

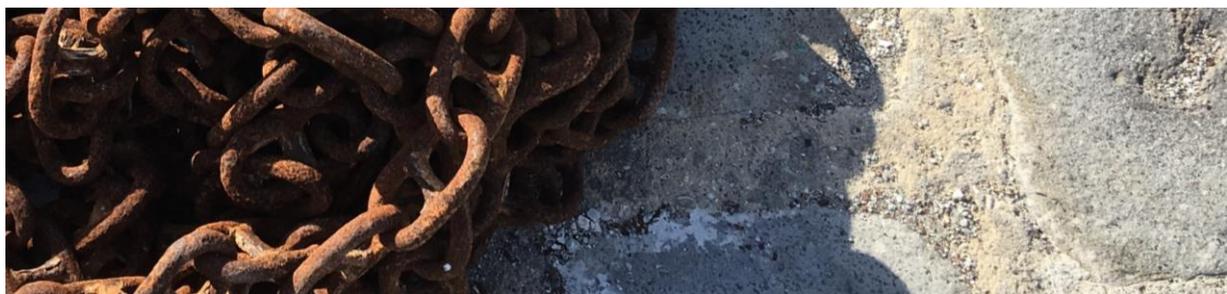


# Survey: Impact of covid-19 on the fishing activity

MEDAC survey Update



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Survey (1/34)

## Fishing gears

Bottom trawls (OTB)



Dredges (DRB)



Fixed nets, traps (no SSF)



Pelagic trawls (OTM)



PS (Purse seiners)



SSF



Survey (2/34)

0 1 2

## Mediterranean sub-region covered by the answers

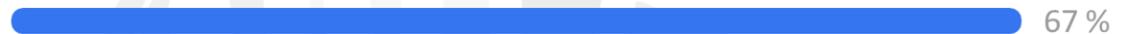
Western



Central



Eastern



Survey (3/34)

0 1 2

## Number of fishers and/or shellfishers who are member of your organization?

Less than 50



From 51 to 100



From 101 to 150



More than 150



Survey (4/34)

0 1 2

## Which length sizes are represented in your organization?

Less than 12 m



12-18 m



18-24 m



24-40 m



More than 40 m 0



Survey (5/34)

0 1 2

## Average number of fishers on board of vessels (skippers and crew)?

Less than 3



From 4 to 7



More than 7



Survey (6/34)

0 1 2

## Average age of fishers and/or shellfishers?

Less than 35



From 36 to 49



From 50 to 65



More than 65



Survey (7/34)

