

### LDAC PERFORMANCE REVIEWS Inter ACs meeting with DG MARE/MS, 18th January 2021





# Time Plan / Scope of Study

For reasons of economy and efficiency, the PR was divided in 2 phases:

Phase 1 (Work in 4Q of 2018 and 1Q of 2019):

- Organisation of Working Groups
- Analysis of decision-making process
- Quality of production of advice and feed-back from EC
- Promotion of transparency

Phase 2 (Work in 4Q of 2019 and 1Q of 2020):

- Cooperation & working practices with international organizations (EFCA, RFMOs [NAFO & ICCAT], UNGA [DOALOS], FAO)
- Communication policy and outreach
- Aspects related to gender balance across sectorial policies



# Methodology

An <u>independent and external reviewer</u> (a consultant with experience and knowledge in the ACs work) carried out this work by developing a combined methodology:

- Qualitative face-to-face + remote interviews with LDAC members
  All sectors (NGOs, catching, processing, trade unions...), LDAC Secretariat,
  DG MARE officials, other reps from EU and international organisations...
- Analysis of existing written documentation and legislation: LDAC work programme, rules of procedure, advice and letters, EC replies...
- Attendance in observer capacity to LDAC and RFMOs meetings: LDAC 5 WGs, GA & ExCom, NAFO & ICCAT annual plenary meetings.





# Phase 1: 4 Key Recommendations



Strategic planning: prioritisation of topics



Foster informal and collaborative work to increase the preparatory work: adaptive role



Follow-up of advice through decision-making

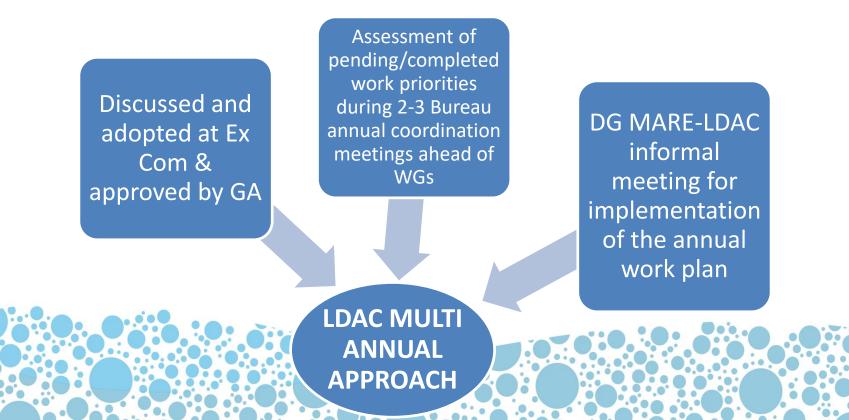


Strengthening international cooperation with key partners / organisations



### **R.1: Strategic planning:**

A feedback process based in loops was developed to combine a long term vision with short term actions: the idea is to revise priority topics identified in the annual work plan and adapt them to DG MARE targeted consultations and policy objectives (i.e. be flexible and adaptive!).





#### R.2: Foster informal & collaborative work to increase the preparatory work

#### FORMALISED PROCESS – STEPWISE APPROACH

1 or more Working Groups decide to create a topic-based Focus Group ToR are drafted and call of interest is launched among members (limited size) Drafting group with nominated members/experts tasked with drafting a discussion paper Hold face to face or online meeting/s (in pandemic times) to discuss the paper Distribute the draft proposal agreed back to the WG/s for approval & ExCom for endorsement If adopted, send to the EC / relevant ACs / other bodies when justified (e.g. EESC, EFCA, EP-PECH)



