

**Draft MINUTES**  
**LDAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Venue: El Tinglado del Puerto de Vigo (Vigo, Spain)**

**Tuesday, 13 May 2025**  
**09:00 – 10:30h CEST**

Chair: Iván López van der Veen  
Vice Chairs: Vanya Vulperhorst, Julio Morón and Marc Ghiglia  
Rapporteurs (Secretariat): Alexandre Rodríguez and Manuela Iglesias

**1. Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair, Mr. Iván López, welcomes members, observers and the rest of invited experts.

He then indicates the vote delegations received:

<b>AG members not able to attend:</b>	<b>They delegate their vote to:</b>
Sara Fröcklin Swedish Society for Nature Conservation	Béatrice Gorez CFFA-CAPE
Dominic Rihan KFO	Tim Heddema Dutch Pelagic Fisheries Association
Esben Sverdrup-Jensen DPPO	Tim Heddema Dutch Pelagic Fisheries Association
Juan Manuel Trujillo ETF	Béatrice Gorez CFFA-CAPE
Michel Goujon ORTHONGEL	Marc Ghiglia UAPF

The Chair informs that there is the necessary quorum (over 50%) for adoption of decisions by members present or represented.

The complete list of attendees is included in **ANNEX I**.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda is approved with no comments or modifications.

Mr. Mati Sarevet, ELDFA, requests to take the floor in the AOB section to inform about the work of the EU Working Group on Decarbonisation and Energy Transition Partnership for the Distant Water Fleet and table a proposal to collaborate with it.

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the Executive Committee (Brussels, March 2025)**

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting held on 13 March 2025 in Brussels are approved without any comments or changes.

#### **4. Overview of LDAC work in Y18 and request for adoption of pending LDAC working papers and advice**

The General Secretary, Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, informs that the following final advice drafts to be presented for approval have been previously distributed via email among ExCom members.

- Advice on regional management of small pelagic stocks in West Africa (WG4): the proponent, Ms. Béatrice Gorez, CFFA-CAPE, summarises the content of the draft document, which is unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

**ACTION: Approved document to be sent to DG MARE and to be brought to the attention of EFCA, ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT and AFRIFISH-Net.**

- Advice on improving transparency of fishing joint ventures in third countries (WG4/WG5): Ms. Manuela Iglesias, LDAC coordinator, explains the content of the document, noting that some final modifications have been received.

**ACTION: Distribute for the last time the final draft among all Executive Committee members for approval granting a period of 8 calendar days. In the event that no modifications are received, it will be submitted to the EC.**

- LDAC Position paper in reply to EU public consultation on CFP evaluation: Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, General Secretary, explains that it is a summary report prepared by the Secretariat to address the EU public consultation before the deadline, in line with previous pieces of advice on this matter. It intends to be a document informing on work process and future actions in terms of CFP internal dimension and foreign policy that the LDAC will provide in the months to come. It is unanimously approved.

**ACTION: The Secretary will upload the document onto the Commission's public consultation website and will email a copy to the AC coordination team at DG MARE.**

#### **5. Update on the work of Working Groups:**

- **Working Group 1 on Tuna and Tuna-like RFMOs**
- **Working Group 2 on North Atlantic and Pacific Fisheries**
- **Working Group 4 on EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)**
- **Working Group 5 on Horizontal issues**

Ms. Anne-France Mattlet, WG1 Chair, Mr. Emil Remisz, WG2 Chair, Ms. Béatrice Gorez, WG4 Chair and Mr. Julien Daudu, WG5 Chair, summarise in turn what happened in the latest meetings of the WG they each represent and then share the topics to be addressed in the months to come. The list of agreed actions is available in the relevant WG minutes.

Following the summary, the Chair, Mr. Iván López, suggests considering the possibility of involving further the Director on international fisheries at MARE.B by inviting him to participate in the LDAC Executive Committee meetings and encouraging him to have a continuous and fluent informal dialogue with this AC.

## 6. Election procedure for the Executive Committee

- **Description of the election procedure by the Secretariat**

The General Secretary, Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, explains that on 1 June 2025, the LDAC will start its year 19 of operation since it was created. Since positions have a 3-year term of office ending on 31 May 2025, it will be necessary to hold a new election. Therefore, at the annual regular meeting of the LDAC General Assembly that will take place afterwards, the election for the positions of LDAC Chair and Vice Chairs and for the Executive Committee members will be held.

The Secretary informs that at the beginning of the year an election call was launched in accordance with the LDAC regulatory requirements, granting extended periods for the submission of expressions of interest by any LDAC interested member organisation. Member organisations sent their expressions of interest to be part of the Executive Committee by 5 May, and so did members interested in running for the positions of Chair and Vice Chairs.

The election procedure that was previously distributed in writing is now outlined:

- The members of the General Assembly have the power to appoint the Chair, the Vice Chairs and the members of the Executive Committee.
- Any organisation that is a member of the GA is entitled to submit its expression of interest to be member of the ExCom, provided that they have no outstanding payments and that they have not been subject to disciplinary measures or sanctions.
- The current members of the Executive Committee may be re-elected, and no mandatory maximum mandate period is set for them.

Attached is the current Executive Committee membership table with the breakdown by category (fisheries sector/other interest groups) and nationality.