0 1 2

**How many weeks each fishing vessel had to be stopped due to the Covid-19 impact in autumn 2020 (effort reduction)?**

less than 1 week 0

0 %

from 1 to 2 weeks

25 %

from 3 to 4 weeks

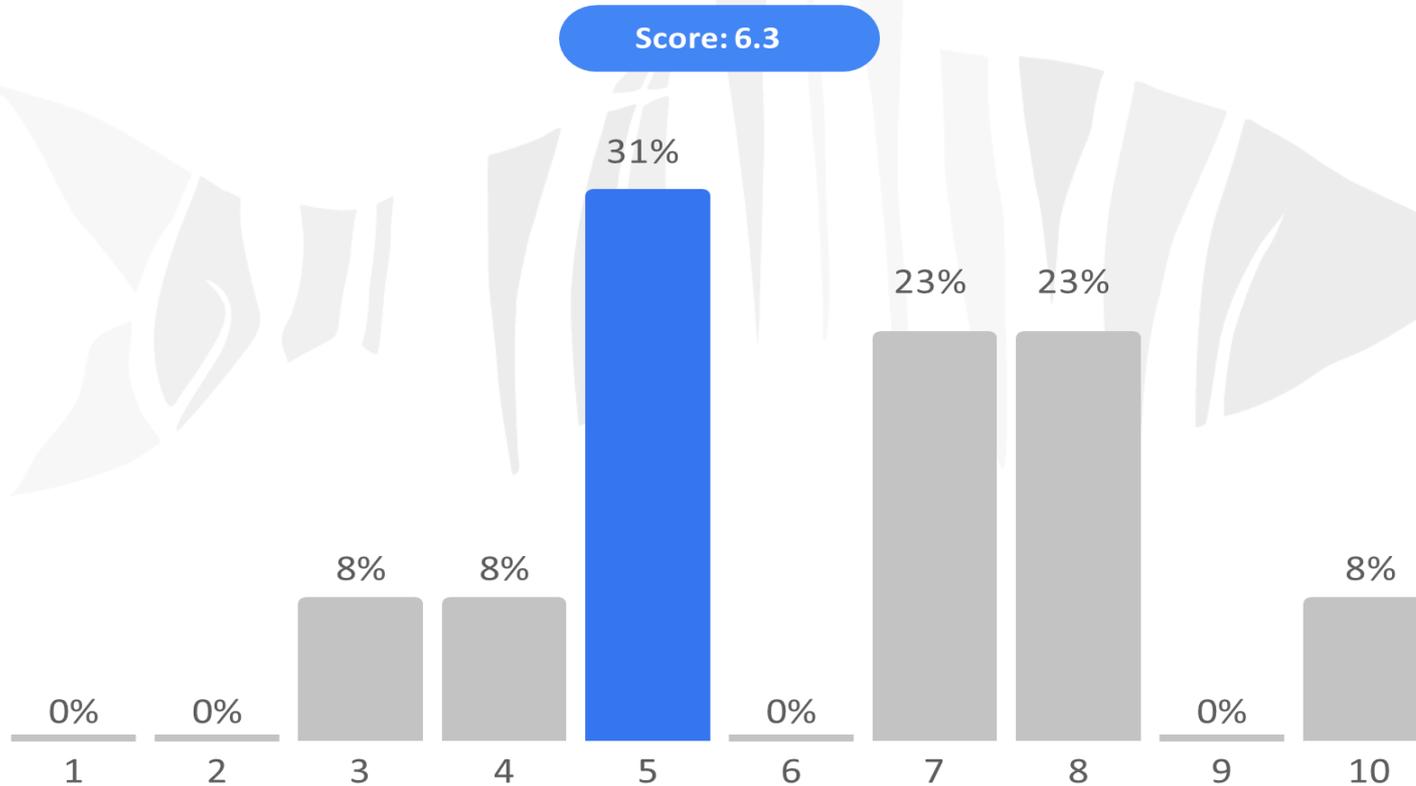
17 %

more than 5 weeks

58 %

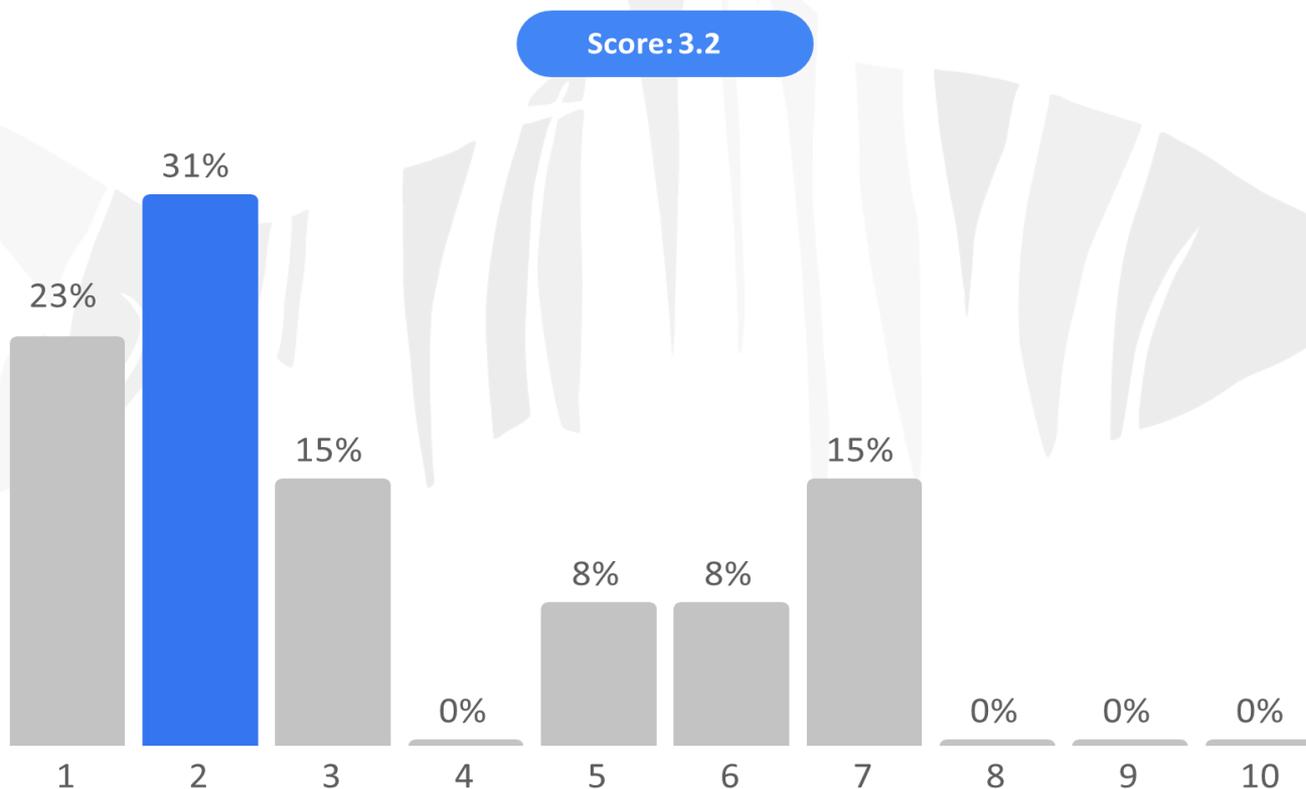
## Survey (8/34)

Please, indicate if there was an **ECONOMIC LOSS (DIRECT OR INDIRECT ECONOMIC LOSS)** amongst members of your organization due to the crisis caused by COVID-19. 1 (=no loss at all) to 10 (=very high economic loss)



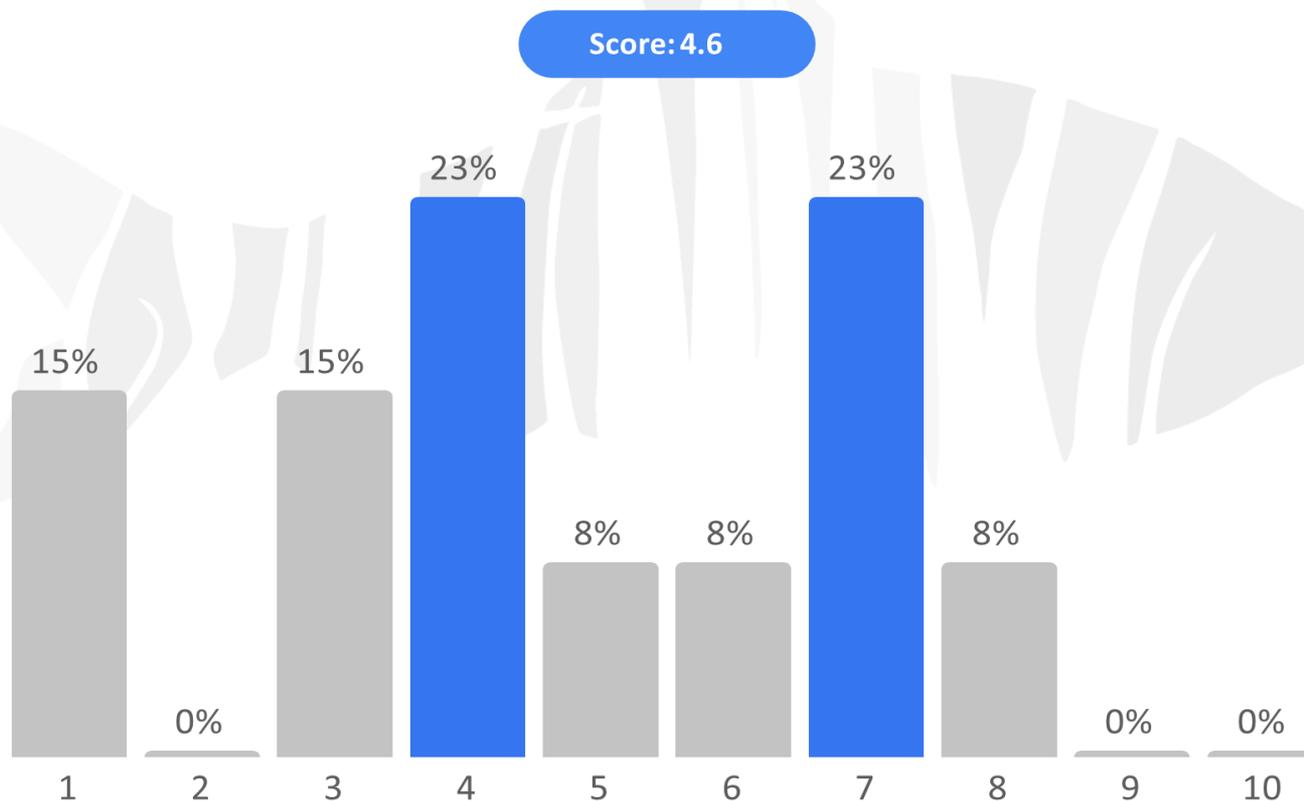
## Survey (9/34)

Please, indicate if any direct LOSS OF JOBS (loss of fishers' jobs) occurred due to the crisis caused by COVID-19. 1 (=no loss at all) to 10 (=very high loss of jobs)



