



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Long Distance Advisory Council (LDAC)

Thursday 23 November 2017

09:30 h - 16:30 h

Hotel Miguel Ángel, Madrid

Chair: Iván López

Vice Chairs: Béatrice Gorez, Juan Manuel Liria and Marc Ghiglia

1. Welcome

The LDAC Chair, Mr. Iván López, welcomes those present, inviting them to introduce themselves indicating their status (member or observer) and the organisation they represent. Afterwards, the Chair requests the Secretariat to convey the apologies of those absent and the delegations of vote received.

Delegations of vote:

- Ms. Sara Fröckling (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation) delegates to Ms. Béatrice Gorez (CFFA-CAPE).
- Mr. Björn Stockhausen (Seas at Risk) delegates to Ms. Béatrice Gorez (CFFA-CAPE).
- Mr. Hjálmar Vilhjálmsson (ELDFA) delegates to Mr. Iván López (AGARBA).
- Mr. Emil Remisz (NAPO) delegates to Ms. Jane Sandell (NFFO)

The whole list of participants is included as Annex I.

Opening remarks by the Secretary General for Maritime Fisheries of Spain

The LDAC Chair, Mr. Iván López, thanks the Secretary General for Maritime Fisheries of the Spanish Government, Mr. Alberto López-Asenjo, for his attendance. Then, the Secretary gives a welcome address, which is included as Annex II. He highlights the important role that the LDAC plays as advisory body to the Commission and the European institutions, and urges it to continue along the same line of work making the important role of the European fleet and of the EU clearly visible on the international scene. He insists on the fact that the Spanish Secretariat for Fisheries is willing to collaborate with the LDAC, especially in aspects regarding the fight against IUU fishing, blue growth and international ocean governance.

Then, the Chair, Mr. Iván López, on behalf of the organisation, hands him a commemorative plaque marking the 10th anniversary of the LDAC, thanking the General Secretariat for Fisheries (Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment, MAPAMA) for their priceless support and valuable collaboration with the LDAC from the very beginning.



2. Adoption of the agenda

After counting the members present and represented with delegation of vote, the members are informed that, in conformity with Article XXIV of the LDAC Rules of procedure, the necessary quorum for adoption of decisions (at least 50% of the total members present or represented) by simple majority is acquired.

The agenda is then approved adding an item suggested by Ms. Béatrice Gorez (CFFA-CAPE) under AOB regarding the change of Vice Chair in Working Group 4.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting (Paris, 30 May 2017)

The minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

4. Report by the Chairs on the actions agreed within the Working Groups.

Working Group 1 - Tuna Fisheries and their RFMOs

In the absence of WG1 Chair, Mr. Michel Goujon, the Secretary General, Mr. Alexandre Rodriguez, summarises the most relevant actions of the group:

ICCAT – International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

- An LDAC opinion was sent to the Commission on 14 November 2017 with recommendations on the Atlantic stocks of interest at ICCAT. This opinion complied with the terms of the minimum consultation period and was adopted following the fast track procedure, including the comments made in writing during the consultation and orally at the last WG1 meeting.
- The LDAC Secretariat attended the annual ICCAT meeting held in Marrakech and took part in the coordination meeting with the European Commission on Saturday 18 November. The LDAC is looking forward to receiving a response from the EC and will urge the Commission to present the recommendations agreed at the meeting as well as the pending actions at the next WG1 meeting to be held in March-April 2018.

-IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

- The European Commission will send the EU proposal document regarding the allocation of new distribution criteria for the IOTC and will organise a meeting with the Member States and stakeholders where the LDAC will be invited to make the relevant comments prior to the Commission's mission planned for the month of December.
- The LDAC delegation will send a summary with the conclusions of the technical meeting with the Commission and will consider the possibility of drafting a specific LDAC opinion to be presented at the IOCT meeting to be held in February on this issue.



