

SC06 – CFP Regionalisation

EASME/EMFF/2018/011 Lot 1: Inception
Report for Specific Contract No. 06

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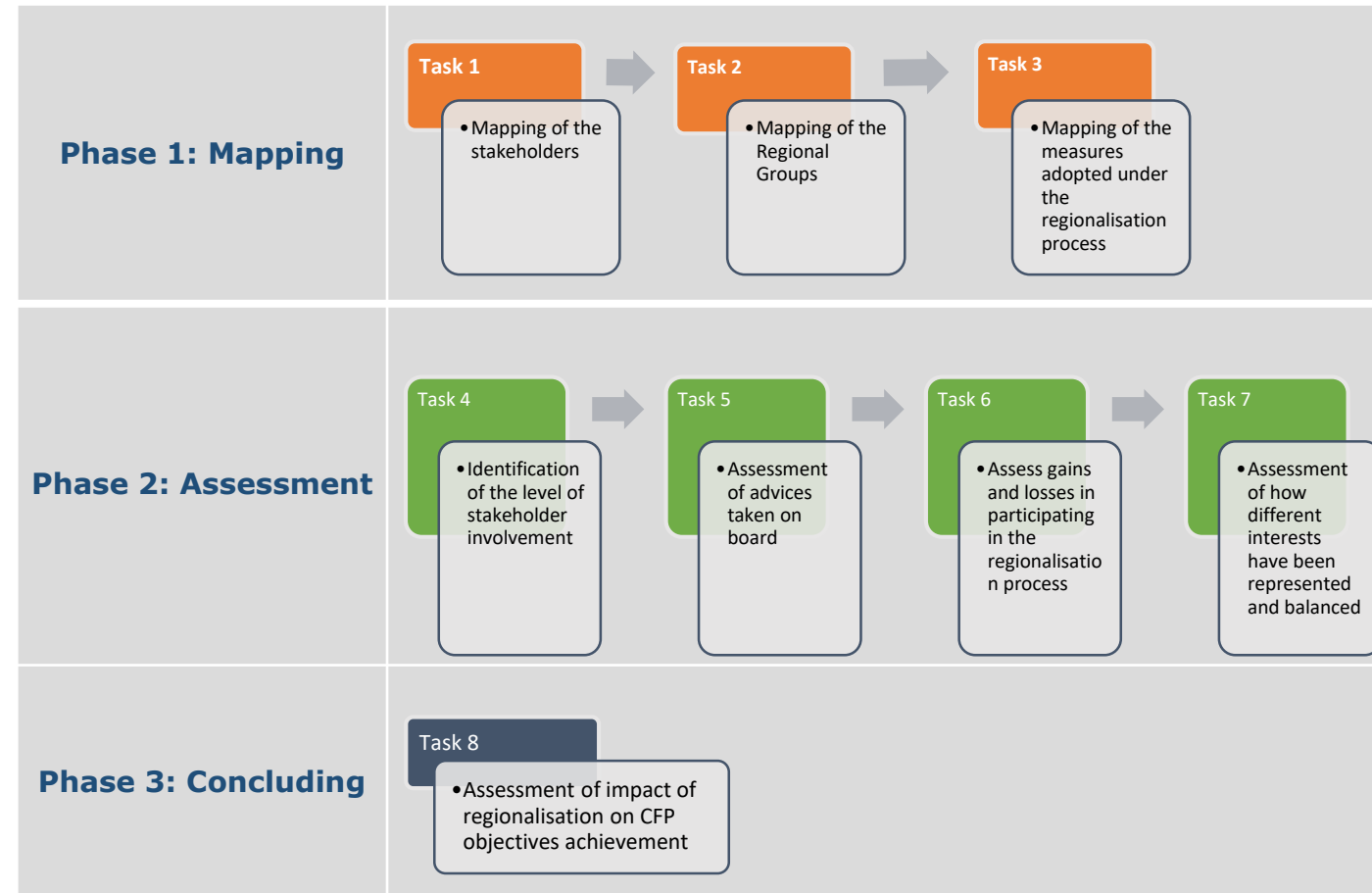
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Objectives

