

AGENDA 21st meeting of LDAC Working Group 5

HORIZONTAL ISSUES Wednesday 8 November 2017, 09.30-17:30h Leopold Hotel Brussels EU – Rue du Luxembourg 35, Ixelles Brussels

- 1. Welcome and opening by the Chair.
- 2. Report on changes in Vice-Chair for WG5.
- 3. Adoption of the minutes of the last WG5 meeting Brussels, 5 April 2017.
- 4. Adoption of the agenda.
- 5. Report from European Commission on negotiation process and state of play on Trade
 Agreements and Economic Partnership Agreements between the EU and third countries:
 Interim EPA with ACP countries; and full EPAs.
- 6. International Ocean Governance.
 - 6.1. Outcomes and Commitments from "Our Oceans 2017" Conference (Malta, 5-6 October): next steps.
 - 6.2. Presentation of WWF report "Is Europe Ready to Lead on International Fisheries Governance?" Summary of key findings and recommendations.
 - 6.3. Way forward and specific proposals to be developed by the LDAC

COFFEE BREAK (11:30 – 11:50h)

- 7. Sustainable Management of EU External Fishing Fleet
 - 7.1. Presentation by the European Commission on Content and State of Play of Legislative Process of New Regulation on Sustainable Management of the EU External Fishing Fleet ("SMEFF") that will replace the Fishing Authorisation Regulation ("FAR").
 - 7.2. Questions from the floor and future actions of the LDAC.

LUNCH BREAK (13:30-14:30 h)



8. Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.

- 8.1. EC Update on IUU carding system and process.
- 8.2. Proposal from Oceana: update of the IUU vessels lists in the RFMOs.
- 8.3. Follow-up of the EC Reply to the Joint LDAC-MAC-MEDAC Advice on Implementation of IUU Regulation.
- 8.4. Presentation of an expert opinion commissioned by the EU NGO Coalition against IUU Fishing (Oceana-EJF-WWF) on Compatibility of WTO Rules with the mandatory requirement of an IMO Number for vessels exporting its Fish products to the EU market.

9. Review of Fisheries Control System and role of EFCA in the CFP External Dimension (ED)

- 9.1. EC Presentation on consultation on Review of Fisheries Control System.
- 9.2. LDAC Advice for an enhanced role of EFCA in the implementation of the CFP ED.

COFFEE BREAK (16:30-16:50 H)

10. Open discussion on blue economy and its impacts

- 10.1. Extractive activities with adverse impacts on the seafloor and Deep-sea ecosystems.
- 10.2. The notion of harmful subsidies to fishing.

11. United Nations and International Organisations

- 11.1. Report on technical meetings in preparation of UNGA Resolution on Sustainable Fishing (Brussels, 11 September and 24 October).
- 11.2. Update on Biodiversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) process.

Other topics of interest

- 12. Update on FARFISH H2020 Project.
- 13. Date and venue for next WG5 meeting.