



**Mediterranean Fisheries
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Programme & Compilation of Abstracts

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THURSDAY 12 TH JUNE 2008		
Time	Issue	Speaker
08:30	Registration of participants in the Novotel Hotel	
09:30	Welcome by National and Regional Authorities	Mrs Josette Sportiello, PACA region Mr Mourad Kahoul, President of the Regional Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture of PACA region
09:45	Opening Remarks on Profet Policy & Background on EU Research Project Compilation	Mr Gilles van de Walle, EUROFISH
SESSION 1: Scientific research in the field of fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea		
10:00	Reviewing the Research and Technology Frameworks, past and present: solved problems and new research agenda?	Mr Jacques Fuchs, DG MARE/C4 Research and scientific data management
10:15	General presentation on the international co- operation programmes of the FAO regional projects in the field of scientific research in Mediterranean Fisheries	Mrs Tarub Bahri, FAO - MedSudMed
10.45	SARDONE, Fishery management of small pelagic fish resources (anchovy/sardine) in the Mediterranean Sea	Mr Bernard Liorzou, IFREMER Sete
11:00	Coffee Break	
11.30	EFIMAS, Evaluating scientific advice and decision-making processes in fisheries management systems	Mr George Tserpes, Hellenic Center for Marine Research
11.45	EMPAFISH, Marine Protected Areas as tools for fishery management and conservation	Mr Angel Pérez-Ruzafa, coordinator of the project
12:00	FISBOAT, Taking reliable stock of fish numbers	Information
12:10	Questions and Debate	
13:00	Lunch	
14.30	EnviEFH, Environmental approach to essential fish habitat designation	Mr Vasilis Valavanis, Hellenic Center for Marine Research, coordinator of the project
14.45	BIOMEX, Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	Mrs Laurence Ledireach, Recherche insulaire et Observatoire de l'environnement, Univ. Perpignan
15.00	Questions and Debate	
16:00	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 2: The institutional viewpoint		
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16.30	Presentation of the “Joint Deployment Plan”	Mr Harm Koster, Community Agency for Fisheries Control in the Mediterranean Sea
16.45	The new European Maritime Policy	Mrs Kathrine Angell-Hansen, DG MARE
17.00	Questions and Debate	
18.00	Conclusions of the first working day by the workshop Chairman	
20:00	Dinner	

FRIDAY 13 TH JUNE 2008		
SESSION 3: Elements required for a better fishery management in the Mediterranean Sea - Industry viewpoints		
Time	Issue	Speaker
09.30	Intervention of the Malta Fishery Cooperatives (Malta)	Mr Michael Farrugia
09.45	Intervention of the National Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture (France)	Mrs Caroline Mangalo, Chargée de mission
10.00	Intervention of the National Federation of Cofradías (Spain)	Mr José Manuel González Gil de Bernabé, General Secretary
10:15	Questions & Debate	
11:00	Coffee Break	
11.30	Intervention of the Laboratory of Marine Biology and Fisheries, University of Bologna in Fano	Mr Corrado Piccinetti
11.50	EU co-financing opportunities for research projects in the fisheries sector	Mr Jacques Fuchs, DG MARE/C4 Research and scientific data management
12:10	Questions & Debate	
	Conclusions of the second working day by the workshop Chairman	



INTRODUCTION:

GILLES VAN DE WALLE

Opening Remarks on Profet Policy - Background on Research Compilation

Abstract

'PROFET POLICY' is a platform for the communication and dissemination of the results of EU-funded research projects, in fisheries and aquaculture, of the 5th and 6th Framework Research Programmes.

'PROFET POLICY' has 4 objectives:

1. To improve the flow of information of research results funded by the 5th and 6th Framework Programmes to sectoral stakeholders, focusing on the relevance to policy application and development.
2. To source and summarise, in a user-friendly format, the research results in fisheries and aquaculture from the 5th and 6th Framework Programmes, focusing on their relevance to European policies, circulating these as Technical Leaflets.
3. To provide dedicated forums for the exchange of views of National and European policy makers and stakeholders through the organisation of trans-national workshops covering the sectors of fisheries and aquaculture.
4. To identify research needs to support policy definition within the sectors.

