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de la biodiversité marine*

11-12

September 2025

**Procida School
for Higher Education**

Terra Murata
Procida (Italy)

Working Languages:
English and French

Langues de travail :
anglais et français

Day one

Thursday, 11 September 2025

14.30-15.00 - *Institutional greetings*

Giuseppe Cataldi | AssIDMer President

Nicola Ferri | GFCM Secretariat

15.00-18.00 - **Session I**

Mediterranean Sea governance and the role of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

Introduction and Chair

Gabriela A. Oanta | University A Coruña

Nicola Ferri | GFCM Secretariat

*GFCM as a Regional Fisheries Management Organization:
objectives, governance and activities*

Valentina Rossi | IRISS-CNR

Fisheries-related other effective area-based conservation measures in the Mediterranean

Irini Papanicolopulu | SOAS University of London

*Acting to monitor and mitigate interactions between fisheries
and vulnerable species in the Mediterranean and Black Sea*

Fabio Fiorentino | IRBIM-CNR

The Role of Fisheries Science in support of fisheries management and Governance

Karim Erzini | CCMar – Centre of Marine Sciences, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal

Marine Protected Areas in Portugal: what have we learnt?

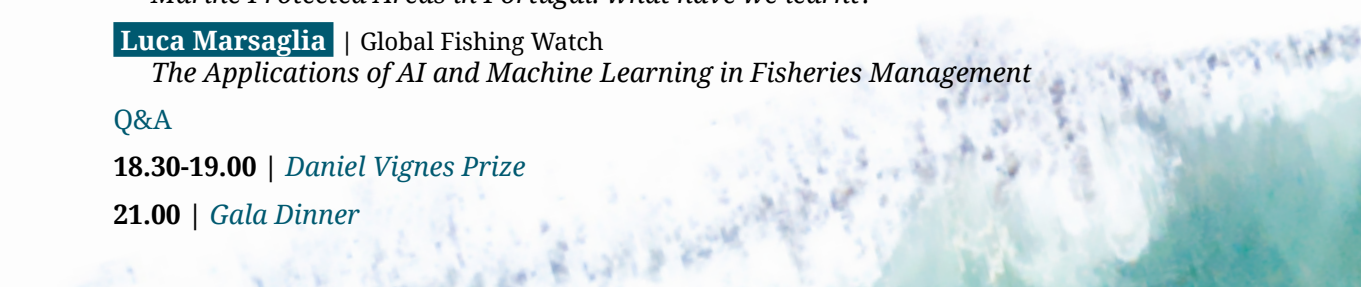
Luca Marsaglia | Global Fishing Watch

The Applications of AI and Machine Learning in Fisheries Management

Q&A

18.30-19.00 | *Daniel Vignes Prize*

21.00 | *Gala Dinner*





Day two
Friday, 12 September 2025

9.30-13.00 - Session II
**Pilot project towards a harmonized
legal framework for the conservation
of Mediterranean living marine resources
and ecosystems | GFCM-Lex**

Introduction and Chair

Bertrand Cazalet | CEO at Marepolis, Perpignan, France

Ahmed Siliman | GFCM Secretariat

*Legal tools of compliance of Member States' national legislation
with the GFCM's binding recommendations on fisheries
management and aquaculture*

