



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Annual General Assembly Year 15

Hybrid Meeting: Madrid/Zoom
18 May 2022

- 1. Welcome by the Chair.**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda.**
- 3. Adoption of the minutes of the previous GA meetings (Zoom, 11-12 May 2021)**

- 4. Policy Report on LDAC Financial Year 16 (1 June 2022 - 31 May 2023) - Chair/Secretary**
 - 4.1. Presentation of Strategic Plan / Annual Work Programme.
 - 4.2. Provisional calendar of meetings.
 - 4.3. Ratification/endorsement of items 1-2.
- 5. Administrative and Financial Report on LDAC Financial Years 15 and 16 - Secretariat**
 - 5.1. State of annual accounts (Income/Expenditure) in Year 15 (2021-2022)
 - 5.2. Budget proposal for LDAC Financial in Year 16 (2022-2023)
 - 5.3. Adoption / Ratification of items 1-3
- 6. Endorsement of decisions on various issues:**
 - 6.1. Protocol for use and authorization of contingency fund.
 - 6.2. Change of address of LDAC Secretariat HQ and update on tele working policy.
- 7. Elections of the Executive Committee**
 - 7.1. Voting and Appointment of Members of the Executive Committee.
 - 7.2. Voting and Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs.
- 8. Overview of LDAC membership**
 - 8.1. Presentation of new candidate organisations.
 - 8.2. Admission of new members.

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Overview of Work in Year 15

1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022





6 + 3 ADVICE & LETTERS ADOPTED IN Y15

PIECE OF ADVICE:

1. Joint MAC-LDAC advice on fostering the European Union's leadership in reducing the detrimental impact of flags of convenience in the fishing sector - July 2021/WG5
2. LDAC advice in preparation for NAFO 43rd Annual Meeting - August 2021/WG2
3. LDAC contribution to the European Commission public consultation on improving the functioning of the Advisory Councils- September 2021/ExCom
4. Joint AC position on deep-sea mining in international waters - October 2021/WG5
5. LDAC recommendations on the Post-Brexit (re)positioning of the European Union towards the Northeast Atlantic fisheries negotiations- February 2022/WG2
6. LDAC response to the EU online questionnaire on the 2022 report on the functioning of CFP - March 2022

LETTERS:

1. LDAC letter on the support to DG MARE work and clarification on possible EC budget reductions - February 2022/Excom
2. Joint-AC letter on contributions from Advisory Councils in Commission public consultations - February 2022/Excom
3. Joint AC letter to the European Commission, on behalf of LDAC, MAC, NSAC, NWWAC, and PELAC, regarding stakeholder engagement in the Specialised Fisheries Committee resulting from the TCA UK-EU - March 2022/Excom



PIECE of ADVICE for ADOPTION

2 DRAFTS PENDING OF ADOPTION

(the drafts below have been previously circulated amongst FGs/WGs asking for comments via e-mail)

FOR ADOPTION TODAY OR BEFORE THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR (i.e., by 31 May 2022)

- *Draft advice: The Social Dimension of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements between the European Union and Third Countries (WG4/WG5)*

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN MAY-JUNE 2022

Draft advice: Addressing illegal fishing and human rights abuses in China's global distant water fleet (WG5)



LDAC Work Programme Year 16

1 June 2022 - 31 May 2023





Core Work Priorities for Y16 (I)

1- International Ocean Governance

- To be actively engaged in the shaping and design of the IOG agenda and respond to future EU targeted consultations.
- To formulate recommendations on coherence between the CFP and other sectoral EU policies internationally.
- To provide stakeholders' views (either formal or informal) prior to some/all of the key negotiations taking place in the context of RFMOs and relevant international fora dealing with fisheries (e.g. UNGA resolution on sustainable fisheries, UN Ocean Conference SDG14, FAO COFI, etc.).
- Follow other global processes with linkages between environmental conservation and fisheries management (CBD, IUCN, BBNJ, ISA).

