



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

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Wednesday, 3 July 2024

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (05.06.24)
- 14:10 Action Points
- 14:15 Sustainability Indicators
- 14:45 Membership of the General Assembly
- 15:15 Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024)
- 15:45 Work Programme of Year 9 (2024-2025)
- 16:20 AOB
- 16:25 Summary of actions points

*16:30 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (5 JUNE 2024)

## Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO):

- **MAC to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (8-12 July 2024), preferably integrating the EU's delegation**
  - Request to integrate the EU's delegation accepted by DG MARE
  - Secretary General to attend the entire session in Rome, while the Chair will follow some agenda points online

## Membership of the General Assembly:

- **Secretary General to continue the efforts on the representativeness of the membership**
- **Introductory presentations of AECOC, NOVA, and ESSA to be scheduled for the 3 July 2024 meeting**
  - Efforts on the representativeness of the membership ongoing
  - Introductory presentations scheduled (14:45 CET)

# ACTION POINTS (5 JUNE 2024)

## Marine Action Plan:

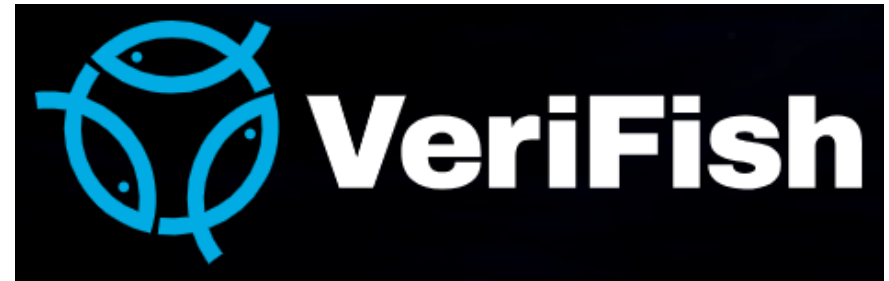
- In a future opportunity, invite representatives of the European Investment Bank to deliver a presentation about the funding available beyond the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund
  - Pending

## Scope:

- In the context of future work programmes, explicitly mention the market-perspective in the title of the recommendations adopted
  - Ongoing

# SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

- **Presentation of the VeriFish project on an indicator framework to communicate responsible aquafood production and consumption patterns**
  - Sara Pittonet Gaiarin (Clupea Consultancy )
  
- **Exchange of views**



# MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## ➤ Presentation of the most recent members:

- AECOC
- Dutch Fish Auctions Association (NOVA)
- European Salmon Smokers Association (ESSA)

# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

## ➤ Update on implementation of priorities

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

#### ▪ Overarching priorities

- (1) Sustainable Food System Framework
- (2) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- (3) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance
- (4) European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)
- (5) Landing Obligation
- (6) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
- (7) Fisheries Control Regulation
- (8) Substantiating Environmental Claims and Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for unprocessed Marine Fish products

# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

## ▪ Planned recommendations:

### 1) Substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims

- Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims (Green Claims Directive) (30 November 2023)

### 2) Work Programme of EUMOFA, including suggestions of analysis topics and talks

- European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA): Suggestions of studies to be integrated in the Work Programme (2024) (5 June 2024)

### 3) Analysis of market-related aspects of the new Fisheries Control Regulation

- Terms of Reference of the Study on Feasible Traceability Systems and Procedures for Prepared and Preserved Fishery and Aquaculture Products (24 May 2024)

### 4) Legislative Proposal on Sustainable Food System Framework

- *Publication of the legislative proposal postponed by the European Commission*



# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

## 5) 2024 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- STECF's Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet (2024) (31 January 2024)

## 6) Annual Report on the implementation in 2023 of the landing obligation (particularly new developments when compared to previous advice)

- *WG1 Questionnaire circulated on the evaluation of the Landing Obligation*

## 7) Energy Transition (increase of operational input costs)

- Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture (29 April 2024)

## 8) Marine Action Plan

- Impact of the "Marine Action Plan" on the Market (6 March 2024)

## 9) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Negotiation of EU – Thailand Free Trade Agreement (31 January 2024)

## 10) Development of sustainability criteria for fishery and aquaculture products

- *Draft advice in development under Working Group 1*

# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

## 11) Annual EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement implementation report (Border Target Operating Mode)

- *Working Group 2 concluded that it would not be relevant to proceed on the topic*

## 12) 2023 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry

- *Working Group 2 still to initiate work on the topic*

## 13) Integration of sustainability considerations in the Autonomous Tariff Quotas (ATQs) framework

- *Initiative, including supporting study, still not made public by the European Commission*

## 14) Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for unprocessed Marine Fish products

- *Focus Group on Marine Fish PEFCR reactivated to prepare the position of the MAC*

# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

- **Update on the implementation of the budget**
  - **Dawlat Bik (Financial Officer)**

# WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 9 (2024-2025)

## ➤ Presentation of priorities, deliverables and planning

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Operational Year 9 (1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025)
- Preparation by Executive Committee: July 2024
- Submission to DG MARE: Before end of July 2024
- Approval by General Assembly: January 2025

## ➤ Presentation of draft budget

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Multiannual Financial Framework (7 years with 2% increase for inflation)
- If limited changes, DG MARE provides 2% increase to annual contributions to ACs

### ▪ Dawlat Bik (Financial Officer)

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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