

LDAC Performance review #2

Final report

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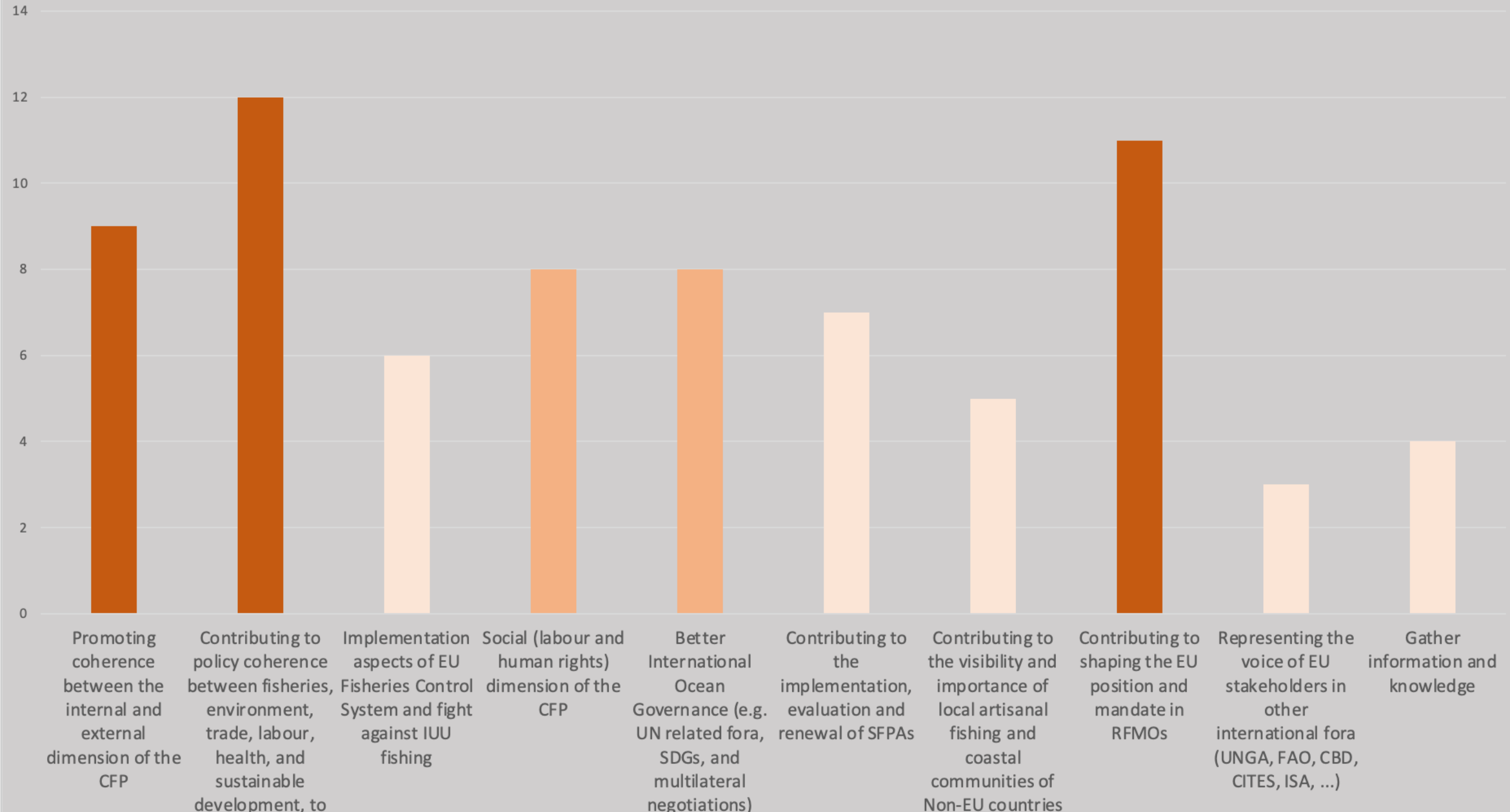
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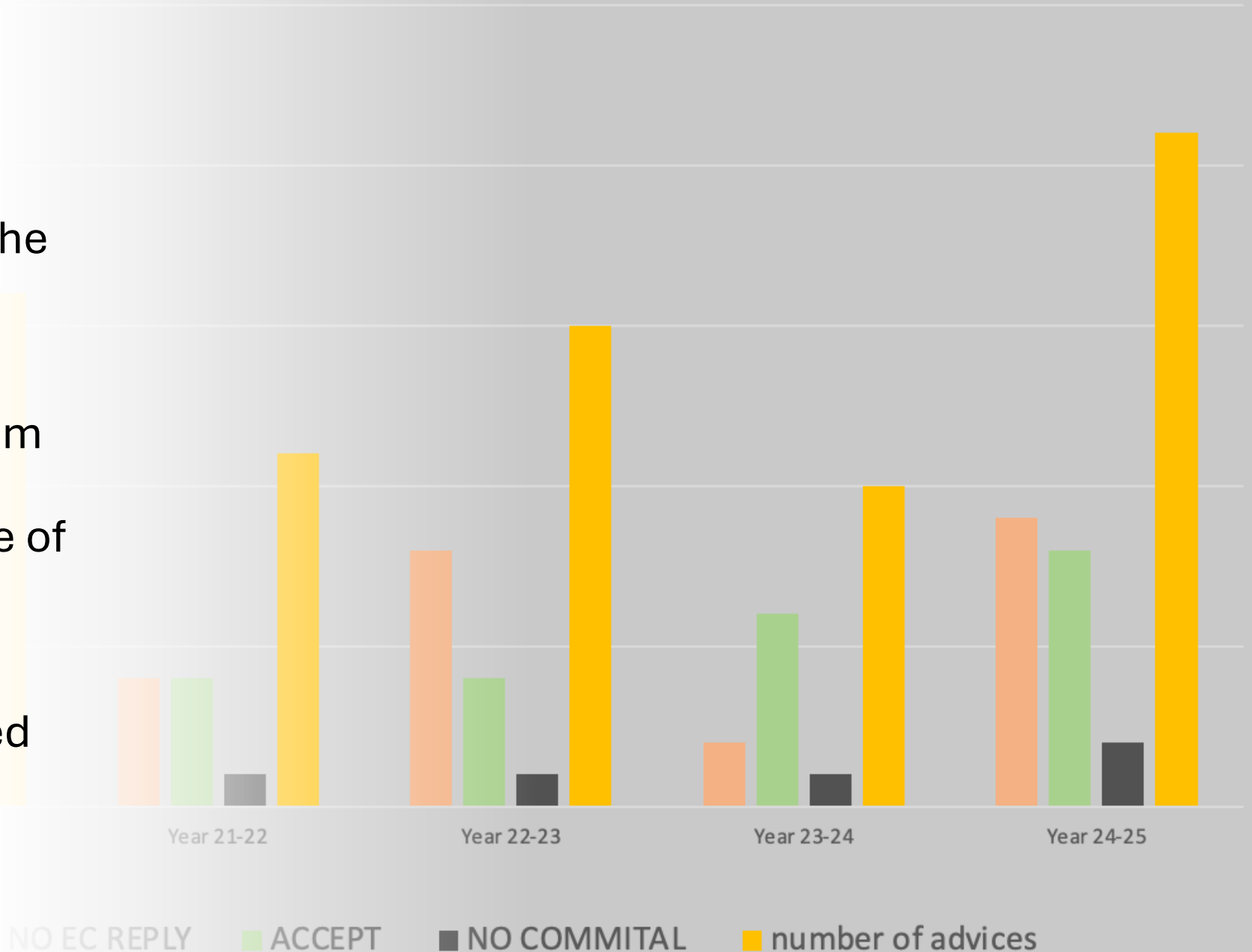
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LDAC's members' views on top priorities (nb answers : 27)