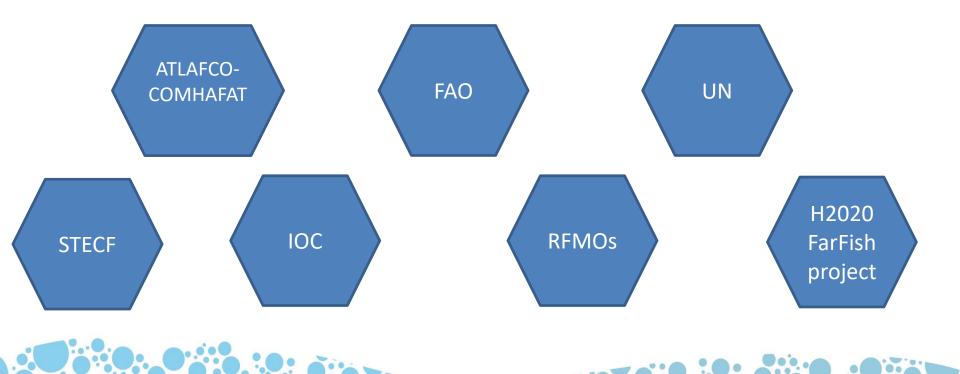
### **R.3: Follow-up of advice thorough the decision-making process**

- <u>"Upstream" and "downstream" approach</u>: Go beyond submission of advice: monitor or measure the impact of LDAC advice in policy-shaping throughout the legislative process.
- Proposal to <u>meet regularly DG MARE in bilaterals</u> to look at elements of advice and think collectively how to improve quality and understand diverging positions.
- <u>Measure indirect influence</u>: EC representatives sometimes express the value of LDAC advice at LDAC plenary/bilateral meetings; or acknowledgements made by other bodies.



### **R.4: Strengthening international cooperation**

The LDAC has approached and been actively engaged with the following bodies in 2017-2020. Possibilities of formalised collaborations in future.





**R.1** 

**INTERNAL** 

## Follow up of recommendations – Phase 2 Implementing actions in 2020-2021

- Strategy & priorities:

Be more strategic (quality over quantity) and rethink priorities on multiannual basis

- Internal cohesion: Develop a catalogue of best practices on how **FUNCTIONING** to tackle "conflicting" issues

- Debate on gender issues:

Included gender considerations on sectoral policies 🚝





PRIORITIES



- Smooth and agile dialogue mechanisms with EC services

<u>R.2</u> ADVICE

COMMUNICATION

PARTNERS

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- LDAC delegations:

Ensure balanced representation of interests when meeting DG MARE-MS



#### - SFPAs renewals:

Promote stakeholder engagement on ex-ante/ex-post evaluations and make "reality check" on implementation, Incl. gender scrutiny (linked to R.1.)



**EU SFPAs:** 





### Implementation /Follow up of recommendations Phase 2

	- SFPAs & sectoral support	_
	Transparency, accountability, good use	
<u>R.3</u>	Policy coherence (cooperation for development)	
<b>NETWORKING</b>	- Coordination amongst SFPAs:	DAC 10 Statest
<u>&amp;</u>	Idea of "regional network"	
POLICY		_
<u>WORK</u>	-Partnerships & MoUs with international	
	Organisations (IOC, AU, FAO)	
	- Holding international	
	high-profile events every 2 years.	



### Implementation /Follow up of recommendations Phase 2

#### <u>R.4</u>

#### COMMUNICATING TO A WIDER AUDIENCE

COMS Plan in process under debate

#### <u>R.5</u>

#### LDAC'S MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

Commitment and loyalty

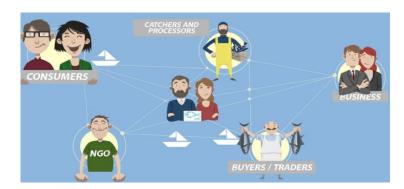
Sharing and dissemination of advice

#### <u>R.6</u>

#### **MONITORING PROGRESS**

Set milestones and indicators

- Adopting a Communications plan
- Promoting EU good practices
- Global perspective: international waters









**Access to PR reports** 

### <u>Reports can be downloaded at LDAC website -</u> <u>www.ldac.eu</u>

Performance Review - Phase 1: https://ldac.eu/images/LDAC web-compressed Performance Review.pdf

**Performance Review - Phase 2:** 

https://ldac.eu/images/FINAL\_PerformanceReview\_II\_v5.2\_compressed\_26\_05\_2020.pdf

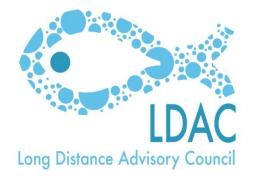


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