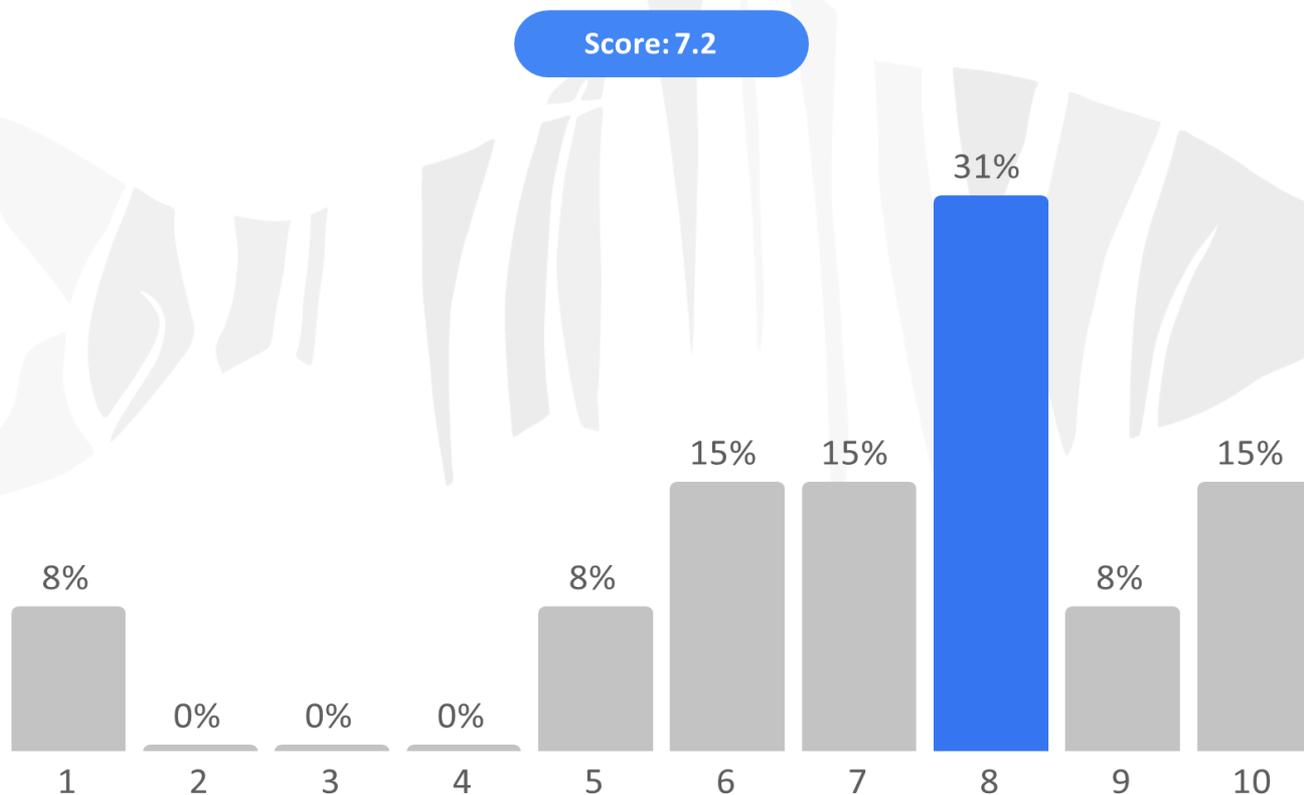
## Survey (10/34)

Please, indicate if any indirect LOSS OF JOBS (family members involved in the activity, such as sales, processing sector or other) occurred due to the crisis caused by COVID-19. 1 (=no loss at all) to 10 (=very high loss of jobs)



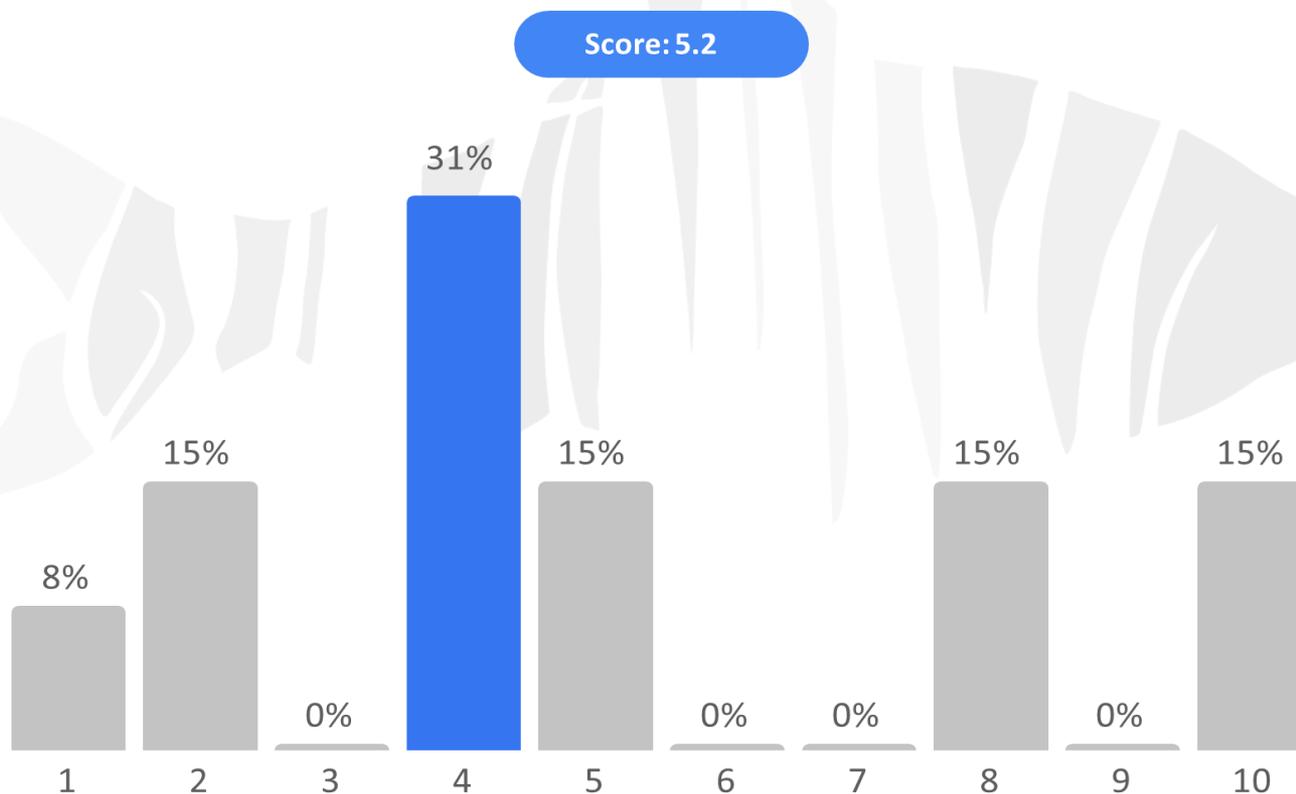
## Survey (11/34)

How important has been the IMPOSSIBILITY/DIFFICULTY SELLING AT AUCTION suffered by the fishing activity due to COVID-19? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



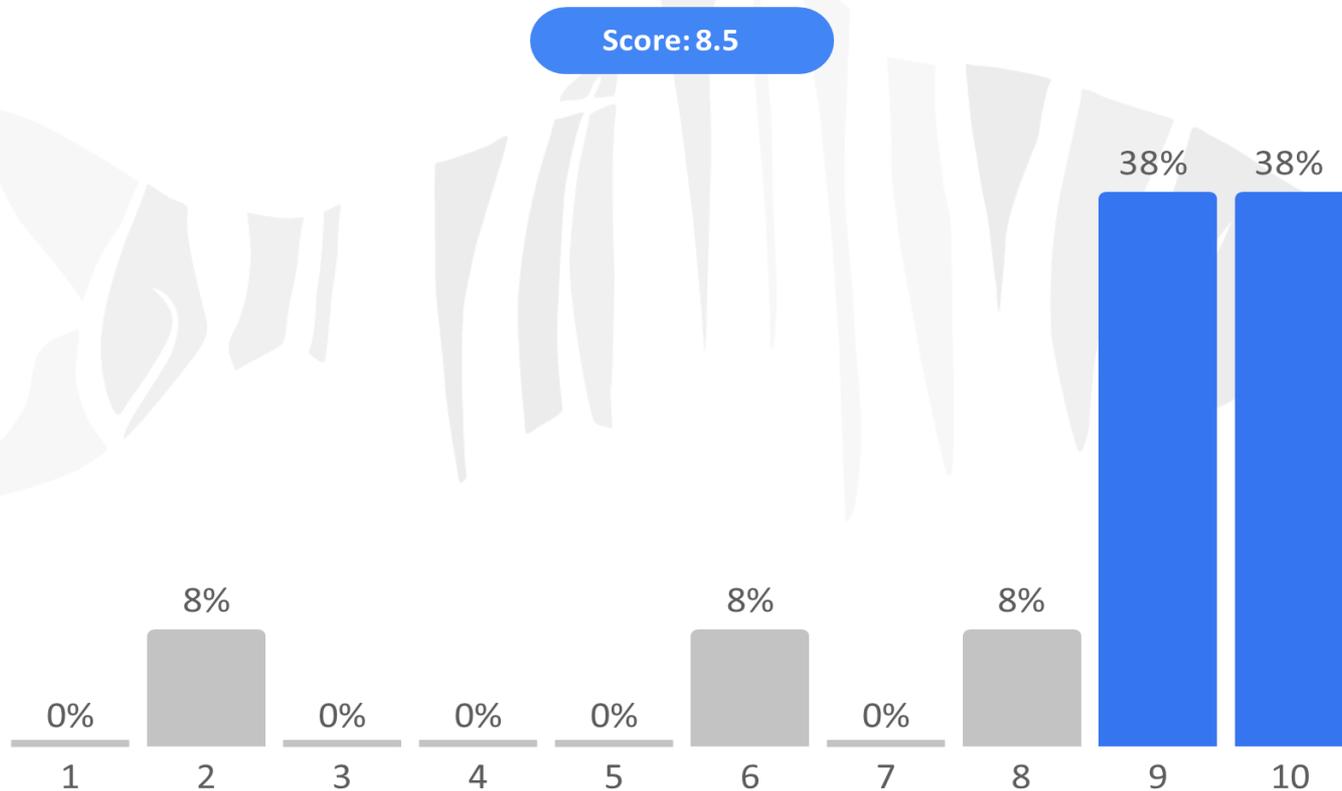
## Survey (12/34)

