



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Annual General Assembly 2020

Video Conference
26 May 2020

AGENDA GA/AGM 2020

11.30h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair and authorities.**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda.**
- 3. Adoption of the minutes of the previous GA meeting (Sopot - Poland, 22 May 2019)**

11.45h

- 4. Annual ratification of the LDAC Chair.**

11.50h

- 5. Report by the Chair/Secretary on LDAC Financial Year 14 (1 June2020 – 31May2021)**

- 5.1. Strategic Plan/Annual Work Programme.
- 5.2. Provisional calendar of meetings.
- 5.3. Ratification / endorsement of Items 1-2.

- 6. Report by Secretariat on administration and finances:**

- 6.1. State of annual accounts (Income/Expenditure) in Year 13 (2019-2020)
- 6.2. Budget proposal for LDAC Financial in Year 14 (2020-2021)
- 6.3. Overview of LDAC membership.
- 6.4. Admission of new LDAC members
- 6.5. Adoption / ratification of items 1-4

12.20h

- 7. LDAC Performance Review Phase 2: Presentation of the main recommendations by external consultant (BG) and launch of publication (BG Sea Consulting)**

12.50h

- 8. LDAC Communications Policy.**
- 9. Close of the meeting.**

Overview of Work in Year 13

1 June 2019 - 31 May 2020



ADVICE & LETTERS ADOPTED IN Y13

RFMOs

1. LDAC Advice in preparation for NAFO 41st annual meeting (WG2)
2. LDAC Advice on management recommendations for Atlantic tuna and tuna-like stocks within the remit of ICCAT (WG1)
3. LDAC Letter: Request to frontload the transposition of legislative provisions adopted by NAFO into EU Law (WG2)

Joint AC letters on administrative and financial issues

4. Joint letter SWWAC-LDAC on “Consultation of the Advisory Councils on the Farm to Fork Strategy Roadmap”
5. LDAC Letter: Contribution to EU Consultation on Farm to Fork Strategy (WG5)
6. Joint ACs Advice on EMFF funding for scientific research projects

Other subjects of interest

7. LDAC letter: Request to develop a communication channel with DG Environment (ExCom)

4 DOCUMENTS ADOPTED TODAY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Circulated by email procedure and not discussed at WGs due to COVID-19

8. LDAC Advice addressing the role of women in fisheries in EU SFPAs (WG4)
9. LDAC letter requesting an EU brochure on COVID-19 pandemic for European fishing fleets
10. LDAC Recommendations to EFCA Advisory Board to improve work between Advisory Councils and EFCA in the Advisory and Administrative Boards (WG5)
11. LDAC Response to EC Public Consultation on GSP schemes (WG5)

Procedure suspended at request of ANFACO - pending of decision on the creation of a dedicated Focus Group/further discussion at future WG5:

- EU autonomous tariff quotas (ATQs) for certain fishery products (tuna loins) for the period 2021-2023 (WG5)

Work Programme Year 14

1 June 2020 - 31 May 2021

1- Working on strengthening the role of the EU in the field of International Ocean Governance

Assist DG MARE on international processes occurring in 2020-2021;

Promote the adoption, ratification and implementation of international instruments of safety at sea (UN, IMO, ILO, FAO)

Provide advice to effectively implement the EU Joint Communication on International Ocean Governance;

Foster greater transparency of fishing activities and participation in international fora.

2- Collaborating in the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing

LDAC will continue its dialogue and engagement with the DG MARE and EFCA on Review of Fisheries Control Systems

Specific focus on carding process and on implementation of IUU Regulation (CDS, electronic CC...)

3- Developing joint initiatives and activities with ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT and multi stakeholder organisations in the Atlantic façade of Africa

LDAC plans to organise jointly with COMHAFAT IN 2021 a high level workshop on Implementation of SFPAs from a third country perspective (POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19). It will also seek to build a partnership with NSP platform to AU.

4- Improving qualitative analysis of DC-MAP for Distant Water Fleet in STECF Annual Economic Report

LDAC will continue collaborating in improving the categorisation, methodology and spatial coverage of socio-economic data of DWF fisheries via the regional chapters for areas such as NAFO, South West Atlantic, NEAFC, CECAF, ICCAT or IOTC.

6- Monitoring the implementation of SFPAs and following negotiations and identification of priorities linked to implementation and the renewal of the existing protocols

The aim will be to improve transparency, access of information and consistent reporting on use of funds related to sectorial support in third countries, with related socio-economic and environmental assessments of its impact on marine ecosystems, local communities and EU fleets.

7- Screening from an extractive fishing fleet perspective of Commercial and Trade Agreements

The LDAC will work in conjunction with the MAC on the following topics:

- Enhancing Sustainable Development Chapter of EPAs and FTAs negotiations;
- Implementation of International Law Provisions of GSP schemes;
- Impact on the promotion of sustainable fisheries, incl. the establishment of a level playing field for control of imports;
- Traceability in the value chain for EU and non-EU operators.

