

MED BYCATCH PROJECT

Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxa 'bycatch' of vulnerable species and testing mitigation - a collaborative approach

Beneficiary Countries : Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey

MAIN OUTPUTS



A unique methodology in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea to monitor the incidental catch of vulnerable species (seabirds, marine mammals, sea turtles, cartilaginous fishes, coral and sponges)

Data collection across more than **40 ports** in **3 Mediterranean countries** through onboard observations, self-reporting and questionnaires at landing places, covering different bottom fishing gears (longlines, trawls, gillnets) and purse seines



First regional review on bycatch of vulnerable species and first regional database for **better knowledge sharing** in the Mediterranean & the Black Sea

Bycatch mitigation measures defined through regional and national partnerships supported, by a scientific committee



Regional and national advocacy and communication strategies to **mitigate bycatch of vulnerable species** and contribute to sustainable fisheries



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