



# **FAME Support Unit**

## **Monitoring and Evaluation under the EMFF**

# **CT08**

# **Stories of the EMFF**

**20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Group on the EMFF**  
**09 April 2019, Brussels**

# Background

- *FAME has been tasked to identify, with the help of the managing authorities, interesting projects under the different strands of the EMFF;*
- *These are used mostly for communication purposes to highlight the added value of the EMFF and its intervention across MS*
- *FAME is required to present **40 stories annually**;*
- ***Balance** between areas of intervention, project size and geographical spread;*
- *FAME **Geographic Experts** work on this task.*

# Objectives

- *Demonstrate the progress made in reaching the goals of the **Common Fisheries Policy** (CFP);*
- *Identify **interesting operations** in the different strands of the EMFF (apart from CLLD done by FARNET);*
- *Increase **awareness** of good projects;*
- ***Promote** actions co-financed EMFF;*
- ***Trigger** further operations.*

# What are the benefits of an EMFF funded project becoming a story?

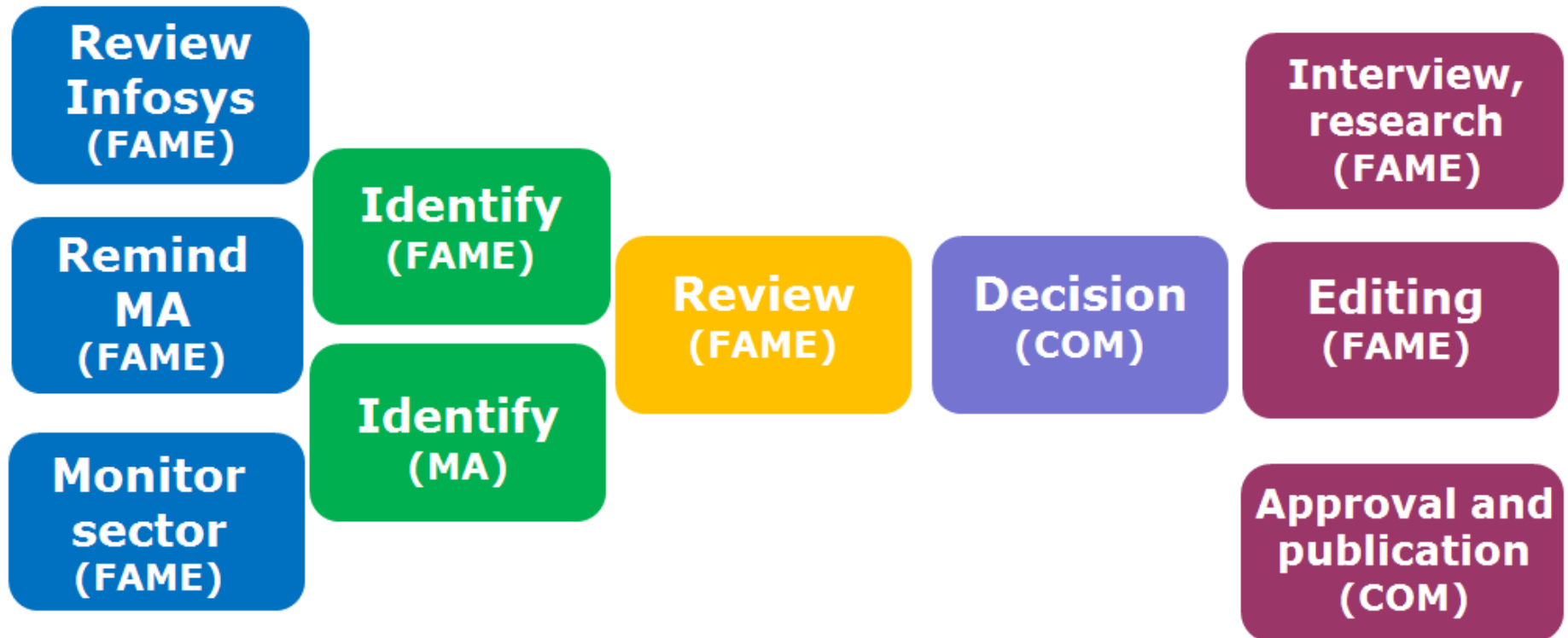
## ***For the MA:***

- *Identify **good practices**;*
- *Facilitate **exchange of good practices** within and among MS;*
- *Highlight **result orientation**;*
- *Support new calls by **providing project ideas**.*

## ***For the beneficiary:***

- **Promotion**;
- *Peer exchange of **experiences**;*
- *Stimulate **new investments** by providing project ideas.*

