

Echebatar Sustainability Working Group

Monthly Meeting: June 23, 2022

10.00 h (CET)

PARTICIPANTS

- Jose Luis Jauregui (Echebatar)
- Ian Scott (Echebatar)
- Pablo Gonzalez (Echebatar)
- Sarah Le Couls (CFTO)
- Pierre Alain (CFTO)
- Marga Andrés (AZTI)
- Ane Iriondo (AZTI)

The video call which will be split into 2 parts:

Part 1 (with CFTO) to discuss matters of common interest related to MSC certification and the next Surveillance Audits.

Part 2 ESWG partners.

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Responsible
10.00 h	Opening of the meeting	Ane
10.05 h	Next Echebatar Third Annual Surveillance Audit	Jose Luis
10.15 h	Presentation progress report conditions	Ane, Ian
10.45 h	Issues of common interest -State of AGAC PI 3.2.3 Sid -Any other issues	All
11 h	Closing of the meeting	

MINUTES

Next Echebatar Third Annual Surveillance Audit

Agenda is presented by Ane, JL said that there is only one change, the meeting will start earlier, at 15:30. Basically, nothing else has changed.

Progress report conditions

Ane presented the conditions.

Condition 3 and 8 were closed the last year.

The plan for this year is to present evidence to close 1, 5, 6 and 7.

A comparison between the certificated fisheries and conditions of related fisheries was done.

Ane presented how the report has been built, with the links to the document that evidences the performance of the conditions.

- **Condition 1:** Ane shows the report of the data. We propose to close condition 1.
- **Condition 2:** Habitat. We have presented some evidence about data on FADs.

- ACC: Rios asked to JL to send him the report of Coral (preliminary report).
- **Condition 4:** Habitat information: IAN: there is a paper of WWF regarded to FADs.
 - ACC: Read de paper.
- **Condition 5:** Ecosystem information: We have two reports as evidence, with that evidences we will try to close the condition.
- **Condition 6:** There is a report about the Fisheries Transparency, but ANE does not have the link.
 - ACC: IAN will send to ANE the report. IAN: The main rationale to closing is the harmonization with AGAG.
- **Condition 7:** The same as condition 6, by harmonization we will propose to close this condition.
- **Condition 9, 10 and 11:** Harvest strategy. Some work has been done by Gorka Merino from AZTI and in SIOTI context but this report is not shared in ESWG.
 - ACC: Ane requested to IAN to email the report.
 - Regarded condition 11, decision making progress, it is also related to the HCR, the work is in progress, but we don't have quota allocation yet.
- Sarah: Condition 9: ¿will be closed by 2025?
 - IAN: Develop HCR is a slow process. We need to be more proactive in the case of Skipjack, the future of SIOTI is uncertain. In the last meeting there were conflicts. The extension of the FIP is still in discussion. So, there is an uncertainty. Regarding to the Sarah question, there is not too much to do.
 - ANE: In the decision-making process and the agreement by countries, the regulation is ready, but the problem is the implementation of quota share procedures.

ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST

- Sarah: 26 – 27 de September 2022 is the surveillance of CFTO.
- Sarah: Tagging data on sharks. SIOTI is still interested in this topic, on having more data?
 - Ian: Condition 1 (2.3.3.) There is not much included in the workplan by team. Non entangling FAD does not impact on Silky Sharks.
 - Ane: CFTO and Echebatar have the same condition, but different issues to cover. Rios has been asking for the last update of Silky Sharks project.
 - ACC: Send to Rios both preliminary reports (coral and silky).
- Ane:
 - ACC: will give access to sharepoint to Jose Rios and make sure that have the last versions of all reports.
- Ian: FAD watch... there are problems, JL: but the project is still in progress, although the implementation as desired it is taking longer than we expected.
- **Next meeting: September 5th at 10 am.**