How important has been the LOGISTICAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSPORTATION suffered by the fishing activity due to COVID-19? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



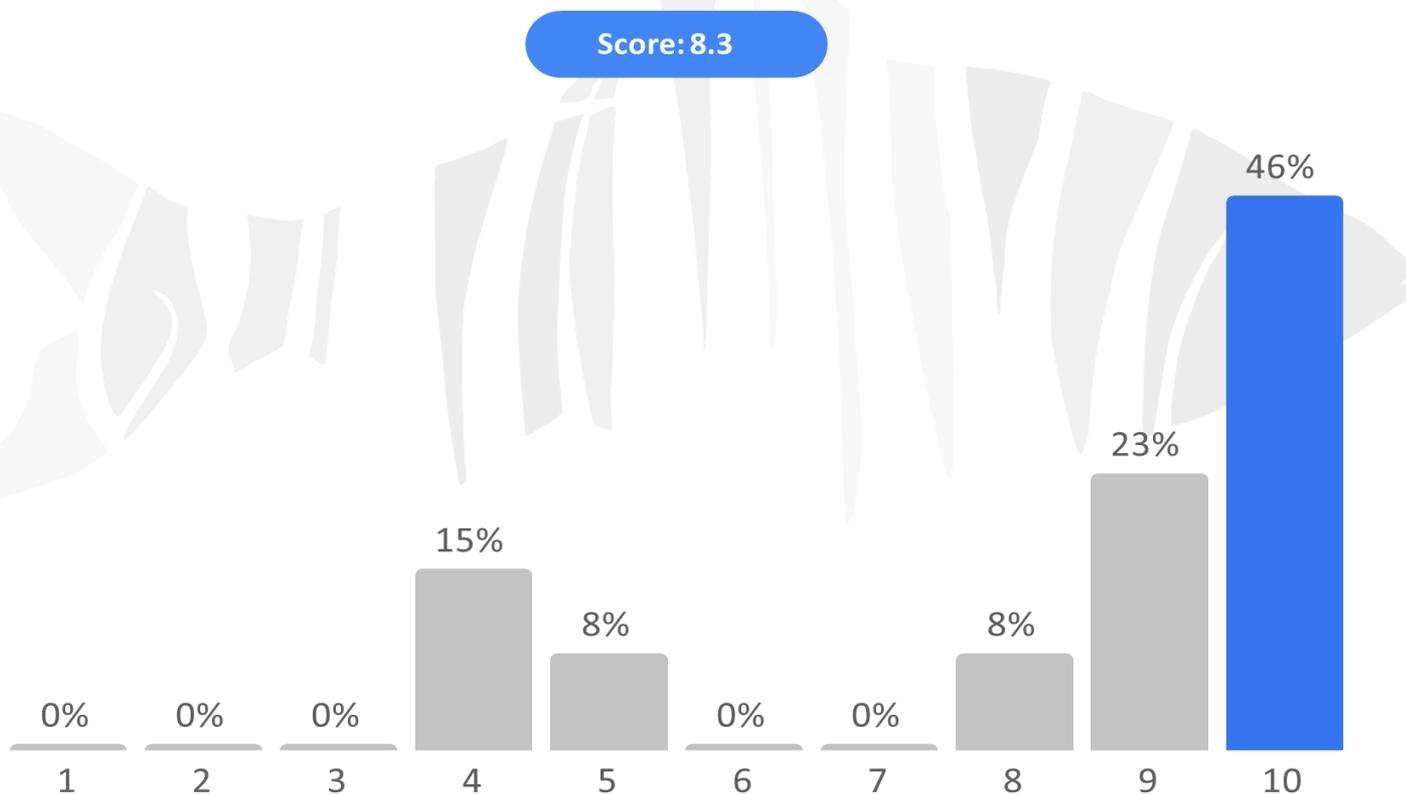
Survey (13/34)

How important has been the **LOSS OF MARKETS DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TOURISTS** suffered by the fishing activity due to COVID-19? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



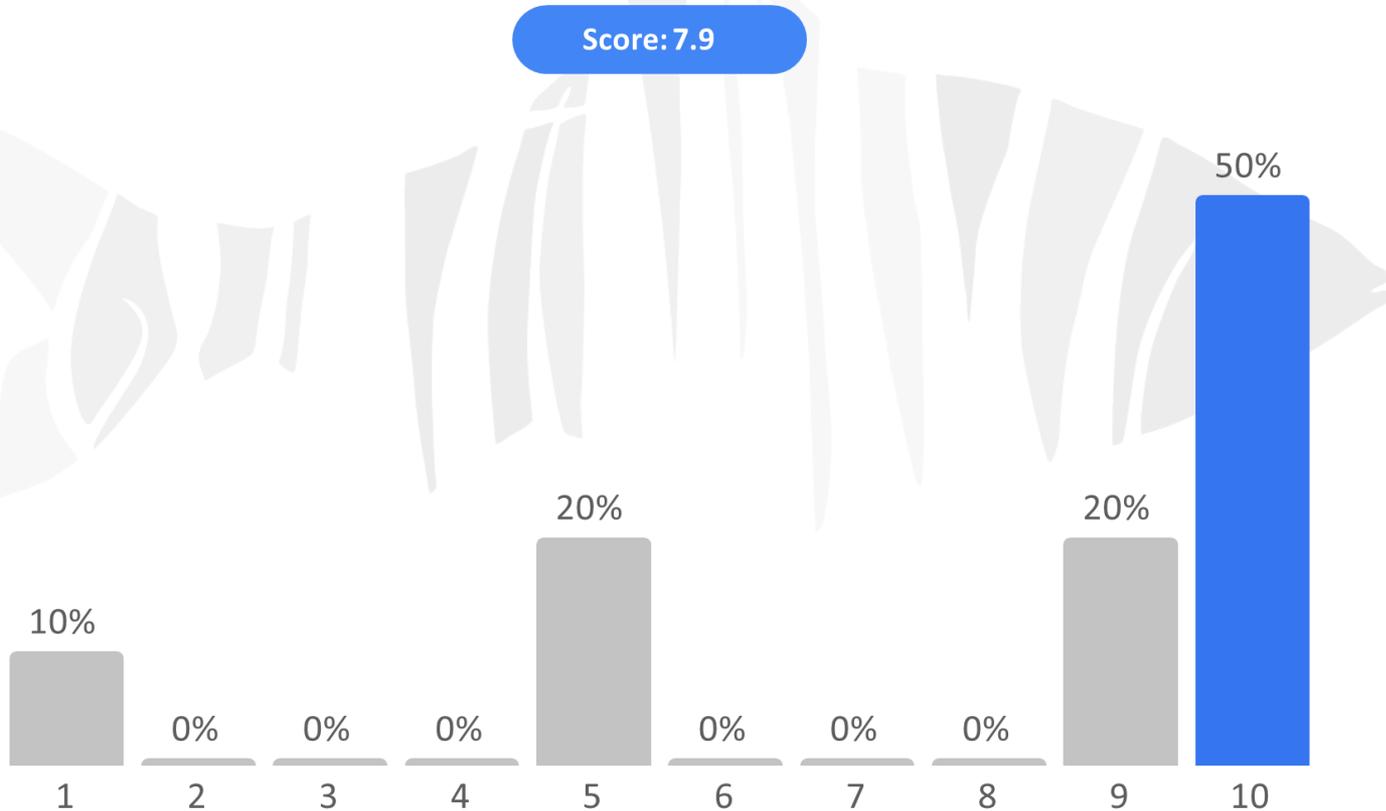
## Survey (14/34)