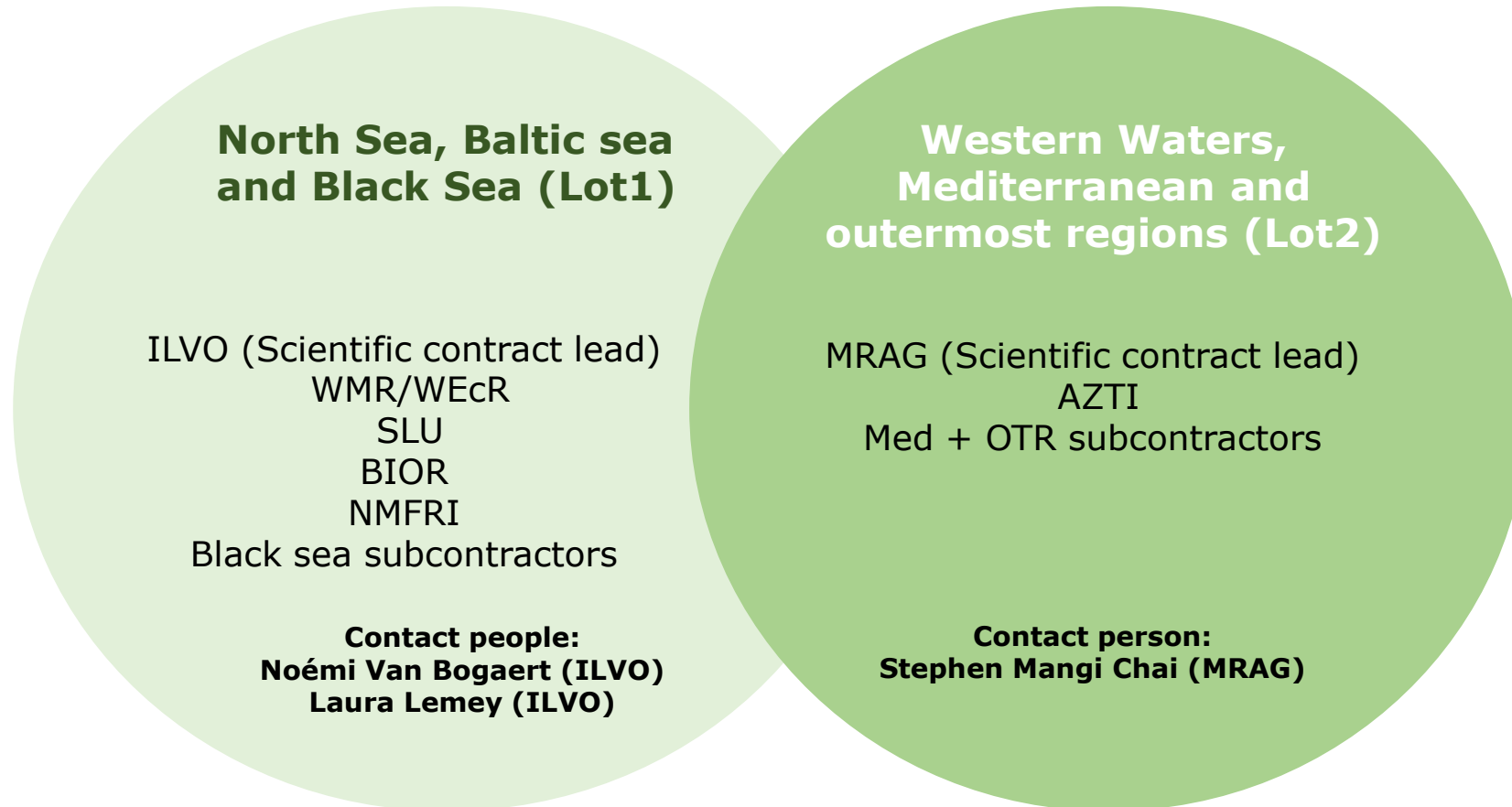
“The overall objective of this contract is to provide a **comprehensive overview of the functioning of the regionalisation process** under the CFP”

- Different types of regional groups (AC, MSG, RCG, RFMOs)
- Different types of management measures: multi-annual plans (MAPs), discard plans, conservation and technical measures
- Different methods
 - Desk research
 - Oral interviews
 - Survey
 - Focus groups



Practical

- 12 month contract (20/1/2021-20/1/2022)
- Geographical areas covered:

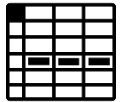


Task 1: Mapping of the stakeholder (groups)

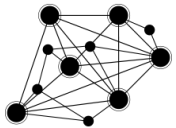
Focus: Map stakeholder (groups) involved in the regionalisation processes of the CFP and their interlinkages.

