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- Focus on the Integrated Maritime Policy and framework conditions for Blue Growth in the Mediterranean basin :
  - Integrated Coastal Zone Management
  - Adaptation to climate change in coastal areas
  - Coastal and maritime data management
  - Fisheries
  - Pollution
- Beyond its technical dimension, impact at <u>EU level</u>, through Regular interaction with EU institutions (e.g. MAREMED final seminar organized in the European Parliament in March 2013) and connection with the action of the CPMR in the maritime field
- Beyond its technical dimension, impact at <u>interregional level</u> through:

contribution to the structuration of long-term collaboration between Regions (e.g. Contribution to the development of the Bologna Charter, signed at the occasion of the MAREMED seminar in March 2013)













### MAREMED PROJECT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING NEW FISHERIES MANAGEMENT TOOLS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

TRANSFERABLE FISHING CONCESSIONS

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR FISHERIES



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Fishing Tourism can be defined as a set of tourism-related activities carried out by professional fishermen in order to differentiate their incomes, promote and valorize their profession and socio-cultural heritage, and enhance a sustainable use of marine ecosystems, by means of boarding non-crew individuals on fishing vessels. Although the "tourism and recreational purpose" of fishing tourism activities is apparent, this is not always formally stated by the relevant legislation.

The results of this pilot action suggested that the fishing tourism sector is still in its infancy phase in the Mediterranean basin. In order to harness such an underexploited industry, significant changes should be introduced into the EU legislative framework, thus achieving a better regulation, coordination and integration of the sector, and creating a standard judicial basis on which each Member State can base its independent legislation on fishing tourism.

In addition, to successfully develop this sector some efforts should be made to ensure the development of better synergies with the tourism sector, the creation of stronger and longlasting networks, the enhancement of promotion and publicity actions, education and training of fishermen, allocation of funds for renewal and adaptation of vessels to be devoted to fishing tourism.

#### WHAT ARE THE MAIN GOALS OF FISHING TOURISM?

- To diversify economic sources of income in the fisheries sector.
- To complement direct fishing activities, also preventing a further increase of the overall fishing effort.
- . To promote the environmental, socio-cultural and economic values of coastal areas through the fishermen which represent them.
- . To develop innovative and attractive tourism offers.
- To improve fishermen's image, raise awareness on the fisherman profession and bring it closer to the people.

#### TEN POSITIVE IMPACTS OF FISHING TOURISM

- 1 / Sustainable development of the coastal territory.
- 2 / Valorization of the historical and socio-cultural vocation and heritage of coastal areas.
- 3 / Development of an innovative and ecologically sustainable concept of tourism at sea.
- 4/ Recognition of the leading role of fishermen in shaping coastal areas.
- 5/ Added value to local fisheries products and traditional artisanal fisheries.
- 6/ Reduction of fishing effort and better conservation of fisheries and marine resources.
- 7/ Higher economic income and better quality of life for fishermen.
- 8 / Higher employment rates for women and young people.
- 9/ Development of environmental and cultural education activities.
- 10/ Raise awareness on consuming local fresh fish for a healthy diet and a sustainable lifestyle.































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## **FINAL REPORT**

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