



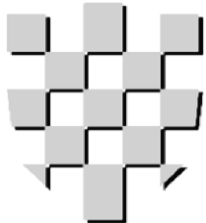
Croatian proposal for the multiannual plan for GSA 17 (small pelagics)

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How to manage the regional aspects of mixed fisheries?

- * The new CFP has introduced the possibility for regionalisation, in particular through multi-annual plans. **Regionalisation means that the EU Member States and stakeholders cooperate to recommend management measures that are tailored to the particular needs of the region, and also introduces adaptability in the management strategy as circumstances change.** Regionalisation can be applied to different types of measures as foreseen in the new CFP, in particular when these measures are placed in the context of clearly identified results to be achieved under the plan. In other words, regionalisation is a results-based approach, allowing stakeholders to agree on a tailored set of measures to achieve a given set of objectives

Introduction

- * Logframe for the technical measures within the multiannual plan for small pelagics in GSA17.
- * Adopting of the regional plan is not only technical and economical issue, but also and political issue.
- * Croatian fishing sector has considered all the current aspects, and has concluded that it would be the best first to discuss frame of the management principles, which will after be discussed in details and become technical measures in the regional plan.
- * Following proposal is looking forward to have successful regionalisation.

Traffic light approach

A – GFCM frame (180/20 days)

B – introduction of spatio-temporal closure in certain number of days in spawning period +GFCM frame

C – closure of certain fishing zones in which small fish appears in order not to overfish recruitment + introduction of spatio-temporal closure in certain number of days in spawning period +GFCM frame

D – implementing extraordinary measures, meeting of three Member states with the EC and deciding which extra measures to apply

	A	B
SSB- ref	B	C
SSB- lim	C	D

$\langle E(0,4) \rangle$

SSB= spawning stock biomass

E (exploitation rate) = F (fishing mortality) / Z (total mortality)

Revision

- * Three year long plan, after three years it should be revised (in accordance with 1380/2013)
 - * Scientific data must be adjusted (available in shorter period of time)
 - * Croatian fleet as one of two major fleets is just starting the adjustment of the fleet capacity (scraping)
 - * No serious socio-economic analysis can be done before the end of adjustment of the fleet capacity
 - * Landing obligation must entirely completed

Reasons

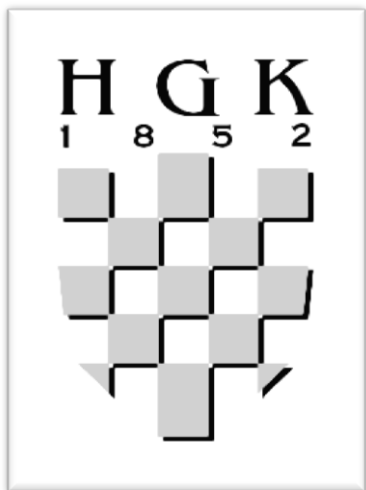
- * Proposal is in accordance with the CFP (1380/2013), contains principles of MSY - defined targets such as fishing mortality rates through exploitation rate ($E = F/Z$) and spawning stock biomass (SSB_{ref} & SSB_{lim}).
- * In line with the measures that are now being implemented (GFCM recomb. 37/2013 & 38/2014).
- * We suggest this type of technical measures and targets since in the Adriatic sea does not consist only of European fishing waters but also international waters and there are also No Member States, and it is not possible to achieve complete control over the stocks.

Reasons

- * We can not be more accurate and more specific in the implementation because the biomass estimation is three years old and only less than 30 % of the estimated biomass can be extrapolated in the management year. Which means that 70 % of the present stock is scientifically unknown.
- * On the other hand socio-economic risks are enormous.
- * Additionally Croatian fleet is in the process of adjusting of the fleet capacity, and before the process ends no stable estimation is possible.

* Prof. S. Holt: „*fisheries should be managed so that they are profitable, otherwise fisherman won't go out to fish*”

Thank you!



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