- **Announcement of expressions of interest received:**

The General Secretary, Mr. Alexandre Rodríguez, informs about the expressions of interest received by the Secretariat:

- **Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Expression of interest received for the position of Chair:

- Iván López (AGARBA)

Expressions of interest received for the positions of Vice Chairs:

- First Vice Chair: Vanya Vulperhorst (OCEANA)
- Second Vice Chair: Julio Morón (CEPESCA)
- Third Vice Chair: Marc Ghiglia (CNPMEM)

○ **Executive Committee members**

The following organisations have submitted their expressions of interest:

No.	ORGANISATION	CATEGORY	COUNTRY
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1	CEPESCA	Catching Sector	Spain
2	CEPESCA	Catching Sector	Spain
3	Associação dos Armadores das Pescas Industriais (ADAPI)	Catching Sector	Portugal
4	Lithuanian Long Distance Fisheries Association	Catching Sector	Lithuania
5	Organisation de Producteurs de Thon Tropical Congelé et Surgelé (ORTHONGEL)	Catching Sector	France
6	Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Elevages Marins (CNPMM)	Catching Sector	France
7	German Deep Sea Fisheries Association (DHV)	Catching Sector	Germany
8	Danish Producers Organisation (DPPO)	Catching Sector	Denmark
9	Estonian Long Distance Fishing Association (ELDFA)	Catching Sector	Estonia
10	Demersal Pelagic Freezer Trawlers Association (DPFTA)	Catching Sector	Netherlands
11	North Atlantic Producers Organisation (NAPO)	Catching Sector	Poland
12	Organización de Productores Nacional de Palangre de Altura (OPNAPA)	Catching Sector	Spain
13	European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)	Workers' Sector - Unions	EU
14	European Fish Processors Association (AIPCE) - European Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters (CEP)	Processing Sector	EU
15	Vacancy		
16	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	NGO	EU
17	OCEANA Europe Foundation	NGO	EU
18	Environmental Justice Foundation Charitable Trust (EJF)	NGO	EU
19	European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD)	NGO	Belgium
20	Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA-CAPE)	NGO	Belgium
21	Seas At Risk (SAR)	NGO	Belgium
22	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)	NGO	Sweden
23	Bread for the World (BFW)	NGO	Germany

It is then recalled that all the positions and members that are part of the Executive Committee shall be chosen and appointed at the General Assembly meeting.

## 7. AOB AND CLOSE OF THE MEETING

For information purposes, Mr. Mati Sarevet, ELDFA, briefly explains how the Working Group on Energy Transition for the Distant Water Fleet works and expressly requests the collaboration of the LDAC members within the fisheries sector that are members of this group to participate and attend to the meetings and provide feedback to recommendations currently being prepared.

The LDAC Chair, Iván López, thanks Mr. Sarevet for his presentation and, on behalf of the sector, commits himself to considering and reflecting about his proposal.

He ends the meeting thanking the members for their attendance and participation, the interpreting team and sound technicians for their work and the Secretariat for the organisation and smooth running of the meeting, as well as for the preparation of documents prior to the meeting.

**The meeting is closed.**

## **ANNEX I: List of attendees**

### **Executive Committee**

### **EU Long Distance Advisory Council**

**Vigo, 13 May 2025, 09:00-10:30h**

#### **MEMBERS**

1. Iván López. AGARBA/CEPESCA
2. Francisco Mari. Bread for the World
3. Vanya Vulperhorst. OCEANA
4. Aivaras Labanauskas. Lithuanian Long Distance Fisheries Association
5. Edelmiro Ulloa. OPP3/OPNAPA/ACEMIX
6. Raúl García. WWF
7. Javier Garat. CEPESCA
8. Despina Symons. EBCD
9. Mati Sarevet. ELDFA
10. Juan Manuel Trujillo. ETF
11. Iris Ziegler. Seas at Risk
12. Luis Vicente. ADAPI
13. Julio Morón. CEPESCA/OPAGAC
14. Marc Ghiglia. CNPMEM/UAPF
15. Katarina Sipic. AIPCE-CEP

#### **CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF WORKING GROUPS**

16. Béatrice Gorez. CFFA-CAPE WG4 Chair.
17. Julien Daudu. EJF. WG5 Chair.
18. Daniel Voces. EUROPECHE. WG5 Vice Chair.
19. Emil Remisz. High Seas Fish Producers Organization. WG2 Chair.
20. Tim Heddema. Dutch Pelagic Fisheries Association. WG2 Vice Chair.
21. Anne-France Mattlet. EUROPÊCHE Tuna Group. WG1 Chair.
22. Ángela Cortina. OPNAPA. WG4 Vice Chair.
23. Ignacio Fresco. OCEANA. WG1 Vice Chair.

#### **OBSERVERS**

24. Pablo Cadarso. CONXEMAR
25. Joelle Philippe. CFFA-CAPE
26. Paula Alfonso. ORPAGU
27. Yobana Bermúdez. CONXEMAR
28. José Beltrán. OPP-7 Burela
29. Juan Carlos Martín Fragueiro. OP ANACEF
30. José Ramón Fontán. ANEPAT
31. Francisco Fernández. OPROMAR
32. Sonia Rodríguez. FIP BLUES
33. Lucas Lorenzo. ANASCO
34. Jean-Christophe Vandeveld. PEW

#### **LDAC SECRETARIAT**

35. Alexandre Rodríguez. LDAC
36. Manuela Iglesias. LDAC