



Communication 'Towards more sustainable fishing in the EU: state of play and orientations for 2022'

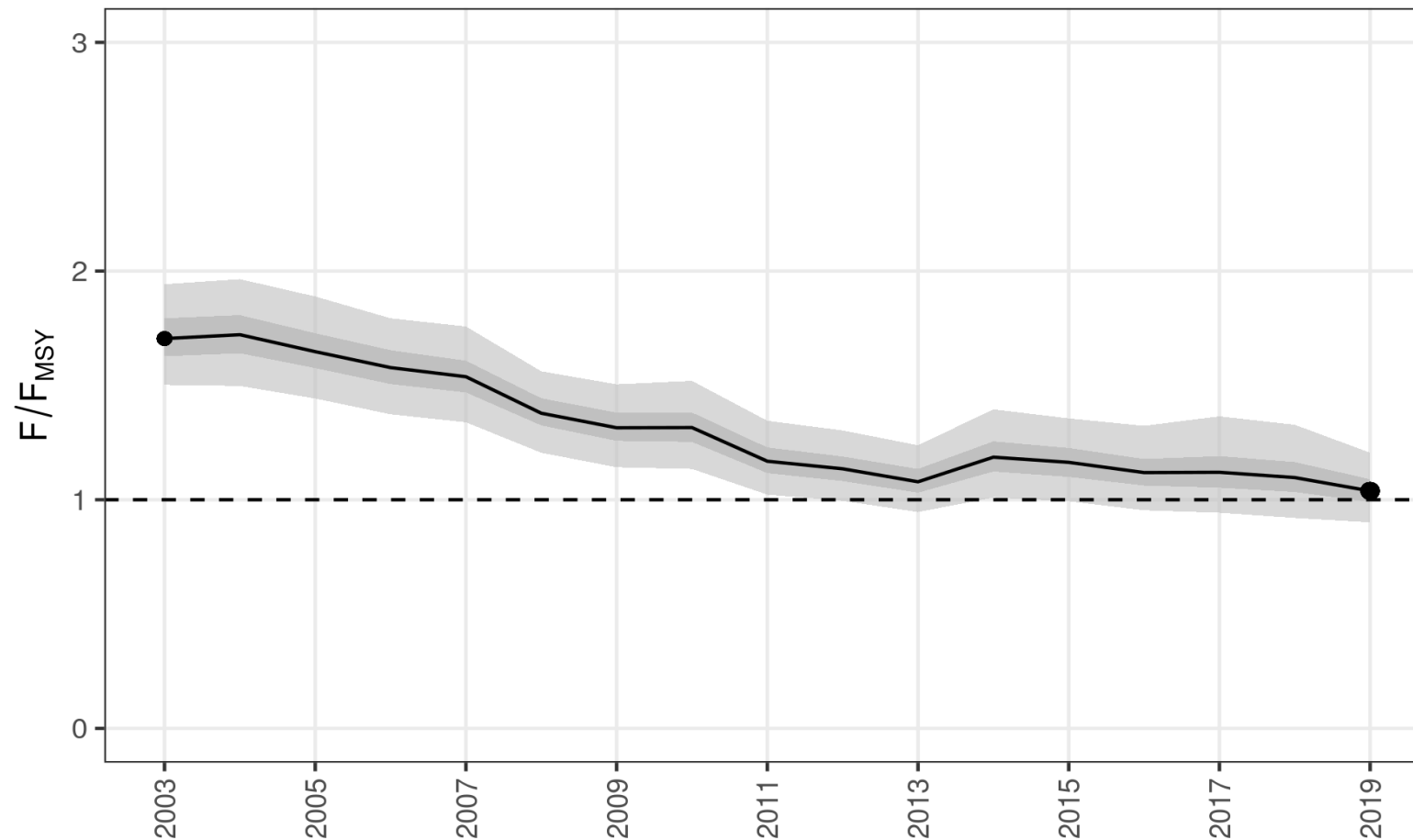
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Objectives

- Report :
 - On progress made towards more sustainable fishing (legislative requirement)
 - On the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities (legislative requirement)
 - On the socio economic performance of the sector
 - On the implementation of the landing obligation
- Present the main orientations proposed for the 2022 fishing opportunities
- Launch the public consultation