EX POST NOTE: On Monday 13 November a notification was received informing about the meeting to be held on Friday 17 in the afternoon. The LDAC delegation was formed by Miguel Herrera (OPAGAC), Béatrice Gorez (CFFA) and Daniel Voces (CEPESCA-EUROPECHE, delegation made by Javier Garat).

- The LDAC Secretariat will follow up and coordinate communication between the Commission and the members regarding the publication of a future European Strategy in the Indian Ocean.

FADs – Fish Aggregating Devices

- The possibility of updating the LDAC publication from 2012 with two complementary actions was agreed. These actions are:
 1. Compilation under a common format of all presentations and documents presented at the special session held in the framework of WG1 meeting held in April 2017, adding an explanatory preamble and a summary with the main conclusions drawn.
 2. Preparation of a decalogue or manual of best practices on the management and use of FADs in order to have it validated by the EU institutions and considered as a benchmark document in the medium term for its application by RFMOs and to objectively assess tuna purse seiners practices. This publication could be complemented in the future with an opinion including management objectives. The possibility of organising an inter-session meeting to address this issue will be considered.

Items to be included in the agenda of the next WG1 meeting

- * Presentation to be carried out by Scientists regarding HCR and management measures for tropical tuna species. (Proposal by Julio Morón)
- * Update by the Commission on the EU position regarding the CITES Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species: inviting someone from the EC to inform in this regard. (Proposal by Ms. Despina Symons)
- * Update by the Commission on the state of play of the Kobe Process for tuna RFMOs. (Proposal by the Chair)
- * Actions supporting European scientists for them to be more highly valued and to promote their participation in RFMO meetings, with special importance given to ICCAT. (Proposal by Mr. Edelmiro Ulloa and Mr. Michel Goujon)

Working conditions in the fisheries sector

- CFFA-CAPE (Ms. Béatrice Gorez) will send a draft opinion supporting the proposal by Seychelles and JEF at the last IOTC plenary session to set up a working group to address the improvement of social and working conditions in the tuna fisheries sector and to reflect its importance regarding food security in developing countries.



FARFISH H2020 project

- The Secretary General will send information on future meetings as well as the descriptive characterisation of the case studies on tropical tuna and mixed demersal species for members interested in submitting comments or any kind of feedback to be able to do so. In addition, members will be informed on the state of play of the procedure to hire an LDAC project coordinator with the funds allocated by the latter.

Working Group 2 - North Atlantic Fisheries, Agreements and RFMOs

The WG2 Chair, Ms. Jane Sandell, summarises the main actions of the group:

Snow crab fisheries in Svalbard:

- The LDAC will closely monitor the results of the case regarding the seizing of the *Senator* vessel and subsequent measures adopted by the ship-owner company and the authorities of the Member States.
- The LDAC will urge the Commission to inform on the state of play of diplomatic negotiations between the EU and Norway regarding this issue. If necessary, a letter will be sent to unblock this situation and reach an agreement so that EU snow crab fleets can access the Svalbard fishing area with full legal guarantees.
- The Secretariat will follow up the work of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries.
- This issue will be included as an item in the agenda of the next WG2 meeting.

NAFO:

- The LDAC will hold regular bilateral coordination meetings with the DG MARE unit for RFMOs in the next few months to move forward regarding the work carried out in a series of identified areas where the Commission expects stakeholders to participate.
- Information will be provided on initiatives and data from the EU-UK industry to improve selectivity for cod trawl fisheries in 3M (person in charge: Jane Sandell).
- The Commission will be offered advice on the preparation of an exceptional circumstances protocol for the new assessment of the Greenland halibut (GHL) management strategy. Members interested in doing so will give their opinion on the experience gained in dealing with such protocol in terms of HCR, as well as on different scenarios based on the work carried out by Dr. Butterworth.
- Participation in the Benchmark Workshop on Cod planned for April 2018, the recommendations of which will be notified at the Scientific Council meeting in June in order to have a new HCR proposal to be adopted before the following annual meeting.
- The Chair will provide a presentation on work progress on each of the items to be mentioned at the next WG2 meeting (March 2018) in order to structure discussions and agree on recommendations or advice.