Complementary workshops are to be organised on a thematic and regional basis, covering fisheries and aquaculture, which will focus on promoting an exchange of views between aquaculture producers, fishers, scientists, National and European policy-makers and other stakeholders. Core elements of the workshops will be the presentation of the status and discussion of the RTD needs of each sector so as to recommend clear guidelines and topics for future European Union Research Programmes. Member Organisations of the representative European Associations will be closely involved in the organisation of the workshops.

'PROFET POLICY' builds on the experience and results of 'AquaFlow' and 'PROFET', involving partners from these previously successful projects.

General introduction of the Profet Policy Project

Short CV

Gilles van de Walle is trained as a fisheries and aquaculture economist with hands on professional experience on fish farms, fishing vessels and processing plants in several European countries. He has also been involved in research activities and development projects in the fields of small scale fisheries, food safety management and aquaculture. He is currently heading the project unit within EUROFISH, an International Organization dedicated to the development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Central and Eastern Europe. EUROFISH is one of the members of the PROFET POLICY project.

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SESSION 1:

JACQUES FUCHS

Reviewing the Research and Technology Frameworks, past and present: solved problems and new research agenda

Abstract

The development and successful implementation of the CFP is highly dependent on research and objective advice provided by scientific institutions. In the 2002 CFP reform, the Commission has emphasized the crucial role of research and scientific advice for improving decision making. Research in support to fisheries and aquaculture at EU level addressed in the 6th Framework Programmes for Research (FP6 - 2002-2006) covered several key research domains: scientific basis of fisheries management, scientific basis of fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance, integration of environmental requirements into the CFP, synthesis and dissemination of results to end-users. A review of past and present RTD projects funded in the field of fisheries under FP6 will be presented with a particular attention given to specific problems of the Mediterranean. Information on recently selected projects for funding under the new FP7 programme (2007-2013) will be also given, regarding in particular Theme 2 - Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and Biotechnology and Theme 6 - Environment including Climate change.

Short CV

Deputy Head of Unit DG MARE/C4 – Research and scientific data management, in charge of the management of FP5/FP6 on-going projects in the field of fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment and in the follow-up of the 7th Research Framework programme (2007-2013) in particular theme 2 (Food) and theme 6 (Environment including climate change) of the specific programme "Cooperation". Participation in the implementation of several actions of the Blue Book on Maritime Policy regarding in particular Marine&Maritime research and innovation.

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SESSION 1:

TARUB BAHRI

**International co-operation programmes of the FAO Regional projects in the field of
scientific research in Mediterranean Fisheries**

Presentation of the Organisation

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries, FAO acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate agreements and debate policy. FAO is also a source of knowledge and information. We help developing countries and countries in transition modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and ensure good nutrition for all. Since our founding in 1945, we have focused special attention on developing rural areas, home to 70 percent of the world's poor and hungry people.

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SESSION 1:

BERNARD LIORZOU

SARDONE, Fishery management of small pelagic fish resources (anchovy/sardine) of the Mediterranean Sea

Abstract

Fish population dynamics are generally found to be largely controlled by recruitment, which can be defined as the amount of fish that is added to an exploitable stock each year due to growth and/or migration into the fishing area. Understanding changes in recruitment strength is of utmost importance for good fisheries management. These changes are commonly attributed to variations in spawning stock size and environmental variability. Surprisingly little is known, however, about the reproductive habitat structure and premature (post-larval) stages of anchovy and sardines in the Mediterranean. This lack of knowledge is an impediment to the efficient management of the fisheries.

The EU-funded SARDONE project is aimed at developing a series of tools to improve stock assessment and fishery management of small pelagic fish resources in the Mediterranean.

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**SESSION 1:****GEORGE TSERPES****EFIMAS, Evaluating scientific advice and decision-making processes in fisheries management systems*****Abstract***

Through the EFIMAS project a set of new tools has been developed aiming to simulate and evaluate the biological, social and economical consequences of a range of fishery management options and objectives within different management regimes. The evaluation frame can predict and compare the outcomes of different management options on European fish stocks and fisheries. And instead of only looking at the impact of these management regimes on the fish stocks, the project also looks at the social and economic outcomes in a broader, more holistic context. The framework and simulation models were tested in selected case studies representing different types of EU fisheries in different areas. In the case of the Mediterranean the EFIMAS simulation frame has been used to evaluate the bio-economic implications of a series of technical measures on the hake and swordfish fisheries

Short CV

Principal Researcher in the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR). He has participated/coordinated several national and European projects in the field of fisheries biology and stock assessment and has a wide experience on aspects related to the management of marine fisheries through its participation in STECF, GFCM and ICCAT. Since 2002 he is coordinating the Mediterranean Swordfish working group of ICCAT.

