

## **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS - TEMPORARY CESSATION OF FISHING ACTIVITIES SCHEME**

Through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture within the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights is announcing that it is launching a compensation scheme for those fishermen who actively fish for swordfish and who will declare that they will temporarily cease fishing activities for the month of December. A decision was taken by the Department to extend the closed fishing period by one month during the month of December 2020 in an effort directed towards the conservation of fish stocks, in particular, swordfish.

This scheme provides compensation to those fishermen who are registered with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture as MFA or MFB. In addition, the compensation scheme is only applicable to those fishermen who have obtained a valid authorization to fish for swordfish in 2020, have the minimum catch value during 2018 and 2019 in accordance with Subsidiary Legislation 425.07 schedule III, have the minimum value of swordfish catches during 2018 and 2019 as set out in the application, and registered 120 days at sea between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Applications will be sent to the fishermen concerned in the coming days. Those interested should send by mail their application together with other requested documentation to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Għammieri by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

This compensation scheme is being administered by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. In case of any difficulties one should call the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for more information on 22926831.



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