



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

General Assembly 2019

Hotel Haffner
Sopot, 22 May 2019

AGENDA

1. **Welcome by the Chair and authorities.**
2. **Adoption of the agenda.**
3. **Adoption of the minutes of the previous GA meeting (Rome, 10 May 2018)**
4. **Report by the Chair/Secretary on LDAC Financial Year 13 (1 June 2019 – 31May 2020)**
 - 4.1 Strategic Plan/Annual Work Programme
 - 4.2 Provisional calendar of meetings
5. **Report by Secretariat on administration and finances:**
 - 5.1 State of annual accounts (Income/Expenditure) Year 12 (2018-2019)
 - 5.2 Budget proposal for LDAC Financial Year 13 (2019-2020)
 - 5.3 Overview of LDAC membership
 - 5.4 Admission of new LDAC members
 - 5.5 Adoption and/or ratification of items 1-4
6. **Elections of the Executive Committee**
 - 6.1 Voting and Appointment of 25 Members of the Executive Committee
 - 6.2 Voting and Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs

AGENDA

7. Issues on the external dimension of the EU common fisheries policy:

- 7.1 International Ocean Governance: Ideas for advice on the EU implementing report of its Communication. Participation at “Our Oceans” Conference 2019
- 7.2 Report on the UN ICSP-14 and BBNJ negotiation process
- 7.3 EBCD presentation on fisheries policies and conservation in international waters: legislative framework and interactions (UN SDG, CBD, IUCN, FAO ...)

8. Communication and Institutional Relations:

- 8.1 Publication of the LDAC performance review study - presentation of main recommendations (Benoit Guerin)
- 8.2 Presentation of the new LDAC website
- 8.3 Communications Policy: institutional relations with the EC / EP / FAO

9. Close of the meeting.

Overview of Work in Year 12

1 June 2018 - 31 May 2019



ADVICE & LETTERS ADOPTED IN Y12

1. LDAC Advice in preparation for NAFO 40th annual meeting (WG2)
2. LDAC Recommendations on Strengthening the European Union Role in the field of International Fisheries Governance (WG5)
3. LDAC Letter re State of Play and Query on EU position on Snow Crab management and access to Svalbard Fishery Protection Zone (WG2)
4. LDAC Letter: Recommendations on the implementation of EU Regulation 2017/2403 on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets (WG5)



ADVICE Y12: PENDING ISSUES

DOCUMENTS FOR ADOPTION TODAY AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5. LDAC guidelines on best practices for tuna purse seine fisheries with special consideration to FAD management (WG1)
6. LDAC advice on deep-sea mining (WG5)

Work Programme Year 13

1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020





Work Priorities for Y13 (I)

1. **Working on promoting the adoption, ratification and implementation of international instruments of safety at sea**, including UN, FAO COFI and ILO legislative instruments and related provisions on Fishing Labour.
2. **Fighting against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing**, including dialogue and engagement with the European Commission (DG MARE) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
3. **Promoting leadership of the EU on International Ocean Governance** and enhancing the role of fisheries in the context of the Blue Growth Economy and an Integrated Maritime Policy.
4. **Contributing to EU policy coherence** between fisheries and other EU policies (i.e. cooperation for development, trade, environment, health and food safety, labour)
5. **Developing joint initiatives and activities with ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT** in the field of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and regional fisheries cooperation in the Atlantic façade of Africa.

Work Priorities for Y13 (II)

- 6.- **Improving transparency and good governance in decision-making in fisheries management** through dialogues with organisations in the Atlantic or the Indian Oceans, respectively.
- 7- **Assisting DG MARE in improving data analysis of economic performance of fishing fleets** through active participation and input into the STECF Annual Economic Report EWG in 2019.
- 8- **Providing technical advice within the framework of negotiations in terms of conservation and management measures in the following RFMOs:** NAFO, NEAFC, ICCAT and IOTC.
- 9- **Following up on the development of the new modality of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)** and feedback on renewal of new and implementation of the existing protocols
- 10- **In conjunction with the Market Advisory Council, screening of horizontal issues in the Commercial and Trade Agreements and level playing field for fishing products**

Meetings Calendar Year 13

1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020





Meetings Calendar for Y13 (I)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
STECF EWG on AER	03-07 June	BIM, Dublin
FARFISH annual meeting	10-13 June	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation NAFO Annual Mtg	End of August (tbc)	Brussels
EFCA Advisory Board	September (tbc)	Vigo
41 st NAFO Annual Meeting	23-27 September	Bordeaux, France



Meetings Calendar for Y13 (II)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Working Groups 1,4,5	2 nd Half of October (tbc)	Brussels
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation of ICCAT Annual Meeting	Mid October (tbc)	Brussels
Working Group 2	Early/Mid-November (tbc)	London / Brussels
26 th Annual Meeting of ICCAT	18-25 November	Curaçao
Executive Committee	Last week of November (tbc)	Madrid



