

COLUMBUS - LIFE-ISEAS initiative for a science-policy dialogue with European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) about recent research activities on discards.

- Date**

2nd February 2017 (From 9:30 to 17:30)

- Place**

EFCA - European Fisheries Control Agency

Edificio Odriozola, Avenida García Barbón, 4

E-36201 Vigo (Spain)

- Meeting objective**

The objective of the meeting is to facilitate dialogue between on-going research and innovation projects at European level aiming to tackle the different challenges around avoiding the fishing discards and applying the current regulations to this regard.

- Attendants**

Person	Project	Organisation
Ricardo I. Pérez Martín	Life ISEAS	IIM-CSIC (Marine research institute Spanish Council for Scientific Research)
Luis Gómez Gesteira		CETMAR (Technology Centre of the Sea, CETMAR foundation)
Julio Valeiras		IEO (Spanish Oceanography Institute)
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Clara Ulrich	DISCARDLESS (H2020)	DTU Aqua (National Institute of Aquatic Resources, Technical University of Denmark)
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Francesc Maynou	MINOUW (H2020)	ICM – CSIC (Marine Sciences Institute, CSIC)
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Thomas Lindberg Torgersen		DTU AQUA
Rosa Fernandez Otero		CETMAR
Mónica Incera Filgueira		CETMAR
Begoña Santos	VADEAR MAPDESCAR	IEO
Mikel Casas		
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Pascal Savouret		European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
Pedro Galache		
Mario dos Santos		
Miguel Nuevo		
+10 staff		
Antonello Sala	External Expert	Contracted by EFCA

- **Meeting dynamics**

A representative of EFCA will chair the meeting and a representative of COLUMBUS project will moderate the sessions.

Representatives from Life-ISEAS, DISCARDLESS and MINOUW will briefly present recent achievements with regard to the topics of the agenda. These short presentations will be followed by additional inputs from representatives of other relevant but of a narrower scope or finished projects who have also been invited to participate in the dialogue. Finally, an open discussion for each session will take place.

The meeting is expected to be of mutual benefit where collaboration and exchange opportunities are identified; where new scientific evidence could support the action of EFCA and where EFCA can also provide feedback to the projects on key aspects and challenges from the Agency's perspective.

- **Agenda**

9.30 Welcome words and revision of meeting objectives and agenda.

9.40 Introductory presentation:

“EFCA activities for supporting the implementation of the Landing Obligation”

10.10 **The problem of fishing discards.**

Presentation and discussion topics

- Motivations and causes
- Discard Practices
- Discard data: state of play and needs

(A maximum of 30' for 3 presentations, 20' for extra inputs, 30' for open discussion)

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 **How to reduce / avoid discards (I)**

Presentation and discussion topics

- Technical measures and selective fishing strategies
- Other technologies for selectivity and for automatic reporting of total catch composition
 - GIS platforms & modelling
 - Molecular tools
 - CCTV and other REM
- Cost-benefit pay-back estimations on technological alternatives

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 **How to reduce / avoid discards (II)**

(A maximum of 40' for 3 presentations, 20' for extra inputs and 60' for discussion)

15.00 **Management, handling and use of the unwanted catch**

Presentation and discussion topics

- Facilities and infrastructures
- On-board retrofitting
- Quality/safety issues

(A maximum of 30' for 3 presentations, 20' for extra inputs and 30' for discussion)

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Wrap-up session and way forward

17.30 End of the meeting.