

Echebatar Sustainability Working Group

Monthly Meeting: April 8 2022

10.00 h (CET)

AGENDA

PARTICIPANTS

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Prior to the ESWG meeting there is a meeting with CFTO to consider:

- Timing of surveillance audits. The Echebatar TASA will be in the week beginning June 26 in person in Bermeo. CFTO will review possibility of holding their FASA at the same time.
- The coral project: Preparatory work was continuing with SOS having visited 4 derelict dFADs and AZTI preparing new data on possible locations. There is frequent contact between AZTI and SOS for detailed planning.
- The silky shark project: Progress awaits the output of data from the mini pads.
- The outcome of the AGAC MSC certification process is not known.
- The extension of the SIOTI FIP for one year.
- The potential entry into the MSC assessment process of other SIOTI producer members.
- Consideration of the SIOTI projects – harvest strategy and harvest control tools / economic benefits of the SIOTI fleet to the regional IO economy.
- Potential new projects e.g. marine waste and further research into silky sharks.

1. Progress on conditions

Condition 1. PI 2.3.3

If maintained in 2022, the data available from Echebatar at the fourth surveillance audit should be sufficient to close the condition at the 2023 audit.

Condition 2. PI 2.4.1

It is hoped that the outcome of the D'Arros / Coral report will be sufficient to close the condition at the fourth ASA.

The draft report is on desk research has been prepared and the field work will take place from May thru November.

Condition 3. PI 2.4.2

CONDITION CLOSED.

It seems likely that we will need to fully justify the pass score at the recertification and it would be good to prepare a shadow scoring rational to TASA that takes new information into account and identifies potential areas for further work.

Condition 4. PI 2.4.3

While we should not have a problem meeting the defined milestone due to the D'Arros / AZTI project, it seems likely that we will need to take the results of that and develop an analysis that considers spatial extent of interaction and the timing and use of the fishing gear in non-Seychelles settings.

Condition 5 PI 2.5.3

Scott should prepare a short paper for discussion with CFTO in preparation for the TASA. Much of the analysis will be based on the work of JJ. This would likely meet the milestone for the next audit.

Condition 6 PI 3.1.2

A preparatory paper should be prepared in May for submission to the TASA. An up-date of the Seychelles tuna FMP should be provided along with arguments for harmonisation with AGAC (if applicable)

Condition 7 PI 3.2.1

The Seychelles tuna FMP should adopt short and long term objectives.

Condition 8. 3.2.2 Sla

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Condition 9: PI 1.2.1

The draft SIOTI submission to IOTC and the consultancy of Gorka should be sufficient to meet the TASA mile stone.

Condition 10: PI 1.2.2

The draft SIOTI submission to IOTC and the consultancy of Diffey should be sufficient to meet the TASA mile stone. The consultant's questionnaires have been sent to SIOTI members.

Condition 11: PI 3.2.2

We should prepare a paper jointly with CFTO for presentation to TASA providing evidence that this condition should be closed.

2. Other Issues**THE DRAFT MSC STANDARD V3.0.**

Scott will present summaries of the changes at SIOTI meetings.

DERELICT FADS / CORALS

See above.

SILKY SHARKS

Project is on-going.

MARINE WASTE

As previous, we will review the options to establish a project to consider this emerging issue which is part of MSC v3.0.

3. Next meeting.

May 24th at 10.00 (CET)