Meetings Calendar for Y13 (III)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Inter AC Coordination Mtg with DG MARE and MS	November/December 2019 (tbc)	Brussels
Annual Meeting between ICES and the Advisory Councils (MIRAC + MIACO)	Mid January 2020 (tbc)	Copenhagen
Annual coordination meeting COMHAFAT-LDAC	January/February 2020 (tbc)	Madrid / Rabat
Working Groups 1,2,3,4,5	March/April 2020	Brussels
General Assembly and Executive Committee	End of May 2020	Berlin / Madrid



Administration and Finances

Update on Y12 accounts

Proposed Budget for Y13

Membership Overview

Update on Year 12 Accounts

1 June 2018 – 31 May 2019

Accounts Y12 - Income

	Actual Income at 20-05-19	Oustanding
11 Member States (€ 2,021 each)	€ 22,231	€ 0
Spain	€ 139,810	€ 0
European Commission	€ 240,000	Balance EU-grant ** € 60,000
Members Fees 25 GA + Ex.Com x € 900	€ 22,500	€ 0
27 GA only x € 300	€ 8,100	€ 0
TOTAL	€432,641	€ 60,000

** Commission income is dependant on the total, audited expenditure.

Accounts Y12

	Budget 18-19 (24/04/19)	Already spent (20/05/19)	Estimated expenses
Staff	€228,673	€201,546.16	€215,900
Participation in meetings	€ 85,900	€29,000	€75,000
Information & preparation Meetings	€46,300	€35,440.99	€43,400
Operating Costs	€37,600	€29,561.07	€35,370
Interpretation & Translation	€58,000	€39,403.54	€55,800
Other Contracts	€31,168	€19,744.82	€30,000
Reserve	€5,000	€0	€4,900
TOTAL	€ 492,641	€354,696.58	€460,370



Year 12 – Financial Timeline

- 24 April 2019

Budget request for amendment sent to the Commission with the updated income and expenses (approved by EC on 13 May)

- 31 May 2019

Financial close of the budgetary year.

- June 2019

Processing of outstanding payments.

- Mid July 2019

Account auditing process.

- End July 2019

Issuing of financial statement and LDAC final report to the EC.

Proposed Budget for Year 13

1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020



Overview of Income & Expenditure Y13

	Income Received Y13 (2019-20)
10 Member States out of 11 (€2,021 each)	€20,0210
Spain* (€139,810 pending to be received)	€ 0
European Commission	€ 300,000
Members Fees 25 GA+ExCom x €900 Pending on the elections	€0
38 out of total 52 GA members x €300 Pending of increase once new members are approved	€ 11,400
TOTAL	€ 331,610

	Budget Y13 (2019-20)
Staff	€178,826
Participation in meetings	€51,184
Information & preparation Meetings	€22,800
Operating Costs	€31,800
Interpretation & Translation	€35,000
Other Contracts	€7,000
Reserve	€5,000
TOTAL	€ 331,610



Report on LDAC Membership Y13

**NO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS HAVE WITHDRAWN
WE HAVE CURRENTLY 52 ORGANISATIONS FROM 12 MS**

FIVE NEW ORGANISATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED IN DUE COURSE ITS APPLICATION TO JOIN THE
LDAC WITH DATE OF START 1st of JUNE 2019

- **France Nature Environnement (FNE)**
 - **Birdlife International**
- **Asociación Nacional de Armadores Españoles de Sociedades Conjuntas e Internacionales (ANASCO)**
- **Lithuanian Long Distance Fisheries Association (LLDFA)**
 - **International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF)**