How important has been the **LOSS OF USUAL CUSTOMERS (SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS, ETC.)** suffered by the fishing activity due to COVID-19? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



Survey (15/34)

How important would be the financiament to the small organizations, which are not recognised as producers organizations, in the market sector?



Survey (16/34)

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## Did your organization FIND/IS FINDING NEW MARKETS to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?

YES



NOT

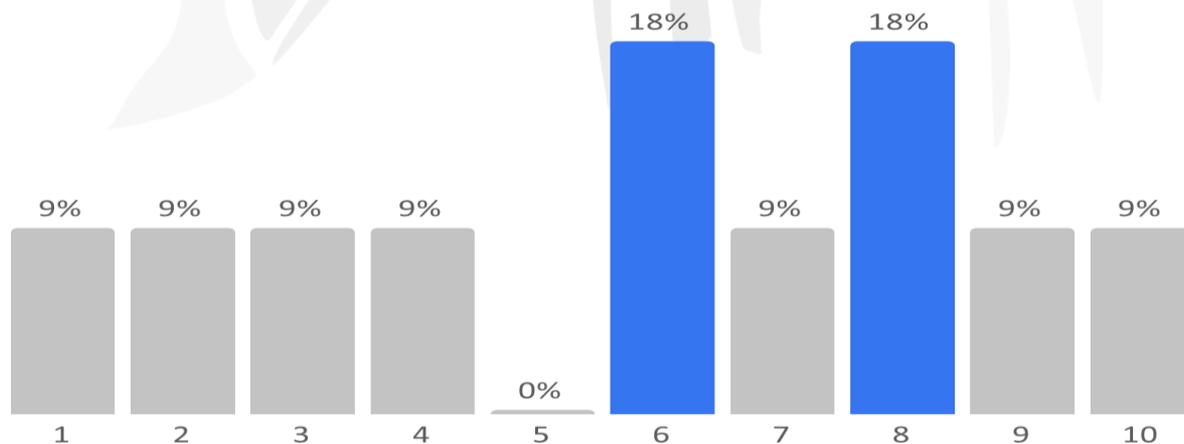


Survey (17/34)

## How important is the FINDING OF NEW MARKETS to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?

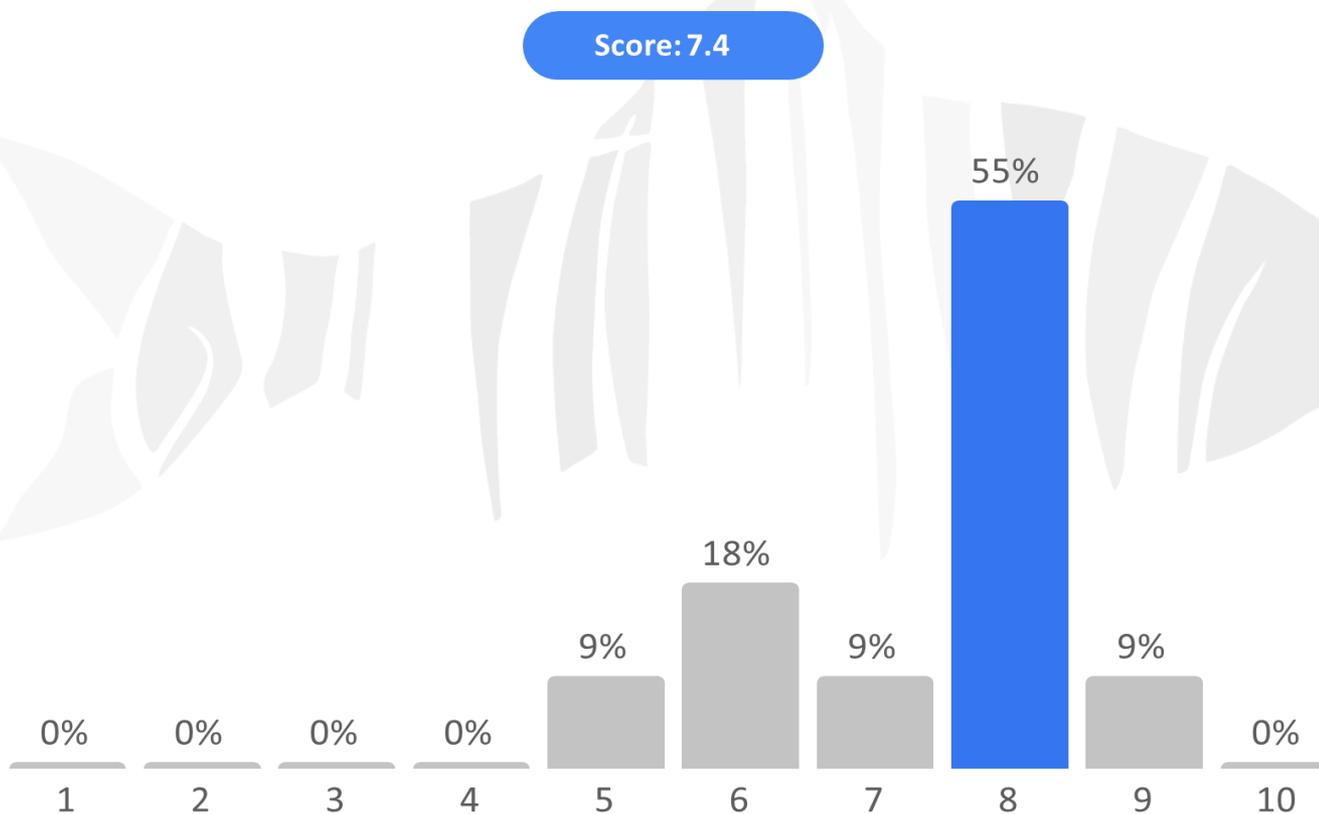
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Score: 5.8



Survey (18/34)

How important is it to find alternative sales channels, which guarantee the correct distribution of the products, in case of failure of intermediaries system?



## Survey (19/34)

### What are the main issues related to the direct sales of local seafood?

In descending order of importance considering the number of votes

- ✓ **Price and lack of consumers due to local limitation of the citizen's possibility to circulate, no tourists**
- ✓ **Restaurant closures**
- ✓ **Limitations in the operations of the open markets**
- ✓ Dramatic decrease of the citizen's purchasing power due to the extended duration of the pandemic
- ✓ Difficulties at the market and public auction
- ✓ Serious gap in law in order to permit fully application of direct sales
- ✓ Citizens scared of the virus

## Did your organization implement/Is implementing the STOCKING (E.G., FREEZING, SMOKING) to face the crisis caused by COVID- 19?

