



# **LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Mid-term financial & policy report 1<sup>st</sup> half of LDAC Y14 1 June – 30 November 2020**

**LDAC Executive Committee  
Virtual (Zoom), 10 December 2020**



# Administration and Finances

**Update on Y14 accounts**

**1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021**





# Financial overview - Year 13

The LDAC Financial Year 13 was  
**successfully audited and closed** on 6 July 2020

The final balance was paid by the EC on 31 July 2020.

Accounts were submitted to the LDAC members for disclosure and transparency in November 2020.

They are available and accessible prior request.



# Budget Y14– Income

	Predicted Budget June 20-May 21	Actual Income at 4-12-20
<b>10 Member States</b> (€2,021 each)	€ 20,021	€ 8,080 (4 MS)
<b>Spain</b>	€ 139,810	€ 139,810
<b>European Commission</b>	€ 300,000	€ 240,000
<b>Members Fees</b> 25 ExCom x €600	€15,000	€ 11,400 (19 Ex Com members)
50 GA x €300	€ 15,000	€ 12,000 (40 GA members)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 489,831</b>	<b>€411,290</b>



# Budget Y14 – Expenditure

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some of the Budget Items are likely not to be used (i.e. value zero), namely:

- Travel expenses of Staff and Members;
- Preparations of meetings (rent of room and technical equipment; or catering)

There will be an underspent that can be partly counterbalanced with costs related to videoconference system and PR/Coms (e.g. LDAC institutional videos...)

**FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!**



# Timetable for Grant - Year 14

- 31 May 2021

Financial closure of the budgetary year.

- 30 June 2021

Deadline for processing outstanding payments.

- Mid July 2021

Account control process for audit certificate.

- End July 2021

Financial statement to be issued and final report to be sent to the EC for approval.



# **Policy Report:**

**8 LDAC Advice and Letters Y14  
1 June 2020 - 30 November 2020**





# LDAC Advice/Letters on Y14

TITLE /WG	ADOPTION DATE	EC REPLY DATE
Joint AC Advice on the implementation of the Single Use Plastics Directive and operational aspects of the Fishing for Litter Scheme	15/07/2020	15/09/2020
LDAC Opinion on Tuna Loins for ATQs for 2021-2023	16/07/2020	
LDAC advice in preparation for NAFO 42nd annual meeting, 21-25 September 2020	15/09/2020	
LDAC Reply to EC Targeted consultation on International Ocean Governance	15/10/2020	





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LDAC Opinion in preparation of IOTC annual meeting (November 2020)	30/10/2020	
LDAC Recommendations for making SFPAs evaluations more efficient and transparent	16/11/2020	
LDAC, Europêche and ETF joint letter on the FAO's guidance on social responsibility in the fish value chains	05/11/2020	
LDAC advice management recommendations to inform the EU position on Conservation of North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako for ICCAT	19/11/2020	07/12/2020



# **Report on Meetings Year 14**

**Past meetings (1<sup>st</sup> half):**

**1 June 2020 - 30 November 2020**

**Next Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> half):**

**1 December 2020 - 31 May 2021**



# Meetings Y14

## **LDAC PLENARY MEETINGS (all virtual)**

- LDAC Working Group 4 (SFPAs) 17 September 2020
- LDAC Working Group 5 (Horizontal Issues) 18 September 2020
- LDAC Working Group 1 (Tuna) 20 October 2020
- LDAC Working Group 2 (North Atlantic) 6 November 2020
- LDAC Executive Committee 10 December 2020

## **LDAC VIRTUAL FOCUS GROUPS MEETINGS (all virtual)**

- Focus Group on EC consultation on IOG (3) Sept. / October / Nov.
- Focus Group on Level Playing Field (4) June-November (ongoing)
- Focus Group on SFPAs (2) October / November
- Focus Group on ICCAT-MAKO (2) October / November

## **OTHER INTERNAL MEETINGS (all virtual)**

- Weekly Coordination Meetings btw ExCom/WGs Chair and ViceChairs + Secr.
- Inter AC Secretariat Meetings (4)



# Meetings Y14 (all virtual)

## **EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LDAC SECRETARIAT AND/OR MEMBERS** **June, July & August 2020**