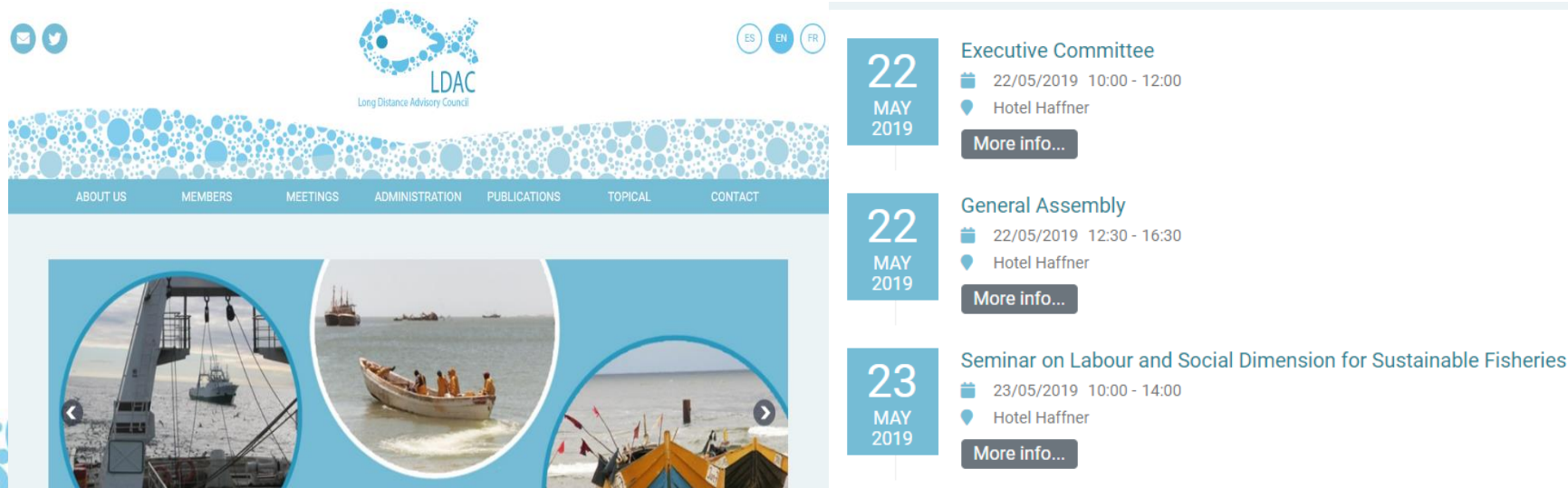
STATE OF PLAY: CONSULTATION PROCESS COMPLETED

**NO OBJECTIONS RAISED - ENDORSED BY MEMBER STATES & LDAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR DECISION NOW!**

- **LDAC NEW Website** regularly updated (meetings, publications, media...) www.ldac.eu

Main features

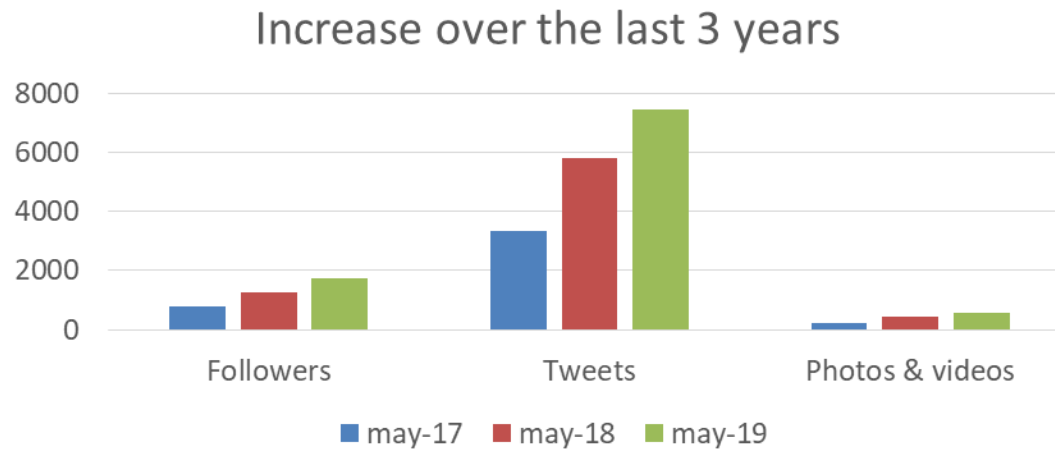
- Improved encrypted security and enhanced server backup
- Standard fully customized – open source back office (Joomla)
- Adaptive design for tablets and mobile devices (former app deleted)
- New sections to come: e.g. women in fisheries, legislation, International Ocean Governance, and Maritime Safety and Fishing Conditions at Sea and Value Chain.



The screenshot displays the LDAC website interface. At the top, there is a header with the LDAC logo and language selection buttons (ES, EN, FR). Below the header is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT US, MEMBERS, MEETINGS, ADMINISTRATION, PUBLICATIONS, TOPICAL, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large image carousel with three circular images: a fishing boat, a group of people in a boat, and a fishing boat. To the right of the carousel is a list of upcoming events:

- 22 MAY 2019**
Executive Committee
22/05/2019 10:00 - 12:00
Hotel Haffner
[More info...](#)
- 22 MAY 2019**
General Assembly
22/05/2019 12:30 - 16:30
Hotel Haffner
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- 23 MAY 2019**
Seminar on Labour and Social Dimension for Sustainable Fisheries
23/05/2019 10:00 - 14:00
Hotel Haffner
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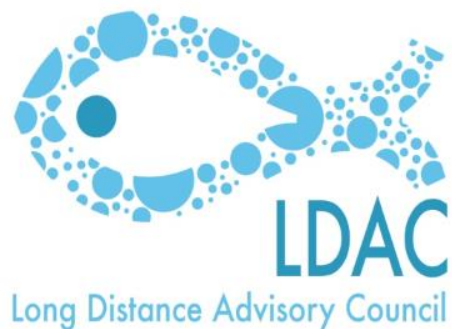
- **YouTube Video Channel** with new clips featured (including institutional video).
 - Direct access via the media sections of the website: <http://ldac.eu/multimedia>
 - Please subscribe here!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ0p6Ou75hEaVnoYYNaQl0w>
- **Twitter** account (@LDAC_eu): 1,718 Followers; 7,473 Tweets; 588 photos & videos
Proven to be an effective tool for communication towards civil society



COMMUNICATION POLICY

Plan of action for second half of 2019:

- To held informal meetings with the Communication team of the European Commission as well as national and EU specialized press / media / correspondents
- To review the existing use of LDAC social media and frame a coherent strategy for coordination and integration of all LDAC social media networks
- To increase the frequency (at least once a month) and the number of press releases drafted and issued.
- To monitor outreach and media impact



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