



Action Plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems

Inter-ACs meeting

19 January 2022

Context and objectives

- Biodiversity Strategy
- Complements the Technical Measures report and advance environmental pillar of the upcoming CFP report
- Complements the MSFD review, new MPAs definition, the upcoming initiative on nature restoration, and links with the implementation of the Birds & Habitats Directives
- Purpose:
 - Concretely exploit the synergies between the fisheries and environmental policies
 - Propose solutions to further protect the marine environment and fisheries resources, in way that also safeguards the livelihoods of European fishers

Topics that will be addressed

- Conserving fisheries resources and restoring biodiversity (reducing impact of fishing on sensitive species and seabed habitats)
- Securing a “fair and just transition for all”
- Improving the knowledge base
- Improving governance, implementation and enforcement

Timeline

- 15/04 – 13/05/21: Consultation on the roadmap
- 25/10/21 – 10/01/22: Consultation on the Action Plan
- 19/01: Inter-ACs meeting
- *March: adoption of the nature restoration targets proposal*
- April: adoption of the Action Plan
- *November / December: adoption of the CFP report*