



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Annual General Assembly 2021
(first session)

Video Conference
11 May 2021



AGENDA GA 2021 (first session)

10:00h

1. Welcome by the Chair – adoption of agenda and minutes.

1. Adoption of the minutes of the last General Assembly (26 May 2020)
2. Adoption of the agendas for both sessions (first and second part)

10:05h

2. Report by the Chair/Secretary on LDAC Financial Year 15 (1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022)

- 2.1. Strategic Plan/Annual Work Programme.
- 2.2. Provisional calendar of meetings.
- 2.3. Ratification/endorsement of Items 1-2.

10:20h

3. Report by Secretariat on administration and finances:

- 3.1. State of annual accounts (Income/Expenditure) in Year 14 (2020-2021).
- 3.2. Budget proposal for LDAC Financial in Year 15 (2021-2022).
- 3.3. Adoption/ratification of items 1-2.

10:35h

4. Overview of LDAC membership:

- 4.1. Withdrawn of LDAC members.
- 4.2. Admission of new LDAC members.

11:00h

5. Update on administrative and organisational issues:

- 5.1. Annual ratification of the LDAC Chair.
- 5.2. Proposal for structure of Working Groups and topic based Focus Groups.
- 5.3. Review and amendment of the LDAC Rules of Procedure: proposal for appendment of Code of conduct for virtual meetings (GA/EXCOM/WGs/FGs).

11:30h Close of the meeting.

Overview of Work in Year 14

1 June 2020 - 31 May 2021



13 + 3 ADVICE & LETTERS ADOPTED IN Y14 (i)

RFMOs

1. LDAC Advice in preparation for **NAFO** 42nd Annual Meeting – September 2020 (WG2)
2. LDAC Opinion in preparation of **IOTC** Annual Meeting 2020 (WG1)
3. LDAC advice management recommendations to inform the EU position on **ICCAT**
Selected topic: Conservation of North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako (WG1)
4. LDAC Position proposal ahead of **IOTC** Special Session 2021
Selected topic: request for phasing out of large scale pelagic driftnets in the Indian Ocean (WG1)

Other topics of interest

5. LDAC Opinion on ATQ for Tuna Loins for 2021-2022 (WG1)
6. LDAC reply to EU public consultation on International Ocean Governance (WG5)
7. LDAC Recommendations for making SFPAs evaluations more efficient (WG4)
8. LDAC-EP-ETF joint letter on the FAO's guidance on social responsibility in the fish value chains (WG5)
9. LDAC-EP-ETF joint letter requesting the transposition of key international legal instruments on Safety and Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector (WG5)
10. LDAC contribution to DG MARE letter on proposals for improving current functioning of ACs (Ex.Com)



13 + 3 ADVICE & LETTERS ADOPTED IN Y14 (ii)

Joint AC advice/letters

11. Advice on implementation of the Single Use Plastics Directive and the Fishing for Litter Scheme (Ex.Com)
12. Advice on the "Maritime sector - a green post-COVID future" Roadmap (Ex.Com)
13. Letter on EU fishing stakeholders' participation in new governance and management structures from Brexit process (Ex.Com)

3 DRAFTS TO BE PRESENTED AT FOR ADOPTION AT TODAY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(previously circulated amongst respective FGs/WGs asking for comments by e-mail)

14. LDAC Advice on Level Playing Field between EU and non EU fishing products (WG5)
15. LDAC Opinion on Promoting regional sustainable fisheries management for shared resources in West Africa (WG4)
16. LDAC Letter on Norwegian position in relation to EU fishing opportunities for Arctic Cod in Svalbard FPZ (WG2)

Work Programme Year 15

1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022



Core Work Priorities for Y15 (I)

MAIN MESSAGE: BE STRATEGIC AND HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON SHAPING EU POLICIES!

1- International Ocean Governance and Level playing field of fishing products into EU market

- To assist the EU EC by providing stakeholders' advice prior to negotiations before taking place in the context of RFMOs and relevant international fora such as the UNGA, the BBNJ, IGC sessions, the CBD or the ISA.
- The LPF advice will serve as foundation to develop a number of specific pieces of advice in relation to topics such as international governance and policy frameworks, implementation of SFPAs, provisions of RFMOs, fight against IUU fishing, fisheries subsidies and labour, social and human rights; amongst others.

