

The Project "Conservation of Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean Region" aims to enhance the protection and conservation of Marine Turtles in the Mediterranean Region by reducing human-induced direct mortality. Project Partners include ARCHELON, DEKAMER, IUCN-Med, MEDASSET, MedPAN, NMPZ, SPA/RAC (leader), WWF Greece, WWF Turkey, WWF North Africa.

The Med Bycatch Project "Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation – a collaborative approach" aims to develop a common standardized methodology to collect data on the incidental catch of vulnerable species in fishing gears and test mitigation solutions that can be replicated at the regional level. It is implemented through a partnership between ACCOBAMS, GFCM-FAO, UNEP/MAP-RAC/SPA, IUCN-Med, BL ECA and MEDASSET.

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IUCN Marine Turtles Specialists Group

The Marine Turtles Specialists Group (IUCN-MTSG) is a branch of the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the IUCN. IUCN-MTSG envisions marine turtles fulfilling their ecological roles on a healthy planet where all people value and celebrate their continued survival. The Mission of IUCN-MTSG is to develop and support strategies, set priorities, and provide tools that promote and guide the conservation of marine turtles, and their ecological roles and habitats.

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ACRONYMS

ACCOBAMS Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic areas Convention
BL ECA (Berthel) Europe and Central Asia
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GFCM General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
IUCN Med International Union for Conservation of Nature - Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
MEDASSET Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles
NMPZ National Marine Park of Zanzibar
RAC/SPA Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas of the United Nations Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan
UNEP/MAP Regional Seas Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan

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