2- Promotion of Level Playing Field of fishing products

- To follow up recommendations and specific advice drawing from the LDAC advice of May 2021 identifying areas of uneven internal and external dimension in the field of fisheries with regards to aspects related to access to fair competition, traceability of products and value chains, transparency of fishing activities and access to EU market.
- To engage in active dialogue with DG MARE and request also participation of DG TRADE/EMPL/SANTE on this subject.



Work Priorities for Y16 (II)

3- Social Dimension of the CFP

- To continue working with the EU Social Dialogue Committee to implement the agreed road map with specific deliverables and actions for 2022 and beyond.
- To assist DG MARE team in relevant international fora asking for the promotion of labour, social and human rights related to fisheries in the EU agenda.
- To request EU flag Member States to foster the adoption, transposition, ratification and implementation of key international legal instruments;
- To formulate specific recommendations and ideas on how to improve working and living conditions and social sustainability of the fisheries value chains.
- To initiate a technical discussion on methods of measuring fishing capacity with the aim to improve safety at sea and ensure decent working conditions onboard.

4- Evaluation of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) with Third Countries

- To provide ongoing feedback to DG MARE and follow closely the outcomes of the study on retrospective evaluation of SFPAs within the framework of the EU report on the CFP (expected to be launched by the end of 2022).
- To look at specific impacts of SFPAs on: marine environment, including by-catch and non-targeted species; socio-economic conditions; transparency of value chains and trade flows.



Work Priorities for Y16 (III)

5- Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)

- To provide input to the EC designated negotiation teams of key regional fisheries management organizations, either in the form of writing input/advice (e.g. NAFO, ICCAT) or by active participate in preparatory technical coordination meetings (IOTC, WPFC...).
- To develop a proposal to define the role of the RFMOs in the context of BBNJ process.

6- EU Fisheries Control Systems - Implementation of Fight against IUU Fishing (IUU) and SMEFF

- To follow up the legislative process and negotiations for the adoption of the review of the EU fisheries control system.
- To improve the effective implementation of the IUU Regulation (in particular CDS) and the SMEFF Regulation.
- To invite the DG MARE to provide regular updates and exchange views at WG5 meetings on state of play of EU carding system.
- To develop country-specific advice on IUU regulation (e.g. China, Morocco, Ecuador...)
- To continue playing an active role as member of the Advisory Board of the EFCA and addressing the consultation on the evaluation of the EFCA Independent External Evaluation for 2017-2021.

7- Climate change and impacts on fisheries

- To consider how specific impacts of climate change might affect to international fisheries management and conservation of the marine environment. In particular, the LDAC (either on its own or via cooperation with other ACs) will look at topics such as energy efficiency and reduction of CO2 (alternative energy sources and engine modifications) or changes in migration patterns of big and small pelagic stocks, amongst others.

8- Role of artisanal fisheries from non-EU coastal states in fisheries

-To investigate how the CFP External Dimension can contribute to support development of fishing communities in Africa.

This can be materialised with specific actions:

- Organise side events in international meetings in 2022 and 2023 to support and promote the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) designated by UNGA;
- Develop with external partners (COMHAFAT, AFRIFISH, IOC) specific initiatives to support innovation and creation of value addition in African Artisanal Fisheries Value Chain;
- Promote a precautionary approach for the development of human economic activities in the EU Blue Economy;
- To strengthen visibility and recognition of contribution of EU fishing investments in third countries for development of coastal communities in third countries – organize a workshop aimed to identify strengths and weaknesses on the basis of case studies.



Meetings Calendar Year 16

1 June 2022 - 31 May 2023





Meetings Calendar for Y16 (I)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
STECF EWG on AER-2	13-17 June 2022	Virtual Meeting
MIACO (ICES-ACs annual mtg) 2022	22-23 June 2022	Copenhagen
UN-SDG14 Conference	27-1 July 2022	Lisbon
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation NAFO Annual Mtg	Last week August 2022	TBC
EFCA Advisory Board	September 2022	Vigo (tbc)
COMHAFAT-LDAC annual meeting	Oct-Dec 2022	TBC