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ANGEL PÉREZ-RUZAFÁ

EMPAFISH, Marine Protected Areas as tools for fishery management and conservation

Abstract

EMPAFISH project has as main goal to promote a basis for responsible and sustainable fisheries activities that contribute to healthy marine ecosystems, creating an economically viable and competitive fisheries industry, guaranteeing a fair standard for those who depend on fishing activities.

The project's specific objectives are:

- to investigate the potential of different regimes of MPAs in Europe as measures to protect sensitive and endangered species, habitats and ecosystems from the effects of fishing;
- to develop quantitative methods to assess the effects of marine protected areas; and
- to provide the European Union with a set of integrated measures and policy proposals for the implementation of MPAs as fisheries and ecosystem management tools.

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SESSION 1:

Information

FISBOAT, Taking reliable stock of fish numbers***Abstract***

Fish stock assessments usually use commercial catch data which are often unreliable because of for example, discards at sea or mis-reporting of landings. An alternative is to base the assessment on existing fisheries research monitoring surveys. This then leads to the development of a new methodological framework for stock assessment and management advice.

FISBOAT objectives are to develop fish stock assessment tools that are based on survey data only and evaluate how these perform in providing fisheries management advice. The survey-based assessment will include indices of demography, mortality, spatial occupation, biological traits, leading to a new comprehensive advice which will be compared to that currently in operation. The project involves several disciplines : population biology, survey methods, stock assessment, management. The project case studies span a diversity of European stocks and regional seas: Barents sea cod, North Sea cod and herring, Baltic cod, Biscay hake and anchovy, Central Mediterranean red mullet and Eastern Mediterranean hake.

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SESSION 1:

VASILIS VALAVANIS

EnviEFH, Environmental approach to essential fish habitat designation

Abstract

During the last decade, the importance of identifying, designating and protecting Essential Fish Habitats (EFH) has been widely recognised. EFH mapping and designation applies to the spatial component of Fisheries Management, a component that has often been neglected in previously enforced fisheries policies. The new framework regulation on the European Communities Common Fisheries Policy requires the proper introduction of habitat identification and protection into developing new fishery policies.

The EnviEFH project is based on the latest advances in EFH mapping and identification, which are characterized by a broad approach to EFH designation including all the physical, chemical and biological properties of marine areas and the associated sediment and biological assemblages that sustain fish populations throughout the various stages of their life cycle. Under the ecosystem approach to fisheries management, species life history information is introduced in an integrated EFH mapping effort including the mapping of ocean production processes, species spawning, nursery and feeding aggregations, over-exploited areas and alternative fishing grounds under the specialized development of a comprehensive EFH Designation Tool. The overall objective of the EnviEFH project is to facilitate the spatial component of fisheries management, which primarily includes the proper designation of Essential Fish Habitats and their protection through new fisheries policies.

Short CV

Marine Biologist specialized in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing and in their applications to the marine context (oceanography and fisheries). Scientific interests include the GIS/RS-based mapping of ocean processes, fish habitat mapping and species-environment relations. 1997-2008: coordination and participation in more than 10 EC-funded research projects and authorship of more than 25 peer-reviewed articles.

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SESSION 1:

LAURENCE LEDIREACH

BIOMEX, Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

Abstract

In theory, the effects of fishing restrictions are important not only for the preservation of the populations where fishing is prohibited, but also for ensuring the gene flow between populations and to export biomass to the surrounding areas so that fisheries take advantage of the protection without damaging the MPA itself. This biomass export or spill over, which can be defined as “the enhancement of production (in catch rates and/or fish size) of a fishery species within the fished locations surrounding one or more no-take reserves, owing to the net movement of eggs, juveniles and adults out of the reserve” is a major economic output of MPAs and it has been emphasised as one of their major prospective benefits. Not a single study, however, has been able to produce estimates for this biomass export.

In this framework, the main objective of the BIOMEX project was to test and develop methods to estimate export of fish biomass from MPAs to surrounding areas.