Key questions

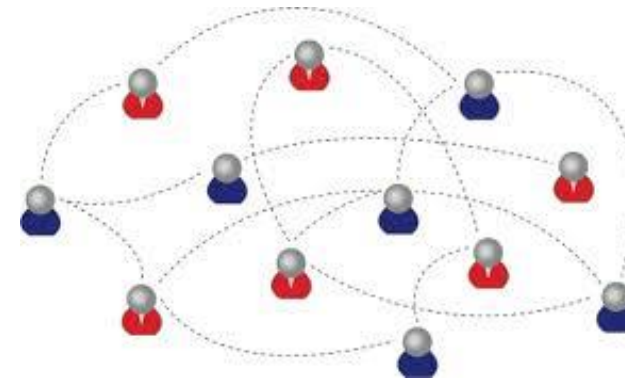
- Which stakeholders are involved in the different types of regional groups before and after the CFP reform?
- How are these stakeholders connected/linked to one another?



Subtask 1.1 Identification of the stakeholder (groups)

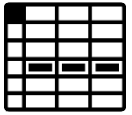


Subtask 1.2 Interlinkages among the stakeholders



Task 2: Mapping of the regional groups

Focus: Identify and categorize the different regional groups



Subtask 2.1 Identification of the regional groups

 **Subtask 2.2** Exploration of changes over time



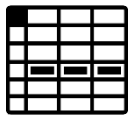
Subtask 2.3 Main working procedures

Key questions

- What type of regional groups exist?
- Which changes (i.e. type, composition, tasks) have occurred over time?
- Where and why were regional groups in certain areas established, and where not?
- How do these regional groups function (e.g. procedure when preparing joint recommendation, conflict resolution, ways of building trust?)

Task 3: Mapping of the different measures adopted under the regionalisation process

Focus: Identify, categorize and explore the different types of management measures of the regionalisation process since 2013



Subtask 3.1 Identification and categorization of measures



Subtask 3.2 Exploration of the measures



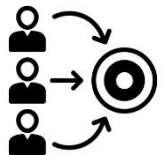
Subtask 3.3 Synthesis

Key questions

- What do we define a “success” of a measure and which evaluation framework will we use?
- Which measures were successfully initiated and implemented within the regionalisation process;
- Which measures were initiated and implemented but not successful;
- Which measures that were initiated were not implemented.

Task 4: Identification of the level and mode of the stakeholders' involvement

Focus: Assessment of stakeholder involvement/level of engagement



Subtask 4.1 Assessment of stakeholders involvement



Subtask 4.2 Case-studies

Four to six case studies per Lot

Key questions

- What are the interests of the different regional groups, how have these evolved over time and how are different interests taken into account?
- What are the notable differences in stakeholder representation and interests in regionalisation process when comparing different regions?
- How are stakeholders involved in the decision making procedure? And in which parts?
- How is the decision procedure set up to allocate priority to what measures to implement?

Data collection methodologies

Task No.	Methods for data collection			
	Document review	Oral interviews	Online survey	Focus Groups
Task 1	X			
Task 2	X			
Task 3	X	X	X	
Task 4	X	X	X	
Task 5	X	X	X	
Task 6	X	X	X	
Task 7	X	X	X	X
Task 8	X	X	X	X

- Joint questionnaire with questions that provide input to multiple Tasks
- Broad categories to encapsulate all key issues under Tasks 4 to 7
- Questionnaires specifically targeting the different stakeholder groups: regional groups, EC, national administrations, scientific community
- Stakeholder list
- Oral interviews / stakeholder fill-in the questionnaire and online survey (e.g., via Lime Survey).

