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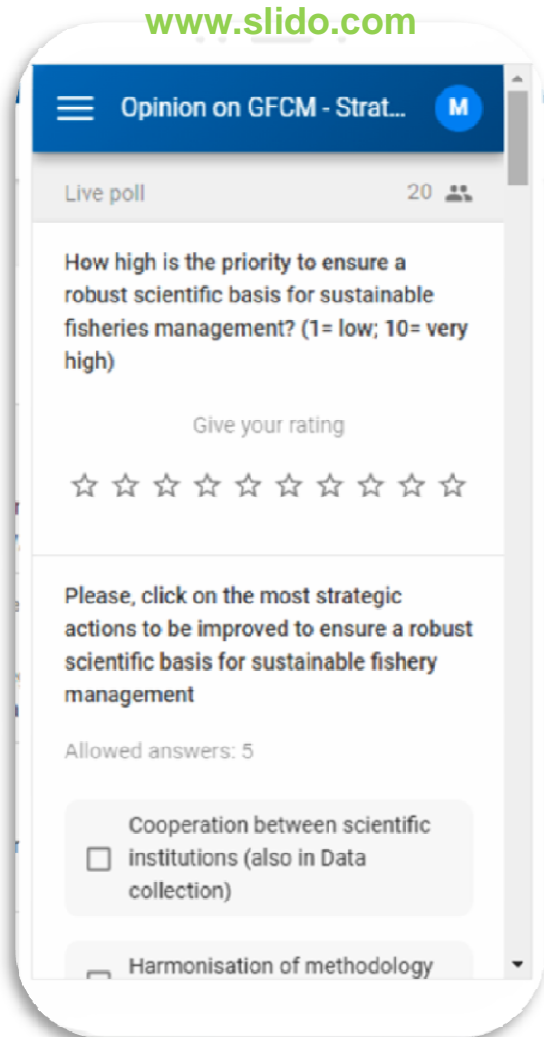
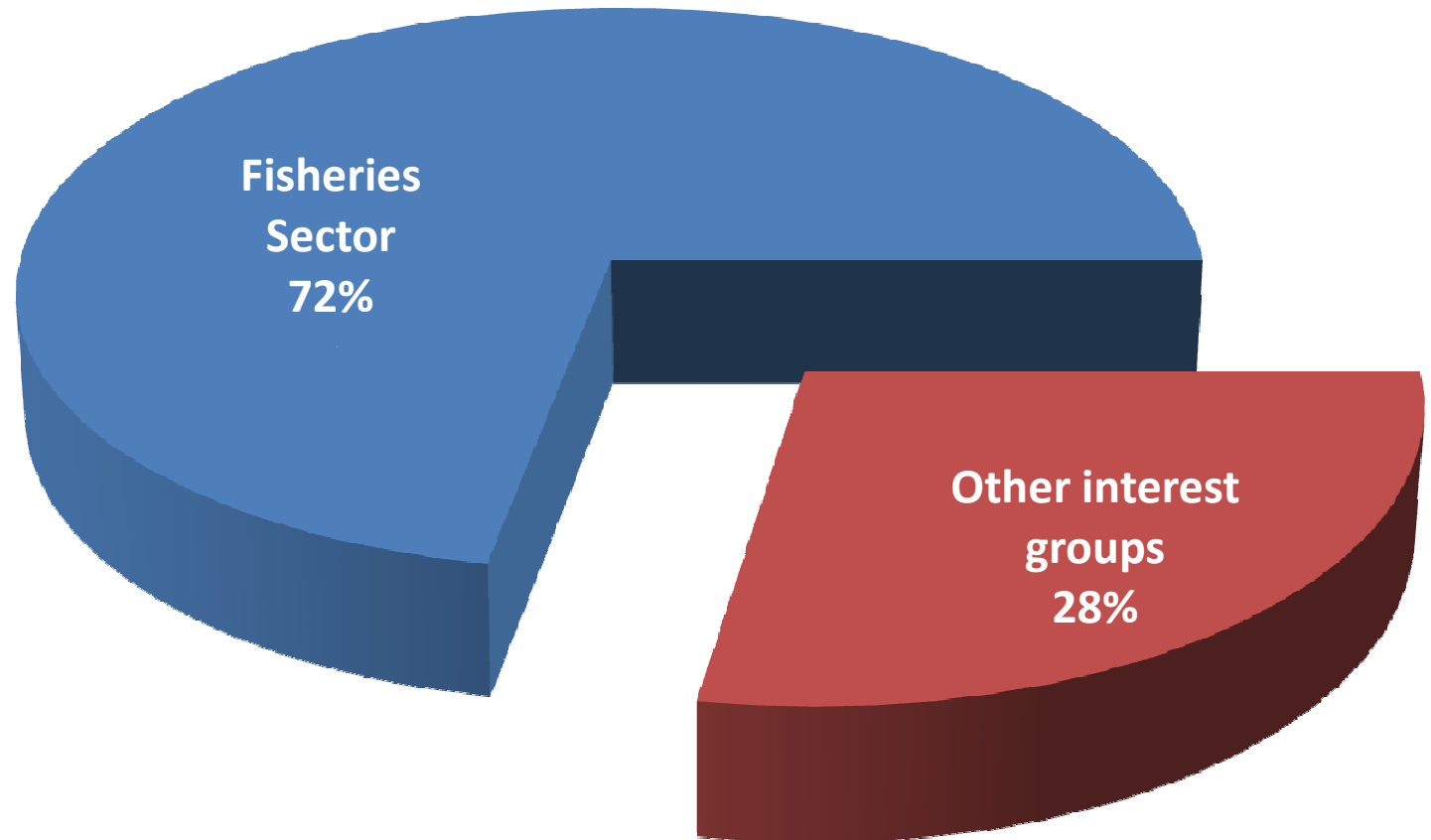
