

DAMARA scoping meeting

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Scoping meeting

Expectation management

- What
- Who
- How
- When

- Agreement on these issues
- Roles and responsibilities
- Commitment
- Work plan for the rest of the year including workshops

NWWAC stakeholder views on DAMARA

7 (short) interviews

1. Jacques Pichon
2. Emiel Brouckaert
3. John Crudden
4. Barry Deas
5. Sean O'Donoghue
6. Alexandre Rodriguez
7. Liane Veitch

8 Questions

1. Organisation?
2. Role in organisation?
3. Objective DAMARA?
4. Interest/Stake in DAMARA?
5. Expected outcome?
6. Role in DAMARA?
7. Available time for DAMARA?
8. Other critical issues for success DAMARA?

Q3 Objective DAMARA? (1)

- Tool to develop long term management plan mixed fisheries Celtic Sea
- Develop management plans for the Celtic Sea
-> satisfy new reform requirements
- Develop long term management plans Celtic Sea -> Celtic Sea as example
- Develop multispecies mixed fisheries management plan Celtic Sea

Q3 Objective DAMARA? (2)

- Develop a bio-economic model to assess management scenario's and evaluate trade-offs
- Develop mixed fisheries plan driven by stakeholders
- Model scenarios and see effect on stocks and fleets

DAMARA objective

The project will be structured around a core modelling group which will be tasked with the development, building and testing of the decision support tool. The fundamental objective is to design and build a model that is capable of providing guidance to stakeholders as to the potential biological and economic consequences of a range of plausible management scenarios aimed addressing mixed-fisheries and technical issues relating to minimisation of unwanted catch. Given that the tool is to be used by managers and stakeholders it is important that the design and user interface of the model is strongly influenced by them, the end users.

Q4 Interest/stake in DAMARA? (1)

- Represent interest members (fishermen) in Celtic Sea
- Represent interest members (anglers) right to fish for commercial species
- Represent interest members in dealing with discard ban and long term management plans
- Use law as tool to improve environmental management -> defend right people to a healthy environment

Q4 Interest/stake in DAMARA? (2)

- Tool can help to better understand economic behaviour fleet -> transparency -> reduce regulatory process
- Represent interest members (fishermen)

Q5 Expected outcome? (1)

- Tool that shows the consequences of choices (trade-offs)
- Interactive tool that can be used for informed discussion between stakeholders
- Complete tool would be nice but work in progress -> new territory
- Develop template for other management plans -> example -> uncharted territory

Q5 Expected outcome? (2)

- Template for involved parties (Member States/NWWAC/Science) -> EC as observer and to provide guidance (advice)
 1. Discard ban plan
 2. Long term management plan
- Framing of options for policy makers within legal framework -> use of scientific evidence

Q5 Expected outcome? (3)

- Bottom-up interaction between scientists and stakeholders
- Decision Support Tool (DST) that suits needs of all users (stakeholders/scientists/managers)
- Tool that can be used by stakeholders without help from scientists
- Tool to test scenarios what will be socio-economic effects -> knock on social effect -> effect on fishing communities?

Q6 Role in DAMARA? (1)

- Represent all member fishermen in project
- Not clear yet -> workshop should help
- Represent interest Belgian fishermen
- Work on joint plan with NGO's
- Input on interpretation of CFP and other environmental legislation
- Help out -> coordinate (bridge) between NWWAC members and science team

Q6 Role in DAMARA? (2)

- Argue what the fishermen want -> not what the scientist think they want -> ensure stakeholder driven process -> dialogue between stakeholders and scientists
- Provide input with help of colleagues
- Ensure that the right assumptions are used

Q7 Available time for DAMARA? (1)

- The Celtic Sea and this project is important for us -> spend time on a number of workshops with scientists/managers/stakeholders
- High priority for us and we have time
- Projects fits work NWWAC -> balance time -> always send representative
- If expertise can help (interpretation and implementation issues) then time can be spent

Q7 Available time for DAMARA? (2)

- Full time employed by NWWAC so time is not an issue
- Time will be made and people with hands-on experience will be provided
- Project is important

Q8 Other critical issues DAMARA? (1)

- Data deficiency Western waters
- Economics and Social underdeveloped -> more attention for this
- Regional management should be participatory process from the start
- Deal with landings obligation -> different views on how
- Address issues new CFP e.g. landings obligation
- Input involved scientists needed

Q8 Other critical issues DAMARA? (2)

- Meet requirements article 2.2 on MSY -> how does this work in mixed fisheries
- Explain linkages with GEPETO -> fisheries atlas
- Ensure that we actually have a true dialogue between stakeholders
- New legislation on discard ban needs to be incorporated
- What/how/when/mandate what was originally written?

Q8 Other critical issues DAMARA? (3)

- NWWAC to take ownership
- Co-ownership of outcome -> operationalize outcome
- In dissemination also show to fishermen that this is an instrument that is a way forward for them
- Role of commission in producing mixed demersal fisheries plans

Q8 Other critical issues DAMARA? (4)

- Timetable rest of the project clear -> who what and when
- Involvement and commitment essential
- Set dates in advance so that people can block time in agenda's

WP2 [SH WP] objective

- Define and implement an engagement process that provides the opportunity for collaborative development of a tool for evaluation of harvest strategies for mixed fisheries.
- Establish a process that makes the information count in the management system

Steps of WP2

- Step 1: Stakeholder analysis: identify key stakeholders to form the Celtic Sea Focus Group in collaboration with NWWAC and national and regional administrations.
 - March 2014 -> not a FG but dedicated SH representation from the NWWAC
- Step 2: Stakeholder workshops

Step 2: SH workshops

1. Scoping meeting (11 June): focus on work agreement
2. Focus on the contents of the decision-support tool
3. Review technical specifications
4. Review prototype tool and example application
5. Joint evaluation and interpretation of the decision-support tool.

Lessons learned / dilemma's from earlier projects

- SH participation key to set the objectives & identify trade-offs in exploring management measures
- Clearly defined roles
- Close ties to legislation & make knowledge count -> include policy side
- Ownership of process and product by all interested parties
- Time line; align with 'real processes'
- When making a plan: balance between stability and flexibility