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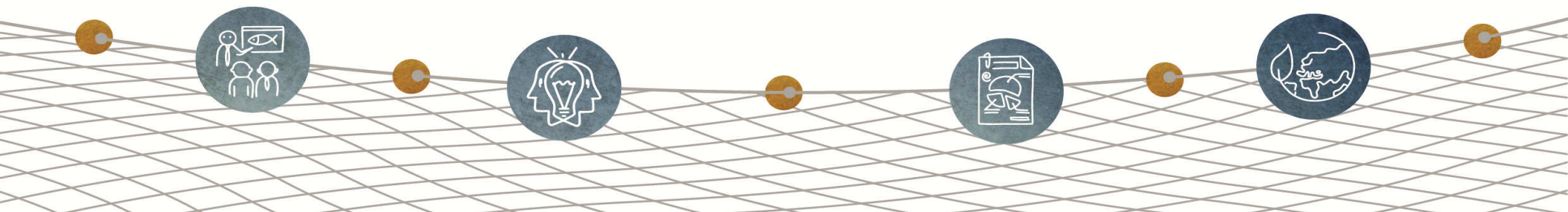
The GFCM Small-Scale Fisheries University

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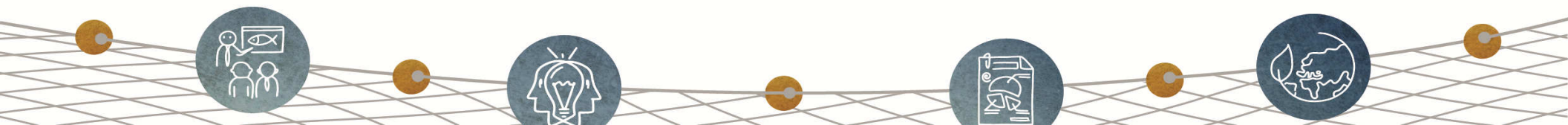
*BLACK SEA PROJECTS ON COASTAL AND MARITIME TOURISM, MARITIME TRANSPORTS,
FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE, DIGITALIZATION: GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES*

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What is the SSF University?

- The “SSF University” stems from recommendations within the **Regional Plan of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF)** on the need for capacity building initiatives for small-scale fishers in the Mediterranean and Black Sea region.
- Objectives:
 - Share knowledge on select topics
 - Promote best practices
 - Facilitate learning exchanges among fishers in the region



- **WHAT:** a series of **workshops** and **training courses** for small-scale fisheries stakeholders in line with the **main topics of the RPOA-SSF** 
- **WHO:** **small-scale fishers** and **fish-workers** active in the sector are encouraged to participate
- **HOW:** the structure of each workshop varies and may consist of **classroom learning**, in the **field experience** and **peer-to-peer exchanges**



Scientific research



SSF data collection



SSF management measures



Value chain enhancement



Participatory approach



Capacity building



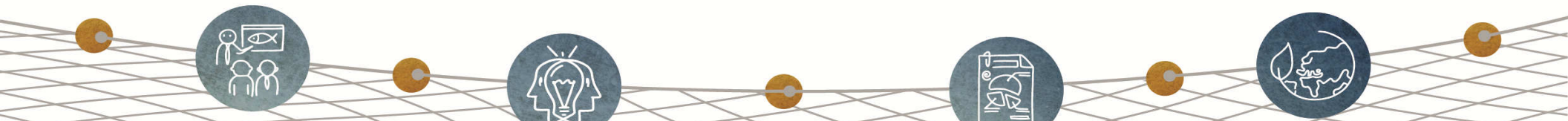
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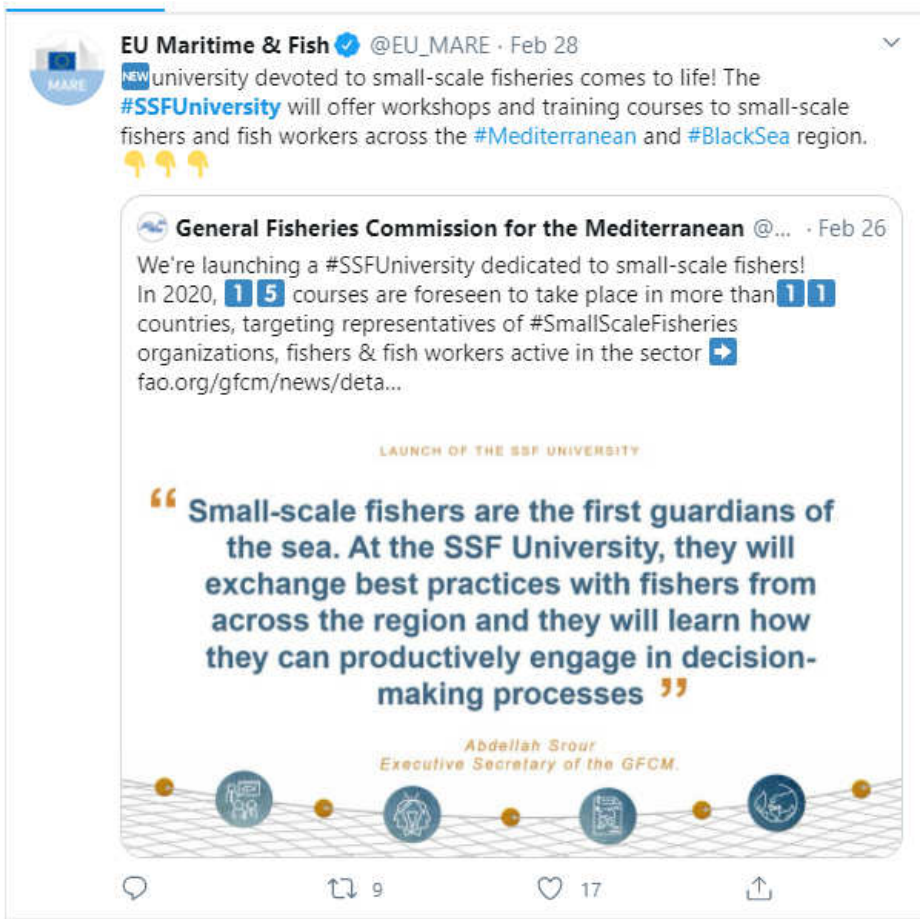


