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What is an inter-branch?

1. Legal framework

- Regulation (EU) N° 1379/2013

(10) Inter-branch organisations consisting of different categories of operators in the fishery and aquaculture sector have the potential to help improve the coordination of marketing activities along the supply chain and to develop measures of interest for the whole sector.

Article 11

Establishment of inter-branch organisations

Inter-branch organisations may be established at the initiative of operators of fishery and aquaculture products in one or more Member States and recognised in accordance with Section II.

Article 12

Objectives of inter-branch organisations

Inter-branch organisations shall improve the coordination of, and the conditions for, making fishery and aquaculture products available on the Union market.

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- **Regulation**

Article 13

Measures deployable by inter-branch organisations

In order to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 12, inter-branch organisations may make use of the following measures:

- drawing up standard contracts which are compatible with Union legislation;
- promoting Union fishery and aquaculture products in a non-discriminatory manner by using, for example, **certification**, and in particular designations of origin, quality seals, geographical designations, traditional specialities guaranteed, and sustainability merits;
- laying down rules on the production and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products which are stricter than those laid down in Union or national legislation;
- improving quality, knowledge** of, and the **transparency of, production and the market**, as well as carrying out professional and vocational training activities, for example, on quality and traceability matters, on food safety and in order to encourage research initiatives;
- performing research and market studies**, and developing techniques to **optimise the operation of the market**, including through the use of **information and communication technology**, as well as **collecting socio-economic data**;
- providing the information and carrying out the research needed to deliver sustainable supplies at the quantity, quality and price corresponding to market requirements and consumer expectations;
- promoting, among consumers, species obtained from fish stocks that are in a sustainable state, that have appreciable nutritional value and that are not widely consumed**;
- controlling and taking measures for compliance of their members' activities** with the rules established by the inter-branch organisation concerned.

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- Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj>

Article 157

Interbranch organisations

1. Member States may, on request, recognise interbranch organisations in a specific sector listed in Article 1(2) which:
 - (a) are constituted of representatives of economic activities linked to the **production** and to **at least one of the following stages of the supply chain:** the processing of or trade in, including distribution of, products in one or more sectors;
 - (b) are formed on the initiative of all or some of the organisations or associations which constitute them;

Article 158

Recognition of interbranch organisations

1. Member States may recognise interbranch organisations applying for such recognition, provided that they:
 - (a) fulfil the requirements laid down in Article 157;
 - (b) carry out their activities in one or more regions in the territory concerned;
 - (c) **account for a significant share of the economic activities** referred to in point (a) of Article 157(1);
 - (d) with the exception of the cases laid down in Article 162, do not, themselves, engage in production, processing or trade.

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- Real Decreto 705/1997, de 16 de mayo, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento de la Ley 38/1994, de 30 de diciembre, reguladora de las Organizaciones Interprofesionales Agroalimentarias, modificada por la Ley 13/1996, de 30 de diciembre, de Medidas Fiscales, Administrativas y del Orden Social

<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-1994-28964>

Spanish interbranch organisations are required under Law 38/1994 to ensure balanced and significant representation across the supply chain.

It is, in administrative practice, the equivalent to (~50%) as benchmark

Frozen and fresh



Fresh



They represent more than 50% of the frozen SWO, BSH and SMA production and marketing.

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Ardán Chair in Vigo: Interfish-Spain contributes 855 million to the economy and supports 4,813 jobs in the Vigo Free Trade Zone

ECONOMY

Ardán Chair of Vigo: Interfish-Spain contributes 855 million to the economy and sustains 4,813 jobs

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Interfish-Spain generates 855 million euros, according to the report prepared by the Ardán Chair

From a social perspective, the associated companies generated 691 direct jobs and 1,523 indirect jobs.

