



EMFF POST 2020

Action plan for SSCF

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References in the Commission's proposal

- **Article 15 of the EMFF proposal:**
Member States shall prepare as part of their programme an action plan for small-scale coastal fishing which shall set out a strategy for the development of profitable and sustainable small-scale coastal fishing.
- **Template in the CPR proposal (Appendix 3 of Annex V)**

Why an action plan for SSCF?

- Preferential treatment in the EMFF for SSCF beneficiaries (higher aid intensity, reserved areas of support)
- Need to improve the 2014-2020 action plan towards a more comprehensive and strategic approach
- Links with important EU commitments: FAO guidelines on small-scale fisheries, GFCM plan of action for small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

Content and structure

- Purpose of the action plan: *"set out a strategy for the development of profitable and sustainable small-scale coastal fishing"*
- Strategic description of how MS intend to use the EMFF to tackle a series of SSCF challenges
- The action plan is neither a self-standing area of support nor a set of eligibility rules
- All MS are concerned in principle but flexibility is granted: case by case assessment of what is applicable for each MS
- Indicative amounts required for each section: not a financing plan but a roadmap

Monitoring

- Establishment of specific milestones and targets to monitor implementation – linked to the indicators developed in the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Fund (Article 37 and corresponding delegated act)
- Options to be discussed: specific SSCF indicators or mainstream indicators?
- Monitoring not linked to the performance framework (Article 12 CPR) – no reference required in the section on indicators in the programme template