

STECF Expert Working Group 23-11

Fishing effort regime for demersal fisheries in West Med (Economic analyses)

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About me

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- **Member of STECF with specific expertise in economic analyses of fisheries management measures**
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Background

- **For several years STECF is requested to give advice regarding the implementation of the West Med Management plan**
- **Main request is to assess the achievement of the objectives of the plan (e.g. reaching MSY)**
- **Main method is the application of a number of bio-economic models**
- **DG Mare has requested STECF to develop the socio-economic outputs of the models**

Approach

- **Challenge: the bio-economic models existed before the management plan was adopted and are since 2020 developed for the assessment of the Management plan**
- **Three different models developed for specific GSAs/fleets/fisheries are applied and outputs need to be homogeneised to obtain comparable results for socio-economic variables**
- **For 2023 the first aim is to continue harmonizing the outputs of the models (same socio-economic variables)**

Approach

- **Second aim is to have additional with stakeholders regarding the results of the economic analyses**
- **STECF economists see an exchange with stakeholders as some kind of ‚reality check‘ of the modelling results vs. the real development in the sector**
- **During the week of the EWG (September 25-29) STECF economists would like to have an exchange with representatives of the fishing industry Thursday afternoon (28th)**

Approach

- **STECF economists are aware that this could be only a very first limited exercise**
- **Registration as observer to participate in that meeting is open until September 18th**

Outlook

- **For 2024 STECF economists may want to organise this process a bit differently**
 - Have a first exchange with stakeholders in Spring during the first EWG meeting to discuss the situation in the sector
 - Use that as an input to the modelling during the second meeting in September

Thank you very much!