855 M€

289 M€ Gross Value Added (GVA)

50 M€ taxes

2.214 to 4.813 jobs

Inter-branches in Spain

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/alimentacion/temas/integracion-asociativa/interprofesionales/directorio>

Organization	Sector	Products represented
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE FORRAJES ESPAÑOLES (AIFE)	Agricultural	Forage crops
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE LIMÓN Y POMELO (AILIMPO)	Agricultural	Lemon and grapefruit
INTERPROFESIONAL CITRÍCOLA ESPAÑOLA (INTERCITRUS)	Agricultural	Citrus fruits
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL TABACO DE ESPAÑA (OITAB)	Agricultural	Tobacco
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL ESPAÑOLA DE FRUTAS Y HORTALIZAS (HORTIESPAÑA)	Agricultural	Fruits and vegetables
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL AGROALIMENTARIA DE ESPÁRRAGO VERDE DE ESPAÑA	Agricultural	Green asparagus
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL AGUACATE Y EL MANGO	Agricultural	Avocado and mango

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Organization	Sector	Products represented
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL AGROALIMENTARIA DE CEREALES PANIFICABLES Y DERIVADOS (INCERHPAN)	Processing	Bread cereals and derivatives
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL ACEITE DE OLIVA ESPAÑOL	Processing	Olive oil
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE LA ACEITUNA DE MESA	Processing	Table olives
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL ACEITE DE ORUJO DE OLIVA	Processing	Olive pomace oil
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL VINO DE ESPAÑA (OIVE)	Processing	Wine
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL VINO DE RIOJA (OIPVR)	Processing	Rioja wine
INTERPROFESIONAL ESPAÑOLA DE LA ALIMENTACIÓN ANIMAL (INTERAL)	Processing	Animal feed

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Organization	Sector	Products represented
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL HUEVO Y SUS PRODUCTOS (INPROVO)	Livestock	Eggs and egg products
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL ESPAÑOLA DE CARNE AVÍCOLA (AVIANZA)	Livestock	Poultry meat
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL CERDO IBÉRICO (ASICI)	Livestock	Iberian pork
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL LÁCTEA (INLAC)	Livestock	Milk and dairy products
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL PARA IMPULSAR EL SECTOR CUNÍCOLA (INTERCUN)	Livestock	Rabbit meat
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL OVINO Y CAPRINO DE CARNE (INTEROVIC)	Livestock	Sheep and goat meat
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL CARACOL DE CRIANZA	Livestock	Snails
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DEL PORCINO DE CAPA BLANCA (INTERPORC)	Livestock	White pig pork
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE LAS PALMÍPEDAS GRASAS (INTERPALM)	Livestock	Waterfowl (ducks, geese)
ASOCIACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE LA CARNE DE CAZA SILVESTRE (ASICCAZA)	Livestock	Game meat
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL DE LA CARNE DE VACUNO (PROVACUNO)	Livestock	Beef

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Organization	Sector	Products represented
ORGANIZACIÓN INTERPROFESIONAL PESQUERA INTERFISH-ESPAÑA (INTERFISH)	Fisheries	Fishery products

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How is it possible...??

One of the main difficulties of interbranch structures lies in aligning producers' interests with those of marketers, as they can often be in conflict.



It means that the challenge is also internal:

→ convincing shipowners and marketers that, despite their differences...

...they must contribute and fund an inter-branch existence for the collective defense



The good example of how difficult it is...

We are the only one now... but not the first:

1. INTERATUN - Organización Interprofesional del Atún

It is the first inter-branch organization formally established and officially recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the fisheries sector.

PRODUCERS: OPAGAC + ANABAC

PROCESSING and MARKETING: ANFACO

Revoked on 5 November 2015 due to lacking representativeness in the production branch (<50%)...
... after disagreements over imports of tuna loins from fleets considered unethical.

2. AQUAPISCIS - Organización Interprofesional de la Acuicultura Continental Española

Revoked on 18 July 2022 due to:

1- lacking representativeness in the production branch (<50%);

2- remaining inactive for more than three years without carrying out any of the objectives of an inter-branch organization.

Why does an interbranch organization exist?

But they are bound by a common dependency: the sector itself and consumer demand.
Without fish, there is no production or marketing.