FARFISH H2020 project



- The Secretary General will send detailed information on the situation and future meetings of this project. He will also distribute the reports on the descriptive characterisation of the relevant case studies of interest for WG2. The Secretary will also inform on the procedure to hire a Coordinator for this Project with the available funds allocated to this end.

Working Group 3 – International Organisations and other RFMOs

The WG3 Chair, Mr. José Antonio Suárez-Llanos, summarises the actions agreed on:

Atlantic, Southwest (FAO Area 41)

- The Commission will be requested clarification on the SEAFO proposal to consider extending the territorial scope of the Convention and its jurisdiction to Atlantic, Southwest (FAO area 41).

WG3 will consider preparing a draft opinion supporting the management of this area under an RFMO (whether it is an existing one or a new one) to address issues such as transshipments on the high seas, the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems or the management and control of the fishing capacity.

- At those international fora where the LDAC participates (FAO, COFI, UN, etc.) the responsibility of flag States will be reminded regarding the adoption of national regulations to implement United Nations Resolution 61/105 for the Conservation of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in High Seas, in conformity with the opinion issued in May 2016.

United Nations: Sustainable Development Goal 14 and BBNJ

- The Commission will inform the LDAC on the results of the 3rd session of the Preparatory Committee of negotiations for a Treaty regulating Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

State of play regarding Chilean ports

- The problem regarding access to Chilean ports for swordfish landings and transshipments by the European surface longline fleet will be monitored. The LDAC will request the Commission to link the trade policy within the framework of the review or update of the trade agreement to these fisheries issues. In addition, attention will be paid to Chile's evolution in terms of its participation in IATTC and to whether it will request the CNCP (cooperating non contracting party) status prior to the next annual meeting to be held in mid July in Mexico. The Commission will be asked to keep us informed on these issues at the next WG3 meeting.



Working Group 4 – Bilateral fisheries agreements with third countries

The Chair, Mr. Julio Morón, summarises the most important topics for WG4:

Work with ACP:

- The Secretariat will ask DG DEVCO to present the provisional conclusions from the ACP Ministerial Conference held in Bahamas in September 2018. Understanding the experiences in the different ACP regions and identifying their priorities would be of great importance.
- The LDAC Secretariat will invite the ACP Secretariat to attend the next WG4 meeting and, if available, they will share their points of view on possible ways of collaboration.
- DG DEVCO will keep the LDAC regularly informed on the launching of an external investment plan funded by the EU aiming to support the private sector in developing countries regarding different areas, including agro-foodstuffs and SMEs. The members will be able to study subject areas and lines of investment for possible projects for candidate partners in third countries.
- The Secretariat will initiate contacts to meet up with the EU delegation in Mauritius in order to convey the LDAC message urging it to participate more actively in the Indian Ocean and to take part in future SWIOFC / IOTC meetings.
- The LDAC will closely monitor any news and updates regarding the implementation phase of the PESCAO Project, funded by the EU, on fisheries governance and the fight against IUU fishing in West Africa, inviting project chiefs or partners as appropriate. The LDAC will attend and will provide the members' points of view as compiled at their regular meetings with DG MARE, DG DEVCO and EFCA as requested by the latter or on their own initiative.

