



A.A. Ms. Lowry Evans

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Dear Ms Director General,

During the last meeting of the LDRAC Executive Committee, some NGOs expressed some concern regarding the involvement of the RACs within the work of the STECF.

Although all RACs were invited to participate in the meeting held in Dublin from 25th till 28th November 2013 to discuss the practical implementation of the new landing obligation policy, only one seat was offered to each RAC. With the exception of the SWW RAC where the secretary attended the meeting, no one from the 1/3 group was able to attend the above mentioned meeting.

In the new CFP the role of the STECF and other scientific bodies is going to be crucial and meetings like this are going to be organized frequently. The outcomes of these and other meetings will be of utmost importance for the implementation of the reformed CFP on a regional basis, and for that reason we would like to kindly request to increase the number of seats for the RACs in the working groups/meetings of the STECF. This will ensure that all stakeholders are able to follow the developments and discussions and are subsequently able to contribute in a productive way to the implementation process in their respective sea basin.

I thank you in advance for your collaboration in this matter and I remain at your entire disposal for any further information that you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Cabral
President