

## **RESULTS OF THE MEDAC CONSULTATION ON THE RPOA FOR SSF<sup>1</sup>**

The Working Groups WG1 and WG5 met in Malaga on 9 and 10 April 2019. The following points were highlighted:

- During the meetings held in Venice in February 2019 a debate was started among the MEDAC members on the RPOA for SSF, as requested by the European Commission in light of the GFCM WG meeting in Montenegro and the GFCM High Level Conference MedFish4Ever Initiatives (11-12 June Marrakech);
- following the instructions of the coordinators of WG1 and WG5, the Secretariat asked the members to participate in a consultation which took place on the basis of a specific format established by the Secretariat;
- over the weeks that followed, various contributions were collected, which were subsequently examined by the Secretariat;

The Working Groups hereby enclose the results of the consultation of the RPOA for SSF and, following the contributions during the working sessions in Malaga on 9-10 of April, they would like to take the opportunity to draw attention on the following items in no particular order:

- Value chain: Encourage the first processing of landings by the fishers themselves, their cooperatives or their Producer Organizations in order to expand the shelf life of products;
- Capacity building: Encourage professional training opportunities for fishers on land and at sea, aiming to facilitate the generational turnover. Protect and preserve the traditional and cultural aspects of SSF;
- Decent work: Promote decent work, the improvement of working conditions as well as social protection for all small-scale fisheries workers;
- Role of women: Women should have equal opportunities and rights in the sector and should be recognized their role throughout the entire chain;
- Climate and environment: Assist and support small-scale fisheries communities affected by climate change or natural and human-induced disasters. In particular take into account and manage consequences of marine litter with the direct involvement of fishermen.

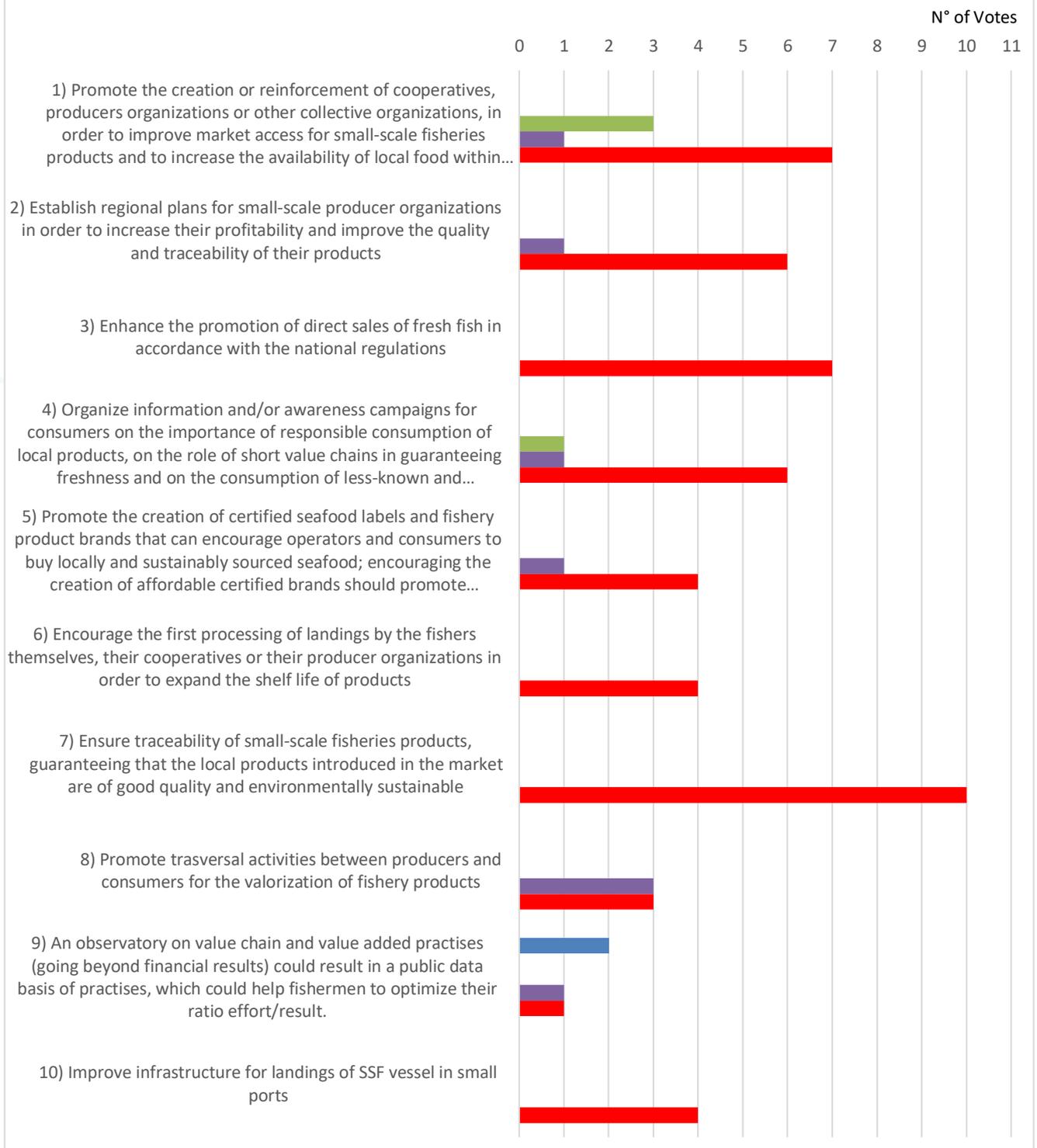
---

<sup>1</sup> This letter reflects only the author's view and that the Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.

