

The role of the SWWRAC

Established by a European Council decision, it is one of the pillars of the Common Fisheries policy reform.

Mission

- To encourage the involvement from the fishing sector and other stakeholders (consumers' and environmental NGO's, women, recreational fishing)
- To reach the objectives of sustainable fishing

Functioning

- To organize the dialogue and to seek for consensus
- To gather all the stakeholders interested on the same territory (Bay of Biscay, Iberic littoral, ultraperiferic regions), on the same marine resources (pelagic species, tunas, deep sea species) or on a transversal theme (small-scale fisheries).

Objectives

- To advise the European Commission and the Member States
- To be force of proposal
- To make easier the interregional dialogue and to solve the conflicts of interests between the stakeholders

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PRIORITY 2 / OBJECTIF 2

To protect, secure and valorize durably the maritime and costal environment

A regional approach to share knowledge, to obtain a common language and to redraw a common future for the South Atlantic fisheries.

Duration: 2010 - 2012
 Budget: 2 500 000 €
 FEDER asked: 1 250 000 €

A mixed and balanced partnership

- Professionals from fisheries and NGO, SWW RAC members, on the initiative of the project
- Scientific institutes: Ifremer, IPIMAR, IEO, AZTI, DOP
- Regional's Administrations
- NWW RAC, covering the north part of the Atlantic arc

3 countries:
Spain, France, Portugal

1 working zone:
SWW RAC competence zone



An Atlas of fisheries *to share the knowledge*

Professionals, NGO and scientists will work with a common organization of the data to build an interactive and evolutionary cartography, available via the web.

- Halieutic Information system spatialized: technological development ensured by the scientific institutes on the basis of fisheries data collected by the Member States
- Collection of knowledge and practices near the professionals [texts, photographs, videos] at the level of some territories, accessible via web site for a collective appropriation

Management Unites *to be doted of a common language*

They will be defined by the partners, will be "cartographed" and integrated into the atlas.

- International workshops
- Harbor meetings

Long term management plans *to draw a common future*

For each management unit, a steering committee made up of scientists, professionals, NGO and representatives of the administrations will write a management proposal fixing objectives at 5 - 10 years.

- Multi-field scientific team [biology, economy] for the creation of indicators or instrument panels
- Contribution of the professionals to put forward rules and measures of management [calendar of activity, gear authorized, plan of exploitation of the resources available,...]

objectives

To develop a common comprehension of the fisheries management on the SWW RAC zone in order to contribute to establish long term management plans for some pilots fisheries for their adoption on regulation by the European Union. To be a proposal and changing force during the Common fisheries policy reform.

why

The SWW RAC could initiate, through a work on two particular stocks [anchovy and southern hake], a dynamics of concerted work between the decision makers [European Commission and national administrations of the Member States], the scientists, and its members [fisheries sector and stakeholders].

Sure that this dynamics will allow going towards a sustainable fishery, the SWW RAC wishes to continue and consolidate this work thanks to the participation of the research institutes and the national administrations.