YES

0 %

NOT

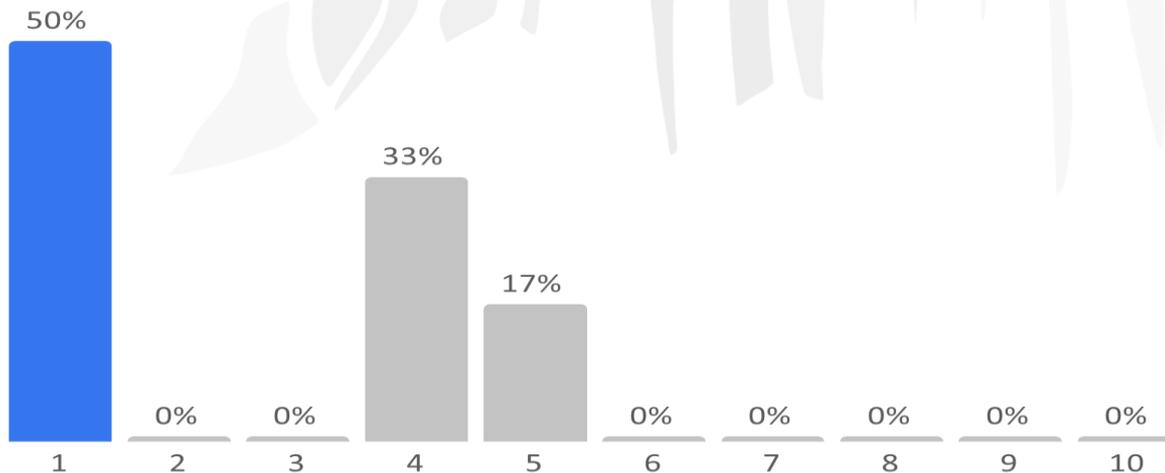
100 %

Survey (21/34)

## How relevant is the STOCKING (E.G., FREEZING, SMOKING) to face the crisis caused by COVID- 19?

Score: 2.7

0 1 2



**Did your organization implement/Is implementing the REQUEST OF PUBLIC EU FINANCIAL AID to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?**

YES



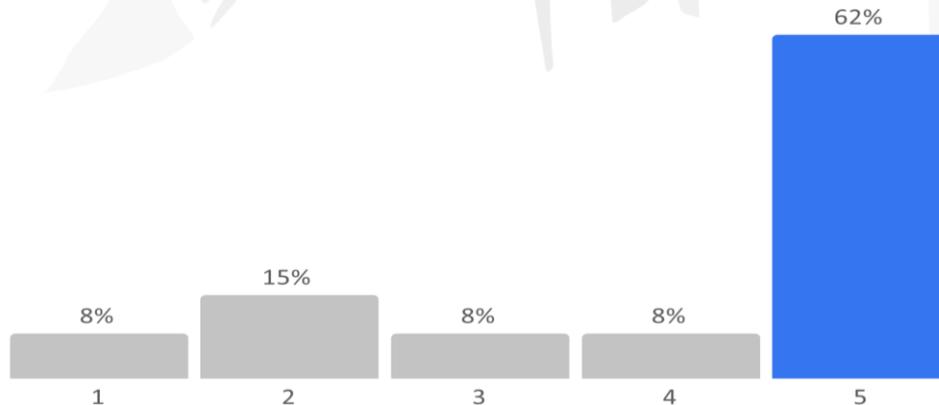
NOT



Survey (23/34)

**How important is the REQUEST OF PUBLIC EU FINANCIAL AID to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?**

Score: 4.0



## Did your organization implement/Is implementing the REQUEST OF PUBLIC NATIONAL FINANCIAL AID to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?

YES



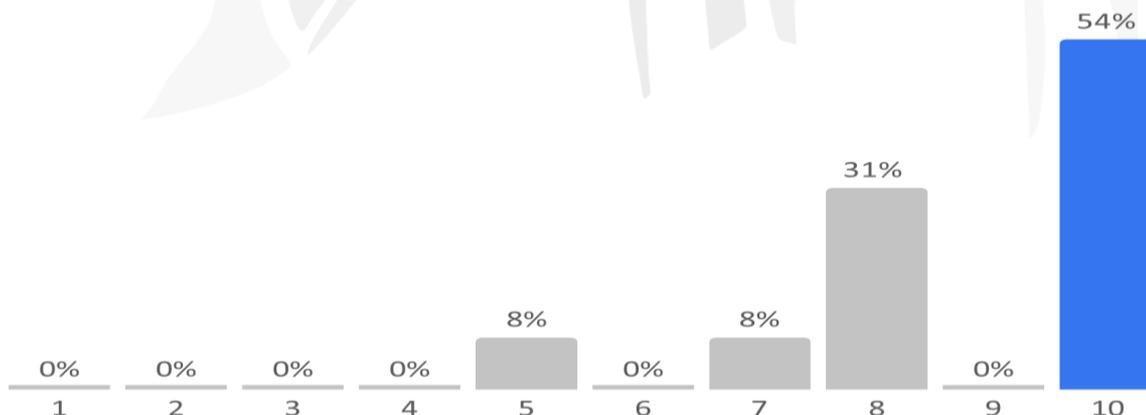
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### Survey (25/34)

## How important is the Request of REQUEST OF PUBLIC NATIONAL FINANCIAL AID to face the crisis caused by COVID-19?

Score: 8.8



## Survey (26/34)

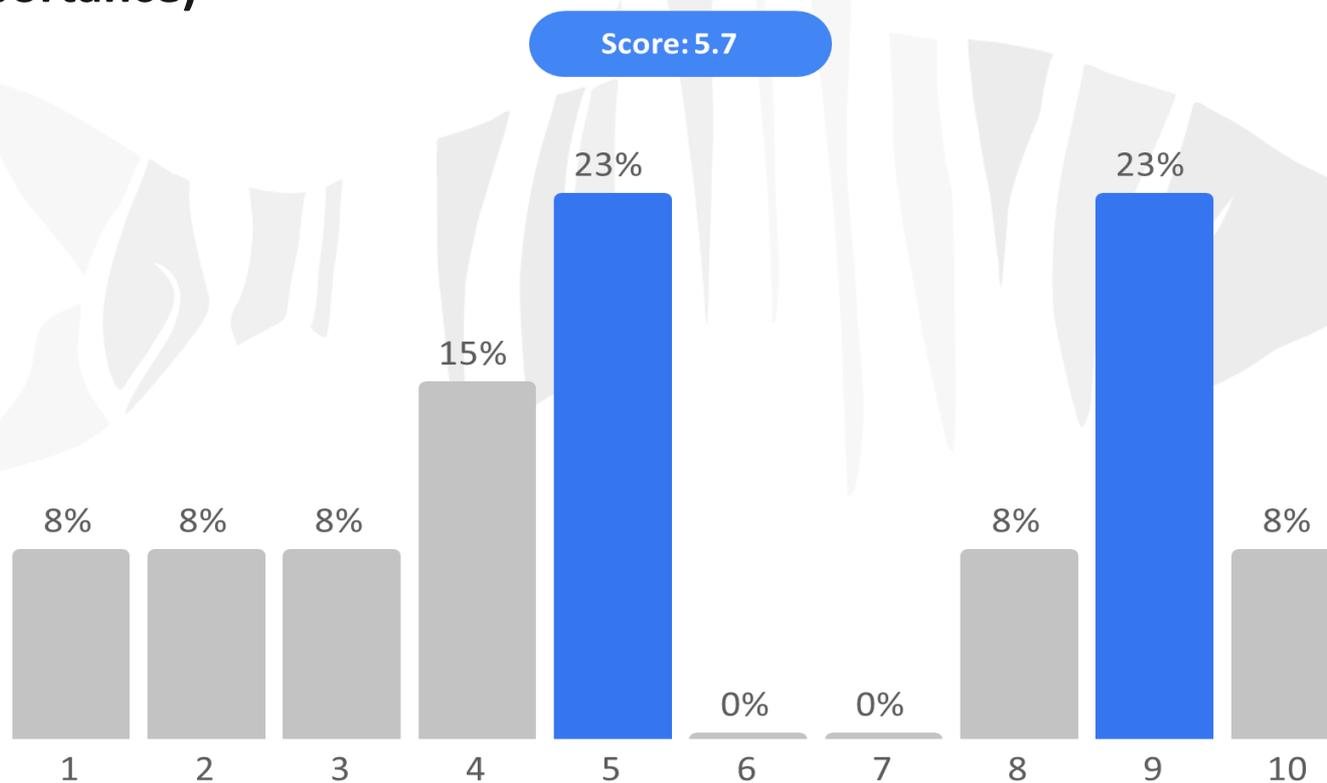
### **Which economic supports have been developed by Member States in order to tackle the Covid-crisis in the fishery sector?**

