

MULTIANNUAL PLAN FOR SMALL PELAGIC STOCKS IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

Panel II

Socioeconomic situation of the fisheries sector

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The management of small pelagic in the Adriatic

It's a long time we talk about the management of small pelagics in the Adriatic

- GFCM produced several recommendations from 2013
- Mediterranean regulation (reg. 1967/06) provides some technical measures for purse seines and for pelagic pair trawl

Shouldn't it be time to carefully evaluate the results of these measures?



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- UE TAC → problems
- Need measures for the fleet → Permanent cessation of fishing activities stopped on 31/12/2017
- Problem of data delay(GFCM-SAC and STECF)



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- Before the implementation of the proposal, it could be necessary to carry out a socio-economic impact in order to ensure stability of the fishing sector
- Problems for fishermen and their families

From 2014 to 2016

Workers in the fishing sector aiming to small pelagic decreased from 1.099 to 941 (-14%)

Vessels (pelagic trawls) decreased from 130 to 114 (- 12%)



What for the future?

In our opinion it should be better:

MEDAC approach → traffic light approach;

Spatio-temporal closures, in order to protect the spawning and nursery grounds.

To improve the diversification of fishing activities;

To consider special provisions for fishermen

Monitoring resources by shared systems

It could be very risky to lose the know-how, the traditions and the knowledge of the fishermen aiming small pelagic in the Adriatic sea



What for the future?

to support fishing enterprises and workers in an overall approach that links conservation of resources with the livelihood and socio-economic sustainability of the coastal communities

adequate economic and social impact assessment, considering both short and long-term effects



Thanks for your attention