



NEXT STEPS IN THE “RESTOCKING PROJECT FOR FISH SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA”, PRESENTED IN JULY 2019 AT THE PAM CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

PAM has been attentively following the recent updates from the project on fish stocks repopulation in the Mediterranean, which was presented by Mr. Ofer Berzak, CEO of Galidi, at the PAM Conference on Economic Growth, hosted by the Italian Stock Exchange in Milan in July 2019.

Overfishing remains one of the most ecologically devastating human activities in the Mediterranean basin, decimating fish species and imperiling marine biodiversity. Over the past 50 years, the Mediterranean has experienced a decline of 34% in the total fish population, with devastating effects on the ecosystems balance and the livelihood and food security of local communities in coastal areas.

In consideration of these threats, Mr. Berzak launched the “Restocking Project for Fish Species in the Mediterranean Sea”. The initiative aims to increase the net fish stock productivity in the Mediterranean, from the present amount of 825,000 tons/year to its 1980s levels of 1,200,000 tons/year. To this purpose, Mr. Berzak, in collaboration with the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean), has gathered a team of experts from Egypt, Malta, Israel, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, France, Croatia, Germany, and Morocco to ensure an array of contributions and cross-country cooperation on this delicate matter. The project time frame is estimated to be between 10 to 12 years. Initially, a feasibility study will be conducted to evaluate the status of fish stocks in different areas of the Mediterranean. Subsequently the fish populations will be monitored, and restocking activities will be implemented.

As an Observer to the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, PAM is committed to furthering food-security sustainability initiatives throughout the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf countries. To these efforts, PAM supports initiatives, like the fish repopulation project, which provide a valuable contribution to environmental protection and biodiversity preservation in our region.



PRESENTATION OF THE FISH REPOPULATION PROJECT AT THE MILAN CONFERENCE 2019

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