LDAC Advices and EC replies over the period 20-25

- Significant increase in the number of advices
- Substantiated advices for the three main tuna RFMOs
- More systematic replies from the EC (though still not possible to track the uptake of recommendations)
- Overall quality has improved with further evidence, yet advices would benefit from data/knowledge collection



European Commission responsibilities

*The European Commission is well aware of the **request from all ACs to get clear replies and clarity on what recommendations are taken on board** and those which are rejected. The current situation is actually limiting a proper evaluation of the ACs' functioning within the common fisheries policy whereas it is commonly accepted that ACs are becoming increasingly important in the EU decision-making process.*

- limit the the length of the advices with a limited number of recommendations, ensure **the EC services do specify** whether they will take the proposal on board or no and how, either through **written replies or through in-depth dialog** (specific need for advices to t-RFMOs).

LDAC possible improvements (selection)

- **Functioning of the LDAC**

- Organize an open dialogue on the **representational issue of members' organisations within the LDAC** ;
- **Develop terms of reference** with timelines and specific deliverables **for all inter-AC workshops**
- **Draft a multiannual workplan** to focus on few priorities requiring long-term work

- **Production of advices**


- **Enhance scientific data collection** through dedicated scientific expertise ;
- **Expand work on socio-economic impact of fishing activities** ;
- Adopt a **common template for advice, focus on the SMART** approach (specific, measurable, achievable, reachable, time-bound) and ensure follow-up dialog with the European Commission services

Make a step forward in recommendations

Examples from today's draft advice on SFPAs.

Similarly, for a better implementation of the non-discrimination clause, it should more explicitly define what constitutes discrimination, both financially and technically, including: discriminatory fees, taxes, or licensing conditions (zoning, gears, reporting, etc.), unfair sanctioning practices, etc. A complaint mechanism where fishers or stakeholders can report cases of discrimination should be established ...

- ***Quote examples of plausible discrimination***
- ***Describe the process suggested for complaint mechanism (How to do that ?)***

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Means of action implemented by the LDAC

Mean 1 : represent the fishing sector and other interested groups with a genuine interest in the external policy of the CFP;

Mean 2: produce recommendations in relations to the different objectives listed in the basic regulation and **facilitate dialog**;

Mean 3 : increase **general recognition and knowledge of the external** dimension of the CFP and its effective implementation by all parts;

Mean 4 : promote dialogue and **partnerships with third countries'** non-state actors or inter-governmental organisations.

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Resources mobilised by the LDAC

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	Absorption rate	Nb of meetings
2020/2021	330 584,00	360 471,03	109%	20
2021/2022	473 094,00	401 345,17	85%	21
2022/2023	462 849,64	470 129,73	102%	23
2023/2024	467 321,88	506 448,00	108%	14

LDAC is functioning at full capacity and, in view of recent years rise in expenditure levels, it would arguably benefit from additional funding



5 years' strategic planning

Objective 1. Contributing to the coherency of the external action of the EU to ensure sustainable fishing in distant waters. **Start with West Africa.**

Objective 2. Contributing to the meetings of relevant RFMOs and propose recommendations to **implement the ecosystem approach**


Objective 3. Contributing to the promotion of a **level-playing field** for Union operators vis-à-vis third country operators;

Objective 4. Contributing to the **recognition, transparency and sustainability of joint ventures** established in third countries.



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Thank you for your attention and
contributions

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