Exist to...:

1. To coordinate actions across the sector and prevent negative press that could confuse consumers and harm all stakeholders.
2. To strengthen the sector's collective voice and act as a more influential interlocutor with authorities and other stakeholders.

INTERFISH fleet pays a (non-uniform) per-ton fee to fund promotion

Historic:

1. First time in the fishing sector;
2. Led by the integrated segment, benefiting the entire industry

“I don’t want to keep paying if it’s just us”



To don't make inequalities...:

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Article 23

Extension of the rules of inter-branch organisations

1. A Member State **may make some of the agreements, decisions or concerted practices agreed** on within an inter-branch organisation binding in the specific area or areas on other operators who do not belong to that organisation, provided that:
 - (a) **the inter-branch organisation covers at least 65 % of each of at least two of the following activities: production, processing or marketing** of the relevant product during the previous year in the area or areas concerned of a Member State, and makes an application to the competent national authorities; and
 - (b) **the rules to be extended to other operators concern any of the measures for inter-branch organisations** laid down in points (a) to (g) of Article 13 and do not cause any damage to other operators in the Member State concerned or the Union.
2. **The extension of rules may be made binding for no more than three years**, without prejudice to Article 25(4).

Same in the spanish national law: 13.2 bis. 2 a) del Real Decreto 277/2016, de 24 de junio

Why is the unity so important? Cases:



Asociación Interprofesional del Cerdo Ibérico (ASICI)

Strengthened traceability and commercial differentiation of Iberian ham through mandatory labeling and certification systems.

Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux (CIVB)

Collective defense of Bordeaux wine identity, quality standards, and international market positioning.



Centre National Interprofessionnel de l'Économie Laitière

Dairy sector coordination and collective defense of milk standards and consumer information policies in France.

Why is the unity so important? Cases:

Organización Interprofesional Láctea (INLAC): *Court of Justice of the European Union, Case C-422/16*

Protection of dairy terms (“milk”, “butter”, “yogurt”) versus plant-based substitutes such as “soy milk”.

Interprofesional del Aceite de Oliva Español:

Helped strengthen the international reputation of Spanish olive oil by promoting higher quality standards and traceability in response to recurring concerns over mislabeled or falsely marketed “extra virgin” olive oils.

Consorzio del Formaggio Parmigiano Reggiano:

One of Europe’s strongest models for the defense of protected geographical indications, combating imitations and misleading labels affecting products such as Parmigiano Reggiano, Champagne, Roquefort, and Manchego

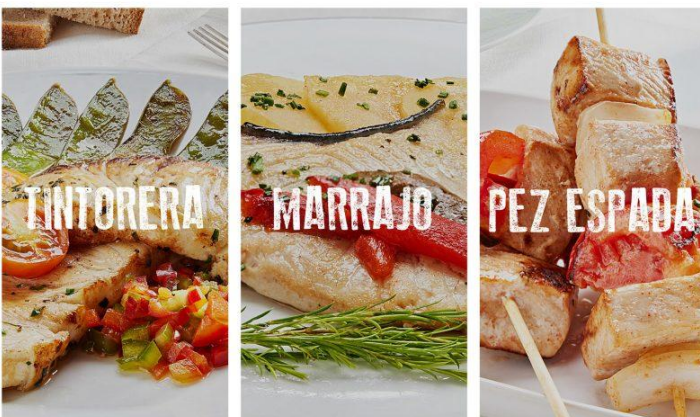


Action for Low demand AND Health



Campaign to promote and disseminate nutritional properties

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Al ser pescados azules y tener omega-3, protegen tu corazón.
Al venir en rodajas limpias, sin espinas y sin desperdicios, protegen tu bolsillo.
Y al ser tan versátiles y fáciles de cocinar, protegen tu tiempo libre.
Tintorera, marrajo y pez espada. Nuestros pescados protectores.
Disfrútalos al menos una vez a la semana.



