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***Annual reporting by Ministerial priority:  
Progress on the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial  
Declaration on SBE – Palestine***

# 1. Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region

- Very limited maritime governance at national level or local level.
- No Regulation no control for the maritime **aspect**.
- No control , no sovereignty on maritime **area**.



# 1. Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region

IMP/BE Action plan, executed in 2018 through IMP & BE WG which includes:-

- A set of actions mainly aimed to solve urgent problems in Gaza strip, related to food, water and energy: fisheries and aquaculture, desalination, renewable energy and to strengthen IMP/BE governance.

Non-market sectors (research and innovation, education, knowledge collection and dissemination, environmental protection.



## 2. Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment

### •Research:

- Palestinian excellence center for marine science and coastal management (PEC–MAS).
- The Palestinian maritime knowledge center.
- Blue Economy Study : executed through the IMP facility And BE. WG in 2017.

### Study Output:

1. Recommended orientations for both Maritime economic activities & Maritime policy driven activities.
2. Suggested Actions for both Maritime economic activities & Maritime policy driven activities



## 2. Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment

- Limited resources.
- No specific policy
- Limited coordination.
- \* Innovation : No identified initiatives .
- \* Limited maritime and marine education and skills



### 3. Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports

- No shipping fleet

- No shipping companies

- No shipping routs

- No commercial Port

- \* Participating in RTAP (Regional Transport Action Plan for the Mediterranean)

- \* Participating in SAFE-med 5 project with EMSA :Topics of Safety , Security and environmental protection.



## 4. Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture

### Fisheries

- Limited resources , small production, exploited for subsistence.
- Limited access to resources (coastal).
- Mainly small boats, only one fishing harbor (need Rehabilitation).
- Decreasing fleet.
- Ministry of Agriculture is participating in some Regional projects to develop Fishery & Aquaculture.



## 4. Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture

### Aquaculture

- No high scale activity detected.
- High level of ground water and sea water contamination,
- Siege leads to obstacles ( feed , fish fingerlings , limited variety of fish)





## 4. Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture

### Aquaculture

- Ministry of Agriculture & FAO: small project using Cages system
- 3 Cages, 52 ton , 120 ton.
- Next stage: increasing the number of cages.
- External parties : studies and surveys.
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## 5. Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy

- Insufficient infrastructure for waste water and litter treatment.
- No financial instruments in support of blue Economy.
- Participating in SAFE-med 5 project with EMSA :Topics of Safety , Security and environmental protection.
- Training Courses and workshops on Marine litter within the facility of Integrated maritime policy and Blue economy Working Group.



## 6. Coastal and maritime tourism

- Political and economic situation limiting all developments, foreign tourism and even domestic tourism.
- Bad environmental situation (coast, marine)
- No maritime excursion.
- No cruise activities (large , medium or small ships).
- Training Courses and workshops and webinars on Maritime tourism within the facility of Integrated maritime policy and Blue economy Working Group.



## 7. Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management

- Theoretical attempt by PEC-MAS in The Islamic university of Gaza.
- Training to upskill and disseminate for ( ICZM).
- Training Courses and workshops on MSP within the facility of Integrated maritime policy and Blue economy Working Group.
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## 8. Marine renewable energies

- Limited offshore resources not assessed.
- Requires access to marine space beyond coastal zone.
- No assessment of potential resources



## 9. Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities

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## 10. Sustainable investments in the blue economy

- **High Risk area, no investors.**
- **Sovereignty and security issues and geopolitical tensions lead to Very limited development opportunities unless major changes.**