Task 5 – Assessment of how the ACs advice was taken on board

Focus: The extent to which advice from the ACs was taken on board by the EC and the HLGs, and reasons why advice was or was not incorporated

Key questions to guide the analysis:

- How many pieces of advice did the ACs give and to who (HLGs and EC)?
- What were the main topics addressed in the advice?
- How did the ACs interact with HLGs and the EC (i.e., which procedures were followed and within which time frame)?

- **Sub-task 5.1: Review of advice given by ACs**

- Document review and interviews

- **Sub-task 5.2: Assessment of how advice from ACs was taken on board**

- Specific questions will be developed and included in the questionnaire directed to the relevant stakeholders
- Mapping of advice provided by each AC, to whom it was given, the context, whether it was taken on board (or not) and the reasons for that

Task 6 – Assess the gains and losses in participation

Focus: The gains and losses in participating in the regionalisation process from the points of view of the principal participants (fishing sectors, NGOs, Member States' fisheries and environmental national administration)

Key questions to guide the analysis:

- Has regionalisation allowed you to design more tailor-made management for specific stocks in your region?
- In your opinion, is regionalisation an improvement to the management system that was there before 2004?
- Overall, how satisfied are you with the regionalisation process?

- **Sub-task 6.1 Prepare survey**
 - Specific questions added to the questionnaire seeking opinions from principal participants
- **Sub-task 6.2: Conduct the survey**
 - Interviews with stakeholders in Table 5 (Stakeholder list)
- **Sub-task 6.3: Analyse the survey**
 - Perceived gains and losses from different principal participants
 - Level of satisfaction
 - Any comments provided will be discussed/analysed

Task 7 – Assessment of how different interests have been represented and reflected in the ACs' advice

Focus: How the ACs pay attention to the different views and suggestions (from industry and other interest groups) including how they incorporate these into their advice

- Are there issues towards obtaining a balanced judgement of these interests?

Specific questions that explore the process taken within an AC to come to final advice:

- How does your AC take into account the different views and suggestions by the different members?
- How do you incorporate the views of different members into your final decisions/advice?
- How are the different interests being balanced?

- **Sub-task 7.1: Interviews with AC chairs**

- Conduct interviews with the chairs

- **Sub-task 7.2: Preparations for online focus groups**

- Using information from 7.1 and building on information from Task 4 (level and mode of stakeholder involvement)

- **Sub-task 7.3: Organise and conduct focus groups**

- One for each AC
- Guided discussions based on information gathered from earlier tasks

- **Sub-task 7.4: Analyse results of focus groups**

- Level of agreement / disagreement on the effectiveness of regionalisation process
- Compare views from different ACs and provide a complete overview across the different sea basins

Task 8 – Assessment of level to which regionalisation has had impact on the attainment of the different CFP policy objectives

Focus: Policy objectives stated in Article 2 of the CFP and evaluate the regionalisation process under the CFP

Key questions to guide the analysis:

- Has regionalisation led to a better account and reflection of local / regional specificities in the EU decision making?
- Has regionalisation led to an improved decision-making?
- Has regionalisation led to better involvement of all relevant stakeholders while taking due account of their interests?

- **Sub-task 8.1: Review of existing evaluations of the regionalisation within CFP**
 - Build on earlier evaluations
- **Sub-task 8.2: Prepare joint impact evaluation framework**
 - Evaluation criteria, evaluation questions and their metric indicators along with the means of verification
 - Evaluation matrix applied on the CFP Regionalisation process
- **Sub-task 8.3: Contribution of regionalisation to attainment of CFP objectives**
 - Workshop with the whole research team to discuss findings
 - SWOT analysis for the regionalisation process
 - Completed evaluation matrix

Timeline

Planning of the oral interviews, survey and focus groups:

Year	2021											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Oral interviews					10 th May to 28 th May							
Online survey						10 May to 18 th June						
Focus groups									9 th September to 1 st October			

Planning of the tasks:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Task 0												
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Task 2												
Task 3												
Task 4												
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Task 6												
Task 7												
Task 8												

- In-depth oral interviews
- Online Survey
- Focus group discussions

Thank you

Questions?