

SMALL-SCALE FISHERS' FORUM

Participatory management approaches

The development of advice on MAPs in the Mediterranean:
the experience of the coordinator of the MEDAC WG1

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WG1 - Main topics

Climate change,
pollution and
fishery sector

→ WG3

Socioeconomic
impacts

→ WG5

UE Common
Fishery Policy

**WG1 deals with a lot
of topics ... and the
SSF is almost always
interested**

EAMFF

Diversification

Recreational
fisheries

→ WG4

Highly
migratory
stocks

→ WG2

Technical
measures
regulation

Regionalization

ORGP

**Talking about
MAP for small-
scale fishing is
quite difficult ...**

**However, the MEDAC
contributed to
highlight the priorities
of the Regional Plan
of Action for SSF
(Venice and Malaga
2019)**

MEDAC shares the social, environmental and cultural role of SSF in European coastal communities and **has always paid attention to the characteristics and specificities of artisanal fishing in the Mediterranean basin**

Scientific
research

Climate and
environment

Small-scale
fisheries data

Capacity-building

Small-scale
fisheries
management
measures

Small-Scale
fisheries value
chain

Role of women

Participation of small-
scale fisheries in
decision-making
processes

Decent work
and working
conditions

1) Knowledge of the legislation in force and in progress and scientific data:

- Legislative corner – WG1
- Support of scientists on pertinent topics (
- Participation of EU, national or regional representatives in WGs

2) Sharing of information among participants:

- Discussion or debate during WGs meeting
- Questionnaire
- Web platforms
- Presentation of results and adoption of advice to be approved by COMEX

Example

MEDAC Opinion on Revision of the Control Regulation (Ref.:339/2018)

MEDAC highlighted, article by article, the opinion of the all members who replied to a questionnaire. In this paper **MEDAC**

«Agrees to ensure that any new compliance requirements, mainly concerning vessels of smaller dimensions, that are necessary to achieve the objectives of the common fisheries policy fully, do not lead to financial and/or administrative burdens, both in their installation and maintenance, for companies and workers, while also achieving the goal of simplification”

MEDAC and RPOA for SSF

- ❖ 2019 – MEDAC Meeting and follow up actions on the **RPOA for SSF**, as requested by the European Commission considering the GFCM meeting on the topic
- ❖ Coordination between WG1 and WG5 (socioeconomic aspects)
- ❖ Various contributions collected and coordinated by Secretariat and WG1-WG5 coordinators

-- attention on the following items as priorities (in no particular order)--

Value chain: Encourage the first processing of landings by the fishers themselves, their cooperatives or their Producer Organizations in order to expand the shelf life of products;

Capacity building: Encourage professional training opportunities for fishers on land and at sea, aiming to facilitate the generational turnover. Protect and preserve the traditional and cultural aspects of SSF;

Decent work: Promote decent work, the improvement of working conditions as well as social protection for all small-scale fisheries workers;

Role of women: Women should have equal opportunities and rights in the sector and should be recognized their role throughout the entire chain;

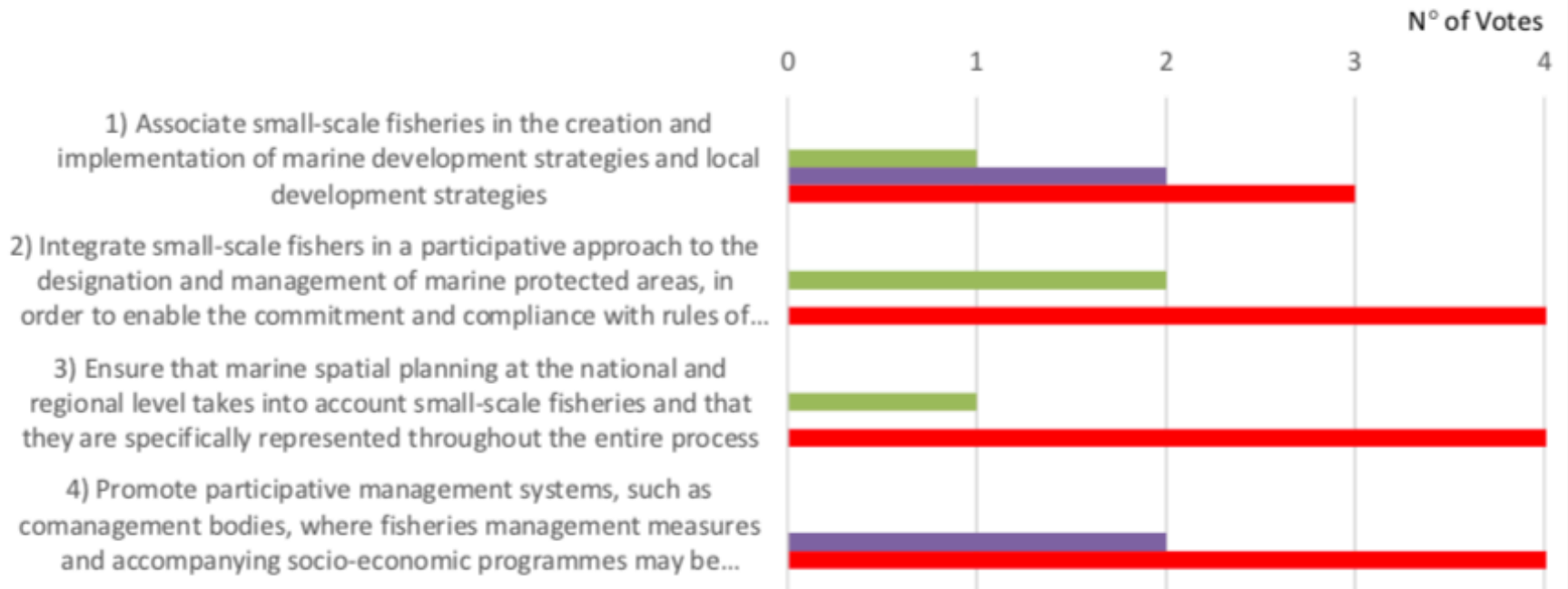
Climate and environment: Assist and support small-scale fisheries communities affected by climate change or natural and human-induced disasters. In particular take into account and manage consequences of marine litter with the direct involvement of fishermen.