Meetings Calendar for Y16 (II)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Inter-AC Policy Mtg with DG MARE	Sept-Oct 2022	Brussels/Hybrid (TBC)
35 th COFI-FAO	5-9 Sept 2022	Rome
44 th NAFO Annual Meeting	19-23 September 2022	Porto
Working Groups 1,2,4,5	Mid October 2022	TBC
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation of ICCAT Annual Meeting	Mid October 2022	TBC
Extraordinary Meeting of ICCAT	14-21 November 2022	TBC



Meetings Calendar for Y16 (III)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Executive Committee	Late November/Early December	TBC
Inter AC Mtg with DG MARE, MS & EP	November/December 2022	TBC
MIACO Annual Meeting ICES-ACs	Mid January 2023	TBC
Annual coordination meeting COMHAFAT-LDAC	February 2023	TBC
WGs 1,2,4,5 & Ex. Com	March/April 2023	TBC
General Assembly and Ex.Com.	Mid/End of May 2023	TBC



Administration and Finances

Update on Y15 accounts

Proposed Budget for Y16

Membership Overview



Update on Year 15 Accounts

1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022



Accounts Y15 - Income

	Actual Income at 05-05-22	Oustanding
10 Member States (€ 2,021 each)	€ 20,210	€ 0
Spain	€ 139,810	€ 0
European Commission	€ 240,000	Balance EU-grant ** € 60,000
52 Members Fees		
23 GA + ExCom x € 900	€ 20,700	€ 0
29 GA only x € 300	€ 8,700	€ 0
TOTAL	€429,420	€ 60,000

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

Accounts Y15

	Budget 20-21 (29/04/22)	Already spent (5/05/22)	Estimated expenses
Staff	€240,496	€210,900	€237,000
Participation in meetings	€ 73,424	€13,300	€25,000
Information & preparation Meetings	€44,000	€32,200	€37,500
Operating Costs	€38,650	€27,300	€34,500
Interpretation & Translation	€75,650	€55,700	€70,000
Other Contracts	€15,400	€7,400	€12,000
TOTAL	€ 487,620	€346,800	€416,000

Year 15 – Financial Timeline

- 29 April 2022

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

- 31 May 2023

Close of the financial budgetary year.

- June 2022

Processing of outstanding payments (reimbursements and invoices).

- Early/mid July 2022

Completion of account auditing process (external accountants).

- End July 2022

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



Proposed Budget for Year 16

1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023



Overview of Income & Expenditure Y16

	Income Y16 (2022-23)
10 Member States (€2,021 each)	€20,210
Spain* (€139,810 received)	€ 139,810
European Commission	€ 273,430
52 Members Fees 23 of total GA+ExCom x €900 29 of total GA members x €300	€20,700 € 8,700
TOTAL	€ 462,850

	Budget Y16 (22-23)
Staff	€236,496
Participation in meetings	€71,228
Information & preparation Meetings	€41,514
Operating Costs	€40,061
Interpretation & Translation	€59,000
Other Contracts	€14,550
TOTAL	€ 462,850



Report on LDAC Membership Y16

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 52 ORGANISATIONS FROM 12 MS

NO ORGANISATIONS HAVE ASKED TO WITHDRAW THE LDAC ON YEAR 15

2 NEW ORGANISATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LDAC WITH DATE OF START 1st of JUNE 2022

1. Bolton Food (Italy) – Category: Fishing Sector

2. Asociación Nacional de Empresas Pesqueras en Países Terceros - ANEPAT (Spain) – Category: Fishing Sector

State of play:

CONSULTATION PROCESS IN WRITING HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON A TWO-STAGE PROCESS:

1. MEMBER STATES – SUBMITTED NO OBJECTIONS (SPAIN POSITIVE SUPPORT) + DG MARE INFORMED;
2. EXCOM MEMBERS RECEIVED THE DOSSIER OF APPLICATION CONTAINING ALL INFORMATION.

FINAL APPROVAL OF ADMISSION NOW

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK & SUPPORT DURING THESE 15 YEARS

(VIDEO)

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