



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Annual General Assembly

LDAC Year 16 (June 2022-May 2023)

Hybrid Meeting: Stockholm/Zoom
Wednesday 24 May 2023



AGENDA GA/AGM 2023

1. **Welcome by the Chair.**
2. **Adoption of the agenda.**
3. **Adoption of the minutes of the previous GA meeting (Madrid, 18 May 2022)**
4. **Update on work collaboration between the LDAC and ICES:**
 - 4.1 Report from Secretariat on ICES MIACO and WKSTIMP - *Alexandre Rodríguez*
 - 4.2 Presentation on ICES fishery advice app - *Luca Lamoni*
5. **Policy Report on LDAC Financial Year 17 (1 June 2023 - 31 May 2024) - *Chair/Secretary***
6. **Administrative and Financial Report on LDAC Financial Years 16 and 17 - *Secretariat***
7. **Update on administrative and organisational issues – *Chair / Secretariat***
8. **Overview of LDAC membership – Secretariat**
9. **AOB**

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

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Overview of Work in Year 16

1 June 2022 - 31 May 2023



8 RECOMMENDATIONS / ADVICE ADOPTED IN YEAR 16 TO DATE:

- 1- LDAC Advice on NAFO annual meeting- WG2
- 2- LDAC Advice on ICCAT 2022-WG1
- 3- LDAC advice for WCPFC 2022-WG1
- 4- LDAC advice in view of the next EU-Mauritania SFPa Joint Committee, including recommendations on the small pelagic management plan proposal for Mauritania, and demersal fisheries - WG4
- 5- Joint MAC-LDAC Advice on illegal fishing and human rights abuses in China's global distant water fleet - WG5
- 6- LDAC Advice in preparation of the Resumed IGC5 on UN BBNJ Treaty - WG5
- 7- LDAC Advice ahead of IOTC 27th Session - WG1
- 8- Joint MAC-LDAC advice on “The need for harmonised import controls between Member States in order to prevent the products of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing from entering the European Union market - WG5

6 LETTERS ADOPTED TO DATE:

- 1- Joint-AC letter on bringing fisheries matters through to Specialized Committee for Fisheries (SCF) via existing advisory bodies (ACs)- Ex. Com.
- 2- LDAC Letter to DG MARE on clarification on ECA participation in the LDAC WG 5 meeting - Ex. Com.
- 3- LDAC Letter to collaborate with Africa-Europe Foundation - Ex. Com
- 4- Letter on DG MARE asking for clarification on EC participation in LDAC's meetings - Ex. Com.
- 5- Letter to DG INTPA on mid-term evaluation of FishGov II project and support to civil NSA platforms - WG4
- 6- LDAC Letter on European Court of Auditors special report on the EU fight against IUU policy - WG5



PIECE of ADVICE for ADOPTION

3 DRAFTS IN COURSE OR PENDING OF ADOPTION

(the drafts below have been previously circulated)

FOR ADOPTION TODAY OR BEFORE THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR (i.e., by 31 May 2023)

1. Draft Letter in Support of the Social Partners Resolution on the fight against forced labour in the sea-fisheries sector - WG5

IN COURSE OF DRAFTING - FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN 2023

2. Draft LDAC advice on cooperation with Morocco to improve fisheries governance and resilient fishing communities – WG5

3. Draft LDAC advice on deep-sea mining in international waters -WG5



LDAC Work Programme Year 17

1 June 2023 - 31 May 2024



Core Work Priorities for Y17 (I)

1- International Ocean Governance

- To provide elements for making into action the recommendations made on the blue part of the European Green Deal, including impact of climate change and reverse biodiversity loss.
- Strengthening the IOG framework- Ensuring security and safety at sea.
- To provide stakeholders' views prior to key negotiations taking place in the context of RFMOs and relevant UN processes.
- Follow global processes with linkages between environmental conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, including sustainable fisheries management (CBD , BBNJ, ISA Council).

