



JOINT WORKSHOP ON SEABASS MANAGEMENT

Key Stakeholders – French Professionals Fishermen perspective





French seabass fisheries

- 🍷 France : first contributor in EU/ 2000 vessels / 5000 fishermen
- 🍷 **Midwater trawlers** : few vessels. Economic dependance.
- 🍷 **Bottom trawlers** : many vessels, various features, large work areas. Seabass is usually not target except few vessels.
- 🍷 **Lines** : many small vessels, economic dependance. Work in the coastal area.
- 🍷 **Nets** : many vessels, various features, various mesh,... Mainly present in the Bay of Biscay.
- 🍷 **Danish seine** : recent activity (since 2009), some vessels.
- 🍷 **Purse seine** : Few vessels and fishing areas are very limited.
- 🍷 *Variability of vessels, gear characteristics : fisheries management isn't simple but evolves each year.*





French seabass management

- 🐟 French fisheries targeting seabass is managed **since 2012** by a CNPMEM reglementation (IVb,c; VIIa,d-h; VIIIa,b)
- 🐟 French fishermen are met in a **CNPMEM special committee** for managing seabass
- 🐟 This resolution establishes a licensing system and management measures by gear group :
 - 🐟 A contingent of vessels is determinated by gear group : midwater trawls, bottom trawls, lines, nets.
 - 🐟 Technical measures and restrictions : catch limits, mesh size, maximum hooks per vessel, voluntary stop fishing.





Management measures in the short and long time scale

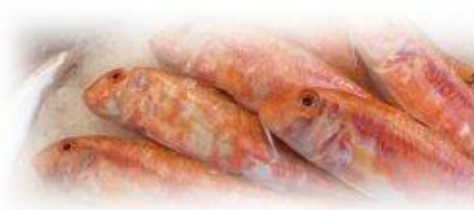
- ❧ In 2013/2014, fishermen have met to establish a common position for news proposals for the management of seabass stocks.
- ❧ Progressive approach / not drastically reduce landings
- ❧ **French professionals fishermen offer :**
 - ❧ Establishment of a management plan with a regionalized system of authorizations,
 - ❧ Stabilization of the fishing capacity by freezing the number of authorizations issued,
 - ❧ Management areas : North Sea, English Channel, Celtic Sea, Bay of Biscay, Iberian waters,
 - ❧ Technical measures for each gear group that targets the seabass to control (reduce) fishing effort,
 - ❧ Introduction of selectivity measures to limit discards, accessories seabass catches, and catches of juvenil.



Important points

- ❖ It is important to note that there is no bio-economic data and knowledge to accurately assess the potential impacts of the management measures envisaged, nor on reports of effort, nor on the economic health of various vessels/fleets/fisheries, and it is unrealistic to expect to dispose of in the near future.
- ❖ The balance of seabass stocks depends not only on the fishing pressure on this one but also the environmental conditions that determine the success of reproduction.
- ❖ « Quality considerations » of the seabass ICES notice (« North area »).
- ❖ Recreational fishing measures

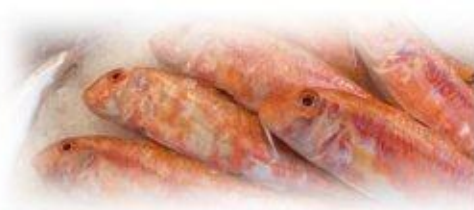




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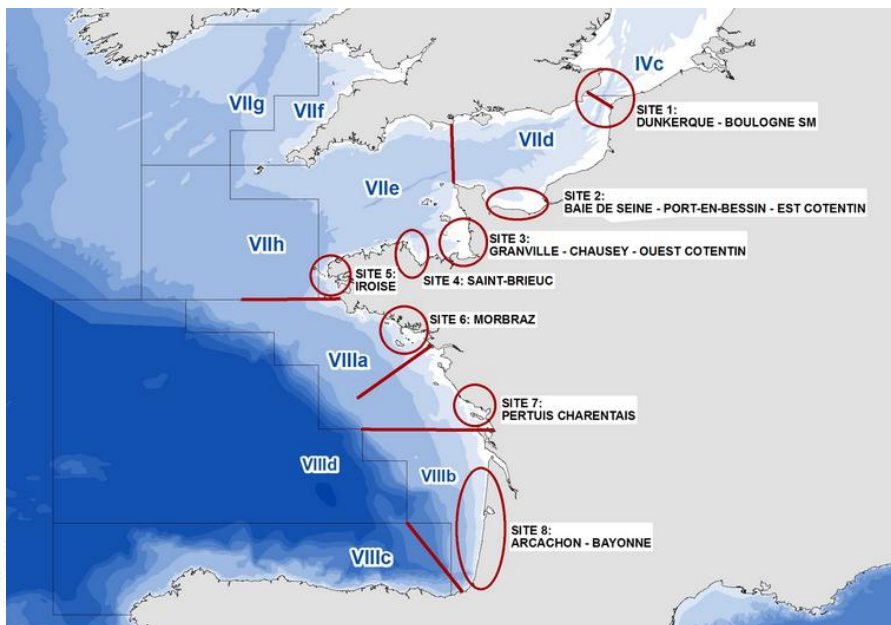
- 🐟 Must be managed fishing capacity by combining various management tools, scale adapted (STECF approach).
- 🐟 There are no miracle solution as some may think.
- 🐟 Management need :
 - 🐟 A specific calendar,
 - 🐟 Commun aims,
 - 🐟 Specific methods for each MS, which doesn't have these same characteristics in their fleets and fisheries





Scientific improvements

- 🐟 The **BARGIP** project : acquisition of scientific data and knowledge to produce advices on integrated management of European sea bass in North-East Atlantic.
- 🐟 http://wwz.ifremer.fr/bar_eng
- 🐟 Action "Adult marking"



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