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nos aporta vitaminas esenciales

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Action for Low demand

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NUESTROS PESCADOS PROTECTORES



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BURELA 25 jul
VIVEIRO 26 jul
MIÑO 27 jul

Ruta 2
RIBEIRA 1-2 ago
BOIRO 3 ago

Ruta 3
MARÍN 15 ago
BUEU 16-17 ago

Ruta 4
VIGO 5-6-7 sep

Ruta 5
A GUARDA 12-13 sep
OIA 14 sep

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Actions for “mercury” – Health





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Actions for retail





Actions for Corporate Recognition



Sergio Acevedo Iglesias – Managing Director



Actions for Corporate presence



Sergio Acevedo Iglesias – Managing Director



Values and Future

Transparency → way of acting

Science and management → approach to decision-making

Collaboration → internal and external culture

Outreach → attitude toward society



Why (1)?

What do you think if I just tell you...?:

Fishing sharks

Europe fishes and trades sharks

Eating swordfish

Prenatal exposure to mercury and infant neurodevelopment in a multicenter cohort in Spain: study of potential modifiers – PubMed DOI: 10.1093/aje/kwr328



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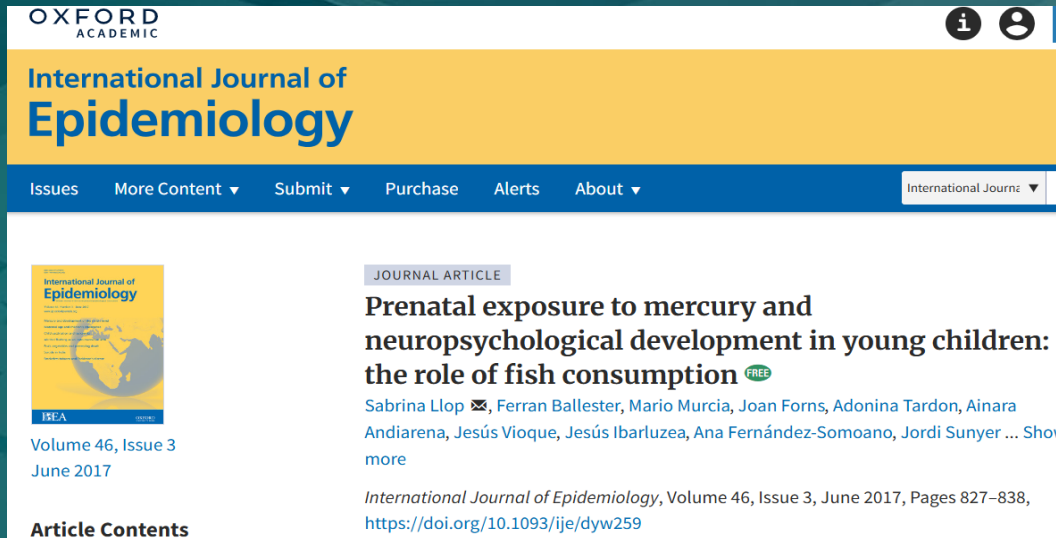
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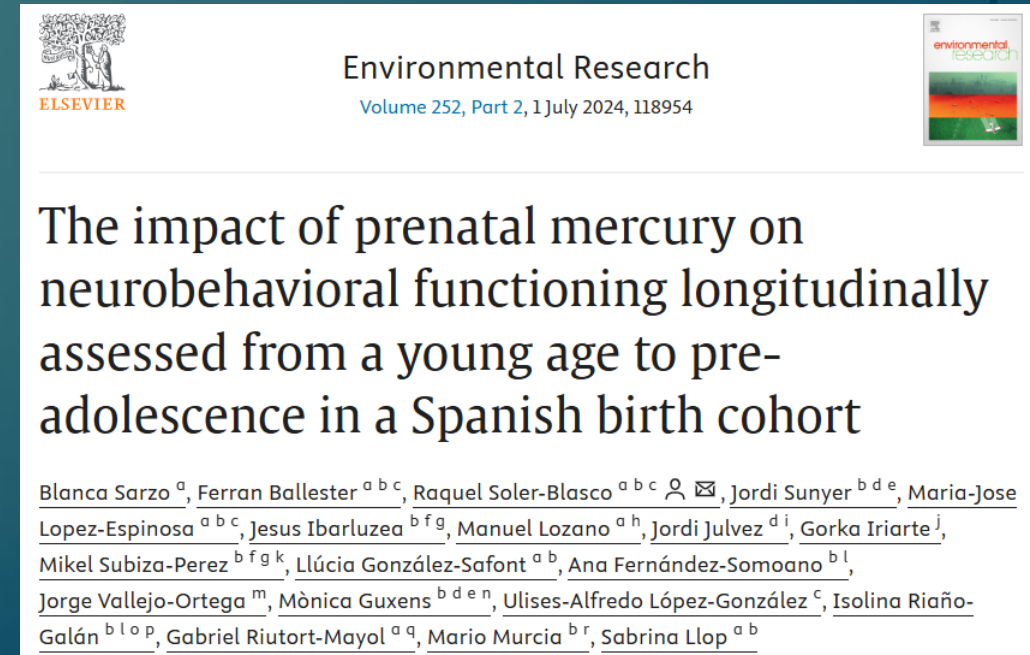
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Although 24% of the children in the INMA cohort exceeded the previous limit set by the EFSA of 1.6 µg/kg of body weight per week, and 64% exceeded the US EPA recommendation of 5.8 µg/L of MeHg, **no adverse neurological development was detected** at 14 months.



