



State of Play of the CFP - Consultation on FO for 2019

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Introductory Remarks

- **The Communication aims to:**
 - Report on the state of play of the CFP on the basis of extended performance indicators:
 1. **Progress towards F_{MSY} and improving the state of the stocks**
 2. **Efforts to reverse the situation in the Mediterranean**
 3. **Socio-economic performance of the EU fleet;**
 4. **Overview of capacity of the EU fleet;**
 5. **Governance: MAPs and Regionalisation;**
 6. **Implementation of the Landing Obligation and**
 7. **Developments in the external dimension of the CFP**
 - Launch a public consultation ahead of COM proposals on Fishing Opportunities scheduled for later this year





1. Progress towards F_{MSY} and improving the state of the stocks

Good progress in North-East Atlantic (FAO 27):

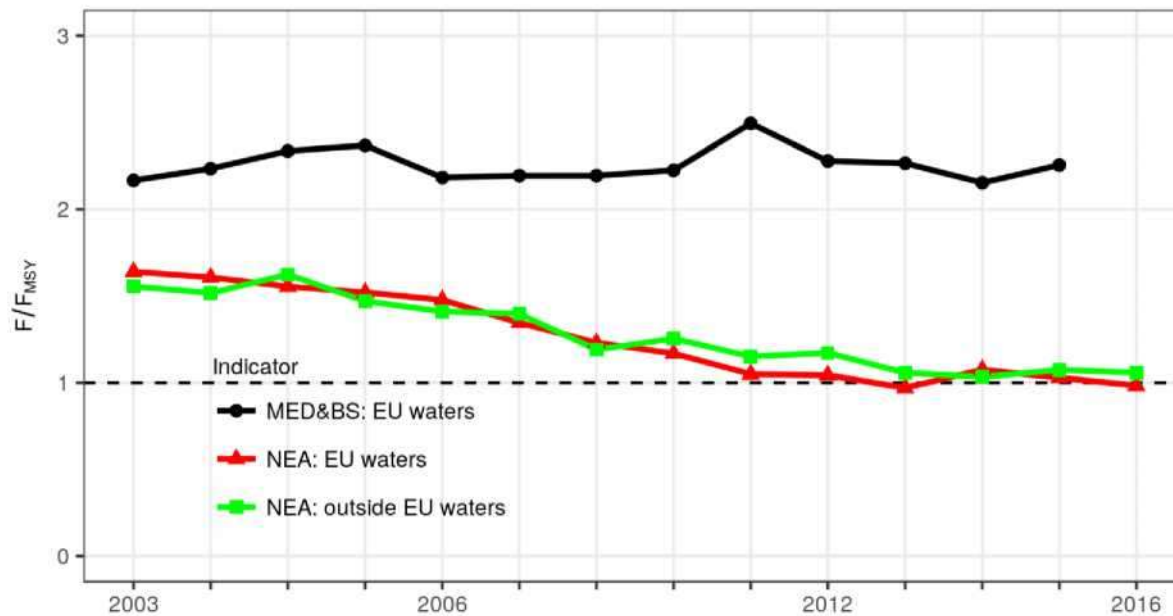
- **F/F_{msy} stabilized at 1**
- **53 TACs in line with F_{MSY} (44 last year)**
- **SSB on average around 39% higher than in 2003**

Overfishing prevailing in Mediterranean (FAO 37):

