



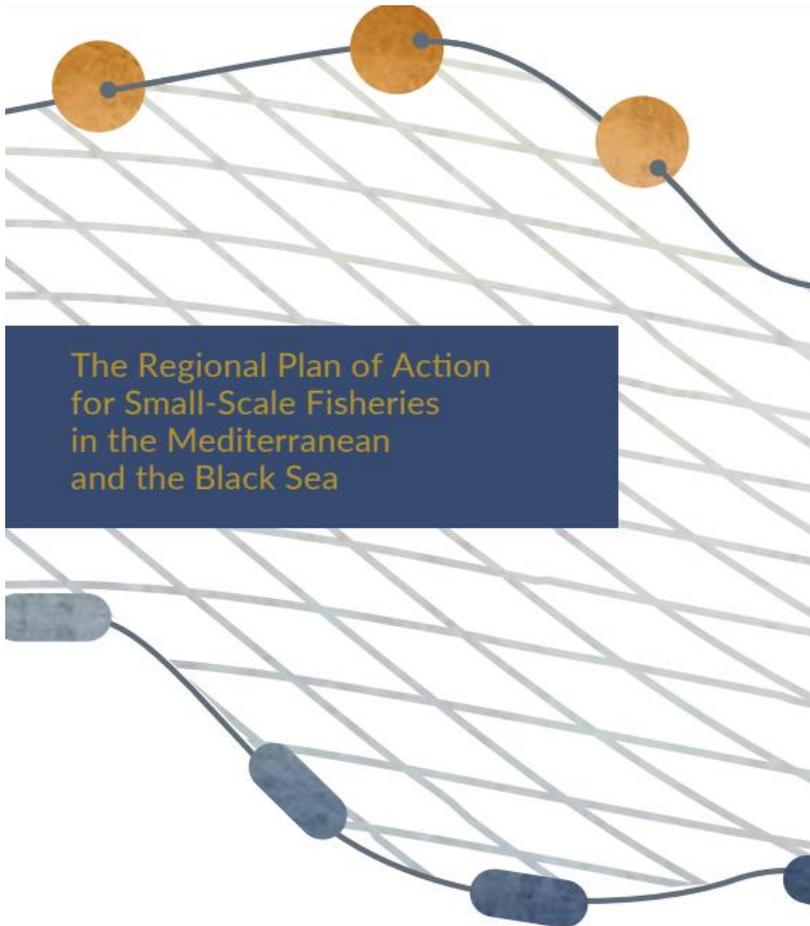
MEDAC contribution on RPOA for SSF and Equal opportunities



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The **Regional Plan of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries** in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (RPOA-SSF) is a historic **political commitment** setting out a **ten-year roadmap** towards the long-term **environmental, economic and social sustainability** of the sector.



SIGNED as Ministerial declaration in
September 2018

A holistic view of the SSF sector and the vital role it plays in the economic, social and cultural context of the Med and the BS, and includes all these dimensions in its strategic aims.

The fishers themselves, and the communities they support, are at the heart of the plan

KEY TOPICS OF THE RPOA-SSF



Scientific research



Small-scale fisheries data



**Small-scale fisheries
management measures**



**Small-scale fisheries
value chain**



**Participation
of small-scale fisheries in
decision-making processes**



Capacity-building



Decent work



Role of women



**Climate and
environment**

WOMEN AMONG THE OBJECTIVES



Role of **women**

Gender equity is no less important in small-scale fisheries than any other sector, and the RPOA-SSF aims to give **women** the support they need to play a full role and participate on an equal footing.



Capacity-building

Education, training and technical and financial support are all required to support small-scale fishing communities in diversifying their activities, increasing their incomes and improving their prospects, particularly in the case of **women** and young people.

WOMEN AMONG THE ACTIONS

F. Capacity-building

38. Establish a regional platform to engage and promote cooperation among SSF associations (including women's associations) [...]

39. Reinforce capacity building of SSF and give specific priority to financial assistance, in order to facilitate their participation in decision-making processes and ensure a level playing field, in particular through the following actions:

[...] b. assist small-scale fishers and women's organizations in simplifying their access to institutional funds, in order to ensure their transition towards long-term selective and sustainable fisheries;

[...] e. facilitate education and training opportunities for men and women [...]

40. In the context of local community development, implement regional diversification schemes that help small-scale fishers (including women of the fisheries sector) to diversify their activities [...]

