

# LDAC Performance review #2

## Progress and preliminary considerations

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# Proposed methodology

February				March				April				May				June				July			
LDAC objectives																							
				Functioning and performance of the LDAC																			
																LDAC Roadmap							
																				Report			

- First, clarify the own objectives of the LDAC
- Second, evaluate the functioning of the LDAC and its progress
- Third, establish a 5 years roadmap for the LDAC

*Few pending interviews*

# Interviews held

## LDAC members

Jamon Fontan

Raul Garcia

Daniel Voces

Anne-France Mattlet

Tim Heddema

Vanya Vulperhorst

Juan-Manuel Trujillo

Riris Ziegler

Julien Daudu

Emil Reisz

Beatrice Gorez

Angela Corvina

## Others

Marc Richir (EC)

Julia Rubeck (EC)

Stijn Billiet (EC)

Ismael Yague (SP)

Desiree Kjolsen (EC)

Pedro Resi Santos (MAC)

# Implementation of previous recommendations (1/2)

## MEMBERSHIP

Do LDAC's new members forward basic information about their organisation (e.g. list and composition of membership, ownership, flow charts, ...)	YES
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Do LDAC's members share their own information more regularly (reports, events, media coverage) with the LDAC secretariat ?	NO
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Did the LDAC members help to seek and establish sound partnership with Non-State Actors ?	YES
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## FUNCTIONING

Reduce the number of formal working groups and increase the set-up of working groups	YES
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## ADVICES

Provide annual advices on major RFMOs (ICCAT, IOTC)	YES
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Did the LDAC develop specific recommendations on the use of the sectoral support within SFPAs?	NO
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Did the LDAC try to follow up any specific advice since 2020 in order to assess its impact?	YES
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## Implementation of previous recommendations (2/2)

### COOPERATION PRACTICES

Did the LDAC set-up small delegations to facilitate dialog mechanisms with the EC services (different units of Dept B) ?	YES
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Did the LDAC set-up a small delegation to visit the European Parliament and the Member States on a regular basis ?	NO
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Did the LDAC organize series of joint LDAC-COMHAFAT Seminars on Implementation of SFPAs in African Countries in 2020/2021	YES
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Did the LDAC organize events at least every 2 years since 2020 ?	YES
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### FUNCTIONING

Did the LDAC produce a user-friendly brochure to give an overview of the international legal framework and its own role ?	NO
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Was the draft communication plan eventually adopted ?	NO
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*Based on Better Regulation Guidelines approach, we propose to evaluate the LDAC against the criteria of **effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, and coherence***

## **Efficiency** (compare the results and the means)

- Is the LDAC in capacity of spending its annual budget ?
- What is the average cost of a LDAC meeting ?

**TO BE  
COMPARED WITH OTHER ADVISORY  
COUNCILS**



# Coherence

strengthening the international ocean governance framework (BBNJ, Deep Sea Mining, Fisheries sustainability, Marine environment protection)



making ocean sustainability a reality by 2030 (climate neutrality, decarbonisation, pollution, food and nutrition security, maritime spatial planning)

ensuring security and safety at sea (maritime security provider, decent work conditions)



building up ocean knowledge

The LDAC is globally aligned with the **EU International Ocean Governance Policy Pillars** in its communication and activities but more specifically on the policy pillars dealing with strengthening the international framework and ensuring safety at sea.

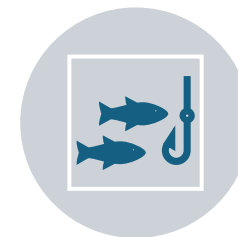
## Relevance (LDAC activities compared to art 28 of Reg UE 1380/2023)

- (a) actively support and contribute to the development of scientific knowledge and advice;
- (b) improve policy coherence of Union initiatives, with particular regard to environmental, trade and development activities and strengthen consistency of actions taken in the context of development cooperation and scientific, technical and economic cooperation ;
- (c) contribute to sustainable fishing activities that are economically viable and promote employment within the Union;
- (d) ensure that Union fishing activities outside Union waters are based on the same principles and standards as those applicable under Union law in the area of the CFP , while promoting a level–playing field for Union operators vis-à-vis third-country operators;
- (e) promote and support, in all international spheres, action necessary to eradicate IUU-fishing;
- (f) promote the establishment and the strengthening of compliance committees of RFMOs , periodical independent performance reviews and appropriate remedial actions, including effective and dissuasive penalties, which are to be applied in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.



