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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: Reply to MEDAC advice on MSY, Fishing opportunities 2022 and GFCM decisions

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

Thank you for your letter (ref.142/2021, 29 July 2021) expressing your opinion on MSY, Fishing opportunities 2022 and GFCM decisions. Your contribution is timely and most welcome.

Regarding the elements you mention, namely the implementation of the western Mediterranean EU MAP, notably to reach the MSY target, and the implementation of the GFCM measures in the Adriatic Sea for both demersal species and small pelagic species, let me reassure you that the European Commission always takes into account the three pillars of the CFP, social, economic and environmental, when making a proposal.

Concerning the MPAs and the FRAs, we believe these are excellent tools to protect juveniles, spawners and sensitive habitats and species. We agree with you that the involvement of all partners is crucial. To this end, under the new GFCM Strategy 2030 we will focus on promoting a closer cooperation between scientists, fishers and other stakeholders.

Let me thank you for your commitment. Looking forward to our continued cooperation, I invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (Pascale.Colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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