

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY





**Implementation of landing
obligation:
Follow-up of Dubrovnik Seminar**

Administrative Board meeting

Vigo, 13 March 2014



EFCA recommendations: Overarching objectives



- 1) To ensure compliance with the requirements for accurate recording of discards.
- 2) To assist MS in the development of practical control and monitoring tools for the enforcement of the landing obligation.
- 3) To support the development of specific discard plans with recommendations to facilitate the controllability of the landing obligation.



Dubrovnik Seminar: Conclusions



- EFCA will initiate coordinating the implementation of discard recording obligations in the framework of JDPs. The outcome of the first technical discussions at the JDP Steering Group level should be presented to EFCA Administrative Board. The Commission underlined that the record of discards was a key issue in the perspective of the subsequent control of “*de minimis*” provision.
- Annex IV – Evaluation of control tools. There was general support to explore further additional tools. The control would be enhanced through a combination of tools, recognising that no one tool alone would be effective.
- A general consensus emerged on a more proactive approach towards the industry involvement, including voluntary compliance approaches



Implementation of landing obligation



EFCA has worked in:

Immediate measures

- ❖ To implement a project to ensure compliance with discards recording through the JDP in three areas: Baltic, Western waters and Mediterranean Sea

Mid-term measures

- ❖ To prepare the future risk analysis methodologies for 2015



First technical discussion



A specific project proposal has been presented and discussed in the different Steering Groups

| SG | Date | Species concerned |
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| Baltic Sea SG | Vigo, 18 February | Herring, Sprat, Cod, salmon |
| Mediterranean SG | Brussels, 26-27 February | Anchovy, Sardine (Adriatic) |
| Western Waters SG | Vigo, 6 March | Mackerel, Horse mackerel, Anchovy, Herring, Blue whiting |



Project proposal JDPs



Project objectives

- To promote and evaluate compliance with the requirements of recording in the fishing logbook all estimated discards above 50 kg of live-weight for any species,
- To identify the gaps in the information and to permit compilation of data to be used to develop the risk management strategy and risk analysis tools in the context of the landing obligation
- To provide inspectors with a tool-box to identify where discards are expected in a determined fishery.