2- Social Dimension of the CFP

- Follow the joint work plan with the EU Social Dialogue Committee (i.e. EUROPECHE-ETF) to implement the road map adopted with specific deliverables and actions for 2021-2022. The aim is to prepare advice to the European Commission to promote a harmonized legal framework within the EU in line with internationally agreed social and labour standards for fisheries and link this process to the CFP report planned for 2022.
- The LDAC will also look to raise awareness on the need to ensure socially responsible fisheries around the world. it is envisaged to contribute as stakeholder in the FAO:FT consultation process and regional workshops set up by FAO in relation to the Guidance Document on social responsibility of the fisheries value chains.



Work Priorities for Y15 (II)

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

- LDAC will look at providing feedback on:

Overall SFPAs evaluation study for which LDAC is participating to the ongoing EU public and targeted consultations.
The “standard” methodology and content of ex-post ex-ante evaluations for specific SFPAs under renewal.
The sectoral support dimension to improve capacity building, transparency and socio-economic development of coastal communities within SFPA beneficiary countries.

4- Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)

- Provide timely and strategic input to the EC designated negotiation teams prior to the intersessional panel meetings, special sessions and the plenary annual meetings of key regional fisheries management organizations (i.e. NAFO, ICCAT and IOTC).
- Explore possible topics and areas for further advice on other RFMOs (NEAFC) or arrangements (CECAF)

5- Review of EU Fisheries Control Systems - Implementation of Fight against IUU Fishing (IUU)

- Working on proposals to improve the fisheries control system outside EU waters, including IUU and the SMEFF Regulations.
- Promoting a speedier transition phase from a paper-based to an electronic implementation of the EU Catch Documentation Scheme (IT CATCH)
- Providing feedback to IUU unit on specific countries incl. those linked to EU carding system (e.g. Morocco, Ecuador, Ghana)

Meetings Calendar Year 15

1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022





**THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE
COMMON FISHERIES POLICY:
PRESENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**
1st -2nd June 2021



Webinar with simultaneous interpretation EN, SP, FR available
Registration deadline: 26th May

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-external-dimension-of-the-cfp-challenges-and-future-opportunities-tickets-150514481867>



Meetings Calendar for Y15 (I)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
STECF EWG on AER-2	7-11 June 2021	Virtual Meeting
25 th Session of the IOTC	7-11 June 2021	Virtual meeting – VC (4 hours a day)
ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (Tropical Tuna)	1-2 July 2021	Virtual Meeting
ICCAT Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 (Northern Mako and Swordfish)	6-8 July 2021	TBD
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation NAFO Annual Mtg	Last week of August 2021	TBC



Meetings Calendar for Y15 (II)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
EFCA Advisory Board	September 2021	TBC
43 rd NAFO Annual Meeting	20-24 September 2021	Halifax/Virtual (TBC)
Working Groups 1,4,5	Mid-September - October 2021	TBC
Technical Meeting EC-LDAC – Preparation of ICCAT Annual Meeting	Mid October 2021	TBC
Working Group 2	Early/Mid-November 2021	TBC
25 th Session of the IOTC	November 2021	TBC
27 th Annual Meeting of ICCAT	15-22 November 2021	TBC



Meetings Calendar for Y15 (III)

TITLE OF MEETING	DATE	PLACE
Executive Committee	Late November/Early December	TBC
Inter AC Mtg with DG MARE, MS & EP	November/December 2021	TBC
MIRAC-MIAC Annual Meeting ICES-ACs	Mid January 2022	TBC
Annual coordination meeting COMHAFAT-LDAC	January/February 2022	TBC
WGs 1,2,4,5 & Ex. Com	March/April 2022	TBC
General Assembly and Executive Committee	Mid/End of May 2022	TBC



Administration and Finances

Update on Y14 accounts

Proposed Budget for Y15

Membership Overview

Update on Year 14 Accounts

1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021

Accounts Y14 - Income

	Actual Income at 04-05-21	Oustanding
10 Member States (€ 2,021 each and already paid 8/10)	€ 16,168	€ 4,042
Spain	€ 139,810	€ 0
European Commission	€ 240,000	Balance EU-grant ** € 60,000
Members Fees 23 GA + ExCom x € 900	€ 20,700	€ 0
26 GA only x € 300	€ 7,800	€ 0
TOTAL	€424,478	€ 64,042