Example of results...

E. Participation of SSF in decisionmaking processes

Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5



Example of results...

I. Climate and environment Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5

N° of Votes

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1) Involve the knowledge and expertise of small-scale fisheries actors in the development of policies and plans addressing climate change in fisheries, in particular adaptation and mitigation plans, including within the framework of nationally determined c



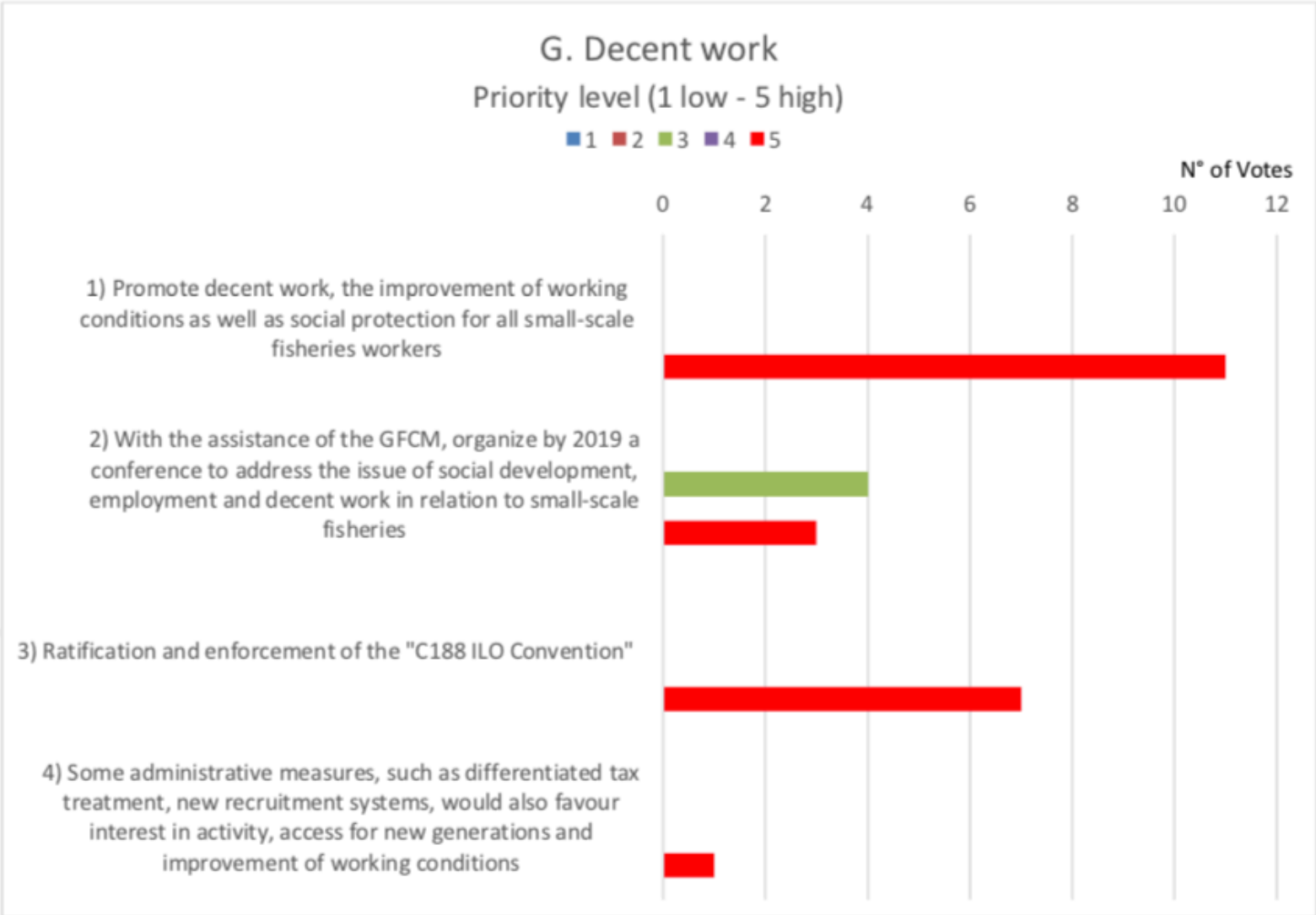
2) Assist and support small-scale fisheries communities affected by climate change or natural and human-induced disasters



3) Encourage small-scale fishers to actively participate in the circular economy, for instance, by establishing plans for the disposal and recycling of recovered nets in order to reduce the impacts of ghost fishing; such plans may include rewarding schemes



Example of results...



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H. Role of women
Priority level (1 low - 5 high)

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