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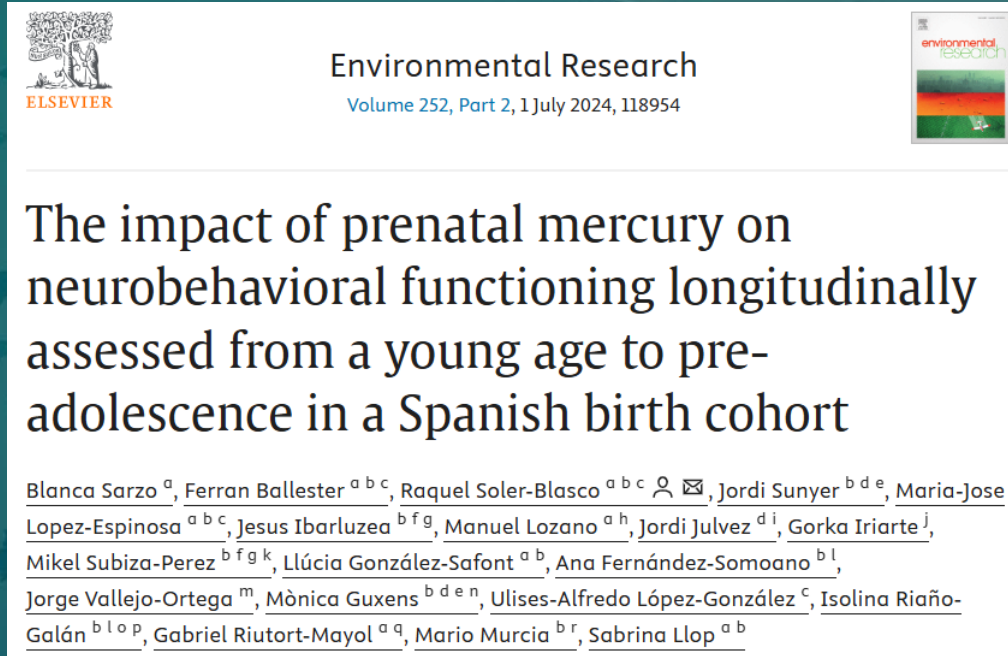


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The inverse association between mercury and MSCA motor scores was only found among children whose mothers consumed fewer than three servings of fish per week during pregnancy (Llops et al., 2017). At 8 and 11 years, no alterations in neurodevelopment were observed either (Sarzo et al., 2024).


