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Dr. Haritz Arrizabalaga, the Consortium leader, commissioned by The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) for the Framework Contract EASME/EMFF/2016/008 Provision of Scientific Advice for Fisheries Beyond EU waters.

CERTIFIES THAT:

ECHEBASTAR tuna freezer purse-seiner company collaborates with the project SC07 "Testing designs and identify options to mitigate impacts of drifting FADs on the Ecosystem –EASME/EMFF/2017/1.3.2.6 - FWC EASME/EMFF/2016/008 Provision of SAF Beyond EU waters".

This project seeks to test the use of specific biodegradable materials and designs for the construction of drifting FADs in natural environmental conditions. Options to mitigate drifting FADs impacts on the ecosystem will also be identified, and the socio-economic viability of the use of BIO FADs (i.e. non-entangling and biodegradable) in the Purse Seine tropical tuna fishery will be assessed.

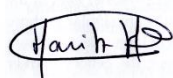
ECHEBASTAR Vessels has contributed to the project with the following activities record during the period from April 2018 to September 2019:

Name Vessel	BIOFAD deployments	BIOFAD Visits	BIOFAD Sets	BIOFAD Transfer
ALAKRANA	7	0	1	4
ELAI ALAI	24	7	4	6
EUSKADI ALAI	24	1	0	0
IZARO	17	2	2	9
JAI ALAI	20	2	1	2

ECHEBASTAR provides the echo-sounder buoys needed (and the data collected by them) to attach to the experimental biodegradable FADs to be deployed in the project. This contribution is an in-kind contribution of ECHEBASTAR to the project.

Do not hesitate to contact us, should you require more information in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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