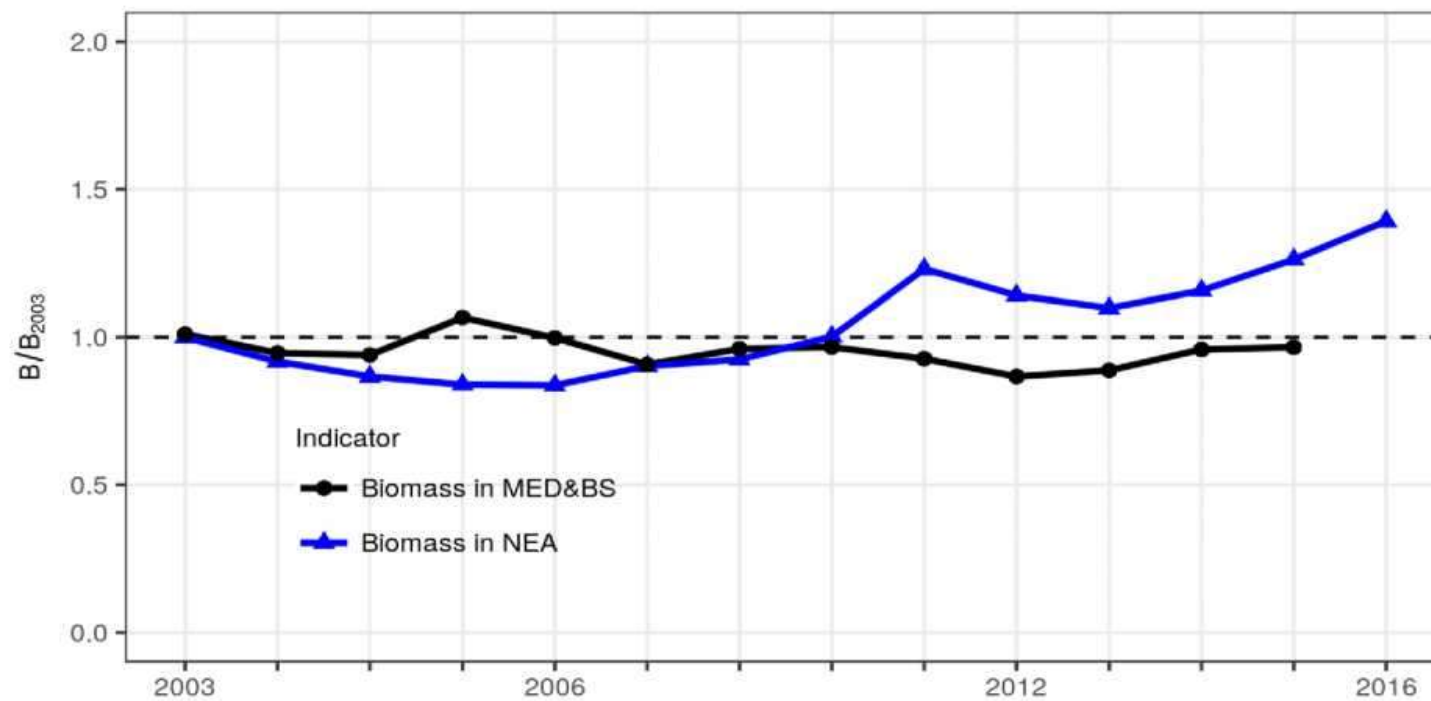
- **F/F_{msy} varies slightly at around 2.3**
- **No improvement in SSB since 2003**



Fishing compared to the maximum sustainable yield rate (F_{MSY})



Biomass trends





2. Efforts to reverse the situation in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

At the EU level:

- **Alignment of the national plans adopted under the MedReg with the CFP;**
- **Roll-out of MAPs: Adriatic; Western Med.**

At the international level:

- **GFCM (MAP for turbot in the Black Sea; plan of action against IUU, joint inspection and surveillance scheme outside national jurisdiction in the strait of Sicily; plan for red coral; fisheries restricted area in the Jabuka/Pomo Pit)**
- **ICCAT (increased TAC for tuna; recovery plan for swordfish)**



3. Balance and socio-economic performance of the EU fleet

The capacity of the EU fleet has further decreased:

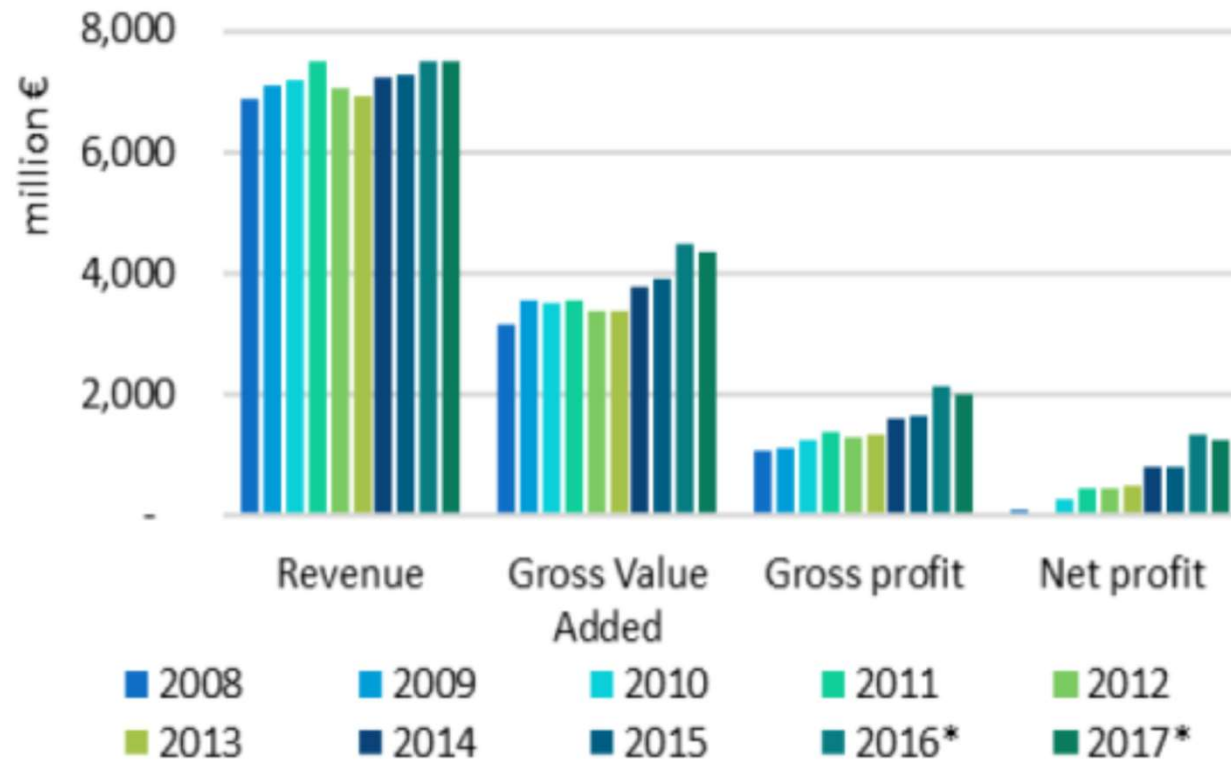
- ✓ **Number of vessels has decreased by 1,45%, engine power by 6,54% and tonnage by 9,59% since last year**

The socio-economic performance has improved:

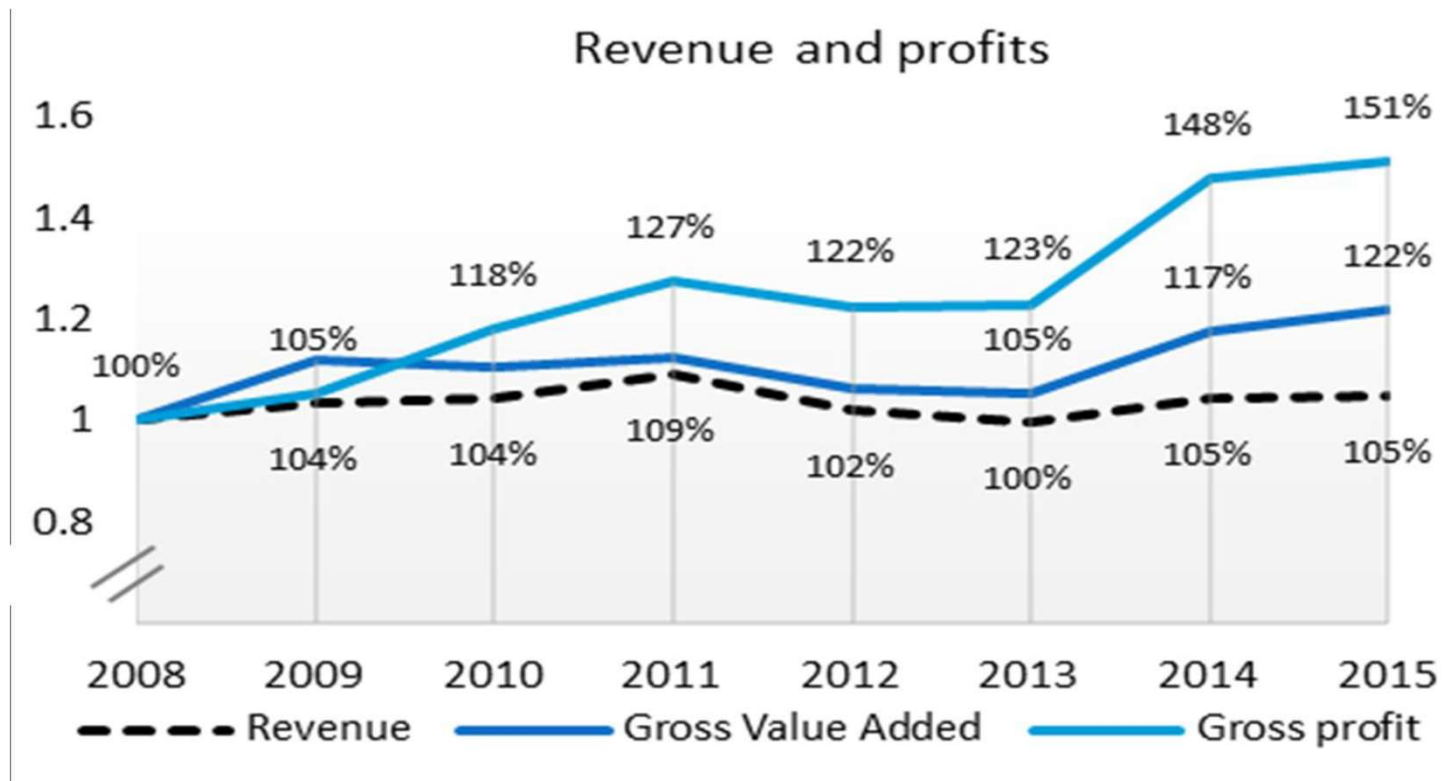
- ✓ **Record net profits of EUR 1.3 billion in 2016**
- ✓ **Projection positive for 2017 and 2018**
- ✓ **Increase of average salaries and labour productivity**
- ✓ **Transposition of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention C188 into EU law**



