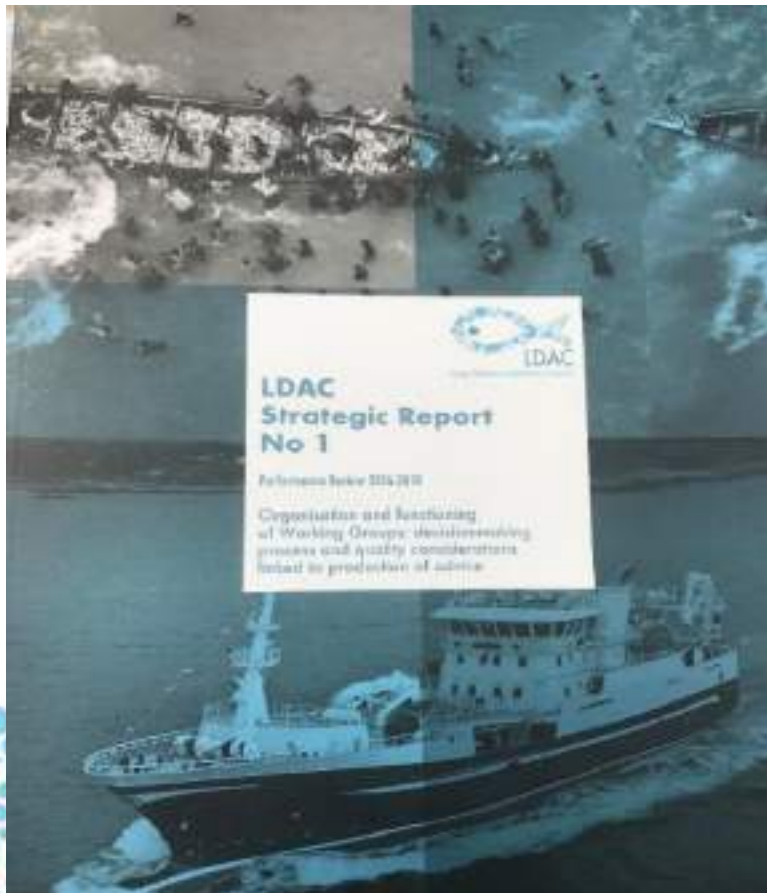




LDAC PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

Inter ACs meeting with DG MARE/MS, 18th January 2021



Time Plan / Scope of Study

For reasons of economy and efficiency, the PR was divided in 2 phases:

Phase 1 (Work in 4Q of 2018 and 1Q of 2019):

- Organisation of Working Groups
- Analysis of decision-making process
- Quality of production of advice and feed-back from EC
- Promotion of transparency

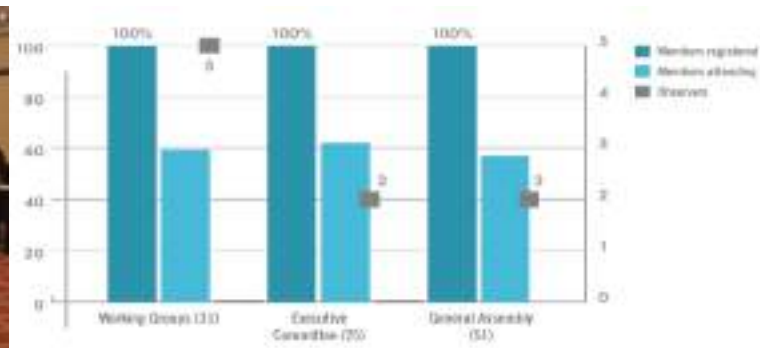
Phase 2 (Work in 4Q of 2019 and 1Q of 2020):

- Cooperation & working practices with international organizations (EFCA, RFMOs [NAFO & ICCAT], UNGA [DOALOS], FAO)
- Communication policy and outreach
- Aspects related to gender balance across sectorial policies

Methodology

An independent and external reviewer (a consultant with experience and knowledge in the ACs work) carried out this work by developing a combined methodology:

- **Qualitative face-to-face + remote interviews** with LDAC members
All sectors (NGOs, catching, processing, trade unions...), LDAC Secretariat, DG MARE officials, other reps from EU and international organisations...
- **Analysis of existing written documentation and legislation:**
LDAC work programme, rules of procedure, advice and letters, EC replies...
- **Attendance in observer capacity to LDAC and RFMOs meetings:**
LDAC 5 WGs, GA & ExCom, NAFO & ICCAT annual plenary meetings.