Fisheries agreements

- The Commission will make the reports of the Joint Committees on the fisheries agreements with third countries available as soon as they are ready for distribution (concealing the names of participants and any sensitive information in terms of data protection) and will invite the interested parties when possible.
- At ORPAGU's request, the LDAC Secretariat will prepare and distribute a letter for approval following the fast track procedure, reporting recent inspections and issuing press releases against EU purse seiners and longliners under the coordination and supervision of Sea Shepherd in waters in the EEZ of Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Gabon and Liberia. Specific examples will be provided in the letter.
- WG4 will address the questions asked by the Head of Unit for Fisheries Agreements, Mr. Rambaud, in writing taking the study published by WWF as a starting point regarding the following aspects:



1. How to raise awareness on the value of SFPAs signed with third countries and improve the profile and image of the EU fishing fleet operating in those waters.
2. To provide examples of successful cases with social and economic return on fishing activities of the EU fleet in the EEZ of third countries (landing on ports, creation of jobs, etc.) as well as EU fishing investments in third countries (processing plants and factories, etc.).
3. To show specific examples of the benefits of the EU fleet fishing activity on the development of coastal ports and communities in third countries (e.g. Dakar, Nuadhibou, Port Louis, Mindelo, Abidjan, etc.).

- The three previous points could be integrated in an event or workshop focusing on the value of SFPAs in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. In addition, aspects of the agreements related to access and gender issues, the application of FAO voluntary guidelines for fisheries, the use of sectoral support or the interconnection with development cooperation, among other, would be included.

The role of crew agents in Africa and their impact on sustainable fisheries

- The Secretariat will distribute the proposal drafted by CFFA-CAPE (Ms. Béatrice Gorez) in all three languages for comments and, if it so agreed, for its subsequent approval.

Collaboration and Partnership between LDAC and COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO

- The LDAC Secretariat will request COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO to share the report of its Think Tank meeting on piracy in the Atlantic Ocean held in Morocco in September 2017, as soon as it is available. The Secretariat will distribute this report among WG4 members, together with any additional information.

FARFISH Project

The Secretary General will send information on future meetings as well as the descriptive characterisation of the case studies on tropical tuna and mixed fisheries for members interested in submitting comments or any kind of feedback to be able to do so. In addition, members will be informed on the state of play of the procedure to hire an LDAC project coordinator.

Working Group 5 – Horizontal issues

In the absence of the Chair, Ms. M^a José Cornax, the Vice Chair, Ms. Marta Aymerich, summarises the actions agreed on at the last working group meeting:

- General Scheme of Preferences (GSP)

The Secretariat will distribute the EC report on the monitoring and compliance level of the GSP with third countries -among which we find the Philippines- once it is published (publication is expected for the month of December). The possibility of preparing a draft opinion that could be discussed at the next WG1 meeting (March 2018) will be considered.



- International Ocean Governance and Our Ocean Conference 2018 (Bali)

The LDAC will compile the available information and the commitments acquired by its members and others highlighted at Our Ocean Conference 2017 in Malta. The idea is to work on proposals and commitments for the next Conference to be held in Indonesia.

- Fisheries and Blue Growth: Interactions among catching activities in the high seas

Information on the field of the EU Strategy of Blue Growth and International Ocean Governance will be compiled in order to draft an LDAC proposal on the promotion of sustainable activities and the ban on very harmful activities such as mining or extraction of mineral resources and hydrocarbons on the seabed. SAR and the Secretariat are recommended that they work together with the WG5 and the Executive Committee Chairs in order to prepare a position paper to be subsequently discussed in future WG5 meetings.

- Fisheries subsidies

An item will be included for discussion in the next WG5 meeting and a speaker-expert on this issue from the WTO and the European Commission will be invited to make a presentation on the results achieved at the Conference to be held in Buenos Aires in December.

The member organisation, BLOOM, together with the LDAC Secretariat will prepare a first draft position paper on this matter.

- Regulation on the Sustainable Management of External Fishing Fleets (SMEFF)

The SMEFF Regulation will be made available to all members once it is adopted following the co-decision procedure (expected for the beginning of 2018) and when it is published in the OJEU in order to identify the key issues. The European Commission will be supported in the dissemination of the content of the Regulation and in the clarification of implementation aspects to coastal third countries. Collaboration with COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO will be a reality and the organisation of a side event will be sought after in an African country at a meeting organised by one of these two entities or of common interest (e.g., the COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO Ministerial Conference in Abidjan in 2018 as a potential opportunity).