2- Promotion of level playing field of fishing products between EU and non EU operators and traders to ensure the environmental and social sustainability of products in EU market

- Pursue to engage in active dialogue with DG MARE, DG TRADE and DG EMPL on this subject.
- Consideration to develop a few theme-specific piece of advice related to the LPF.

Work Priorities for Y17 (II)

3- Social Dimension of the CFP

- To promote labour and social issues related to fisheries in the EU agenda.
- To continue working with the EU Social Dialogue Committee to implement the agreed road map updated with specific deliverables and actions for 2023 and beyond.
- Formulate specific recommendations on how to improve definition of decent working and living conditions of fish workers along external fisheries value chains.
- Look at ongoing FAO initiative to raise awareness on the need to promote social responsibility in the fisheries value chains (including feedback to the consultation of the first section of the FAO Guidance Document on “Industrial Fishing”).

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 2023).
- 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 Y17 (III)

5- The role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in sustainable use of fishing and marine resources

- 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 participation in preparatory technical coordination meetings (IOTC, WPFC...).
- To promote collaborative work and exchange of information with other concerned and interested ACs (MEDAC, CC-Sud, CCRUP).

6- Review of EU Fisheries Control Systems; and effective implementation of Regulations on Fight against IUU Fishing (IUU) and Sustainable Management of the External Fishing Fleet (SMEFF)

- Working on improving the effective implementation of the IUU and the SMEFF Regulations.
- Looking at the evolution of the review of the EU fisheries control system and, in particular, how new measures will apply to EU DWF.
- To invite the DG MARE to provide regular updates At WG5 meetings on state of play of EU carding system.
- To develop country-specific advice on IUU regulation.

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) consider developing some advice to look at this matter and other related areas such as the energy efficiency and decarbonization.

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

- To continue investigating how the CFP External Dimension can contribute to support development of fishing communities in Africa.
- This can be materialised with specific actions:
 - Organising side events in international meetings to underpin and develop some of the actions agreed during the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) and the UN SDG14 Lisbon Ocean Conference;
 - Developing with external partners (FAO, COMHAFAT, AFRIFISH-Net, 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;
 - Organizing a workshop under the Spanish presidency of the EU, aimed to present case studies with particular emphasis in West Africa and develop recommendations on EU fishing investments in third countries for development of coastal communities in third countries.

Planned recommendations for Y17

- 1- Impact on Climate Change in International fisheries – WG5
- 2- Implementation of IOG agenda of the EU in the international fora – WG5
- 3- Annual Advice in preparation of NAFO 45th Annual Meeting - WG2
- 4- Conservation and management measures for tropical tunas and sharks for ICCAT - WG1
- 5- Conservation and management measures for tuna and tuna-like species and sharks for WCPFC - WG1
- 6- Regional approach to fisheries management for shared small pelagic stocks in West African countries - WG4
- 7- Implementation of SFPAs: benefits and challenges for coastal communities in third countries - WG4
- 8- Implementation of the future CFP External Dimension – EC Communication of CFP today and tomorrow - WG5



Meetings Calendar Year 17

1 June 2023 - 31 May 2024



Meetings Calendar for Y17 (I)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation NAFO Annual Mtg	Last week August 2023	Brussels/online (TBC)
EFCA Advisory Board	September 2023	Vigo/online (TBC)
Inter-AC Policy Mtg with DG MARE	Sept-Oct 2023	Brussels/Hybrid (TBC)
Coordination meeting with Chairs, Vice-Chairs and LDAC Secretariat	September 2023	Madrid/Hybrid (TBC)
45 th NAFO Annual Meeting	18-22 September 2023	Vigo
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation of ICCAT Annual Meeting	Mid October 2023	Brussels/online (TBC)



LDAC Working Groups

- To be decided: hybrid or in person
- Option to hold the next LDAC WGs and Ex.Com:
Vigo (Spain)