- STECF EWG on Annual Economic Report for EU Fishing fleet (I)
- Launch of FAO's State of World of World Fisheries & Aquaculture 2020
- Inter-ACs Seminar on Financial issues
- SGP coordination meeting on International Fisheries Governance
- COMHAFAT Webinar: The necessary protection of fishermen during the Covid-19 pandemic: The promotion of maritime medicine
- EC technical preparatory meeting for NAFO 2020



# Meetings Y14 (all virtual)

## September 2020

- ICES WKEUVME Stakeholders Meeting
- LDAC Coordination Meeting of WGs+Ex Com Chairs & Vice-Chairs/coordinators
- Vigo Dialogue FAO: Social Responsibility in the Fish value Chains: addressing current problems triggered by COVID 19 (Dialogue A-B-C)
- ICCAT decision-making process. Meeting with stakeholders
- NAFO 42nd Annual Meeting
- Workshop for the online restitution of the study Examination of the possibilities of raising ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT to the status of a Regional Fisheries Management Organization
- "Webinar: Stopping IUU fish from entering the EU" NGOs coalition
- "Biodiversity: The Ocean's Role" - A High-level side event of the UN Biodiversity 2020



# Meetings Y14

## October 2020

- Inter ACs Secretariats meeting
- EFCA Advisory Board meeting
- STECF Expert Working Group on Annual Economic Report for EU Fishing Fleet (II)

## November 2020

- 24th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
- Drafting Group on Blue Economy (AC joint advice)
- Inter-ACs meeting with Chairs, Vice-chairs and Secretariats

## December 2020

- Webinar co-hosted by Commissioner Sinkevicius: Fighting IUU fishing :The EU's vision for healthy oceans (11<sup>th</sup> December)
- International Ocean Governance Forum (14-16 December)



# NEXT LDAC MEETINGS FOR 2021

## PROPOSED MEETINGS PLAN – CALENDAR FOR APPROVAL TBC

- Annual Coordination Meeting between ACs and Other Stakeholders (MIAC & MIACO) – Copenhagen, 11 January 2020
- Inter ACs annual coordination meeting with DG MARE & MS – January 2020
- LDAC-COMHAFAT Annual Coordination meeting – February/March
- LDAC Working Groups 1-2-4-5 – March/April
- LDAC General Assembly and Executive Committee – May



# Procedure for Election Chairs & Vice-Chairs of the WGs

In accordance with LDAC rules of procedure, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Working Groups will be elected amongst its membership at each respective Working Group.

*Title III, article XXVI:*

*“Each Working Group shall appoint a chair and a vice chair amongst its members”*

## **Proposed procedure (Secretariat will act as coordinator):**

- Launch a new call of interest for Chair and/or Vice Chairs (note: we have already candidates acting as interim coordinators).
- Inform on applications of interest received in writing before the meeting.
- In case there is more than one candidate for the same position, a vote will take place by secret ballot (virtual confidential poll) at the forthcoming Working Group meetings in March-April 2021.





# Report on LDAC Membership Y15

## **WE HAVE CURRENTLY 50 ORGANISATIONS FROM 12 MS**

THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS HAVE ASKED  
FOR WITHDRAWN WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT:

- NFFO (UK – fishing sector)
- FPO (UK – fishing sector)
- France Nature Environment (France – OIG)

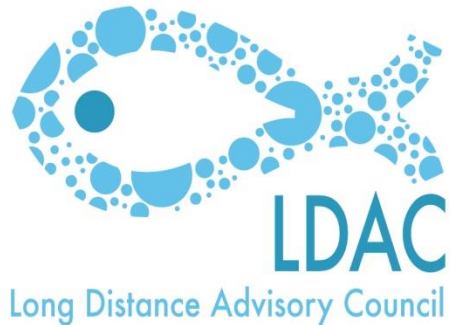
**THREE NEW ORGANISATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED IN DUE COURSE ITS APPLICATION TO  
JOIN THE LDAC WITH DATE OF START 1<sup>st</sup> of JUNE 2020 (UNLESS OTHERWISE DECIDED)**

- Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) – Fishing sector
- Tuna Protection Alliance (TUPA) - OIG
- The Pew Charitable Trusts (PEW) - OIG

State of play: CONSULTATION TO MEMBER STATES UNDER PROCESS

Next step: CONSULTATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS;

Should no objections be received, they will be presenting their organisations for  
admission at the forthcoming LDAC General Assembly.



**THANK YOU – ANY QUESTIONS?**

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