- Working conditions in the fisheries sector

Contacts with the DG EMPLOYMENT will be established in order to convey the LDAC concerns on these matters (Application of the ILO Convention C188, Migrant Workers Convention, etc.).

- Fighting against IUU Fishing

A joint group of experts or task force will be set up by LDAC and MAC members in order to draft a new opinion on IUU fishing to monitor the last EC response to the LDAC-MAC-MEDAC Joint Opinion on the Improvement of the Application of the IUU Regulation. This task force will also be in charge of drafting an opinion to enhance transparency and consistency regarding the carding system process and criteria for countries that are (pre)identified as non-cooperating with this Regulation.



- Review of the EU Control Systems

The Secretariat will monitor the document to be published by the EC regarding the review of the control system consultation and will attend the EC seminar on Thursday 16 November, informing the members about conclusions drawn and agreements reached. The LDAC opinion urging the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) to play a more important role in the international dimension of the CFP will be defended.

- Biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)

The proposal document sent by Marc Ghiglia will be translated and distributed among WG5 members for their consideration and, if appropriate, it will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

- FARFISH H2020 project

The Secretary General will send information on future meetings as well as the descriptive characterisation of the case studies on tropical tuna for members interested in submitting comments or any kind of feedback to be able to do so. In addition, members will be informed on the state of play of the procedure to hire an LDAC project coordinator with the funds allocated by the latter.

- Health alert owing to histamines in tuna in brine

ANFACO (Marta Aymerich) will send a document informing WG5 members about this problem. The possibility of drafting an opinion will be considered if there is sufficient consensus.

Approval of Working Group Recommendations by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, Secretary General, informs that the documents subject to approval had been distributed among the members. These are the final versions including the modifications and comments contributed during the consultation process.

The letters and recommendations to be approved are explained below:

- Regarding the Letter on the conflict on boardings of European fishing vessels by third countries that are signatories of fisheries agreements with the EU, it is agreed that:

DECISION: The Secretariat will urgently send to all WG1/Executive Committee members the letter reporting on the recent wave of boardings of European fishing vessels coordinated by the NGO Sea Shepherd in the EEZ of third countries with inspection protocols in conformity with fisheries agreements. A specific case will be included in the letter at request of the author of the proposal, ORPAGU.

The following opinion proposal subject to discussion deals with changes in the EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) related to the use of crew agents. This will be specifically addressed under item 6.

Proposals on the following issues are now presented, but are not subject to approval in this meeting. After some discussion, the following actions are agreed on regarding the following matters:



Implementation of the External Dimension of the CFP: Fisheries Agreements and RFMOs

- The possibility of preparing an opinion on the improved application of the External Dimension of the CFP will be back on the table, taking as a reference the conclusions presented by Mireille Thom in the WWF publication. This opinion also includes issues related to the role of fisheries in international governance and blue growth.

- WG4 will continue working on the possibility of organising two regional seminars in 2018 regarding the improved implementation of sustainable fisheries agreements and their links with development cooperation with third countries. To this end, the administrations and stakeholders of the third countries concerned would have to be involved and efforts could be coordinated with COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO in West Africa and with the IOC in the Indian Ocean.

Fisheries subsidies – World Trade Organisation (WTO)

- The Secretariat will distribute for consultation among members of WG3, WG5 and of the Executive Committee the draft opinion with recommendations regarding multilateral negotiations on fisheries subsidies, to be discussed at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Buenos Aires from 10 to 13 December. The MAC and WTO will be informed about the opinion or advice issued.

United Nations – International Waters Management in the High Seas

- The Secretariat will send the members of WG3, WG5 and of the Executive Committee the draft position paper prepared by Mr. Marc Ghiglia on the improvement of governance, assessment and scientific quality processes within the UN Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) framework.

