14.2.3 Overfishing (Community Outreach)

2024/2025

Community Awareness about Overfishing: Fishing is a Major Driver of Declines in Marine Wildlife Populations

Activity Date: 26 December 2024
Location: Abu Qir fishing port
Organizer: College of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology (CFAT), Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT).
AASTMT Role: Organizer and provider of community awareness and educational activities.
Target Audience: Local fishermen and fishing-boat operators.
Number of Beneficiaries: 12 fishermen
Participation Cost: Free of charge.

On 26 December 2024, the College of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology (CFAT) at AASTMT conducted a community awareness activity targeting local fishermen to promote sustainable fisheries management and raise awareness of fishing practices that threaten marine biodiversity and fish stocks.

The educational activity addressed the importance of respecting minimum legal landing sizes, avoiding the capture of juvenile fish, reducing unintended bycatch, and preventing the use of illegal or destructive fishing gear. It also highlighted the importance of responsible fishing practices and fishermen's role in combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Through direct engagement with fishermen, CFAT aimed to communicate scientific and technical knowledge about sustainable fisheries management and encourage practices that support fish stock recovery, marine biodiversity conservation, and the long-term sustainability of fishing livelihoods.

The activity was provided free of charge as part of AASTMT's commitment to environmental education and community participation in marine resource conservation.

The activity helped raise awareness among local fishing communities about sustainable fisheries management and reduce fishing practices that threaten marine biodiversity and fish stocks.



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