# LDAC's logic of intervention

*The Long-Distance Advisory Council (LDAC) is gathering the organisations representing the EU fishing sector, and other interest groups with a genuine interest in the external policy of the Common Fisheries Policy (according to Part VI of Reg UE 13380/2013).*



**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1 :  
REPRESENT THE FISHING  
SECTOR AND OTHER  
INTERESTED GROUPS;**



**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2:  
PRODUCE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**



**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3 :  
INCREASE GENERAL  
RECOGNITION AND  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
EXTERNAL DIMENSION**



**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 4 :  
PROMOTE DIALOG AND  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THIRD  
COUNTRIES'  
ORGANISATIONS.**

# Effectiveness (LDAC results compared to its objectives)

Specific objectives			
Represent the fishing sector and other interested groups with a genuine interest in the external policy of the CFP	Produce recommendations in relations to the different objectives listed in the basic regulation.	Increase general recognition and knowledge of the external dimension of the CFP (and its effective implementation by all parts)	Promote dialog and partnerships with third countries' non state actors or inter-governmental organisations
Outcome indicators: assessing the contribution of the output indicators to the objectives of the LDAC			
% of the EU external fishing fleet being represented through the LDAC's members	Number of recommendations for each objective over the period 2020-25	Quotes and references to the LDAC from closely associated partners	Completeness of network arrangements
% of Other interested groups being represented though the LDAC's members	Management of resources: check rec for different RFMOs (completeness)	Survey of the LDAC twitter account	
Level of participation of members in meetings	Access to resources: check rec on different SFPAs (completeness)		

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Output indicators: measuring means dedicated to the achievement of the objectives			
Number of members and evolution over the period 2020-25	Number of recommendations	Number of events organised	Number of partnerships
Number of meetings and evolution over the period 2020-25		Number of participants to the events	Number of participants to the joint meetings

# Preliminary reflections and avenues of work for the current performance review

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# Work programs and activities

***Work priorities** included in the work program have **doubled from 2020 until today** (6 to 12) without additional work capacity (except members' availability which cannot be estimated).*

*Work priorities are identic through years.*

- ***Proposing a multiannual work program with milestones and activities proposed over a longer time frame***

*While the LDAC's advices offer accurate states of play around a specific issue they are fairly long (too many recommendations?) and sometimes fail to provide new information.*

***Is it linked to the difficulty to gather information from members ?***

# Cooperation practices

Exchanges with **EC services** are intense but some follow-up could be maintained **along the year to check developments** (if any) to reduce burden before meetings.

**Member States still very absent in LDAC meetings**, with the notable exception of Spain.

Established MoU with **COMHAFAT** and **AFRIFISH** are probably useful to build LDAC's network **but common program may boost effective cooperation**

# Suggestions in progress

## **Horizontal issues (WG 5) :**

- Specific input of the LDAC on effectiveness of EU policies through interviews with various competent DGs, identification of discrepancies, proposal of remedial actions

## **RFMOS (WG 1 and 2 ?) :**

- Mirror clauses in FTA to support RFMOs efforts for MCS
- Deepen minimum standards on conservation of sharks across the different RFMOs

## **SFPAs (WG4) :**

- Specific input to the forthcoming renewal of SFPAs (common standards for negotiation of SFPAs with African countries)

***Gathering information and collecting information on these issues requires additional time and capacity at secretariat's level (see for example MEDAC's external experts)***

# Contribute to the survey



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