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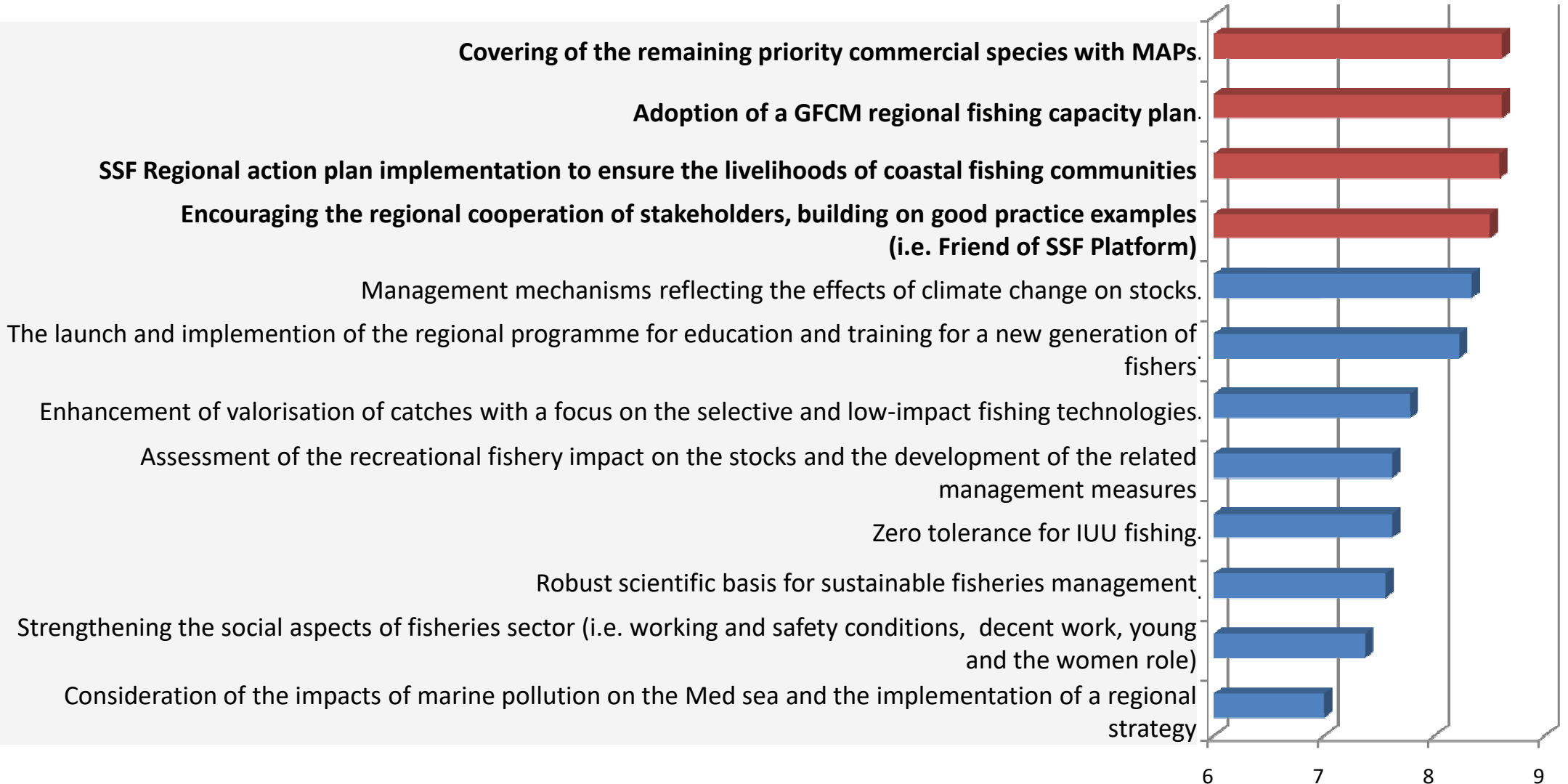
THE MEDAC CONTRIBUTION ON
MAIN TOPICS AND STRATEGIC ACTIONS




