



# PROFESSIONAL FISHERMEN ADVANCE EFFECTIVELY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FISHERIES *LISTEN TO US IN TIME!*

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# WE ARE HAPPY TO CONTRIBUTE AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE, WORRIES, INICIATIVES... BUT

It is **frustrating** to work side by side in the ports with the sector, trying to collaborate with the scientists, and reach the administration with effort and enthusiasm and see that **we are not listened to**.

And this has the serious consequences that fishing companies are lost and stocks do not improve with the unilateral proposals of the administration ... **irreversible consequences in the socioeconomic sphere**.

Even so, it is essential to continue promoting the interventions of local agents, the MEPs must have a vision adjusted to the reality of the fishing activity from the environmental point of view **but also socioeconomic to have a correct sensitivity** and to be able to contribute political measures that have effects positive in the stocks but that allow the ancient activity of fishing to survive.

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**A plastic-free Mediterranean Sea in the making'-SEARICA**

# REBUILDING DEMERSAL STOCKS: EU REGULATION MAP WESTMED AS AN EXAMPLE OF CO-MANAGEMENT?

DURING THE PROCESS OF PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION, WE HAVE WORKED AND ASKED THAT THESE RED LINES NOT BE CROSSED

- Fleet Segmentation
- Deep Fisheries vs Coastal mixed Fisheries
- Fishing Effort Regime (calculation formula)
- 100 m Closure Area (no scientific base for hake reproduction)
- Minimum profitability threshold for the sector



What has been heard, analysed and tried to include?

**NOTICE:** In 2021 the EC could consider effort reductions that would lead to the closure of the fishing activity, they are not taking into account the socioeconomic variable of fishing, which contravenes the CFP.

# SOME OF OUR OWN INICIATIVES

## (COORDINATED BY SCIENTISTS IEO)

- **2014 TWINE 3-5mm**: pilot campaign to test the change in twine thickness from 3mm to 5mm and the consequences on selectivity and profitability of catches

- **Good for the fishermen, similar results for the ecosystem, why is not applied it?**

- **2019 T90 twisted mesh light**

- **No improvement of selectivity**, The Spanish ministry was going to put this measure into effect with a change in the gear and yet it does not seem that it could have any improvement results ... **fortunately** it has been paralyzed before the fishermen have invested in this change.



- **Marine Litter:**

- 2 projects since 2015, we know more about the origin of waste, each vessel brings every fishing day a mean of 2,5 Kg of litter (plastic). Less litter in the bay of Almeria. We do outreach and education

- **Trawling revolution-2021**: Meshsize, flying trawl doors, selectivity panels

- New design of the complete gear, minimal impact on the seabed, wider mesh size in the active areas of the fishing gear, selection panels for crustaceans ... Andalusian GSA 1, for Deep and Coastal vessels.





# WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A BROAD POINT OF VIEW, BE AMBITIOUS IN HOW TO APPROACH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROBLEM

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND POLLUTION** affect the fisheries directly, i.e. *Engraulis encrasicolus* (anchovy) is having a bad nutritional condition due to the mismatch with their preferred preys (plankton) –It's not overexploitation!  
Any action focused on that? Transversal laws from DG MARE?



- The professional sector **is willing to make sacrifices** to ensure that tomorrow there can continue to be fish in good condition and worthy fishing activity for coastal communities **BUT** we must take firm and safe steps, and not try measures with uncertain or null results, and above all, the sacrifice does not It may only be for a few ... **fair rules of the game**: to reverse the current state of the Mediterranean and regain our fishing grounds, the **North African countries** must comply with them as well, if not, Andalusian fishermen will be annihilated and there will be no served for nothing.

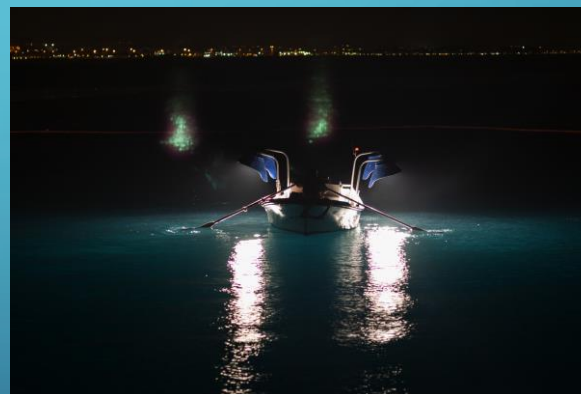
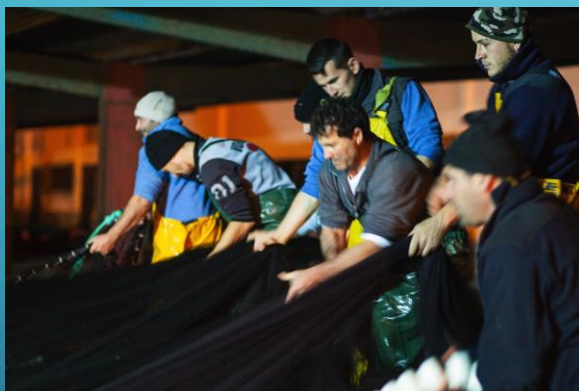


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# SOME REFLECTIONS THAT WE ASK TO BE HEARD

FUNDAMENTAL: Solid scientific data that support political measures, without haste, firm steps forward affordable for the sector ... segmented by spaces smaller than GSA to be able to apply them where they are needed (species in fishing grounds?) And to continue fishing in others. Today there is no time for failures in management measures.

After these last 2 years, working with the administration making proposals with effort, and seeing that they have not been listened to, now I confess that we have little confidence that the upcoming regulations have taken into account the socioeconomic impact of fishermen ... I see with sadness the panorama that is coming and I think we could have worked better if they had listened to us ...



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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