



AGENDA
31st meeting of LDAC Working Group 5
HORIZONTAL ISSUES

Thursday 23 March 2023

Morning session: 10:00h-13:00h

Afternoon session: 14:30h- 17:00h

Hybrid meeting: Brussels (EU NH Berlaymont Hotel) + Virtual (Zoom)

MORNING SESSION (10:00h-13:00h)

10:00h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair.**
- 2. Adoption of minutes of the last WG5 – 27 October 2022.**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda.**

10:10h

- 4. Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU):**
 - 4.1. Update from DG MARE on latest developments regarding carding process, implementation of IUU Regulation and adhesion to IUU Fishing Action Alliance Pledge.
 - 4.2. Q&A with DG MARE on cooperation with third countries: Ecuador, Ghana, Liberia, Panama, USA, Vietnam.
 - 4.3. LDAC draft letter to DG MARE on ECA special report on the EU IUU policy
 - 4.4. Strategy to enhance the IUU fishing policy within DG MARE as IOG instrument.

11:30h

- 5. China's role in world fisheries and aquaculture**
 - 5.1. Presentation of EP PECH Research Project on the role of China in world fisheries and aquaculture (TBC).
 - 5.2. Follow up of LDAC-MAC Advice on Addressing China's global distant water fleet activities implications for fisheries governance.

HEALTH BREAK 12:00-12:15 h

12:15h

- 6. Control Regulation and transparency**
 - 6.1- Presentation on the results of the study "Assessing the effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal seafood imports" (OCEANA-IUU Coalition)
 - 6.2- Preparation of a draft letter to DG Vitcheva on how to improve transparency for SFPAs and how to improve the data available for the SMEFF authorisations.

LUNCH BREAK 13:00h-14:30h



AFTERNOON SESSION (14:30h- 17:00h)

14:30h

7. Presentation by DG MARE of Fisheries policy package adopted on 21 Feb 2023:

- 7.1. Communication on the functioning of the CFP: focus on External Dimension.
- 7.2. Energy transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector
- 7.3. Action Plan on protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries - interlinks with CFP International Dimension (CBD, BBNJ).
- 7.4. Q&A – debate from the floor

15:30h

8. International Ocean Governance – Update by DG MARE on:

- 8.1. Extended 5th IGC on BBNJ (20 February-3 March 2023)
- 8.2. 15th UN Convention on Biodiversity (COP15, Dec. 2022)
- 8.3. 2022 UNGA Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries
- 8.4. The 19th Conference of the Parties on CITES (November 2022)

16:15h

9. Social Dimension of CFP and labour issues linked to imports and trade:

- 9.1. Presentation of the European Commission of its proposed to prohibit products made with forced labour on the EU market.
- 9.2 Social Partners resolution on forced labour.
- 9.3. Update by the European Commission on the development of the new legislation on Due diligence in the value chain. Importance for the social and environmental sustainability of EU fisheries value chains.

16:45h

10. Report on outcomes and actions of Inter-AC meeting (9 March 2023)

11. AOB.

CLOSING