In descending order of importance considering the number of votes

- ✓ **Financial aid from EMFF: compensation payment for temporary cessation and a soft loan (Recoverable Advance Payment)**
- ✓ **Monthly economic aid to enterprises and fishers**
- ✓ Aid plans for temporary cessations
- ✓ De minimis support for associations For employees in case of no fishing part of the income
- ✓ Payments for regulation of fishing, i.e. hunting season in the period of covid 19 from EU and governments.

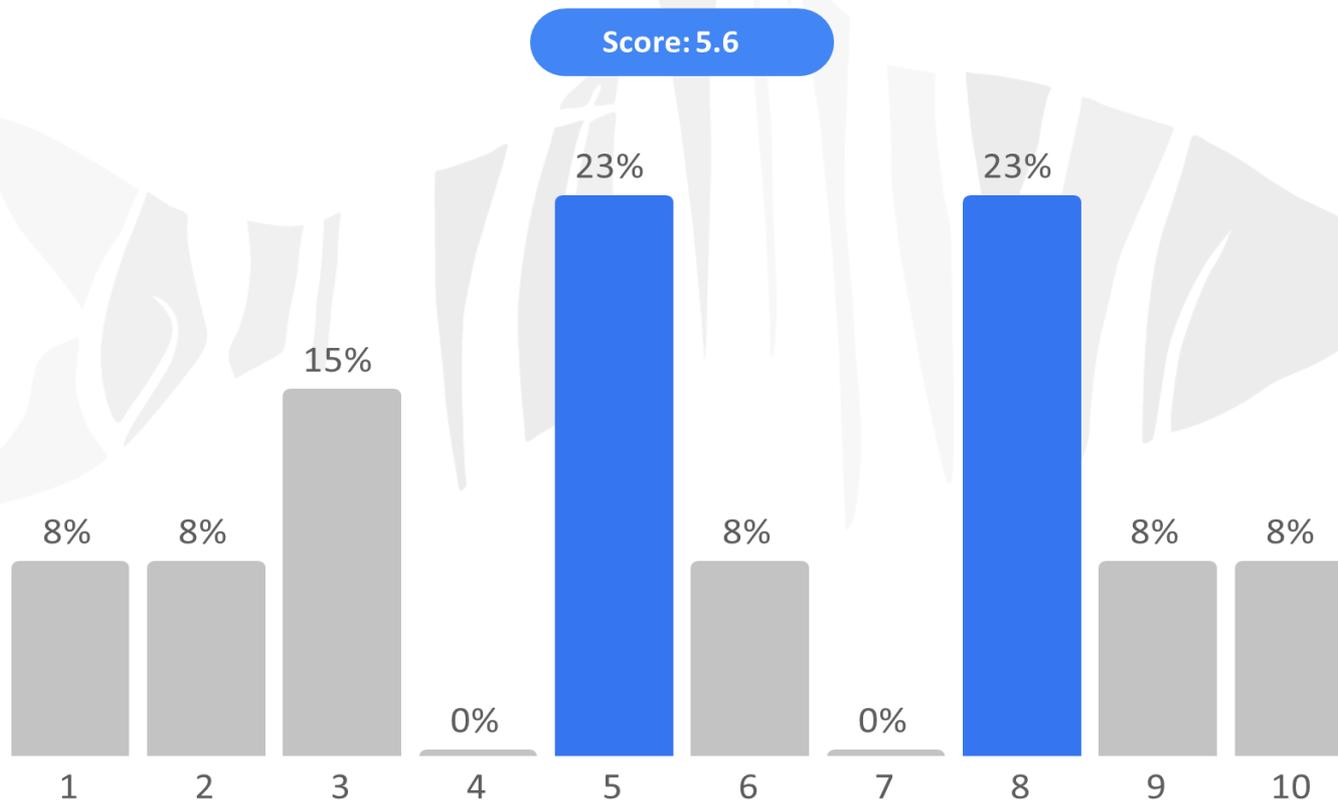
## Survey (27/34)

How important is the impact due to the FISHERS SCARED ABOUT THE VIRUS on the health and well-being of fishers? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



Survey (28/34)

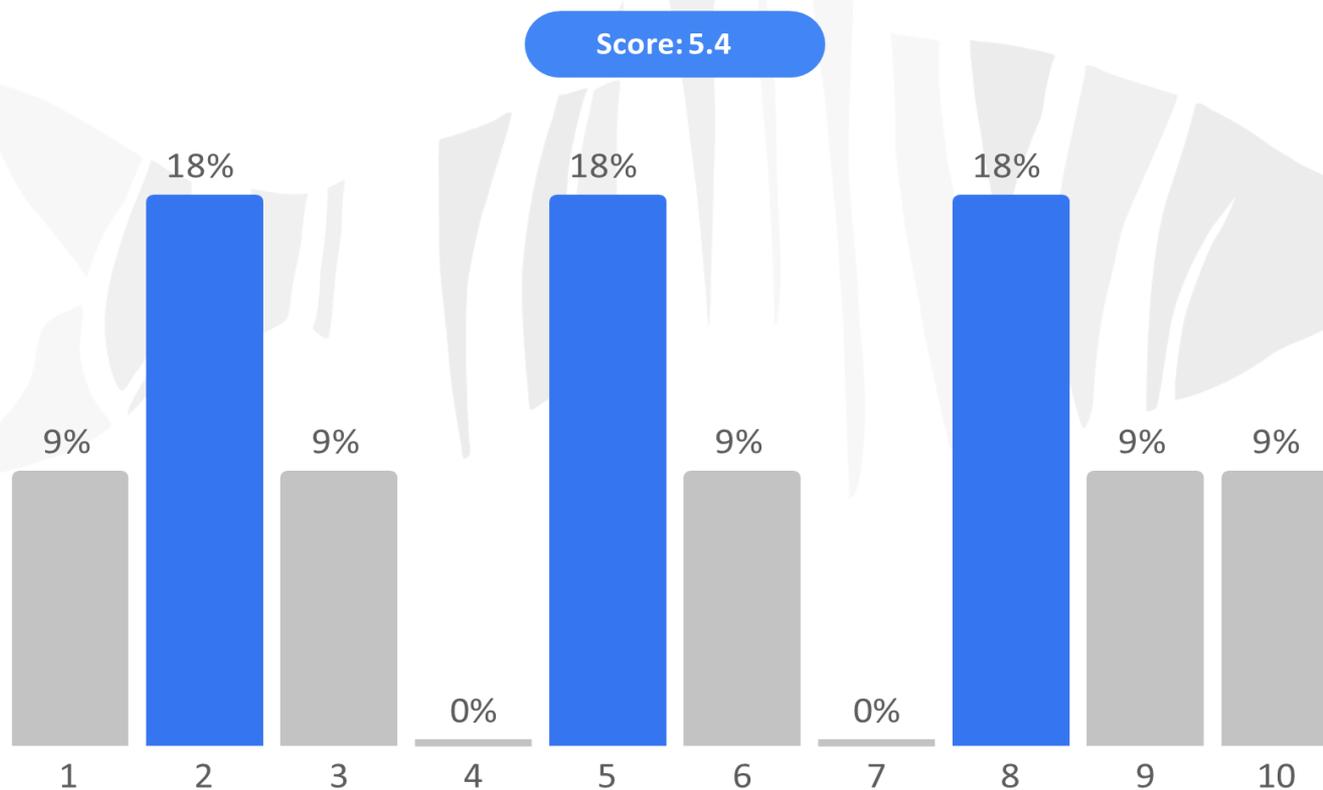
How important is the impact due to FISHERS WORKING AT SEA MORE VULNERABLE TO GETTING THE VIRUS on the health and well-being of fishers? 1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)