Progress made – North East Atlantic

- Progress continued – F/F_{MSY} close to 1



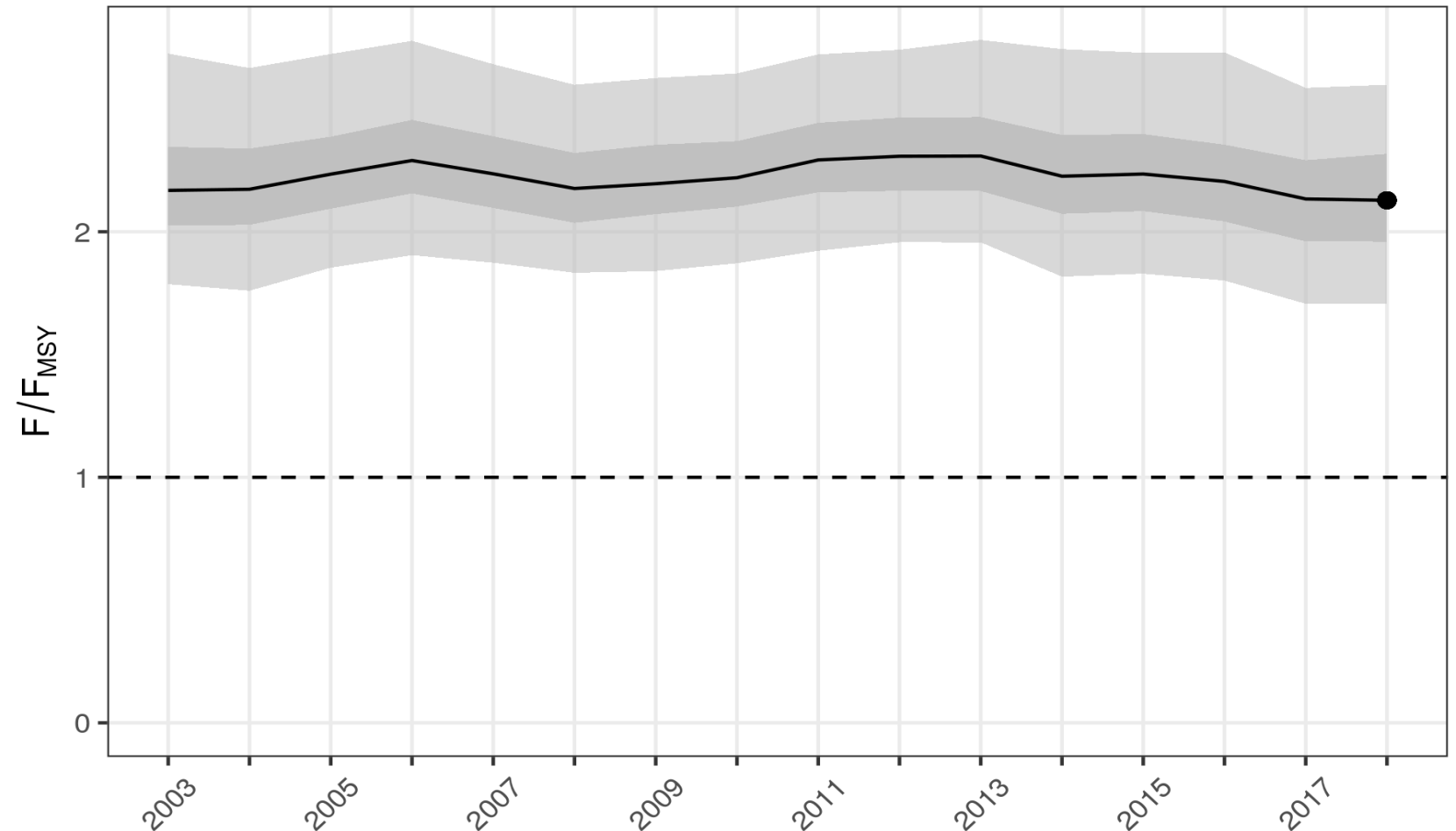
Progress made – North East Atlantic

- Stocks managed only by the EU:
 - TACs at MSY, except for Western Baltic herring (no advice for 2 stocks)
 - More stocks in line with precautionary advice (12 out of 21)
 - Additional measures for Kattegat cod, Western Baltic herring, Easter Baltic cod
- Stocks negotiated with third countries:
 - Aim at same high standard
 - Much higher number of stocks shared with third countries after UK's departure from the EU
 - FO 2021: Political agreement 2 June

