



Minutes of the 1st Scientific Committee meeting

Discard Reduction Collaborative Programme (Work Package 7)

Lyon, 28-29th October

Attendee list

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1. Welcome and Introduction to MariFish

John Lock (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He explained the purpose of the meeting and presented a short overview of the MariFish project.

2. Aims and Outcomes of the Meeting

Alister Scott (Contractor – Knowledge management) asked attendees to discuss briefly and agree on three important outcomes from the meeting. Comments were taken and recorded.

3. Working Agreement

To ensure the meeting was productive, a working agreement was agreed between participants: speak clearly and slowly; be realistic; be practical; keep policy in mind; be honest about what you can achieve; take responsibility where necessary.

4. 5 minute summary of research from each Operator

Each Operator gave a brief update of the research that was currently underway.
Action 1 – Secretariat to circulate all presentations to attendees after the meeting.

5. EC Directives

Norman Graham (MI) was invited to provide an update on some important EC directives that needed urgent action. He explained that there were three major EC/EU policy shifts in 2010: the Commission's Non-Paper on Discards, the Cod Recovery Plan (CRP) and the Revision of Technical Conservation Regulations (850/98). Norman emphasised that all three have major implications for all North East Atlantic (EC) fisheries since they set out basic minimums and tough targets – e.g. a 50% reduction in discards within 2 years (DRP); an F target of 0.4 (CRP).

6. Knowledge Management

Alister Scott outlined the principles of knowledge management and how to use simple approaches such as communities of practice to improve communication and information flow.

Action 2 – Secretariat to circulate a short summary of knowledge management.

7. How to collaborate

Attendees had been asked before the meeting to provide priorities for collaboration on 10 topics and the collated results were discussed in order to determine groups for collaboration. Attendees also referred to the outcomes identified at the start of the meeting, which had been sorted into categories. Three main priorities were identified: identifying knowledge gaps in a number of fisheries, facilitating knowledge transfer and new technology. It was decided that these priorities should be kept in mind but the focus shifted to the development of realistic collaborative outcomes that could be implemented without the need for new money.

8. Collaborative outcomes

Attendees provided short summaries of collaboration that had been agreed informally. This provided the framework for more detailed discussions that were held in breakout groups (5-20 minutes duration). Generally only two outcomes could be discussed per breakout session due to overlaps of interest, with any partners not engaged in the break

out groups free to discuss other issues as needed. The outcomes that were agreed are summarised in a separate document, "Collaboration agreed at Lyon".

9. Work Package 8 Joint Call for Research

A short summary of the details of the forthcoming call for proposals was provided by Maurice Heral (IFREMER, Leader of Work Package 7). Attendees were invited to discuss potential collaboration and ask questions. Maurice recommended submitting a proposal for one strong topic rather than a series of less ambitious collaborations. He suggested that it would be acceptable to include a proposal with up to 20% of the funding for non-research based work, such as stakeholder engagement.

It was emphasised that any discussions on the topic should keep in mind that the proposal would be judged on the relevance to fishery managers. France, Greece, Portugal, Iceland and Denmark expressed their interest in participating in the call.

Action 3 – Secretariat to circulate details of the call and applicants guide once completed and provide the relevant website link.

10. Date of next meeting – September 2009, Cadiz, Spain.

Andy Revill notified partners that IEO (Spain) had offered to host the 2nd SC meeting in their research organisation in Cadiz, Spain. Further details would be provided prior to the meeting.

11. Close of meeting

Andy Revill thanked all attendees for their contributions and closed the meeting. Helen Shaw (Defra) thanked Maurice Heral (IFREMER) for his assistance in organising the meeting.