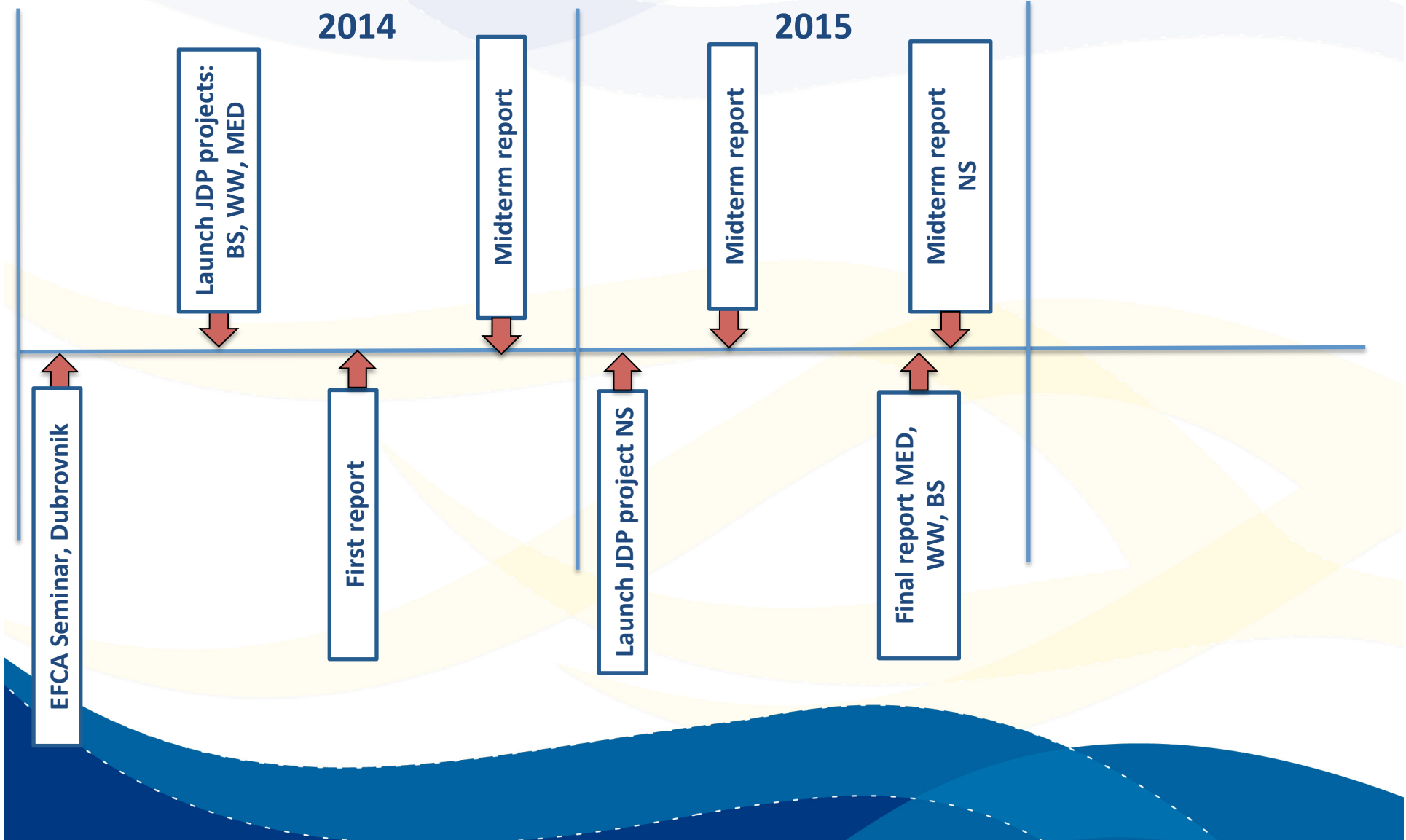
Project proposal JDPs



| TASK | DELIVERABLES |
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| <p>Preparation of a discard frequency matrix, based on estimated and official recorded level of discards</p> <p>Collection and statistical analysis of the “last haul” information (catch composition / estimated discards)</p> | <p>A quarterly record of estimated discard rates and official recorded ones for the different fisheries concerned</p> <p>A matrix with the necessary data at regional level for the implementation of risk management approach.</p> <p>Toolbox for inspectors indicating the expected frequency of discards per area, for a given fishery.</p> |
| <p>Raise awareness of industry regarding the mandatory record of discards in the logbook</p> | <p>A communication / awareness raising strategy</p> |



Roadmap and milestones





Operational planning in JDPs



- A specific objective “recording of discards” shall be added to the JDP campaign(s)
- Decisions regarding the implementation of the project:
 - Strategy to ensure an adequate coverage of all the fisheries
 - Agreement to mechanism to exchange information and follow-up of the project: logbook data.
- The strategy and data needs to identify possible gaps in the discard recording.



Matrix to be completed and used during the project



| Fisheries | Gear | Species | Area (GFCM) | Fishery issues | Discard 2011 | Discard level 2011 and % catches | REPORTED DISCARD RANGE | REPORTED DISCARD AVERAGE | OBSERVED DISCARD RANGE | OBSERVED DISCARD AVERAGE | Impact (scale 1-5) | | | Risk factor (High/Medium/Low) | | Discard causes | Mitigation measures | Possible control tools |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | % catches | Fmsy | Economic factor? | Absolute | High >15% Medium 5-15% Low <5% | | | |
| What definition? | | | | Outline issues to consider size of vessels (fleet segment), seasonal and temporal issues, quota | source: STECF | source: STECF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Small pelagic fisheries for sardine and anchovies, active gears all vessels lengths | Small Pelagic Active | PS, (12 ≤ a.<28) | ANE | GSA 17 | Further targets: PIL,MAC,JAX Reported catches in 2012- 16224 t : by HRV (13600 t), ITA (2500 t), SLO (124). I, Year around fishery .No quotas | DATA available for 2011 - ITA +SLO | Medium | | | | | | | | | The main reasons for the discarding commercial species are because of MLS and market demand. No over-quota discarding occurs. | The MLS of of ANE in GFCM/37/2013/1 (9cm) as well as number per kg (110) in line with Annex III in R. 1967/06. However, market R. 2406/96 allow 84 to 125 fish/kg . | Gear inspections; air surveillance; observers; CCTV, reference fleet, statistical analysis, etc. |
| | | | | | | | 6,9 | | | | | | | | | | As above | As above |
| | Small Pelagic Active | PTM,OTM, (12 ≤ a.<28) | ANE | GSA 17 | Further targets: PIL,MAC,JAX Reported catches in 2012- 17200 t by ITA (17200 t). Closure of fishery in April, Year around fishery .No quotas | DATA available for 2011 - ITA +SLO | Medium | | | | | | | | | As above | As above | As above |
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| | | | | | | | 11,5 | | | | | | | | | As above | As above | As above |
| | Small Pelagic Active | PTM,OTM, (12 ≤ a.<28) | PIL | GSA 17 | Further targets: ANE,MAC,JAX Reported catches in 2012- 6800 t by ITA (6800 t). Closure of fishery in , Year around fishery .No quotas | DATA available for 2011 - ITA +SLO | Medium | | | | | | | | | As above | As above | As above |
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Results of first meetings



| Baltic Sea SG | Mediterranean SG | Western Waters SG |
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| Matrix defining fisheries agreed | | |
| Project accepted | Project presented and accepted in principle | Project sent to SG for revision |
| JDP amendment to be circulated | JDP amendment to be circulated | JDP amendment to be prepared |
| Technical work needed: definition of methodology to collect data by inspectors | | |
| | | Technical Group foreseen to analyse the use of additional information: CCTV, aerial surveillance |



