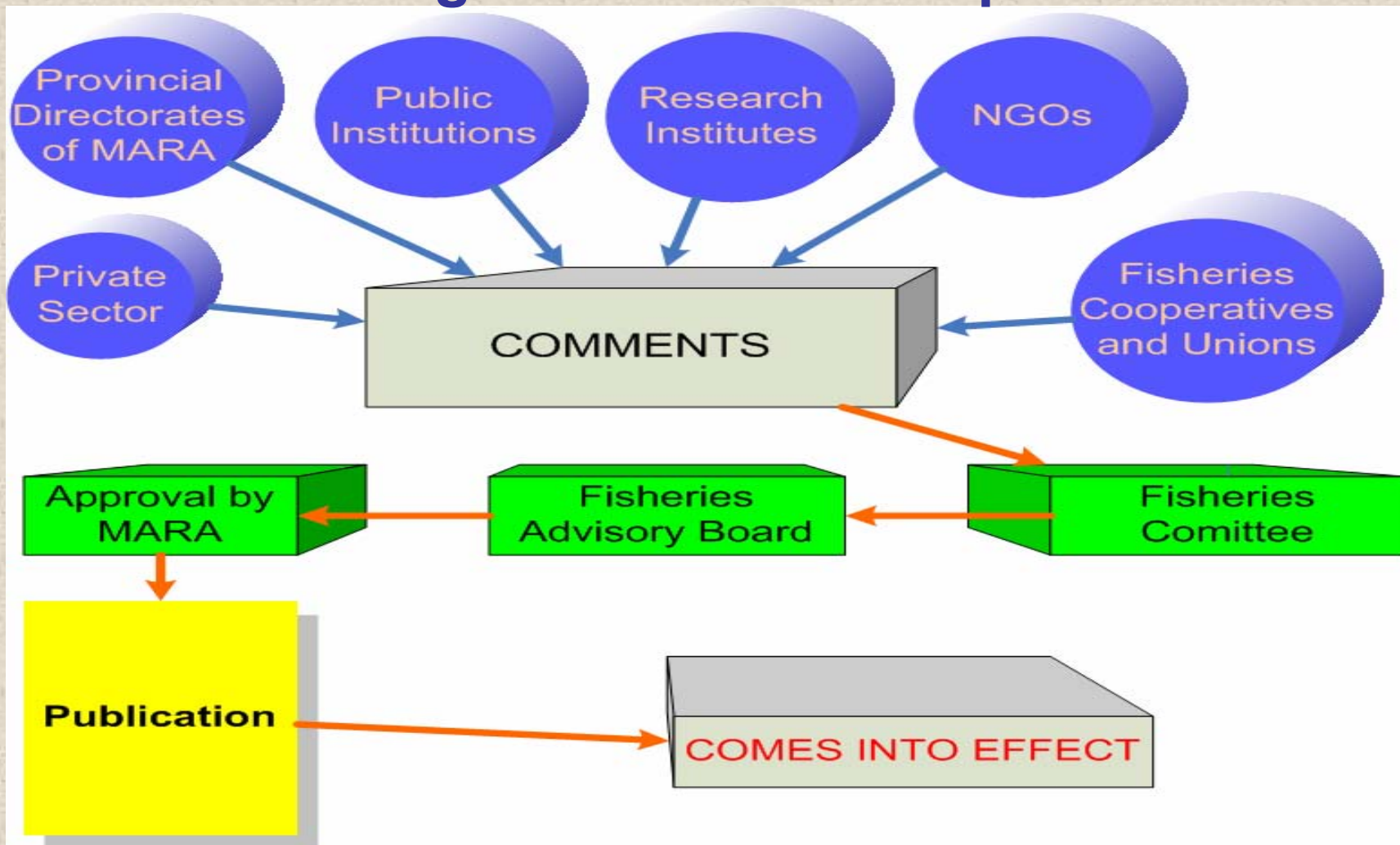


Fisheries Advisory Board

- Public institutions
- Universities and Research institutions
- Fisheries organisations
 - ✓ Professional organisations
 - ✓ Cooperatives



Stages of Circular Preparation





II. MAIN PRINCIPLES



Conservation of the Production Areas

➤ Pre-consultation with MARA is required for any activity resulting in complete or partial change in structure of fishery spawning and production areas



Use of Explosive and Dangerous Substances

- It is forbidden to fish by bombs, torpedoes, dynamite, explosive, carbide and other dangerous substances.



Minimum Requirements and Conditions Set for Vessels and Nets

- Type of fishing activity is defined in relation with length of fishing vessel
- Main principles for using fishing nets are defined by implementing regulations on fisheries.



Discharge of Harmful Substances into Waters

It is forbidden to discharge substances harmful to:

- ✓ fishery products,
- ✓ production tools,
- ✓ consumers health.



General Prohibitions and Limitations

Technical measures on fishing are defined by Circulars in order to regulate

- size limitation
- fishing gears,
- fishing areas,
- fishing seasons,
- species, etc



