

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 2 December 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 CEST)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (17.09.25)

09:40 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

09:45 Marine Fishery Resources

- Presentation of the 2025 edition of the Review of the State of World Marine Fishery Resources by Rishi Sharma (FAO)
- Exchange of views

10:30 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation of the study “digitalisation at first sale stage” by Tanguy Chever and Rose Cahagne (EUMOFA)
- Exchange of views

11:15 Break

11:30 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries

- Presentation of the 2025 edition of the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet by Evelina Sabatella (STECF Expert Working Group)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

12:15 Terminology

- Exchange of views on the appropriate term to refer to “fishery and aquaculture products”
- Way forward

12:50 AOB

12:55 Summary of action items



13:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Marine Fishery Resources	FAO periodically publishes a review of the state of the world's marine fishery resources. The latest version is based on stock assessments and complementary information up to 2023, and official catch statistics through to 2021.	Presentation of the review by FAO representative.	- Publication
Information	EUMOFA	On June 2025, EUMOFA published a study on "digitalisation at first sale stage". The study originates from a suggestion made in 2023 by the MAC for a study on "selling methods at first sale and after first sale".	Presentation of the study by EUMOFA experts.	- Study - Advice
Information + Decision	Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet	The report is published every year by STECF, providing a comprehensive overview on the structure and economic performance of EU fishing fleets. Previously, the MAC adopted advice with suggestions for the Terms of Reference. It is established practice to hold a presentation of the report.	Presentation of the report by a member of the Expert Working Group. Decision on way forward (e.g., launch of questionnaire to prepare advice on the Terms of Reference of the next edition).	- Advice - STECF Reports
Decision	Terminology	At the 17 September 2025 meeting, there were exchanges on the appropriate terminology. The Secretariat generally uses the term "fishery and aquaculture products", in line with the Common Market Organisation Regulation and other EU legislation. Official reports and communications as well as consumer-language sometimes refer to "seafood". As mentioned in the 2022 advice on the Common Market Organisation, the aquaculture sector views the term "seafood" as excluding freshwater farming. The FAO increasingly refers to "aquatic foods". In international context, the term "blue foods" is also used.	Exchange of views on the appropriate terminology. Decision on way forward (e.g., use of specific terminology in future advice, development of recommendations to DG MARE).	- Advice