What is next?



| Baltic Sea SG | Mediterranean SG | Western Waters SG |
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| Adoption of JDP amendment | | |
| Preparation of draft communication awareness for discussion at SG level | | |
| Consolidate knowledge of the discard estimation by fisheries | | |
| Discussion on methodology to collect data by inspectors | | |
| | | Analysis of the use of additional information: CCTV, aerial surveillance |



Voluntary compliance

Dubrovnik conclusions:

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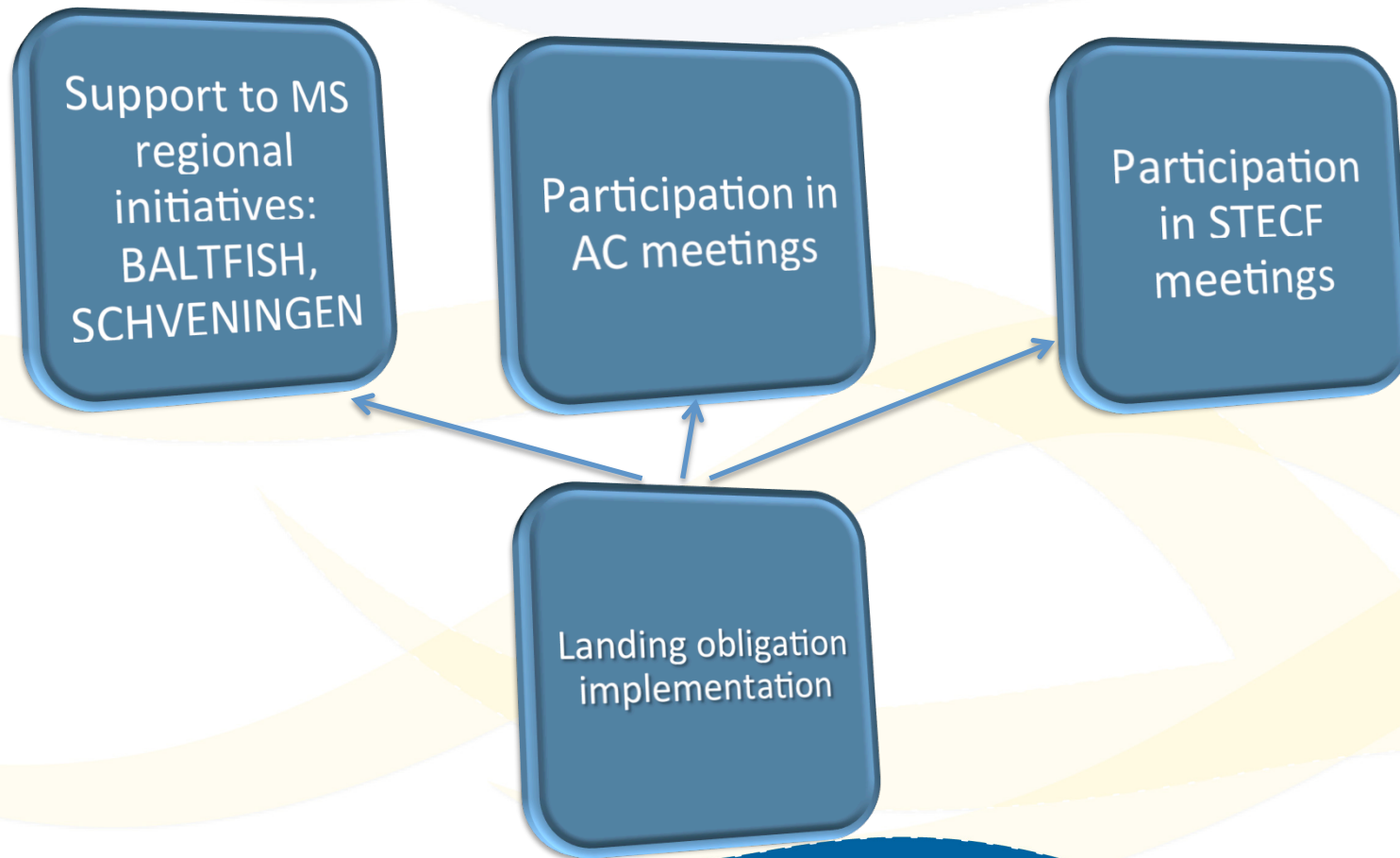
“Voluntary compliance approaches will also be explored”

Some initial ideas:

- Incentives linked to specific commitments of the industry on selectivity, control tools, risk management...can be an important tool to improve compliance
- New CFP, including TCM, is based in management by results.
- AB is placed to decide if we want to explore this approach.



Other areas of EFCA activity





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