



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PECHE SPORTIVE EN MER  
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## FIPS-Mer 2023 activity report

### Composition of the FIPS-M board on 1.1.2023

#### Steering Committee:

Gilbert Zangerlé (President)  
Attilio La Porta (General Secretary)  
Alberto Marchi (Vice-President: Environment)  
Carlos Baptista (Vice-President: Technical  
Commission) Juan Antonio Barreda (Vice-  
President: Youth Promotion) Louis Morvan  
(Treasurer)

**Technical Commission:** Carlos Baptista (President of the Technical Commission); Carlos Vinagre (Boat); Arthur Van Tienen (Seaside); Fethi Bayar (Sea Weight Throw); Attilio La Porta (Big Game ad Interim)

### Meetings

#### General Assembly 2023:

The FIPS-M General Assembly took place in Rome on April 27, 2023.

#### Other meetings:

- February 9 -12: Annual meeting of the Committee in Luxembourg. Preparation meeting for the General Assembly
- April 28: Round-table meeting with representatives of national federations to discuss youth promotion. The President of FIPS-M presented initiatives and ideas to motivate young people to take part in championships. Although the whole assembly was aware of the problem, nobody was ready to change the old structures and try out new ways.
- May 24: Videoconference meeting
- October 10: Videoconference meeting

Topic: Observers at the Shore Angling Championships to observe the measuring of the fish of the host nation's anglers.

- President's meeting with Dutch Federation in Utrecht.
- Other meetings by videoconference.
  - Dutch Federation (September 23)
  - Federation of Ireland (October 24)
  - Senegal Federation (November 2)

## **2023 Championships**

In 2023, FIPS-M organized 16 Championships (14 World Championships, 1 European Championship, 1 African Championship)

- 8 Shore Angling Championships: Youth, Juniors, Seniors, Ladies, Masters, Pairs, Clubs, Float
- 4 Boat Angling Championships: Juniors, Seniors, Clubs, Light tackle
- 2 Long Casting of Sea Weight Championships: Seniors, Ladies
- 2 Big Game Championship

In 2023 a total of 178 teams (157 in 2022) 775 competitors (787 in 2022) took part. (The test championship for kayak fishing was not taken into consideration).

## **Anti-doping controls**

In 2023 eight doping controls were planned. No positive cases were reported to FIPS-M.

## **Membership request**

In 2022 FIPS-M had 45 member federations (situation January 2024)

Lithuania (LIETUVOS SPORTINĖS ŽŪKLĖS FEDERACIJA) has applied for FIPS-M membership from 2024.

## **Financial situation**

In 2023 FIPS-M ended with an overall balance of 44.800 €

## **President's Conclusions**

I'm very pleased and proud to be able to present a very positive work and activity for 2023. New championships, such as the 1st World Championship in Light Tackle Boat Angling and the 1st African Championship in Big Game Fishing make me optimistic for the development of FIPS-M. In 2024, FIPS-M will be organizing a new championship, namely "Sea Kayak Fishing", and the "Float Fishing" championship will be upgraded from a European to a World Championship.

### **Personal concerns and reflections.**

There's no denying that the promotion of youth and the preservation of aquatic environments are crucial issues for the future of sport fishing.

Here are a few thoughts and suggestions for tackling these issues at national and international level:

- Youth promotion:

- **Youth Participation:** Encourage the active participation of young people by organizing events, workshops and seminars where they can express their ideas and contribute to decisions.
- **Mentoring programs:** Establish mentoring programs to enable young anglers to benefit from the experience of elders. This will promote knowledge transfer and skills development.
- **Attractiveness of championships:** Make championships more attractive by introducing specific events with new forms for young people, daring to put forward inspiring and innovative models.
- **Digital communication:** Use digital platforms and social networks to reach young people. Create engaging and informative content to pique their interest.
- **Set up financial incentives for clubs and associations that implement initiatives to attract and retain young people.** This can include grants, reduced membership fees or partnerships with local businesses.
  - **Preservation of Aquatic Environments:**
- **Raising awareness:** Organize awareness campaigns on the conservation of aquatic environments, highlighting the importance of sustainability and respect for the environment.
- **Concrete actions:** Actively involve anglers in initiatives to protect aquatic environments.
- **Sustainable Standards:** Work with relevant organizations to establish sustainable fishing standards, encouraging responsible fishing practices and ecosystem protection.
- **Scientific Research:** Support scientific research into the impacts of sport fishing on aquatic environments, and use this data to steer practices towards more sustainable methods.

By working together with young people and adopting responsible fishing practices, the sport fishing community can make a significant contribution to preserving aquatic environments while ensuring its own survive.

At an international level, we need to promote the exchange of best practice by establishing platforms and partnerships to share best practice in youth promotion and aquatic conservation. The organization of international forums to discuss common challenges and solutions is essential.

Finally, my warmest thanks go to the organizers of the championships and the participating federations, but also to my committee for the work it has accomplished during 2023.

Gilbert Zangerle  
FIPS-President