A total of 18 questionnaire completed




Priority Level of each strategic action – average of votes (1= low; 10= very high)



Most strategic actions to be implemented in order to contribute to the protection of marine biodiversity



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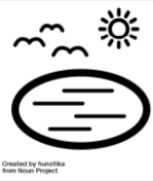


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Addressing the interactions between cetaceans and fishing gears

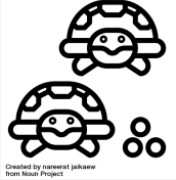
Stronger emphasis on raising awareness with fishers

Significantly increasing the percentage of the Mediterranean sea covered by protected areas and FRA



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Starting a process aimed to ensure no deterioration in conservation trends and status of all protected habitats and species

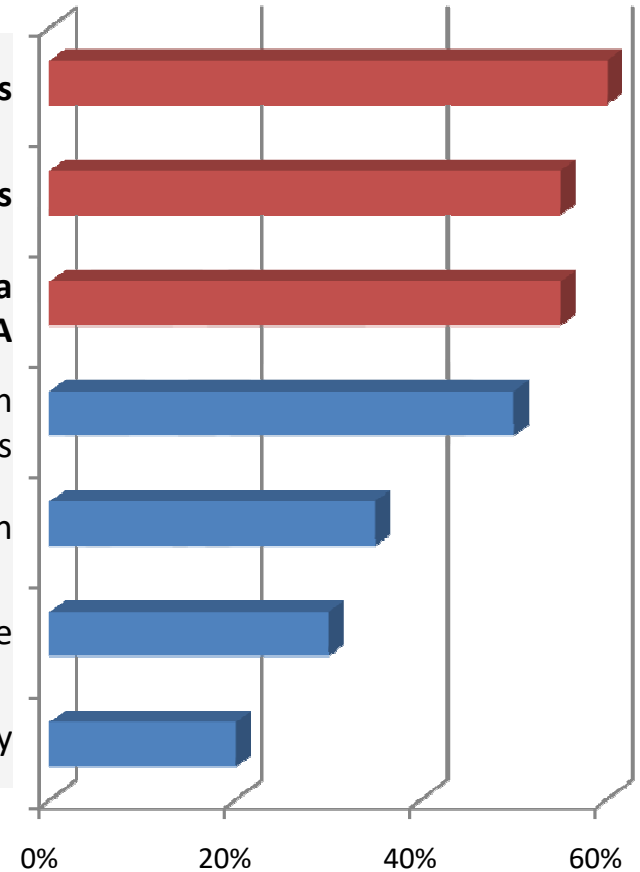


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Mitigating catches of vulnerable species and by-catch

Monitoring programme

Development of further effective management measures to improve fisheries selectivity



Most strategic actions to be reinforced for the zero tolerance for IUU fishing



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Complete the quantification of IUU fishing activities

Cooperation between GFCM and contracting parties in order to enable them meet the commitments in the fight against IUU fishing

