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New Pilot Action proposed on Transferable Fishing Concessions

Ancona – 21° June 2012 - Maremed STC Meeting

Framework and interest in TFC (Transferable Fishing Concessions) - 1

CFP failed to resolve problem of overcapacity, past policies do not tackle the problem



New CFP will introduce a system of Transferable Fishing Concessions which, if designed correctly could:

- Be an effective tool for vessel owners to **plan their fishing activity** along market development and **plan investments**
- give possibility to fishermen to leave industry in exchange for **financial compensation**
- **reduce overcapacity**
- **Increase operators responsibility**

Framework and interest in TFC (Transferable Fishing Concessions) - 2

COMMISSION PROPOSAL:

From 2014 Ms should introduce **TFC following strict principle:**

- **Marine resources** must remain a **public goods**
- TFCs not confer property rights but **only user rights** to exploit them for a limited time
- After time is up **TFC come back to MS** who can allocate them again with same or different criteria
- **Selling, leasing, or swapping** of TFCs could happen **only under strict conditions** – owner of registered and active vessels
- Relative stability must be respect



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Framework and interest in TFC (Transferable Fishing Concessions) - 3

COMMISSION PROPOSAL:

MS should set national/regional priorities allocating a certain % of the national quota to the small scale fish. The rest would be managed under TFC.



TFC Systems should be designed by **MS together with the stakeholders** favouring Coastal Communities, environmentally friendly fishing practice and artisanal fleets



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Framework and interest in TFC (Transferable Fishing Concessions) - 4

COMMISSION PROPOSAL:

TFC system adapted by MS and stakeholders should:

- Exclude small scale fishing (<12m with passive gear)
- Preventing concentration avoiding too many fishing rights in the hand of few vessel owners
- Reserve a part of National quota for coastal communities that depends on small scale fleets
- Limiting transferability to inside specific fisheries



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EXAMPLES ON THE APPLICATION OF TFC IN MS

DENMARK – introduced in 2003 for the Pelagic fleet and in demersal fleet in 2007 – Profits for both segments increase

ESTONIA - introduced TFC system in 2001 – fleet have decreased by around 40%

SPAIN - Gran Sol fleet decreased by 30% with use of TFCs



TFC have helped to rationalise the fleet



STRONG INTEREST OF MARCHE REGION IN SYSTEM OF APPLICATION OF TFC



Pilot Action proposed within Maremed project: Applicability of TFCs (Transferable Fishing Concessions) to the Mediterranean Area

Objective:

- Increase Knowledge on Transferable Fishing Concessions reforms in view of the next EMFF**
- Testing and evaluation of the applicability of the TFC reforms in Mediterranean Area**



Actions proposed for the pilot actions:

**1- Research and survey on the application of TFC
regulamentation in MS (state of the art, good practice
collection, transferability of results)**

2 – Case study in Mediterranean area:

**2 Pilot project in Adriatic and Thyrrenian Sea on the criteria
to provide quotas concessions.**

**3 – Raising awareness activities (workshop organization to
share smart TFCs design systems)**



Expected output:

- 1- Technical Report** on experimented methodologies in MS on TFCs and results transferability
- 2 – Set of criteria for the provision of quotas concession in Mediterranean Area**
- 3 – Pilot project Final Reports**
- 4 – Recommendation paper for TFCs design system**
- 5 – 1 workshop organized**

TIMETABLE:

FROM JULY 2012 – MAY 2013 – 10 months