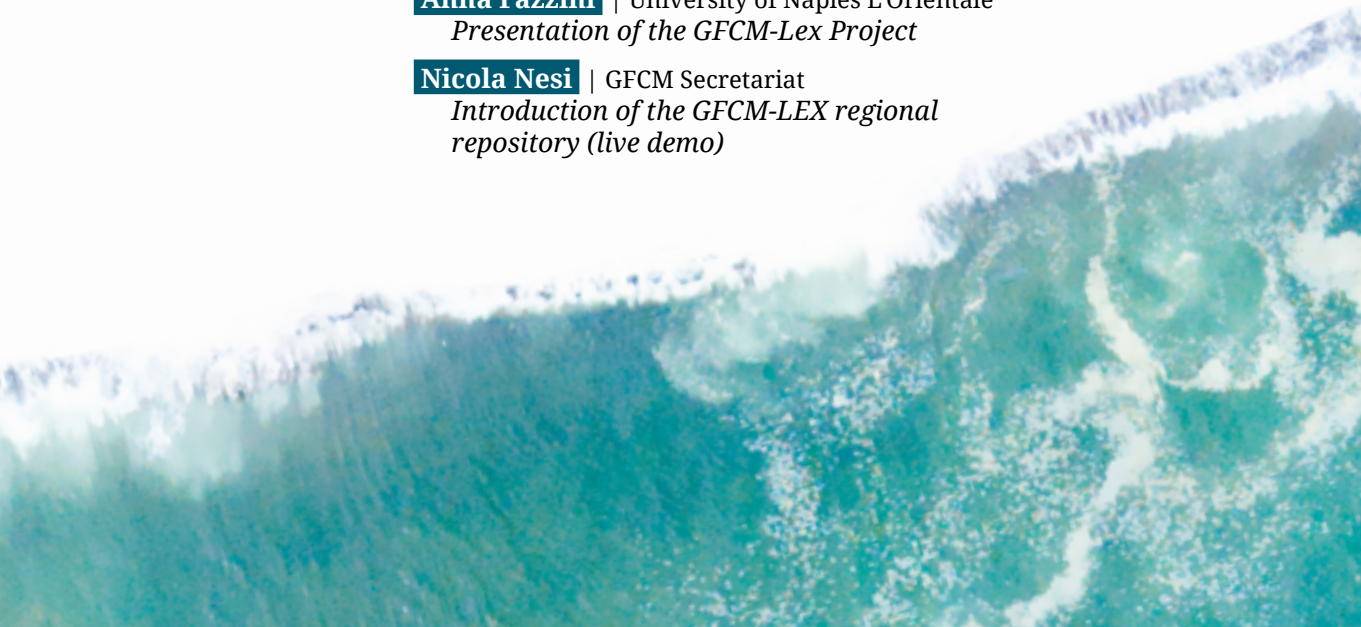
Giuseppe Cataldi | University of Naples L'Orientale, AssIDMer

Anna Fazzini | University of Naples L'Orientale

Presentation of the GFCM-Lex Project

Nicola Nesi | GFCM Secretariat

*Introduction of the GFCM-LEX regional
repository (live demo)*



Salma Sassi | Alger 1 University
Case Study – Algeria

Sarra Sefrioui | Tangier Abdel Malek Essaâdi University
Case Study – Morocco

Arian Palluqi | Tirana Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Case Study – Albania

Milika Divanovic | Podgorica Ministry of Agriculture
Forestry and Water Management – Directorate for Fisheries
Case Study – Montenegro

Q&A

Tullio Scovazzi | University of Milano Bicocca
Conclusions – *Toward a harmonized methodology
for the transposition of GFCM recommendations
into national legislation*

13.00-15.00 *Light lunch*

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*Challenges and
Opportunities*

15.00-18.00 - **Session III**

Governing Fisheries and Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions: Challenges and Opportunities

Greetings

Leonardo Manzari | WestMED Assistance Mechanism | National Hub Italy

Introduction and Chair

Gemma Andreone | ISGI-CNR | University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza

Frida Maria Armas | Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
The Contribution of ITLOS to the Development of Sustainable Fisheries

Andrea Caligiuri | CiRAM, University of Macerata
A Sustainable Approach towards High-Seas Fisheries Management and the BBNJ Agreement

Margarida Castro | CCMar – Centre of Marine Sciences, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal
Deep water crustacean fisheries in Europe: challenges and opportunities

Fiammetta Borgia | University of Rome Torvergata
RFMOs and the establishment of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, under BBNJ Agreement

Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe | University of Genova
Reflections on the Environmental Impact Assessment in the BBNJ Agreement and its impact on Regional Environmental Assessments

Q&A

17:40-18 :00 | *General Conclusions by* **François Feral**

18:00-18:30 | *Lectio Magistralis by* **Miguel Bernal**,
GFCM Executive Secretary

18.30 -19.30 | *Meeting with fishermen of Procida Island*

21.00 | *Farewell Dinner*

Day three

Saturday, 13 September 2025

Side Events

10.00-15.00 | **Boat tour (with lunch on board)**
(Registration and payment of a fee required)

Evening | **Premio marEtica 2025**

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