Progress made – Med & Black Seas

- Slight improvement but F/F_{MSY} still > 2

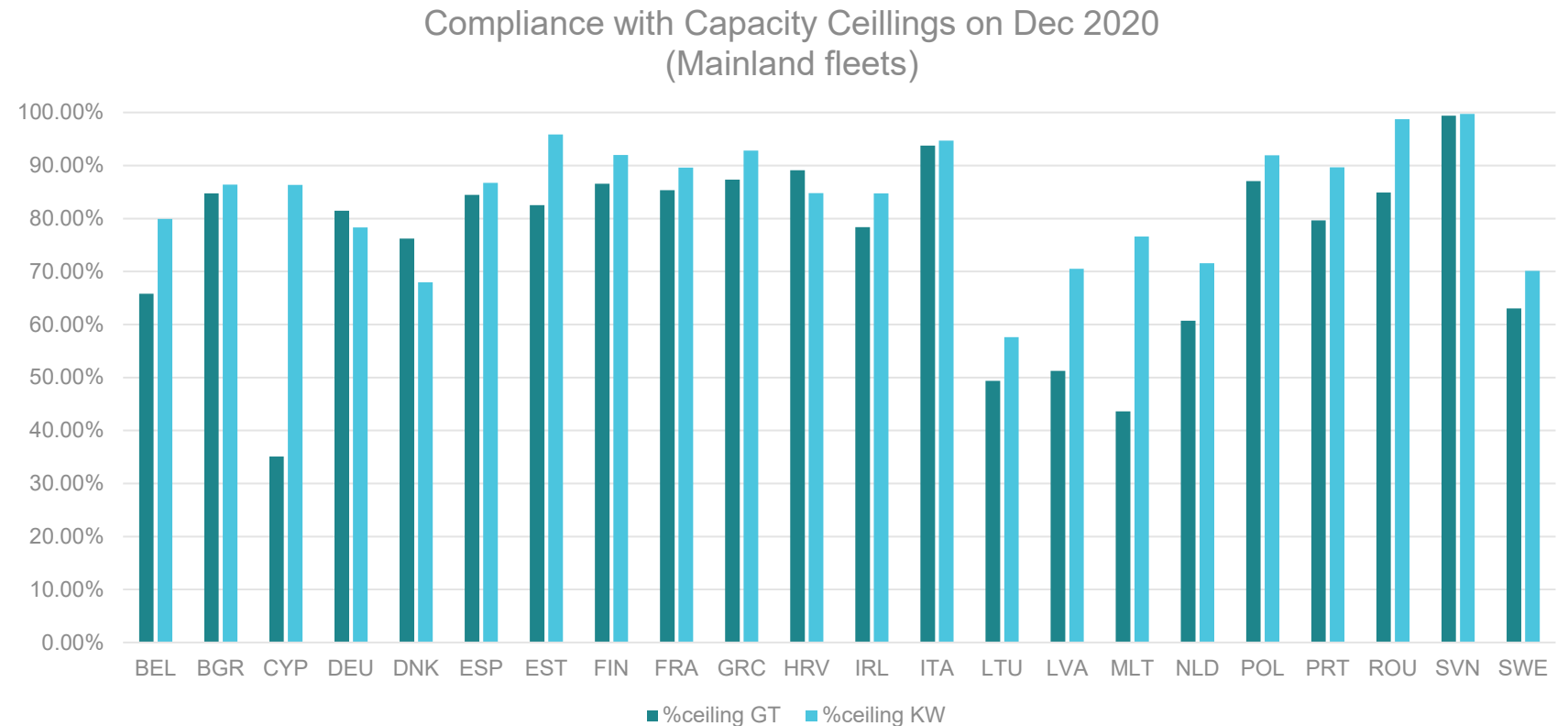
- FO 2021:
- Transposition of 2018/2019 GFCM measures
- Further implementation of West Med MAP



State of the EU fleet

- Number of vessels further decreased

- Capacity:

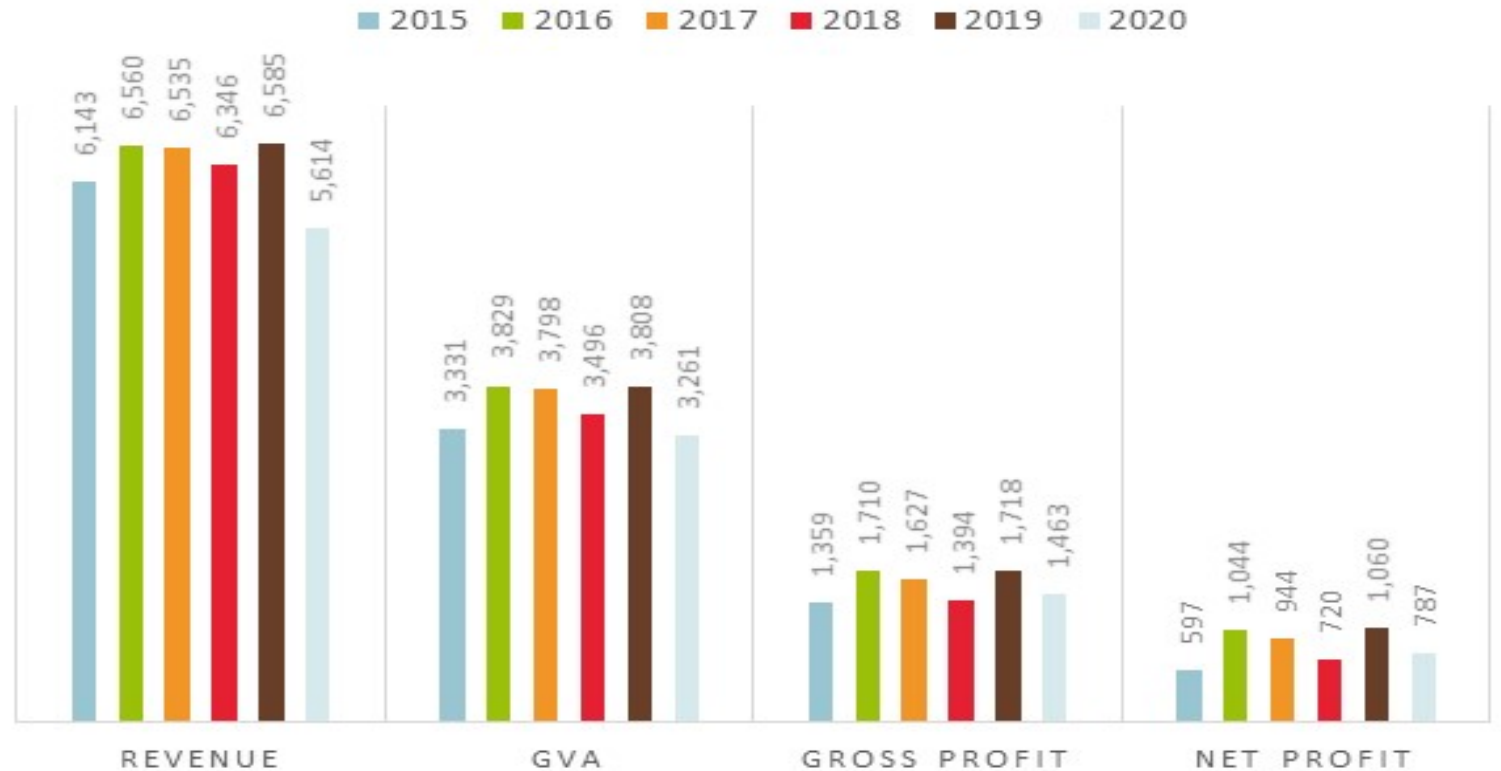


- 145 out of the 182 fleet segments assessed not in balance according to SHI
=> reminder to MS of the obligation to establish an action plan

Socio economic performance

Covid 19:

- Estimates – 17% decrease in landed value
- EMFF support – €136 million in 22 MS



Continued profitability:

- Net profit margins – 14% (€800 million)
- Differences across fleet categories / fishing regions
- Shows resilience of the sector, especially in sustainably managed segments

Landing obligation

- Compliance remains an issue
- Control / enforcement remain challenging - REM tools proposed under the revised fisheries control system
- Discard plans – moving to specifications under MAPs: 7 delegated Regulations
- Mixed fisheries – quota exchange mechanism successfully implemented
- Increased focus on projects to improve selectivity – efforts to be expanded

2022 fishing opportunities

- North East Atlantic: in line with MSY, remedial measures under MAPs to rebuild target stocks with 0 catch advice
- Large majority of stocks in Atlantic / North Sea no longer be decided upon by the EU exclusively - objective: high levels of alignment / high sustainability standards
- Med & Black Sea: further implement West Med MAP (MSY by 2025), GFCM measures

2022 fishing opportunities – process

- Proposals:



- Council meetings:



- September – December: annual consultations with UK / NO

Conclusions

- Further progress
- The sector remained profitable despite the Covid pandemic
- Further efforts needed especially in Med & Black Seas
- Changes in the process due to a large majority of stocks now managed with third countries
- Public consultation open for feedback

Thank you



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