# Identifying a good story

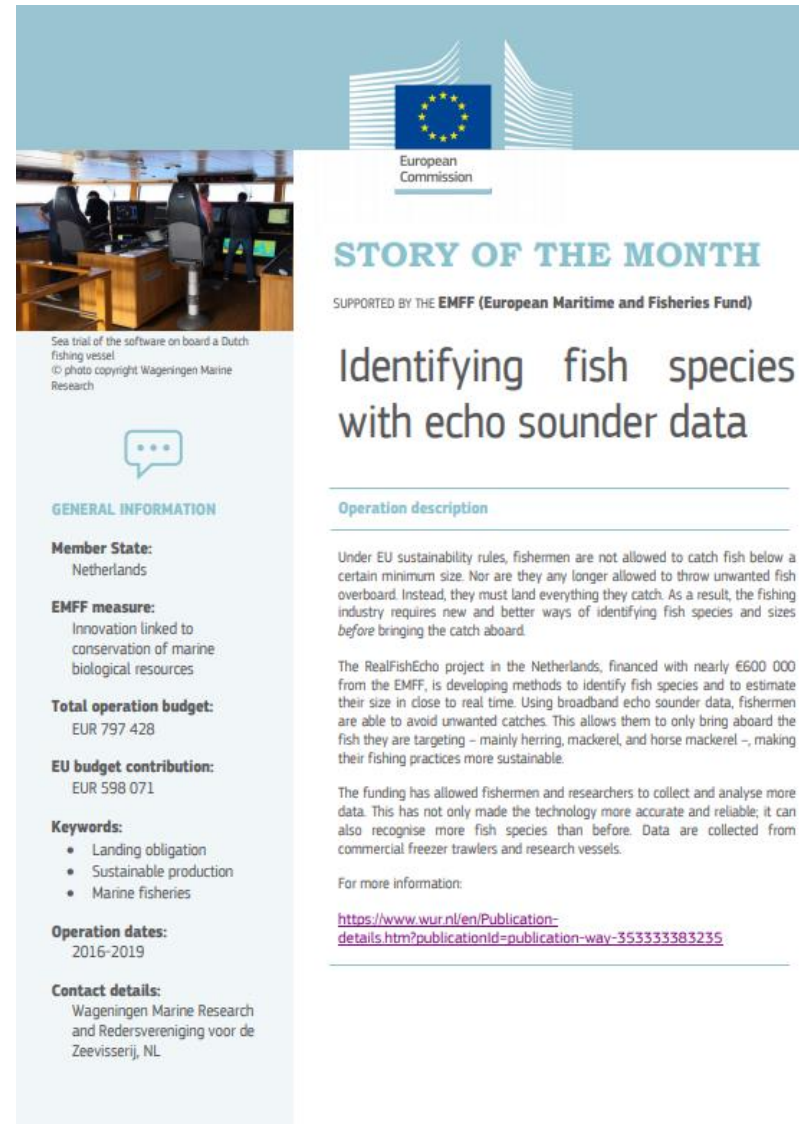


# Stories collection state of play

- 116 short stories (23 EMFF)
- 19 stories of the month  
(15 EMFF)

## Most common EMFF measures:

- Article 39: innovation for marine conservation
- Article 40(1)(b) to (g) and (i): protection of marine biodiversity
- Article 48(1)(a) to (d) and (f) to (h): investments in aquaculture
- Article 68: marketing
- Article 69: processing



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## STORY OF THE MONTH

SUPPORTED BY THE EMFF (European Maritime and Fisheries Fund)

### Identifying fish species with echo sounder data

Sea trial of the software on board a Dutch fishing vessel  
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GENERAL INFORMATION

**Member State:**  
Netherlands

**EMFF measure:**  
Innovation linked to conservation of marine biological resources

**Total operation budget:**  
EUR 797 428

**EU budget contribution:**  
EUR 598 071

**Keywords:**

- Landing obligation
- Sustainable production
- Marine fisheries

**Operation dates:**  
2016-2019

**Contact details:**  
Wageningen Marine Research and Redersvereniging voor de Zeevisserij, NL

**Operation description**

Under EU sustainability rules, fishermen are not allowed to catch fish below a certain minimum size. Nor are they any longer allowed to throw unwanted fish overboard. Instead, they must land everything they catch. As a result, the fishing industry requires new and better ways of identifying fish species and sizes before bringing the catch aboard.

The RealFishEcho project in the Netherlands, financed with nearly €600 000 from the EMFF, is developing methods to identify fish species and to estimate their size in close to real time. Using broadband echo sounder data, fishermen are able to avoid unwanted catches. This allows them to only bring aboard the fish they are targeting – mainly herring, mackerel, and horse mackerel –, making their fishing practices more sustainable.

The funding has allowed fishermen and researchers to collect and analyse more data. This has not only made the technology more accurate and reliable; it can also recognise more fish species than before. Data are collected from commercial freezer trawlers and research vessels.

For more information:  
<https://www.wur.nl/en/Publication-details.htm?publicationid=publication-way-353333383235>



# Stories publication

- *Publication on Commission websites:*  
[EU Results - Online collection of EU funded projects](#)
- *Publication of DG MARE monthly e-newsletter:*  
[DG MARE Newsletter, March 2019 issue](#)



# Stories videos

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**Thank you for your attention!**



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