



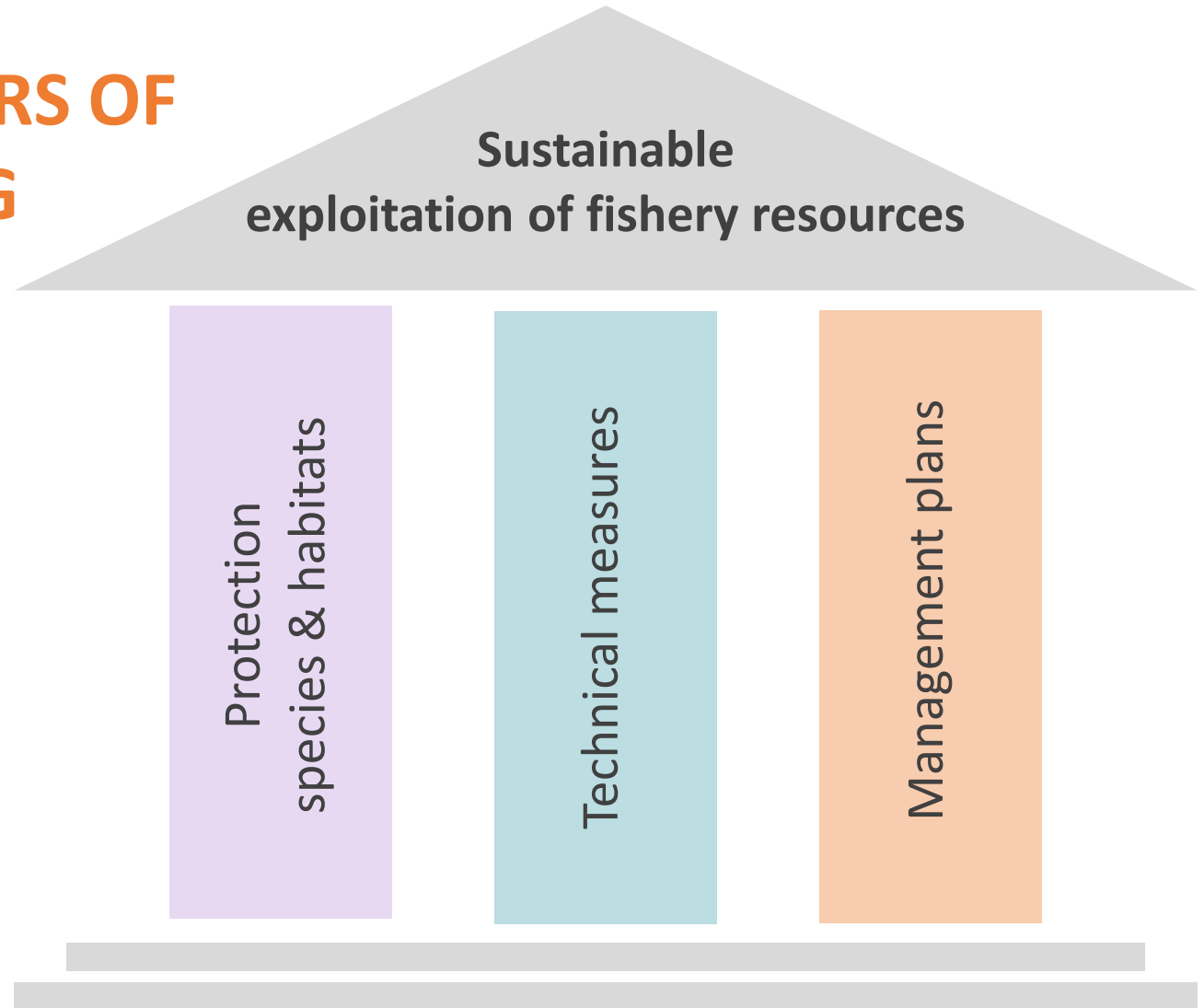
Explanatory meetings of the EU acquis – Chapter 13

Council Regulation (EC) 1967/2006 (Mediterranean Regulation)

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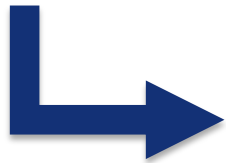
SCOPE

- **Fisheries management framework**
- Conservation, management and marketing of fishery products caught in the Mediterranean
- Applies to all EU vessels
- In EU + international waters

1. PROTECTED SPECIES AND HABITATS

Species (Article 3)

The deliberate catching, retention on board, transshipment or landing of marine species referred to in Annex IV to Directive 92/43/EEC (the 'Habitat Directive') shall be prohibited.