Survey (29/34)

**How important is the impact due to the LACK/SHORTAGE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (GLOVES, MASKS, HAND SANITIZER) on the health and well-being of fishers?**

**1 (=no importance at all) to 10 (=very high importance)**



Survey (30/34)

## When the overall impact of Covid-19 on the fishery sector will be quantifiable?

It is already quantifiable



After the tourist season 0

0 %

In 2021



In the next years



## Survey (31/34)

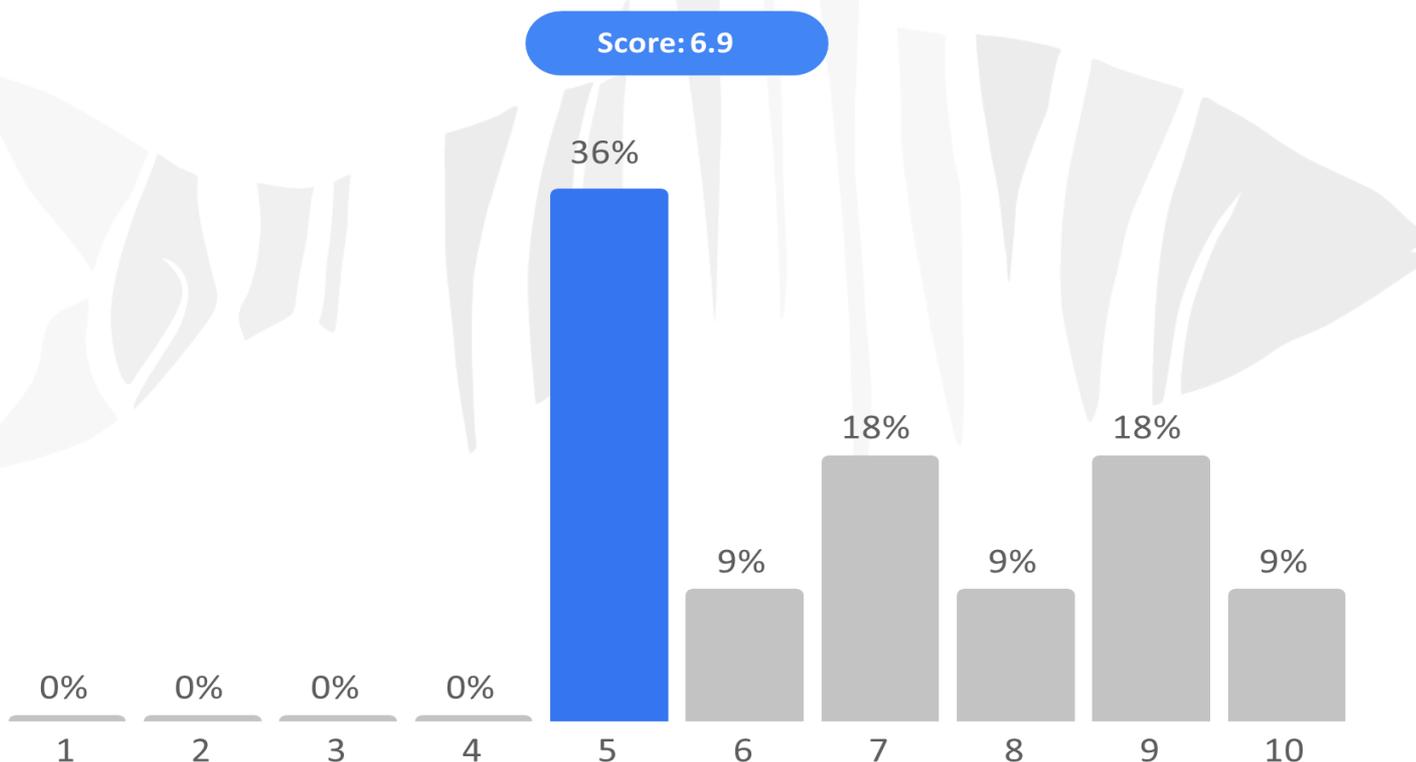
### **What strategies the Commission should support to overcome the Covid-19 crisis in the fishery sector?**

In descending order of importance considering the number of votes

- ✓ Encouraging the sale of local products and allowing SSF to sell fish without major restrictions e.g. cold chain etc in times of crisis.
- ✓ Economical support and compensation for loss of turnover.
- ✓ The implementation of the measure of temporary cessation of the operation of fishing vessels due to the pandemic, should be continued in 2021.
- ✓ 2 years suspension of CFP.
- ✓ From already existing and future EMFF there should be a possibility for each Member State to help fishery sector through direct payments, with existing funds from the measures that are not used.
- ✓ Economic support to the small enterprises.
- ✓ Fishing activities to be allowed in the period after the Covid-19 closures.

## Survey (32/34)

**How important is a structural intervention that allows the development of fishing enterprises, so that they go up the supply chain, in order to be autonomous also in activities on land and then to respond adequately to crises (such as covid-19)?**



## Survey (33/34)

### **What fisheries-related activities have been developed to tackle the covid-19 crisis and should they be reinforced?**

In descending order of importance considering the number of votes

- ✓ **Only financial support can help the sector and the employment: compensation for turnover losses, credit access tools and social economic support.**
- ✓ Direct sales by fishers (door to door).
- ✓ No fisheries related activities have been developed
- ✓ We have created an interactive map that presents the points of sale. The social networks were very useful during this period to inform where the families can supply.
- ✓ Reinforcing regulation of fishing hunting season in the following period for the sake of covid 19.

## Survey (34/34)

### **Please, write your comments and observations**

In descending order of importance considering the number of votes

**The operational program of EMFF should be supported in 2021 as well as the measure of the indemnities for the temporary cessation of the fishing activities due to the coronavirus pandemic.**

The real impact of this crisis will be felt during, at least, the next few years in the fishery economy. We don't know today when it will finish. The future is unknown but will be, surely, difficult. This crisis must be an example to more prevent economical shock, like this Virus Covid 19 isn't over yet. Lots of countries are in lock down and it is very difficult to find the way for selling fish also ours fishers are afraid of getting virus. In local markets there is not buyers, people are lock in the houses, restaurants are not working, everithing has stopped. Were hard time being for fishing industries.



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