



AT A GLANCE

TITLE: ENHANCING SMALL SCALE FISHING SECTOR'S PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING

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COORDINATOR: AZTI

PARTNERS: South Western Waters Advisory Council (SWW AC); Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible, Basque fisherman

TOTAL BUDGET: 293.036,00 euros



GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

This objective will be tentatively reached at different levels: local, national and European, across the different countries within the south-western waters (ICES zones VIII, IX and X (waters around the Azores), and CECAF zones 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2.0 (waters around Madeira and the Canary Islands).

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

This project aims to enhance small scale fisheries (SSFs) participation in decision-making. To this general aim, the objective of this Project is the identification of actions to encourage and enable a broader participation in decision-making of the small scale fishermen organizations – by analyzing the existing organizations and bodies that represent the SSFs.

METHODOLOGY

Knowledge gathering methods: (i) review literature; (ii) stakeholder consultations based on face to face interviews and focus groups to allow integration of information from stakeholders with major emphasis on: small scale fishermen representatives, local, national and European administrations and, Non-Governmental Organizations, NGOs. (iii) a high level round table.

Analytical methods: (i) Traffic Light Matrix Approach (TLMA); (ii) Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis (SWOT Analysis)

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Gather information on the organizations and bodies representing the SSFs at local, national and European level.
- Gather information on the already existing networks for (SSFS) participation.
- Analyze the degree of representation and involvement of the SSFS in private and public organizations with special emphasis on their representation in Advisory Councils (ACs).
- Develop ways for dynamic exchange of good practices (previously identified by the project) in order to: (i) promote a further strengthen of the organizations to improve their participation in the decision-making process at different levels (local, national and European level). And (ii) further encourage and enable SSFS participation in the decision-making process (e.g. by introducing a more transparent communication, amongst others).
- Create an on line (web-based) observatory for SSFs with the aim of promoting the exchange of information and cooperation among the different organizations and bodies representing SSFS.
- Consolidate the participation of organizations and bodies representing SSFs in already existing networks and/or platforms; or promote (if possible and checked as necessary) the creation of any specific network. Although this project will put the emphasis on already existing networks rather than in the promotion of new structures.
- Promote south-western waters cooperation between the main organizations and bodies which represent the SSFs with especial emphasis on those under the umbrella of the SWW AC.
- Contribute to achieve the objectives of the new Common Fisheries Policy.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide a reference framework for identification of SSFS representatives. This framework permits to start building a complete base on stakeholders representing the SSFS at local, national and EU level; and already existing networks with SSFS participation, among other issues.
- Identify and promote the adoption of specific actions to reduce the gap between the current institutional SSFs management model and a potential improved co-management model which could facilitate a broader involvement and representation of SSFs at local, national or EU level. A Good practices guideline is produced.
- Create a web-based observatory of SSFs for the south-western waters.
- Provide a forum for SSFS governance discussions where a consultation process is implemented by applying methods such as face to face interviews, focus groups and a High level Round Table.
- Promote the SSFS involvement in already existed maritime networks or small scale fishermen networks. Creation of fishermen networks (only if evaluated as necessary and if possible).

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