WOMEN AMONG THE ACTIONS

H. Role of women

47. Support projects dedicated to enabling women to undertake small-scale fishery activities.

48. Secure equal participation of women in decision-making processes for policies directed towards small-scale fisheries.

49. Encourage the development of better technologies appropriate to the work of women in SSF.



WOMEN IN THE RESULTS OF THE MEDAC CONSULTATION ON THE RPOA FOR SSF Ref. 109/2019 – 24 April 2019

Among the points highlighted in the MEDAC contribution on the RPOA, about women the following point was included:

“[...] Role of women: Women should have equal opportunities and rights in the sector and should be recognized their role throughout the entire chain; [...]”



WOMEN IN THE RESULTS OF THE MEDAC CONSULTATION ON THE RPOA FOR SSF

F. Capacity building Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

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1) Establish a regional platform to engage and promote cooperation among small-scale fisheries associations (including women's associations) in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. This platform is expected to build on and reinforce existing subregional...



2) Reinforce capacity building of small-scale fisheries and give specific priority to financial assistance, in order to facilitate their participation in decision-making processes and ensure a level-playing field, in particular through the listed actions



3) In the context of local community development, implement regional diversification schemes that help small-scale fishers (including women of the fisheries sector) to diversify their activities



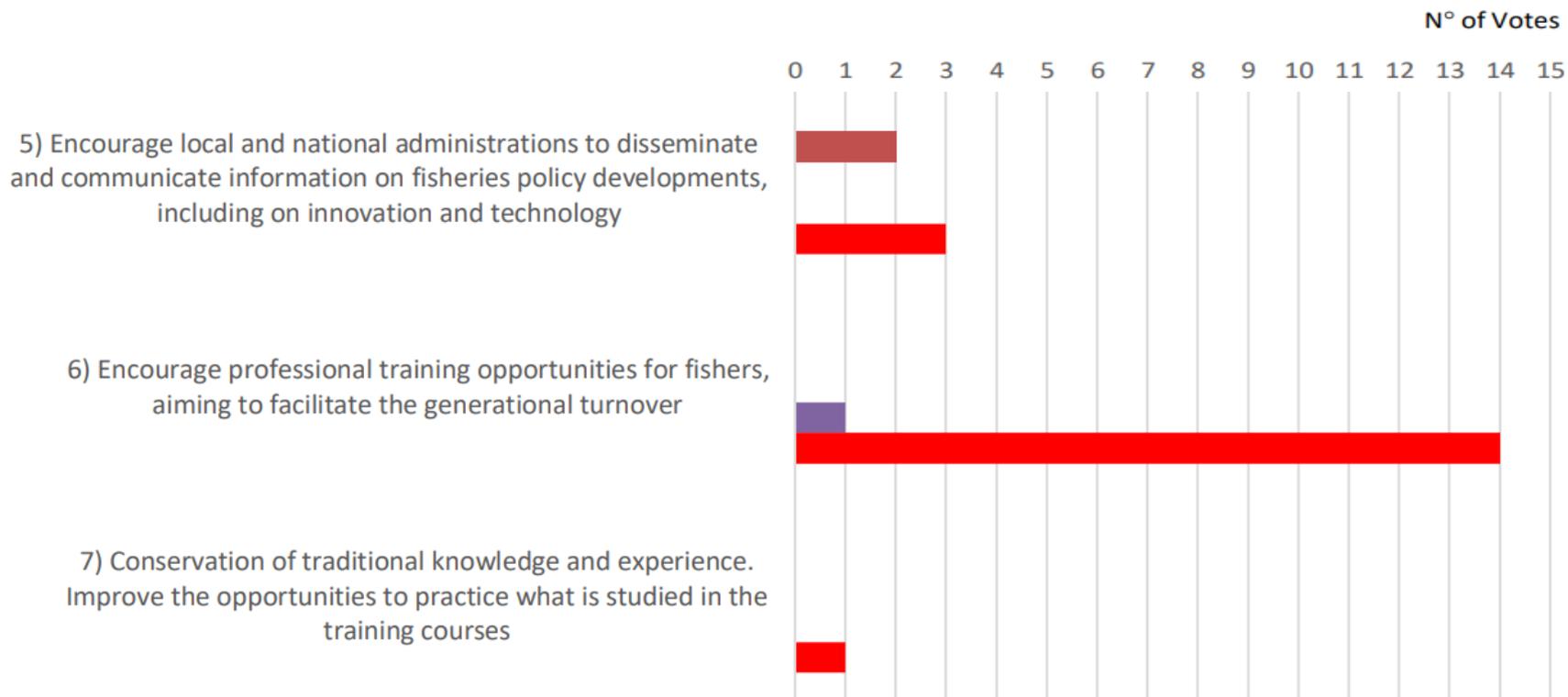
4) The above measures shall be applicable to small-scale fishers and their families, and particular attention shall be given to women and young fishers