5. STECF Annual Economic Report on the Long Distance Advisory Council activity and data

5.1. Presentation of STECF AER 2017 - Michael Keatinge (BIM)

The speaker's presentation can be found on the following link to the LDAC website:
<http://ldac.ldac.eu/attachment/4e87507a-2c69-477f-8a88-e64ab8ed7cf2>

In addition, the STEFC economic report for 2016 regarding the European fishing fleet can be found on the following link:

<http://ldac.ldac.eu/attachment/8ebca9c0-646c-4638-bde5-56bb1b16cb10>

5.2. LDAC proposal to request a data and methodology review for the DWF

5.3. Future actions: collaboration initiatives DG MARE/STECF/LDAC

After some Q&A, the following actions are agreed on:



Regarding the STECF Annual Economic Report for 2016 – Activity and Economic Trends of the Long Distance Advisory Council:

- **Part of the STECF economic report containing the clause on data related to “*Other Fishing Regions (OFR)*” will be included in the website. This category covers the field of activity of the EU long distance fleet.**
- **In the light of the ideas proposed by Mr. Keatinge and the comments and contributions made by the members, the Secretariat will prepare a draft letter offering LDAC assistance and collaboration for the improvement of the EU long distance fleet data (both at quantitative and qualitative levels). In addition, the European Commission will be requested to provide the STECF with the necessary resources to conduct an in-depth review of the content and methodology of the report related to the long distance fleet allowing to offer an updated snapshot and to predict future scenarios. To this end, the following requirements are to be met:**
 - **It is mandatory that Member States provide reliable data on their long distance fleet census, in conformity with the DCR;**
 - **Study of the categorisation of the three subgroups into which OFR are divided;**
 - **Standardisation of data on gross benefits and calculation of gross returns of fleets at European level;**
 - **Update on economic figures in terms of number of jobs by fleet segment and countries, operational expenses, etc.**
 - **The fisheries sector will help to offer figures on these data, particularly regarding first-sale fish prices and fuel expenses.**

6. Working conditions in fishing: EU ship-owners initiatives with crew agents in West Africa

6.1. International regulations in the labour fishing field: Ment Van der Zwan

Mr. Van der Zwan makes a presentation, which is available on the following link:

<http://ldac.ldac.eu/attachment/ebf1dec4-44a5-4f72-88e4-d66404cef968>

6.2. Q&A and discussion

After some Q&A, the following actions are agreed on in terms of:

- **The LDAC will monitor the work carried out by the EU Social Dialogue Committee for Fisheries and will study possible actions and cooperation schemes to defend joint positions, if appropriate.**

Role of crew agents in African countries

- **Comments from CEPESCA are expected prior to the approval of the LDAC opinion requesting the Commission to enhance transparency and strengthen the regulation of crew agents’ activities within the framework of fisheries agreements with third countries.**



7. Mid-term financial and activity report of LDAC Year 11 – Secretariat

The Secretary General, Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, summarises the mid-term activity report, both from a substantial and financial point of view, halfway through the LDAC year, which runs from 1 June to 30 November 2017.

In terms of income, attention should be drawn to the fees of one member state and 12 sectoral organisations still to be received, although the period for such payment has not expired yet.

Besides, the Secretary General recalls that Spain made its full contribution on 17 July 2017 amounting to EUR 139,810, sum that was added to the budget, so that it has a very similar income structure to that of the previous year.

The presentation on the budget is available on the following link:

<http://ldac.ldac.eu/attachment/c4125c7c-ef04-4291-bb92-fc0ded4b07cf>

8. Chair's report of the Inter-AC meeting and proposed items for discussion

8.1. Internal performance and structure review of the Working Groups

At the Chair's request, carrying out an LDAC performance review is approved, one of the most important points being the structure review of the different working groups making up this AC.