Economic performance of the EU fleet



Increase in fleet profits since 2008





4. Decentralised Governance: MAPs & Regionalisation

Roll-out MAPs:

- Adoption MAP Baltic Sea (July 2016) and agreement on the North Sea MAP (December 2017)
- COM proposals for
 - a MAP for small pelagic Adriatic Sea (February 2017)
 - A MAP for Western Waters (March 2018); and
 - a MAP for demersals in the Western Mediterranean (March 2018)

Discard plans and Art. 11 delegated acts

- **Discard plans are in place for all sea basins; see COM/2018/079 final**
- **JR under article 11 CFP less forthcoming**



5. The Landing Obligation

The scope of the LO has been further extended:

- ✓ For demersal fisheries, there has been an overall increase in volume from 35% to 44% since 2017
 - ✓ **34% in the North Sea;**
 - ✓ **51% in North Western Waters; and**
 - ✓ **65% in South Western Waters.**
- ✓ In the Mediterranean, around 66 % of the total landings are currently under the LO:
 - ✓ **94% for small pelagic species;**
 - ✓ **24% for demersal species; and**
 - ✓ **71 % for mollusc bivalves.**



5. The Landing Obligation

More collective work is needed to address the main challenges:

- Address potential choke situations
- Use more the CFP and EMFF tools
- Ensure appropriate enforcement and control
- Improve data on discards





6. The broader context: International Ocean Governance and OOC

- OOC 2017: 433 commitments amounting to EUR 7.2 billion and 2.5 million km² of additional MPAs
- Work in RFMOs and bilaterally through SFPAs
- Combating IUU fishing:
 - ✓ **Port States Measures Agreement (PSMA), June 2016;**
 - ✓ **Adoption of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Catch Documentation Schemes, July 2017.**
- Support programmes with regional entities and countries in the Pacific, Western Africa and Indian Ocean:
 - ✓ **PESCAO (Western Africa) and**
 - ✓ **PEUMP (Pacific);**
- New regulation on the sustainable management of external fleets, December 2017



COM Proposals for 2019 FO

They will follow the CFP objectives and be based on the best available scientific advice:

- ❖ *Stocks under the Baltic and North Sea MAP: Fmsy ranges and precautionary approach for by-catches*
- ❖ *Stocks with MSY assessment and stocks with MSY proxies: Fmsy in 2019 as much as possible*
- ❖ *Stocks without analytical assessment or without biological advice: precautionary approach*

+ TAC adjustments for the LO – reduction of *de minimis* exemptions from catch advice



Work Schedule

When	What
May/June/October/December	Stock advice from ICES
June – September	Public consultation on the Communication
14 September	Seminar on the state of the stocks with stakeholders
September	Adoption of TAC proposals for the Baltic Sea
October	Adoption of TAC proposals for Deep Sea Council on TACs for the Baltic Sea
November	Adoption of TAC proposals for the Atlantic/North Sea/Black Sea Council on Deep Sea TACs
December	Council on TACs for the Atlantic/North Sea/Black Sea





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Thank you for your attention!