Full implementation of the adopted GFCM regional plan of action for IUU fishing

Harmonisation of the existing measures at the regional level

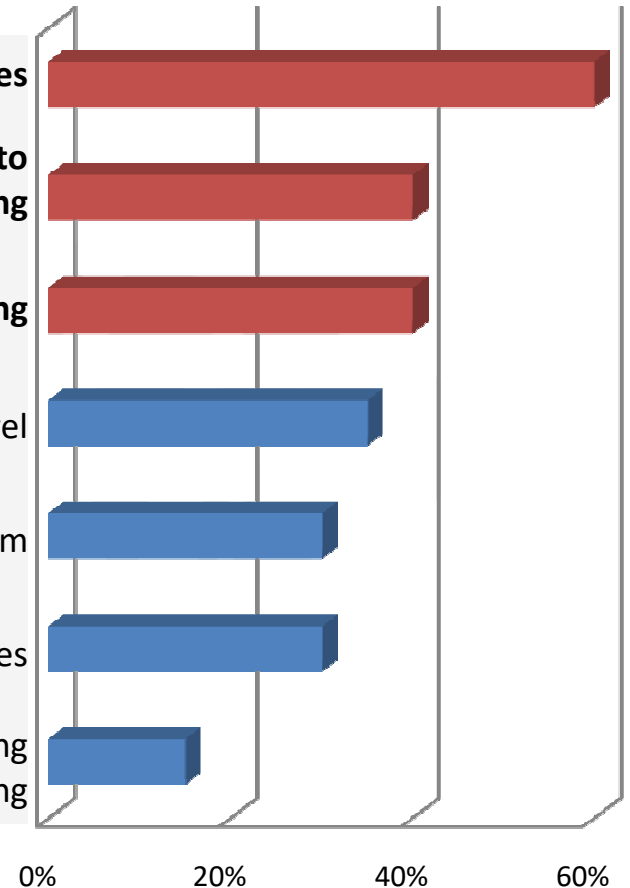


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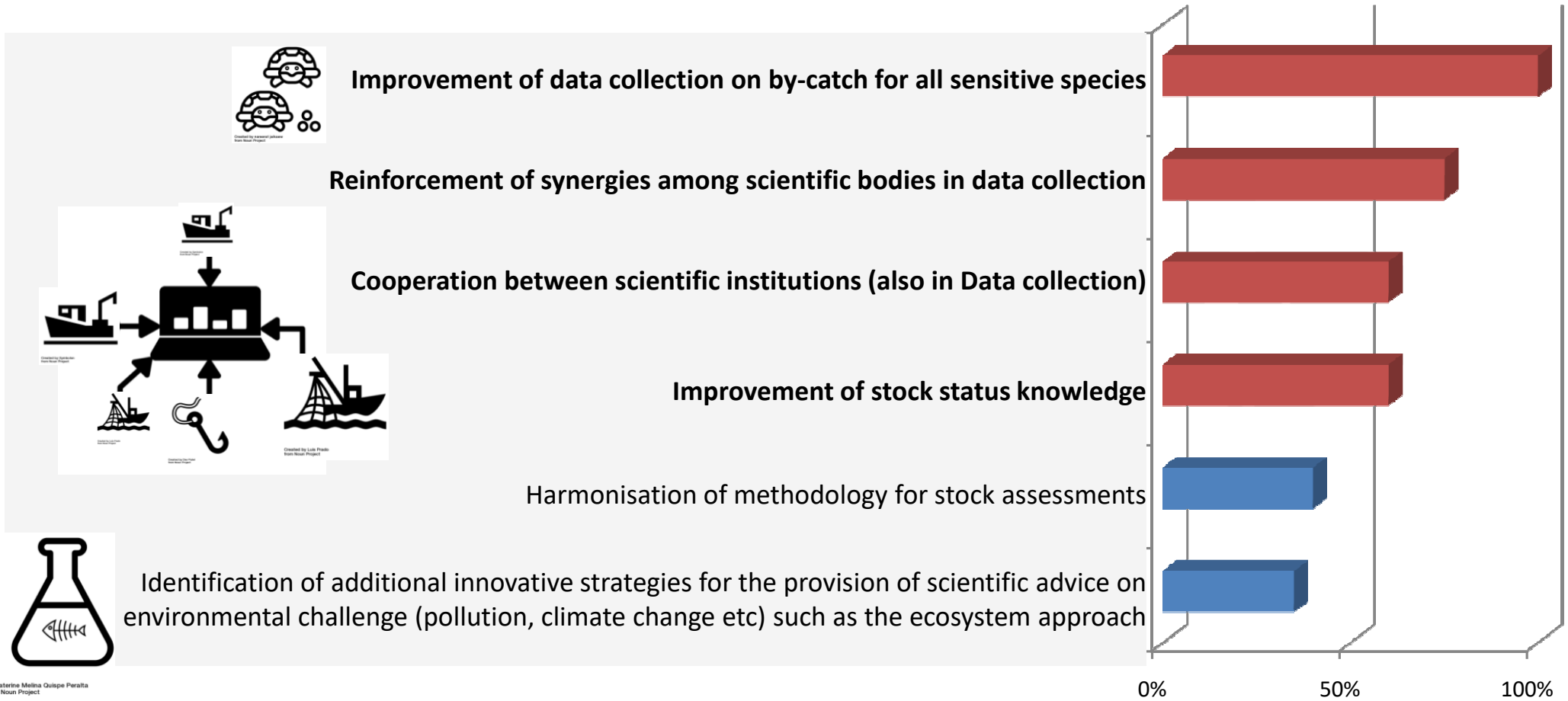
Continuation of the operationalization of the regional VMS and control system