Seminar on Fishing Investments in Third Countries: 17 & 18 October (TBC)

WG1: 19 October- morning (TBC)

WG4: 19 October- afternoon (TBC)

WG2+WG5+Ex.Com: week 6 November. 2 days. Madrid (TBC)

Meetings Calendar for Y17 (III)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Executive Committee	Late November 2023	TBC
Inter AC Mtg with DG MARE, MS & EP	November/December 2023	Brussels/hybrid (TBC)
MIACO Annual Meeting ICES-ACs	Mid January 2024	Copenhagen/hybrid (TBC)
Annual coordination meeting COMHAFAT-LDAC	January/February 2024	Spain/Morocco (TBC)
WGs 1,2,4,5	March/April 2024	Madrid/Brussels (TBC)
General Assembly and Ex.Com.	Mid May 2024	Open to host country (TBC)



Administration and Finances

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Update on Year 16 Accounts

1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023



Accounts Y16 - Income

	Actual Income at 10-05-23	Oustanding
10 Member States (€ 2,021 each)	€ 12,126	€ 8,084
Spain	€ 139,810	€ 0
European Commission	€ 218,743,41	Balance EU-grant ** € 54,686.23
Members Fees		
23/23 GA + ExCom x € 900	€ 20,700	€ 0
30/31 GA only x € 300	€ 9,000	€ 300
TOTAL	€400,379.41	€ 63,070.23

** Commission income is dependant on the compliance with the work programme

Accounts Y16

	Budget 21-22 (29/04/23)	Already spent (10/05/23)	Estimated expenses
Staff	€221,595.12	€200,407	€221,200
Participation meetings in	€ 52,243	€33,000	€47,000
Information & preparation Meetings	€42,200	€30,700	€25,500
Operating Costs	€32,761	€28,065	€31,950
Interpretation & Translation	€88,000.52	€66,200	€86,500
Other Contracts	€26,650	€20,000	€26,000
TOTAL	€ 463,449.64	€378,372	€438,150

Year 16 – Financial Timeline

- 29 April 2023

Budget sent to the Commission with the updated income and expenses
(under lump sum is not required anymore the formal amendment or approval by EC)

- 31 May 2023

Close of the financial budgetary year.

- 1-30 June 2023

Processing of outstanding payments (reimbursements and invoices)

- 1-15 July 2023

Completion of account auditing process (external accountants)

- 15-30 July 2023

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



Proposed Budget for Year 17

1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024

Overview of Income & Expenditure Y17

	Income Y17 (2023-24)
10 Member States out of 11 (€2,021 each)	€20,210
Spain* (€139,810 received)	€ 139,810
European Commission	€ 273,429.64
Members Fees 23 of total GA+ExCom x €900 31 of total GA members x €300	€20,700 € 9,300
TOTAL	€ 463,449.64

	Budget Y17(23-24)
Staff	€254,532
Participation in meetings	€63,458.35
Information & preparation Meetings	€39,969.29
Operating Costs	€31,440
Interpretation & Translation	€58,000
Other Contracts	€15,750
Rerserve Exchange Foreign losses	€300
TOTAL	€ 463,449.64



Report on LDAC Membership Y17

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 54 ORGANISATIONS FROM 11 MS

NO ORGANISATIONS HAVE ASKED TO WITHDRAW THE LDAC ON YEAR 16

1 NEW ORGANISATION HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION REQUESTING TO JOIN THE LDAC

Name: Aquatic Life Institute – HQ: France – Category: NGO

State of play:

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

1. MEMBER STATES – SUBMITTED NO OBJECTIONS + DG MARE WAS DULY INFORMED;
2. EXCOM MEMBERS RECEIVED THE APPLICATION – NO OBJECTIONS RAISED.

ENDORSEMENT OF ADMISSION FOR DECISION TODAY

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENTRY: 1 JUNE 2023

THANK YOU

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