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

Accounts Y14

	Budget 19-20 (29/04/21)	Already spent (4/05/21)	Estimated expenses
Staff	€245,700	€215,000	€237,000
Participation in meetings	€ 45,278	€0	€700
Information & preparation Meetings	€41,500	€10,000	€28,000
Operating Costs	€58,200	€36,100	€53,300
Interpretation & Translation	€75,000	€38,000	€67,000
Other Contracts	€13,500	€7,600	€12,000
Reserve	€5,000	€0	€0
TOTAL	€ 484,178	€306,700	€398,000

Year 14 – Financial Timeline

- 29 April 2021

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

- 31 May 2021

Financial close of the budgetary year.

- June 2021

Processing of outstanding payments.

- Mid July 2021

Account auditing process.

- End July 2021

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

Proposed Budget for Year 15

1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022

Overview of Income & Expenditure Y15

	Income Received/Budgeted Y15 (2021-22)
4 Member States out of 10 (€2,021 each)	€8,084
Spain (€139,810 received)	€ 139,810
European Commission	€ 300,000
Members Fees 21 out of total 23 GA+ExCom x €900	€18,900
21 out of total 26(total of 49 GA members) x €300	€ 6,300
TOTAL	€ 473,094

	Budget Y15(2021-22)
Staff	€240,496
Participation in meetings	€83,448
Information & preparation Meetings	€36,000
Operating Costs	€42,100
Interpretation & Translation	€55,650
Other Contracts	€15,400
TOTAL	€ 473,094



Report on LDAC Membership Y15

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 49 ORGANISATIONS FROM 12 MS

THE FOLLOWING 3 ORGANISATIONS HAVE ASKED TO WITHDRAW THE LDAC ON YEAR 14:

- **France Nature Environment (FNE) – Category: Other Interest Groups (OIG)**
- **The National Federation of Fishermen's Organizations (NFFO) UK – Category: Fishing Sector**
- **Fish Producer Organization (FPO) UK – Category: Fishing Sector**

3 NEW ORGANISATIONS HAS SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LDAC WITH DATE OF START 1st of JUNE 2021

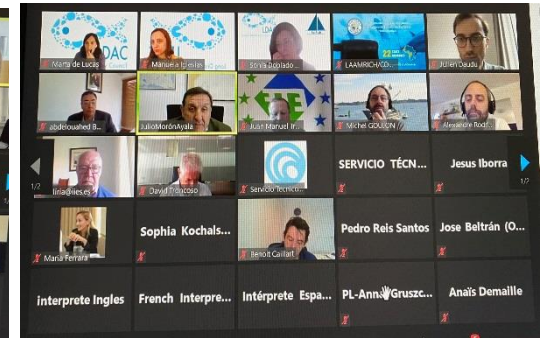
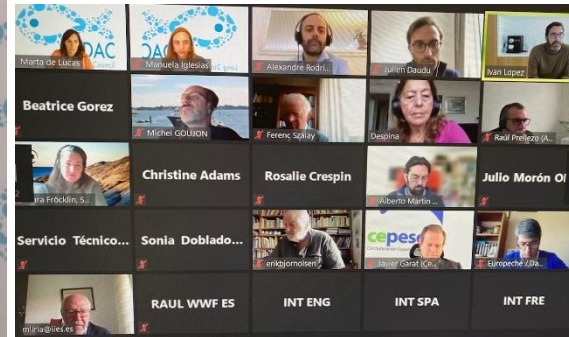
- **Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) – Category: Fishing Sector or OIG? (pending of decision)**
- **Earthworm Foundation-Tuna Protection Alliance (TUPA) – Classification: Fishing Sector or OIG ?**
- **The Pew Charitable Trusts ("Pew") – Category: Other Interest Groups**

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

1. MEMBER STATES – NO OBJECTIONS + DG MARE INFORMED;
2. EXCOM MEMBERS RECEIVED THE DOSSIER OF APPLICATION CONTAINING ALL INFORMATION – QUESTIONS RECEIVED.

FINAL APPROVAL OF ADMISSION NOW

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS CHALLENGING & DIFFICULT YEAR



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