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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
Maritime Policy and Blue Economy
The Director-General

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MARE.A.4/CVW

Subject: MAC recommendations on EUMOFA WP

Dear Ms. Bermúdez,

I would like to thank the MAC for the recommendations that were sent to the European Commission (DG MARE) on 1 September 2025 on possible studies to be carried out by the European Union Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture products (EUMOFA) in 2025 and 2026.

Let me also recall that the Observatory's work programme is a rolling programme, which can evolve over time according to changing priorities and environment. You will find in annex to this letter the whole work programme of public studies.

Here are our proposals, for each of MAC's recommended studies:

Price Transmission Analyses (PTATs):

- **Cod in PT:** will be the object of a case study (instead of PTAT) to be published in the Monthly Highlights (MH) of March 2026. A PTAT is a format that allows for a comparison of the price formation along the value chain between several Member States. In this case, only Portugal will be covered. Accordingly, a case study is considered more appropriate.
- **Octopus in PT, ES, IE, FR:** agreement in principle, publication date not yet decided.
- **Squid in ES, FR, BE, NL:** agreement in principle, publication date not yet decided.
- **Shrimp and prawns in PT, ES, IT:** agreement in principle, publication date not yet decided. The MAC is asked to specify which species and products are considered more relevant.
- **Sardines and horse mackerel in ES:** as with cod in Portugal, these species will be the object of cases studies, to be published in the MH of April and July 2026 respectively.

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Thematic Analyses:

- **Evolution of the Croatian market:** will be the focus of a case study to be published in the MH of August 2026.
- **Impact of Brexit on the EU market:** this topic will be covered on 2 occasions: a study on the developments of EU market for fishery and aquaculture products (FAPs) in the light of the covid crisis, war in Ukraine and Brexit (publication in the 1st semester), and a case study on the UK fishery and aquaculture sector (with a focus on the EU-UK trade flows) in the MH of October 2026.
- **Norwegian farmed salmon of “production” quality:** DG MARE is of the opinion that such study cannot be made public due to the unavailability of comprehensive (publicly available) data, combined with the inherent political sensitivity of the subject. The request is therefore declined.
- **Joint Ventures in Fisheries:** this request is rejected on the grounds that it falls outside the scope of EUMOFA’s field of competence (market intelligence).

You will find EUMOFA 2026 work programme of public studies and reports in annex.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have further questions on this proposal, please contact Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu, or Laurène Jolly / Christophe Vande Weyer in MARE A4, who coordinate the activities of EUMOFA.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: EUMOFA 2026 work programme

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Annex: EUMOFA 2026 work programme (public studies and reports)

Title	Nature	Planned date
EU Fish Market 2026	Market analysis	Dec-26
Country profiles	Market analysis	Jan-26
Evolution of the EU market for FAPs in the light of the war in Ukraine, Brexit and the covid crisis	Market analysis	S1 – 2026
Monthly Highlights	Market monitoring + 2 thematic case studies	Monthly
Norway lobster in the EU	MH case study	Feb-26
Fisheries and aquaculture in the Faroe Islands	MH case study	Feb-26
Cod in the EU (PT)	MH case study	Mar-26
TBC	MH case study	Mar-26
Fresh sardine in the EU (ES)	MH case study	Apr-26
Sharks in the EU	MH case study	Apr-26
Invasive blue crab in the EU (Med)	MH case study	May-26
The salmonid processing industry in the EU	MH case study	May-26
Anchovy in the Atlantic	MH case study	Jun-26
Fishmeal and fish oil in the EU	MH case study	Jun-26
Horse mackerel in the EU (ES)	MH case study	Jul-26
Surimi in the EU	MH case study	Jul-26
Monk in the EU	MH case study	Aug-26
Croatian market since accessing the EU (sardine, anchovy and hake)	MH case study	Aug-26
Mussel production in the EU (FR and NL + ES?)	MH case study	Sep-26
Fisheries and aquaculture in Iceland	MH case study	Sep-26
Fisheries and aquaculture in the UK	MH case study	Oct-26
TBC	MH case study	Oct-26
Impact of the fishing closure in bay of Biscay	MH case study	Nov-26
TBC	MH case study	Nov-26
TBC	MH case study	Dec-26
TBC	MH case study	Dec-26
Shrimp and prawns in the EU (PT, ES, IT)	PTAT	2026
Octopus in the EU (PT, ES, IE, FR)	PTAT	2026
Squid in the EU (ES, FR, BE, NL)	PTAT	2026
Species profiles	Species analysis	Jan-26
Caviar market (update)	Species analysis	S1 – 2026
Tuna market	Species analysis	S2 – 2026
Baltic region species	Species analysis	2026
Blue bioeconomy report 2026	Value chain	2026
Study on consumption of fishery and aquaculture products in the EU	Value chain	S1 – 2026