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In the Spanish INMA cohort, with recruitment during pregnancy between 2003 and 2008, DESPITE the high prenatal exposure to methylmercury, NO harmful impact on children's neurobehavioral function was observed from early childhood to preadolescence (ages 4–11), as reported in recent years (Sarzo et al., 2024).

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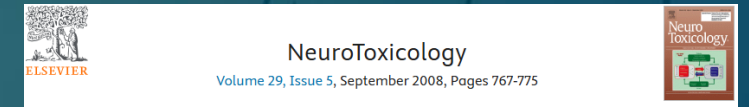
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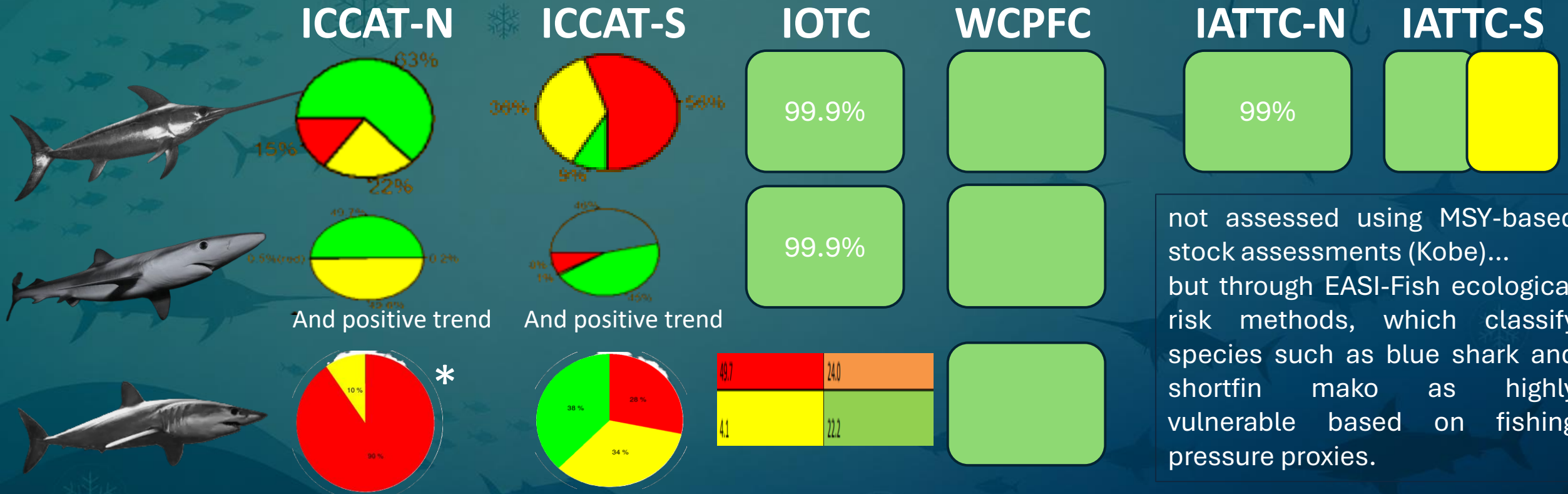
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In Spain, results from the INMA cohort with 1,362 participants show a mercury concentration in cord blood of 8.8 µg/L (Ramon et al., 2011). This concentration is much lower than that found in studies from the Faroe Islands (Grandjean et al., 1997) or the Seychelles Islands (Davidson et al., 2008), where levels exceeded 20 µg/L.

Exercise: know the fishing stocks of



not assessed using MSY-based stock assessments (Kobe)... but through EASI-Fish ecological risk methods, which classify species such as blue shark and shortfin mako as highly vulnerable based on fishing pressure proxies.

2025 SHORTFIN MAKU STOCK ASSESSMENT MEETING – HYBRID, MADRID, 2025

A clear consensus emerged in the Group that the current state of the model for the SMA-N was not sufficient to estimate stock status. While efforts were made intersessionally and during the meeting to progress toward consensus, significant concerns remain. These include the uncertainty in recent CPUE values and continued disagreement and uncertainty regarding biological assumptions.