More than 400 species in total, including mammals, cetaceans and reptiles.

1. PROTECTED SPECIES AND HABITATS

Habitats (Article 4)

- Fishing with trawl nets, dredges, purse seines, boat seines, shore seines or similar nets above seagrass beds of, in particular, Posidonia oceanica or other marine phanerogams shall be prohibited.
- Fishing with trawl nets, dredges, shore seines or similar nets above coralligenous habitats and mäerl beds shall be prohibited.
- The use of towed dredges and trawl nets fisheries at depths beyond 1 000 m shall be prohibited.

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

Fishing protected areas (Articles 6 and 7)

- The Council shall designate fishing protected areas occurring essentially beyond the territorial seas of Member States, concerning the types of fishing activities banned or authorised in such areas.
- Member States shall designate further fishing protected areas, with respect to the fishing protected areas already established by the time of entering into force of this Regulation, within their territorial waters in which fishing activities may be banned or restricted in order to conserve and manage living aquatic resources or maintain or improve the conservation status of marine ecosystems.

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

Prohibited fishing gears and practices (Article 8)

- Prohibited gears or practices such as toxic substances, explosives, towed devices and St Andrew's cross for harvesting coral, etc...
- Spear-guns shall be prohibited if used in conjunction with underwater breathing apparatus (aqualung) or at night from sunset to dawn.

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

Minimum mesh sizes (Article 9)

- For towed nets, the minimum mesh size shall be a square-meshed net of 40 mm at the cod-end or a diamond meshed net of 50 mm.
- For trawl nets targeting sardine and anchovy, where these species account for at least 80 % of the catch in live weight after sorting, the minimum mesh size shall be 20 mm.
- For surrounding nets, the minimum mesh size shall be 14 mm.

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

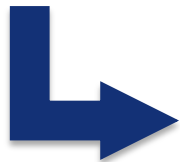
Dimension of the fishing gears (Article 12)

- It shall be prohibited to carry on board or to deploy at sea fishing gear not in compliance with the dimensions specified in Annex II.
- For example:
 - The maximum breadth of dredges shall be 3 m.
 - For surrounding nets, the length of netting shall be restricted to 800 m and the drop to 120 m.
 - For deep-water crustacean fishery, it shall be prohibited to have on board or set more than 250 traps per vessel

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

Minimum distances and depths (Article 13)

- The use of towed gears shall be prohibited within 3 nautical miles of the coast or within the 50 m isobath.
- The use of trawl nets shall be prohibited within 1,5 nautical miles of the coast. The use of boat dredges and of hydraulic dredges shall be prohibited within 0,3 nautical miles.
- The use of purse seines shall be prohibited within 300 meters of the coast or within the 50 m isobath.



The Regulation foresees some derogations to these measures, under certain conditions.

2. TECHNICAL MEASURES

Minimum sizes of organisms (Article 15)

- Marine organism which is smaller than the minimum size specified in Annex III shall not be caught, retained on board, transhipped, landed, transferred, stored, sold, displayed or offered for sale.
- For example:

Hake, 20cm	Red mullet, 11cm
Anchovy, 9cm	Sardine, 11cm
Venus clams, 25mm	

3. MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Member States shall adopt management plans for fisheries conducted by trawl nets, boat seines, shore seines, surrounding nets and dredges within their territorial waters.
- The measures to be included in the management plans shall be proportionate to the objectives, the targets and the expected time frame, and shall have regard to:
 - ✓ the conservation status of the stock or stocks;
 - ✓ the biological characteristics of the stock or stocks;
 - ✓ the characteristics of the fisheries in which the stocks are caught;
 - ✓ the economic impact of the measures on the fisheries concerned.

3. MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Management plans may also include measures which go beyond the provisions of this Regulation for the purpose of:
 - ✓ increasing the selectivity of fishing gear;
 - ✓ reducing discards;
 - ✓ limiting the fishing effort..
- Member States shall ensure adequate scientific monitoring of the management plans.

OTHER

Leisure fisheries (Article 17)

- The use of towed nets, surrounding nets, purse seines, boat dredges, mechanised dredges, gillnets, trammel nets and combined bottom-set nets shall be prohibited for leisure fisheries.
- Member States shall ensure that catches of marine organisms resulting from leisure fisheries are not marketed.
- Member States shall take measures both to record and to ensure separate collection of data on catches resulting from leisure fisheries.

Thank you for your attention