

POTENTIAL FOR SYNERGIES BETWEEN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES AND OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES

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Abstract: Recent changes and economic pressures are creating a new situation for fishing communities in the Mediterranean and The Black Sea. There has been a rapid increase in fishing activity. The development of small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and The Black Sea must therefore be oriented towards sustainable fisheries and the development of identified synergies with other maritime activities such as tourism and management of protected areas, and the enhancement of product quality as well as their commercialization. The priority should be on environmental protection and ensuring the sustainability of such activities for future generations.

The potential for positive synergies are expected to be most important in the interactions between Small-scale fisheries and coastal tourism, including ecotourism, and marine protected areas, where SSF can take on functions related to tourism and monitoring/management of protected areas. There are, however, other positive synergies with maritime transport and aquaculture through shared facilities and suppliers.

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