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**SESSION 2:****KATHRINE ANGELL-ANSEN****The new European Maritime Policy*****Abstract***

The presentation will explain the rationale and the content of the EU integrated maritime policy adopted by the European Commission on 10 October 2007. It will focus on those initiatives or aspects of the policy and action plan that are particularly relevant to the fisheries sector and also highlight some key topics of specific importance to the Mediterranean Sea.

Short CV

Kathrine Angell-Hansen is M.Sc. from the University of Oslo, Norway. She has worked 10 years in companies dealing with deep sea technology, surface transport oil and gas and aquaculture. She has been a director on strategic and international industrial research development in the Research Council of Norway and holds a position as Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs. She is presently a national expert in the European Commission DG MARE.

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SESSION 3:

MICHAEL FARRUGIA

Presentation of the organisation

Apex Organisation is an organisation oriented towards the development of all the co-operatives in Malta and Gozo. It functions as the Federation for the co-operative movement in Malta.

According to the Co-Operatives Act XXX of 2001, the Apex Organisation has to provide, organise and supervise effective centralised services for the co-operative movement, including co-operative education and training, and such other services as may be necessary or expedient for its members. It also promotes co-operative principles and represents the Maltese co-operative Movement locally and internationally.

Apex is directed by a council of 9 representatives, elected from committee members.

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CAROLINE MANGALO - CNPMEM

Abstract

In France, Fisheries is organised around the National Committee for Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Regional Committees for Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Local Committees for Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Producers' organizations and, in the Mediterranean Sea, the Prud'homies.

In the Mediterranean Sea, Fisheries are much diversified, with many different fleet segments and strong fleets' polyvalence, with varieties according to the regions, benthic and pelagic species and various fishing areas such as lagoons, coastal areas and deep sea.

The 2006 EU regulation on Mediterranean Fisheries Management imposed the elaboration of management plans, for certain fishing gears, namely drift nets. These plans must include clear objectives and a scientific follow up so as to enable the adaptation of the management tools.

The profession needs concrete evaluations and a clear definition of indicators related 1) to the state of the resources – to allow for possible real time closures, or 2) socio-economic indicators.

The indicators could be based on reference fleets for the follow up of specific target species or particular zones. On the other hand, the French producers wish to have a management zone in the Gulf of Lion. Therefore, the definition of indicators would be useful, as well as a closer collaboration with Spanish producers and scientists.

Finally improving the knowledge of the impact of other factors on fish stocks and on the ecosystem could also help better evaluate the resource and a better management.

Short CV

Caroline Mangalo is Agronomic engineer specialized in fisheries. After a training period in IFREMER, at the Boulogne-sur-mer station, from April 2003 to September 2003, on fishing effort standardization of trammel netters, she worked within the producers' organization FROM Nord, from November 2003 to April 2005, as a scientific advisor. From mid-May 2005 to mid-July 2005, Caroline Mangalo made - for the Regional Committee for Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture of Nord-Pas de Calais-Picardie, Committee representing all fishermen - a report on how to better know a small fleet using a fishing gear call "drague à dents" targeting sole. From August 2005 till now, she is working for the National Committee of Fisheries and Marine Aquaculture (CNPMEM) and is in charge of Mediterranean issues as, the blue fin and tropical tunas, and participates to the Long Distance RAC and is involved in the establishment of the Mediterranean RAC.

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Presentation of the organisation

The National Federation of Cofradías (Associations) of Fishermen unites 225 associations of fishermen representing approximately 13,000 vessels of which the activities are primarily dedicated to off-shore fishing.

The members of Cofradías are small ship-owners, fishermen and shellfish gatherers (on foot and by boat) of which the number exceeds 45,000 units.

The Cofradías of fishermen and the National Federation are recognised by the National Law on Maritime Fishing (Law 2/20001) as being the organisations that are most widely implanted along the Spanish coastline and by their tradition and their present importance.

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JACQUES FUCHS

EU co-financing opportunities for research projects in the fisheries sector

Abstract

Fisheries research community within Europe needs to grow further to be capable of addressing the new challenges facing Europe. New frontiers should be explored and new methods and tools should be developed to ensure the future of sustainable fisheries within a healthy ecosystem. Opportunities offered in the new 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) to financially support fisheries research will be presented. Focus will be on the Specific programmes and domains of major interest for the fisheries sector.

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