8.2. Input by LDAC: Performance review of the Advisory Councils

After the exchange of views of members, the following action was agreed on:

- In view of the LDAC delegation proposal approved by the Executive Committee, the terms of reference for the LDAC external performance review will be drafted aiming to present them at the next annual coordination meeting between the European Commission and the ACs planned for the end of 2018. A competitive tender process will be carried out following the procurement rules set forth in the Framework Convention signed with the Commission.

9. Report on the EC Workshop on the Implementation of the Landing Obligation and review of the Fisheries Control System (Brussels, 14-15 November 2017)

The Secretary General, Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, makes an oral preliminary summary of what happened at the meetings. The members will be sent the content of the Commission consultation document for these meetings as well as the LDAC contributions in the form of reports or minutes.

ACTION: The Secretariat will send in writing the relevant documents of the meetings with the EC on the landing obligation, the Inter-AC meeting and the control systems review.



10. Communications Policy

10.1. Adoption of a Communications Strategy Plan

Decision on this matter is yet to be taken, which is postponed *sine die*.

The document related to the strategic plan can be found on the following link:

<http://ldac.ldac.eu/attachment/d7433190-7e17-461d-bb93-5f6e3f9d5df0>

10.2. Presentation of the LDAC Institutional Video (EN-ES)

The final version of the LDAC institutional video is shown. The video can be found both on the LDAC website and in the LDAC Youtube channel on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgzJG6YdN9Y&feature=youtu.be>

11. FARFISH H2020 project:

11.1. Summary of the work carried out and calendar of meetings

Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, Secretary General, summarises what has been carried out so far, reminding that the following action was agreed on:

- An information dossier will be sent to each Working Group including the characterisation of relevant case studies and informing on the state of play of the project and calendar of future meetings, coordinating the participation of active members.

11.2. Selecting a Scientific Project Coordinator

- The Secretary will send the draft employment offer regarding the hiring of an LDAC project coordinator for consideration within the Executive Committee. Once approved, the selection process will be initiated and a public call will be issued in conformity with the transparency and openness requirements, in virtue of provisions set forth in the rules of procedure of the project and of the European Commission.

12. AOB:

Ms. Beatrice Gorez requests to stop being the Vice Chair of Working Group 4, owing to heavy workload and to the fact that she is also the First Vice Chair of the LDAC.

Her decision is understood and unanimously approved.

Besides, and before closing the meeting, the Chair suggests considering the possibility of holding the following LDAC GA and EX COM meetings in May 2018 in Rome, at the FAO headquarters. The possibility of holding a meeting with FAO to inform them on our work and different fields of common interest will be considered.

The meeting is adjourned at 16:30 h.



Annex I. List of Attendees to the Executive Committee Madrid, 23 November 2017

MEMBERS

1. Iván López. AGARBA/CEPESCA
2. Javier Garat. FEOPE/CEPESCA
3. Juan Manuel Liria.FEOPE/CEPESCA
4. Rocío Bejar. ONAPE/CEPESCA
5. Marc Ghiglia. UAPF/CNPMEM
6. Claus Ubl. DHV
7. Juan Manuel Trujillo.ETF
8. Francisco Portelarosa.VIANAPESCA
9. Katarina Sipic. AIPCE-CEP
10. Luis Vicente.ADAPI
11. Raúl Garcia.WWF
12. Alejandro Garcia.OCEANA
13. Irene Vidal.EJF

WG CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

14. Jane Sandell.NFFO
15. José Antonio Suárez-Llanos. Anapa, Anamer, Agarba and Anasol
16. Marta Aymerich. ANFACO-CECOPESCA
17. Julio Morón.OPAGAC
18. Beatrice Gorez. CFFA-CAPE

OBSERVERS / INVITED EXPERTS

19. Ment van der Zwan. EUROPECHE
20. Michael Keatinge. Chair EWG AER CCTEP/STECF
21. Ian Gatt. SPFA
22. Alexandre Rodríguez. LDAC
23. Manuela Iglesias. LDAC
24. Marta de Lucas. LDAC