8- Develop and implement the recommendations formulated in the LDAC performance review part 2

- External assessment of the LDAC work with EU + international organisations (ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT, RFMOs, FAO, EFCA)
- LDAC Communications Policy and Public Relations Strategy.
- How to improve gender equity and equality across EU fisheries and other cross-sectoral policies

Meetings Calendar Year 14

1 June 2020 - 31 May 2021





Meetings Calendar for Y14 (I)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
STECF EWG on AER1-2	June/July (tbc)	Virtual Meeting (COVID-19)
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation NAFO Annual Mtg	End of August / VC? (tbc)	Brussels
EFCA Advisory Board	September (tbc)	Vigo
42 st NAFO Annual Meeting	21-25 September (tbc)	Halifax, Canada
Working Groups 1,4,5	2 nd week of October (tbc)?	Brussels



Meetings Calendar for Y14 (II)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation of ICCAT Annual Meeting	Mid October (tbc)	Brussels
Working Group 2	Early/Mid-November (tbc)	Brussels-London/VC??
24 th Session of the IOTC	2-6 November	Bali, Indonesia
27 th Annual Meeting of ICCAT	23-30 November	Antalya, Turkey (TBC)
Executive Committee	November/December (tbc)	Madrid/VC (TBC)



Meetings Calendar for Y14 (III)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Inter AC Coordination Mtg with DG MARE, MS & EP	November/December 2020 (tbc)	Brussels
Annual Meeting between ICES and the Advisory Councils	Mid January 2021 (tbc)	Copenhagen
Annual coordination meeting COMHAFAT-LDAC	January/February 2021 (tbc)	TBC
WGs 1,2,4,5 & Ex. Com	March/April 2021	Brussels
General Assembly and Executive Committee	End of May 2021	Berlin (tbc)



Administration and Finances

Update on Y13 accounts

Proposed Budget for Y14

Membership Overview

Update on Year 13 Accounts

1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020

Accounts Y13 - Income

	Actual Income at 18-05-20	Oustanding
11 Member States (€ 2,021 each)	€ 18,189	€ 4,042
Spain	€ 139,810	€ 0
European Commission	€ 240,000	Balance EU-grant ** € 60,000
Members Fees 25 GA + ExCom x € 900	€ 22,500	€ 0
29 GA only x € 300	€ 8,700	€ 600
TOTAL	€429,199	€ 64,642

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

Accounts Y13

	Budget 19-20 (30/04/20)	Already spent (18/05/20)	Estimated expenses
Staff	€229,660	€203,000	€228,900
Participation in meetings	€ 86,274	€48,000	€70,000
Information & preparation Meetings	€40,500	€25,300	€35,700
Operating Costs	€44,265	€37,950	€42,290
Interpretation & Translation	€56,000	€38,000	€52,000
Other Contracts	€27,500	€20,600	€25,600
Reserve	€5,000	€0	€3,200
TOTAL	€ 489,199	€372,850	€457,690



Face to face meeting vs Online Meeting

	GA and Excom Sopot May 19	Online GA and Excom May 20
Members Travel Reimbursement	€ 15,000	€ 0
LDAC Secretariat Travel Expenses	€ 3,100	€ 0
Meeting organization(meeting room + catering)	€ 3,600	€ 0
Technical Equipment	€ 2,400	€ 1,000
Interpreters	€ 4,200	€ 2,600
TOTAL	€28,300	€3,600

Year 13 – Financial Timeline

- 30 April 2020

Budget sent to the Commission with the updated income and expenses (not required formal amendment or approval).

- 31 May 2020

Financial close of the budgetary year.

- June 2020

Processing of outstanding payments.

- Mid July 2020

Account auditing process.

- End July 2020

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

Proposed Budget for Year 14

1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021

Overview of Income & Expenditure Y14

	Income Received Y14 (2020-21)
4 Member States out of 11 (€2,021 each)	€8,084
Spain* (€139,810 pending to be received)	€ 0
European Commission	€ 300,000
Members Fees 22 out of total 25 GA+ExCom x €900	€19,800
21 out of total 26(total of 51 GA members) x €300	€ 6,300
TOTAL	€ 334,184

	Budget Y14(2020-21)
Staff	€201,000
Participation in meetings	€49,584
Information & preparation Meetings	€20,800
Operating Costs	€28,300
Interpretation & Translation	€25,000
Other Contracts	€4,500
Reserve	€5,000
TOTAL	€ 334,184



Report on LDAC Membership Y14

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 56 ORGANISATIONS FROM 12 MS

THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS HAVE ASKED FOR WITHDRAWN:

- **BirdLife Europe (ExCom member)**
- **Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (UK)**
- **Scottish White Fish Producers Association Limited (UK)**

ONE NEW ORGANISATION HAS SUBMITTED IN DUE COURSE ITS APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LDAC WITH DATE OF START 1st of JUNE 2020

- **Puerto de Celeiro (Galicia – Spain)**

State of play: CONSULTATION PROCESS COMPLETED

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED - ENDORSED BY MEMBER STATES & LDAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR DECISION NOW!



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