Implementation of regional inspection and surveillance schemes

A more efficient/digital Catch Certificates for imports and a better information on fishing products through labelling

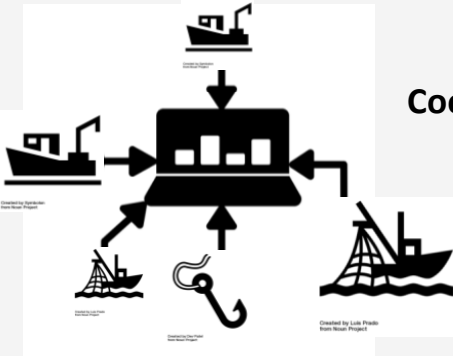


Most strategic actions to be improved to ensure a robust scientific basis for sustainable fishery management



Improvement of data collection on by-catch for all sensitive species

Reinforcement of synergies among scientific bodies in data collection



Cooperation between scientific institutions (also in Data collection)

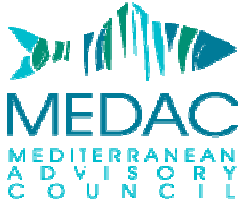
Improvement of stock status knowledge

Harmonisation of methodology for stock assessments



Identification of additional innovative strategies for the provision of scientific advice on environmental challenge (pollution, climate change etc) such as the ecosystem approach

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What priority action do you recommend for the GFCM strategy 2021-2025?

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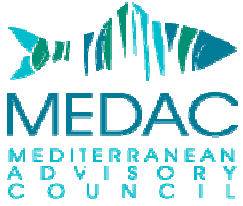
- ✓ Harmonization, extension and implementation of **standards and measures at the regional level CGPM**.
- ✓ It is also necessary to put in place a mechanism to verify **the implementation of recommendations**.
- ✓ A self-declaration of the Contracting Parties to the Secretariat is no longer sufficient.

- ✓ **Strengthen measures to combat IUU fishing**, including the control activities of non professional fishers in order to avoid the market prices collapse.

- ✓ The improvement of socioeconomic aspects in order to avoid the black market and IUU as incoming support.
- ✓ Identification of innovative strategies to provide **socio-economic advice**.

- ✓ Increase management mechanisms for coastal fisheries (including data collection, establishing MSY proxies, technical conservation measures, capacity management, ...)

- ✓ Eco-sustainable fishing through effective and **efficient monitoring programs** and compensatory measures for fishermen



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- ✓ **More FRAs** with really binding rules and control processes (no more paper FRAs with weak restrictions like Gulf of Lions). This is the only path to recovery : It works and it brings quick results (See Jabuka/Pomo pit case).
- ✓ **Protect marine biodiversity** in particularly the ecosystem impact of fishing
- ✓ **Tackling by-catch**, particularly that of seabirds and other sensitive species which are protected under EU Birds and Habitats Directives.
- ✓ Identification and adoption of measures to **mitigate climate change and pollution**.
- ✓ It is extremely necessary to establish precise rules for the **implementation of stock assessments**, not in terms of which mathematical models to use, but with **respect to a time planning of assessments**. If a species is defined as a priority species, it must enter into a process and a standardized calendar of analysis and assessments to **verify the effectiveness of the management measures** that are set in place.



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