## D. SSF value chain

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

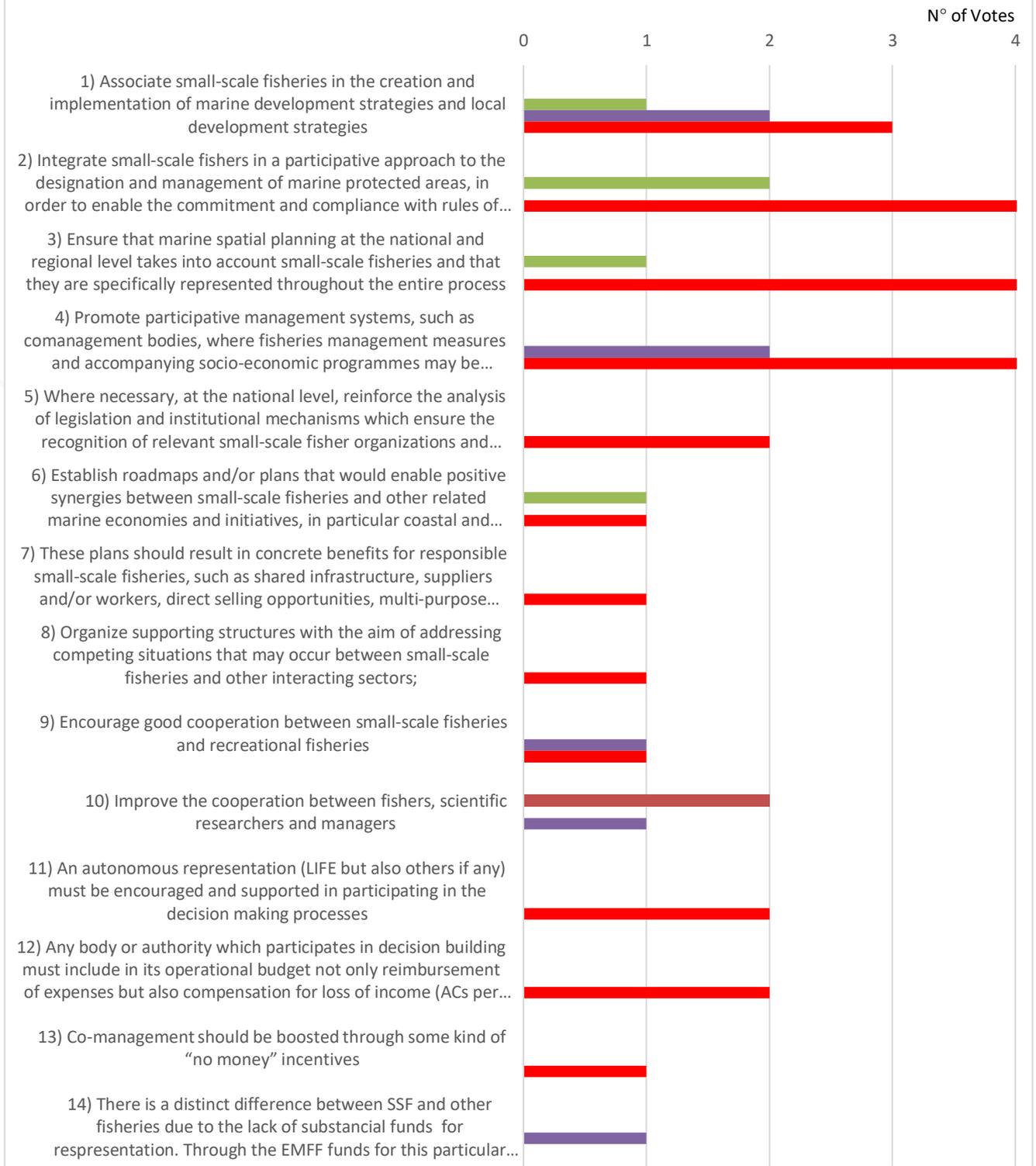
■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5



## E. Participation of SSF in decisionmaking processes

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5



## F. Capacity building

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

N° of Votes

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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



5) Encourage local and national administrations to disseminate and communicate information on fisheries policy developments, including on innovation and technology



6) Encourage professional training opportunities for fishers, aiming to facilitate the generational turnover



7) Conservation of traditional knowledge and experience. Improve the opportunities to practice what is studied in the training courses



### G. Decent work

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

N° of Votes

0 2 4 6 8 10 12

1) Promote decent work, the improvement of working conditions as well as social protection for all small-scale fisheries workers



2) With the assistance of the GFCM, organize by 2019 a conference to address the issue of social development, employment and decent work in relation to small-scale fisheries



3) Ratification and enforcement of the "C188 ILO Convention"



4) Some administrative measures, such as differentiated tax treatment, new recruitment systems, would also favour interest in activity, access for new generations and improvement of working conditions



## H. Role of women

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

N° of Votes

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

1) Support projects dedicated to enabling women to undertake small-scale fishery activities

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

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

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

3) Women have equal opportunities and rights in the sector. It is true that due to the durability of the profession, it has traditionally been more devoted to other tasks than being...

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

4) Role of women should be recognize eventually with the creation of some ad-hoc job sub-categories tailored on the kind of job they do

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

5) A mapping should take place of the real rope of women (for example in Cyprus) because it is misrepresented and ignored

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

## I. Climate and environment

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

N° of Votes

