



WORKING GROUP 2 – EU MARKET

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Thursday, 26 January 2023

AGENDA (CEST TIME ZONE)

- 10:15 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère
- 10:20 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (19.09.22)
- 10:25 Actions points
- 10:30 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)
- 11:00 EU Market Supply
- 11:30 Focus Group on Trade
- 12:00 *Break*
- 12:15 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
- 12:45 Banning Forced Labour
- 13:00 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance
- 13:50 AOB
- 13:55 Summary of actions points
- 14:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (19 SEPTEMBER 2022)

Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF):

- Draft advice on the Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry, particularly on improved data collection, to be developed
 - Draft advice circulated: 2 December 2022

Banning Forced Labour:

- Briefing note of EJF, Oceana, TNC, WWF and Anti-Slavery International to be circulated
- Following the circulation of the briefing note, the Secretariat to consult the members, via email about their interest in the development of draft advice
 - Briefing note included in the annotated version of the meeting's draft agenda
 - Exchange of views among members, plus consideration of draft Terms of Reference for external study scheduled

Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments:

- Continue monitoring developments on the revision of the Union Customs Union and the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
 - Ongoing

ACTION POINTS (19 SEPTEMBER 2022)

EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives:

- Good Fish to send a clarification of their position by the next day
- Following the clarification, draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption via urgent written procedure
 - Advice adopted: 30 September 2022

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance:

- Presentation of the two upcoming studies of the EU IUU Coalition and of ClientEarth to be scheduled under the draft agenda of the January 2023 meeting
- Following the presentations, Working Group 2 to assess and potentially develop advice
 - Presentations and exchange of views scheduled

Focus Group on Trade:

- Broader consideration of the draft Terms of Reference to be scheduled under the draft agenda of the January 2023 meeting
 - Consideration of the draft Terms of Reference scheduled

EUROPEAN MARKET OBSERVATORY FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (EUMOFA)

- Presentation of “The EU Fish Market” 2022 report
 - Christophe Vande Weyer & Laurène Jolly (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

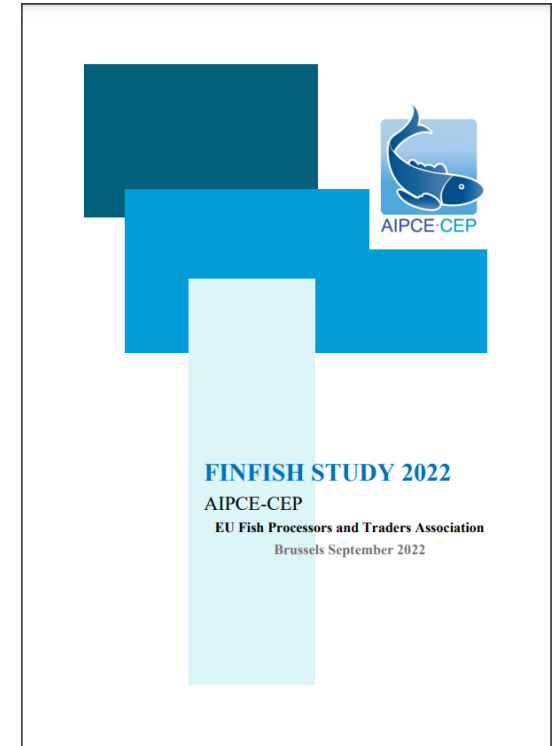


EU MARKET SUPPLY

➤ Presentation of “Finfish Study 2022”

- Mike Turenhout, Visfederatie

➤ Exchange of views



FOCUS GROUP ON TRADE

➤ Consideration of draft Terms of Reference

- Advice on trade policy instruments (30 March 2022)
- Letter from MARE B3 (12 May 2022) requesting further time for liaising with DG TRADE and DG TAXUD to prepare comprehensive feedback
- Final reply from MARE: Pending
- 2nd version of draft Terms of Reference circulated on 7 September 2022 and considered at 19 September 2022 meeting
- 3rd version of draft Terms of Reference circulated in January 2023

➤ Way forward

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 12:20**

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF)

➤ Consideration of draft advice on 2021 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry

- Action point of 19 September 2022 meeting: Development of draft advice on the Economic Report, particularly on improved data collection
- Secretariat's questionnaire: 2 – 16 November 2022
- Replies to the questionnaire: ADEPALE, CONXEMAR, AIPCE-CEP
- Circulation of draft advice: 2 December 2022
- Preliminary comments: ANFACO-CECOPESCA

➤ Way forward

BANNING FORCED LABOUR

➤ Exchange of views among members

- State-of-play: Initial meetings in Council (Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth) + EP to decide on lead Committee (unknown Rapporteur)
- Relevance of developing advice?
- Proposal to hire an external consultant?

