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Small-Scale Fisheries in Europe: The EU's majority fleet

80% (4 out of 5) of vessels < 12 metres using non-towed gears

Providing jobs: 50% of seagoing employment in fisheries + multiplier effect (3 to 5: 1) viz a viz jobs on land

Provide quality fresh fish, contribute to the economy and add value: 11% by value of landings; 63% Gross Value Added: Revenue;

Europe's forgotten fleet: overlooked by successive European CFPs 1984 to 2014 Constrained by *access to resources, access to markets, access to services*

Finally recognized in 2014 CFP reform: several provisions for affirmative action on SSF

Regional Mediterranean Policies favour SSF: GFCM 2016; MedFish4Ever 2016; Ministerial Statement 2017; Plan of Action in the Mediterranean and Black Sea 2018



Fisheries/ Environmental Crisis in the Mediterranean



Overfishing – 90% of studied stocks

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing

Habitat degradation

Climate change

Invasive species

Leading to

Loss of Biodiversity, Loss of Productivity

Threat to Livelihoods; Food security and Communities

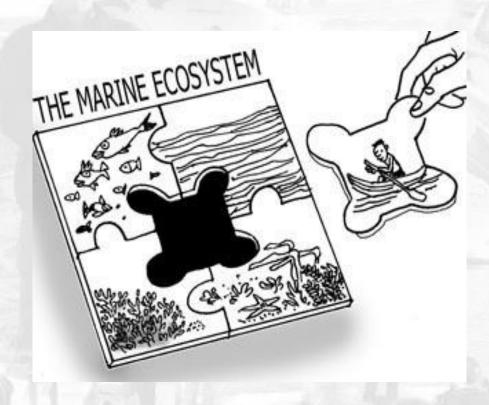
Destabilize wider economy

Absence of SSF in Governance

"The Forgotten Fleet" of SSF could make all the difference

LIFE's Vision: Small scale fishers migrate from the periphery to the centre of policy; from passive to active actors in decision taking processes as empowered agents of change





As a professional, member based, organization engaged in decision taking processes

As an advocacy group, providing a dedicated voice for small scale low impact fishers

Providing information, capacity building and other services to small scale fishers and their organizations

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Over 10,000 fishers, operating over 8000 small boats,

16 Member States, Baltic to Mediterranean

Med countries: France, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Croatia,

LOW IMPACT FISHERS OF EUROPE

LIFE: Who,

What, How?

The HOW (basic principles)

Organization of organisations run by fishermen for fishermen

Cooperation not confrontation

If you're not in the (**decision-making**) room, you're nowhere

Recognize & respect the role of women (AKTEA)

The WHAT (the objectives)

Build alliances, build capacity

Ensure **rewards** for sustainable, low impact fishing (Article 17)

Redirect subsidies to good practice

Exert political influence

Work at European, Regional and national levels

The WHO (Membership criteria)

Fishing using **low impact gears & practices -** *Right Gear, Right Time, Right Place*

Vessel owner aboard when fishing

Positive contribution to sustainable fisheries, local economies and coastal ecosystem

Activities

- Improving understanding and valorising local and experiential knowledge
- > Getting the governance right
- Building capacity
- > Identifying and promoting good practice
- > Diversification of activities
- > Building the capacity of LIFE





