

Expert Group on Fisheries Control

Workshop on Digital Tools for Small Scale Fisheries

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Session 1: Monitoring of Small Scale Fleet- Conclusions:

- Several technologies solutions/tools to apply for SSF fleet are available
- Installation, maintenance and communication costs seem to be affordable
- Monitoring requirements vary case by case (or of vessels and extension of the area); targeted approach needed (cost-benefit assessment)



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- Several positive aspects such as increased food safety and traceability, better data for stock assessments, better control and surveillance of fisheries (ex. Black Box), improve of work conditions and control of fishing areas
- Need to implement the power supply onboard in small vessels and to be independent of vessel power (such as solar panels)
- Data integration from multiple device types need to be developed
- Large amount of additional available data: how to manage it? (artificial intelligence)



Session 2: Digital catch reporting tools for SSF

- Future is clear towards FDF electronic/digital in (AI, intelligent algorithms, machine Learning) paper out:
 - but how are we going to get there, and through what process?
 - how do we structure the future, when technological advance is outpacing us?
- Change is not just about new systems, new requirements, new costs, but about cultural change – trust/ cooperation vs men n women replaced by machines
- Plethora of experiences/ possibilities web, apps, sms, drones, VMS, but key questions on:
 - What kind of details on catch reporting (species, volume, MCRS, grounds, gear)?
 - When at sea, in port, in real time, within 24 hrs?
 - Training, capacity building/Helpdesk support
 - Who pays? Installation costs/ running costs
- Trade offs: Sea safety vs control; quality vs quantity; burden of work on fishers vs ease of use: need to factor in working conditions and working practices at sea:
 - The margin of tolerance was mentioned and the need to consider it.



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- Multi-functionality generate information for multi-use: control; fish/quota management, science, fishers, traceability etc;
- Must add value for fishers (finance, direct marketing, business management/planning, empowerment);
- What is SSF? Need for different categories of SSF/ diff requirements:
 - Length of vessel (>10 metres; <12 metres; <10 metres)
 - With/ without deck/ wheel house
 - No of crew
- System failures: loss of fishing time/ income during critical seasons
- Voluntary approach vs strict approach
- Cross checking: passive information gathering (vms) with active input (log book)



Session 3: EU Support for digital tools for monitoring & control

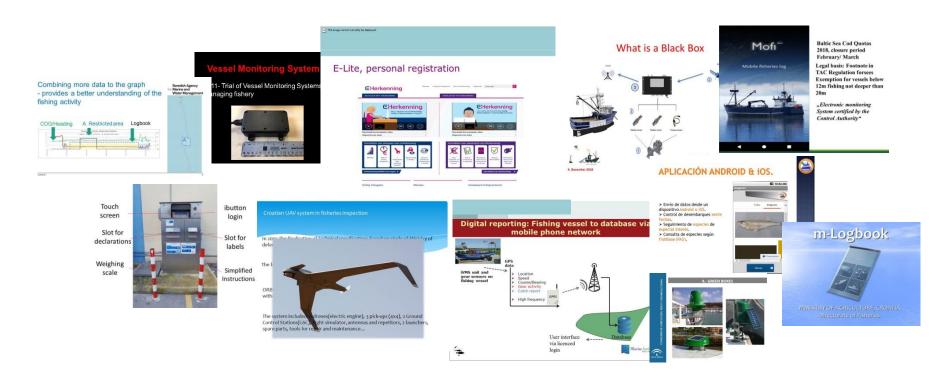
- Numerous funding possibilities under EMFF (control and enforcement but also CLLD, data collection, etc.)
- No more than 6 in sample of 12 MS (16 projects)
 appear to have taken advantage of EU support
- Various projects developed as, or evolved from commercial ventures, or as collective organisation projects
- Others developed on short notice or as pilot projects, both to respond to fairly specific needs



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- Possible explanations: Lack of knowledge of EU support options, lack of time, administrative burden, lack of seed resources ...
- Share information, good practices, existing solutions between control services
- Improve communication/cooperation between services, providers &/or stakeholders
- Integrate on-going operations into larger scale projects
- Take greater advantage of benefits resulting from greater data availability

THE END



THANK YOU!