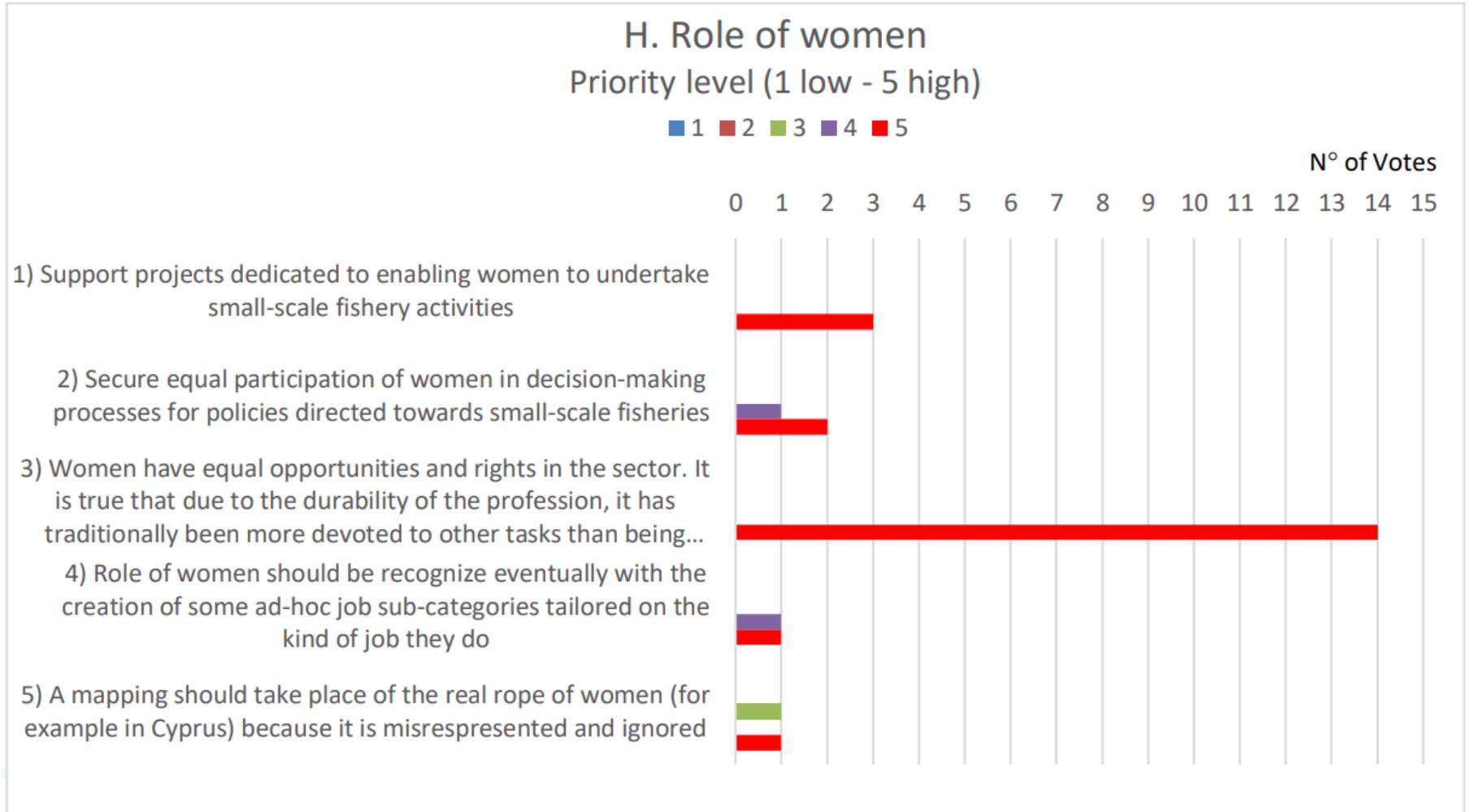
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