III. RESTRICTIONS ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRAWLS

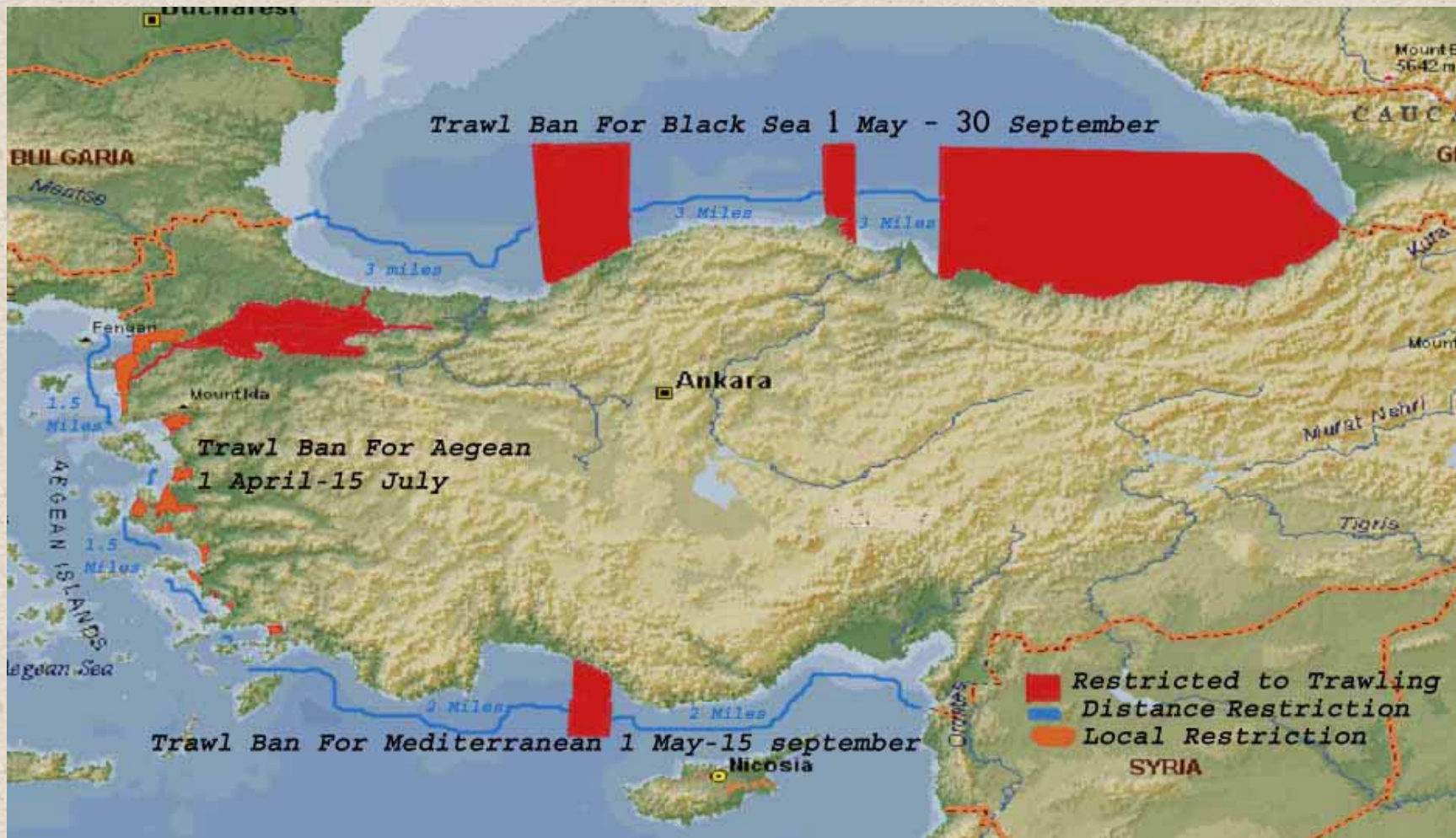


Restrictions on Trawls

- Area limitations
- Distance limitations
- Fishing season
- Mesh size



Area Limitations





Mesh size:

- At Black Sea: 40 mm
- Other Seas: 44 mm

Covering bag size:

- At Black Sea: 80 mm
- Other Seas: 88 mm



Rules for Beam Trawls

Special permissions for beam trawling of certain species

- Marmara Sea for fishing of deep water pink shrimps at waters that are deeper than 50 m
- Black Sea for collection of sea snails



IV. RESTRICTIONS ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF SEINES



Restrictions on Purse Seine

➤ Area limitations

- At certain specified areas in İstanbul Strait and Çanakkale Strait

➤ Depth limitations

- Waters shallower than 18 m
- In case of fishing by light, waters shallower than 30 m

➤ Fishing season

- No fishing by purse seines between 1st May and 31st August



Rules for Fishing by Beach Seines

- Fishing by beach seines in all seas is prohibited, except for fishing of shrimps in Marmara Sea.



V. RULES FOR PASSIVE FISHING GEAR



Rules are defined according to;

➤ **Landing size**

- Length restrictions for commercial species are introduced considering the first spawning length of fish.

➤ **Fishing area**

➤ **Species**



Landing size rules

Species	Size (cm)
Seabream	15
Anchovy	9
Horse mackerel	13
Oyster	6
Turbot	40
Swordfish	130
Seabass	18
Bonito	25
Bluefin Tuna	90
Little Tunny	45



VI. OTHER RULES AND PRINCIPLES



Rules for Endangered Species

➤ Fishing of the certain endangered species such as dolphins, sea turtles, monk seal, sea trout, sturgeon, commercial sponges is prohibited.



Closed season prohibitions imposed for certain species

Species	Closed season
Sea snails	1st May – 31st August
Turbot	1st May – 30th June
Atlantic bonito	1st April – 31st August
Striped venus	1st May – 31st August
Octopus	1st May – 31st October
Cockle and Clams	15th May – 15th September
Dusky grouper and Golden Grouper	15th June – 31st July



- No fishing activity within a radius of 500 m. of river mouth
- No permission for collecting fry from nature
- Operation of passive fishing gear only with a signal flag or buoy at day time or a light buoy at night time.



- No permission for beam trawling in Mediterranean and Aegean Sea
- No fishing activity at Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Sea where *Caretta caretta* and seal monk spawns lives



VII. RULES FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING



- Licence is not required
- Use of nets is forbidden



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