Phase 1: 4 Key Recommendations



Strategic planning: prioritisation of topics



Foster informal and collaborative work to increase the preparatory work: adaptive role



Follow-up of advice through decision-making



Strengthening international cooperation with key partners / organisations

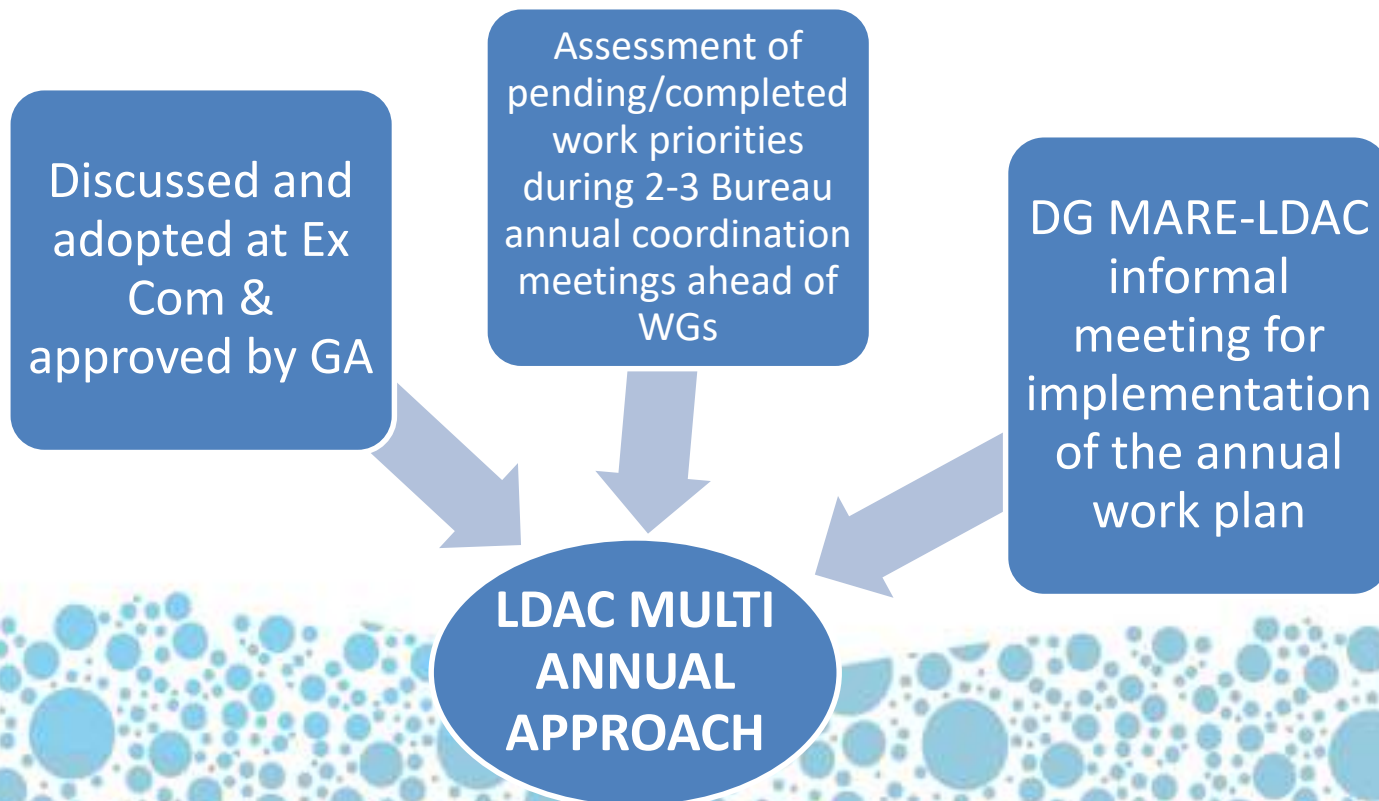


Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

R.1: Strategic planning:

A feedback process based in loops was developed to combine a long term vision with short term actions: the idea is to revise priority topics identified in the annual work plan and adapt them to DG MARE targeted consultations and policy objectives (i.e. be flexible and adaptive!).





Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

R.2: Foster informal & collaborative work to increase the preparatory work

FORMALISED PROCESS – STEPWISE APPROACH

1 or more Working Groups decide to create a topic-based Focus Group



ToR are drafted and call of interest is launched among members (limited size)



Drafting group with nominated members/experts tasked with drafting a discussion paper



Hold face to face or online meeting/s (in pandemic times) to discuss the paper



Distribute the draft proposal agreed back to the WG/s for approval & ExCom for endorsement



If adopted, send to the EC / relevant ACs / other bodies when justified (e.g. EESC, EFCA, EP-PECH)

Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

R.3: Follow-up of advice thorough the decision-making process

- “Upstream” and “downstream” approach: Go beyond submission of advice: monitor or measure the impact of LDAC advice in policy-shaping throughout the legislative process.
- Proposal to meet regularly DG MARE in bilaterals to look at elements of advice and think collectively how to improve quality and understand diverging positions.
- Measure indirect influence: EC representatives sometimes express the value of LDAC advice at LDAC plenary/bilateral meetings; or acknowledgements made by other bodies.

Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

R.4: Strengthening international cooperation

The LDAC has approached and been actively engaged with the following bodies in 2017-2020. Possibilities of formalised collaborations in future.

ATLAFCO-
COMHAFAT

FAO

UN

STECF

IOC

RFMOs

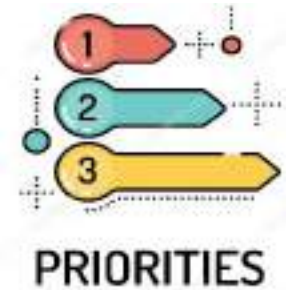
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project

Follow up of recommendations – Phase 2

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

- **Strategy & priorities:**

Be more strategic (*quality over quantity*) and rethink priorities on multiannual basis



R.1

INTERNAL FUNCTIONING

- **Internal cohesion:**

Develop a catalogue of best practices on how to tackle “conflicting” issues



- **Debate on gender issues:**

Included gender considerations on sectoral policies (e.g. evaluation and implementation of SFPAs).



Follow up of recommendations – Phase 2

Implementing actions in 2020-2021

- Smooth and agile dialogue mechanisms with EC services

R.2

ADVICE

&

COMMUNICATION

TO

PARTNERS

- LDAC delegations:

Ensure balanced representation of interests when meeting DG MARE-MS



- SFPAs renewals:

Promote stakeholder engagement on ex-ante/ex-post evaluations and make “reality check” on implementation, Incl. gender scrutiny (linked to R.1.)



R.3

NETWORKING

&

POLICY

WORK

- SFPAs & sectoral support

Transparency, accountability, good use

Policy coherence (cooperation for development)



- Coordination amongst SFPAs:

Idea of “regional network”

-Partnerships & MoUs with international Organisations (IOC, AU, FAO...)



- Holding international high-profile events every 2 years.

R.4

COMMUNICATING TO A WIDER AUDIENCE

COMS Plan in process under debate

- Adopting a Communications plan
- Promoting EU good practices
- Global perspective: international waters

R.5

LDAC'S MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

Commitment and loyalty

Sharing and dissemination of advice



R.6

MONITORING PROGRESS

Set milestones and indicators



Access to PR reports

Reports can be downloaded at LDAC website -
www.ldac.eu

Performance Review - Phase 1:

https://ldac.eu/images/LDAC_web-compressed_Performance_Review.pdf

Performance Review - Phase 2:

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