➤ Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for external study

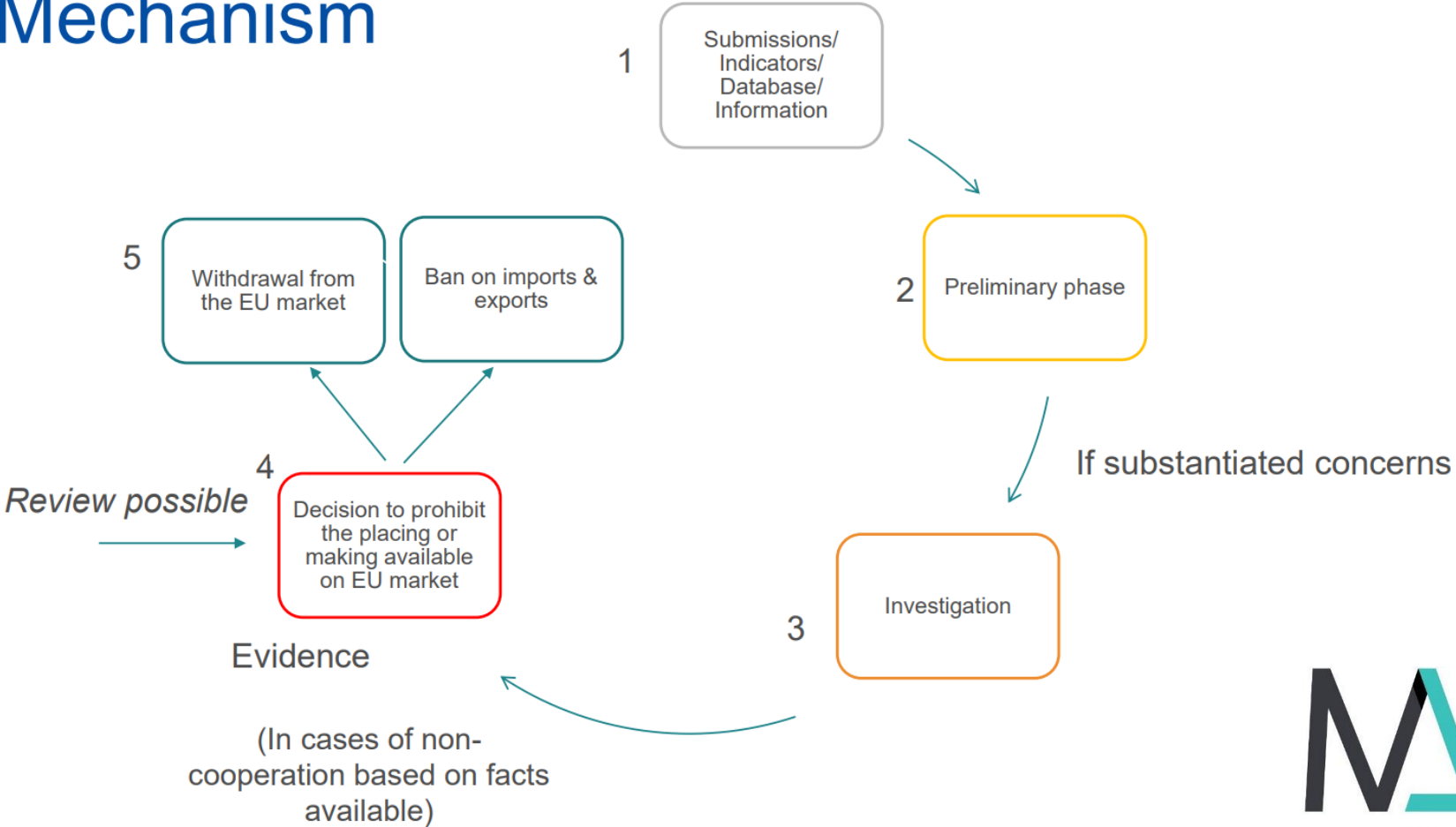
- Hiring of external consultant (e.g., collection of information/sourced on species/products/countries most likely to be connected to forced labour + predictions of economic impact of bans + list of industry initiatives + preliminary recommendations on policy and legislative proposal)?
- Appointment of Steering Committee for the study?

➤ Way forward

- Appointment of rapporteur (e.g., Oceana, EJF representatives)?
- Monitoring of developments? No action?

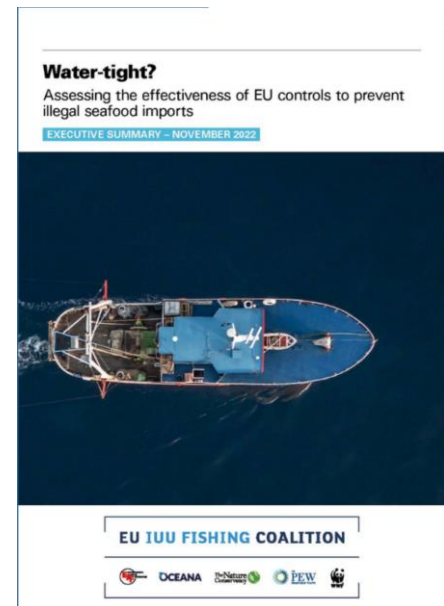
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Mechanism



ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING & GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

- Presentation of study “Water-tight? Assessing the effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal seafood imports”
 - Thomas Walsh, EU IUU Fishing Coalition
- Presentation of study on IUU risks in Spanish market
 - María del Camino Troya, EU IUU Fishing Coalition
- Exchange of views & way forward
 - Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?



AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**