Strengthening the role of women



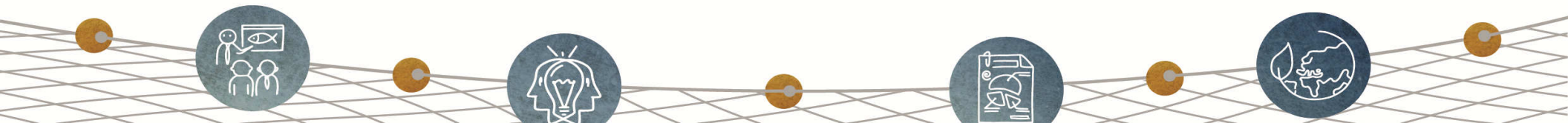
Climate & environment





Launch of the SSF University

- Launched in early 2020
- Workshops organized in coordination with “Friends of SSF” partner organizations
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic and the impossibility of travel:
 - Select courses being relaunched with virtual format in late 2020
 - Other courses postponed to 2021



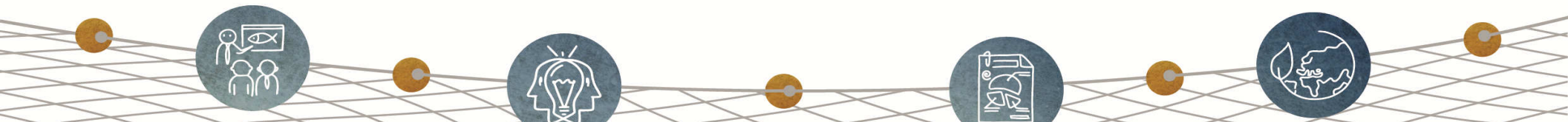
Upcoming courses:

November 2020 (part 1)/Spring 2021 (part 2) | Co-management best practices: learning exchange (Online/Spain)

Organizer	WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative
When	November 2020
Where	Online (part 1)/Conil de la Frontera, Spain (part 2)
Course objective and agenda	The training will be organized online and followed by a site visit to Conil for approximately 50 participants in Spring 2021 (TBD). The aim of the training is to exchange experiences and learn about co-management including topics such as traceability, transparency, value addition and marketing, and local tourism.
Target participants	Nationals of Mediterranean countries: small-scale fishers and representatives of SSF organizations
Language of instruction	Arabic, English, Spanish, Croatian, Greek, Italian and Turkish
How to apply and contact information	Please fill in the following form to apply for participation by 10 October 2020. You will be notified as soon as possible if your application has been accepted. For more information, please contact Simone Niedermuller (simone.niedermueller@wwf.at)

November 2020 | National SSF University days: Addressing common regional SSF issues (Online)

Organizer	FAO Mediterranean Projects (AdriaMed, CopeMedII, EastMed, MedSudMed) and the BlackSea4Fish project
When	November 2020 (1 day)
Where	Workshops will take place simultaneously in the countries where the FAO Mediterranean Projects and the BlackSea4Fish project operate. The events will be hosted by the national research institutes. Where possible, the events will be held in person; alternatively they will be held online. Participating countries TBC.
Course objective and agenda	The national workshops will address common regional SSF issues such as collaborative science (including participatory data collection, reporting and monitoring), local ecological knowledge (LEK), climate change and environmental impacts of fishing.
Target participants	Nationals of the participating countries: small-scale fishers, fish workers and representatives of SSF organizations
Language of instruction	Language of the hosting country
How to apply and contact information	Please fill in the following form to apply for participation by 31 October 2020. You will be notified as soon as possible if your application has been accepted.





Thank you for your attention

For more information:

<http://www.fao.org/gfcm/activities/fisheries/small-scale-fisheries/ssfuniversity>

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