



MEASURES TO SUPPORT SMALL SCALE FISHERIES

LOCAL ISSUES OF CYPRUS FISHERMEN

According to questionnaires

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SMALL SCALE FISHERIES IN CYPRUS

- The backbone of Cyprus fishing as they comprise 85% of the total registered professional fishing vessels
- The length : 4-12 m
- They fish within a radius of 2-3 nm and up to 150m deep
- Three sub-categories:
 - A (full-time) and B (part- time) which have no seasonal restrictions and are active on a year round basis
 - C (periodic) and are limited to 70 fishing trips annually

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MAIN FISHERMEN ISSUES IN CYPRUS

- Lack of control and policing
- Damages to gears and catches by Dolphins, Turtles, Seals, Invasive Species (Silver-cheeked Toadfish)
- Unsuitable tools for catching Spicara (main stock)
- Competition for fishing grounds and stocks with Seiners / Trawlers
- Legislation
- Unfair and biased decommissioning of vessels



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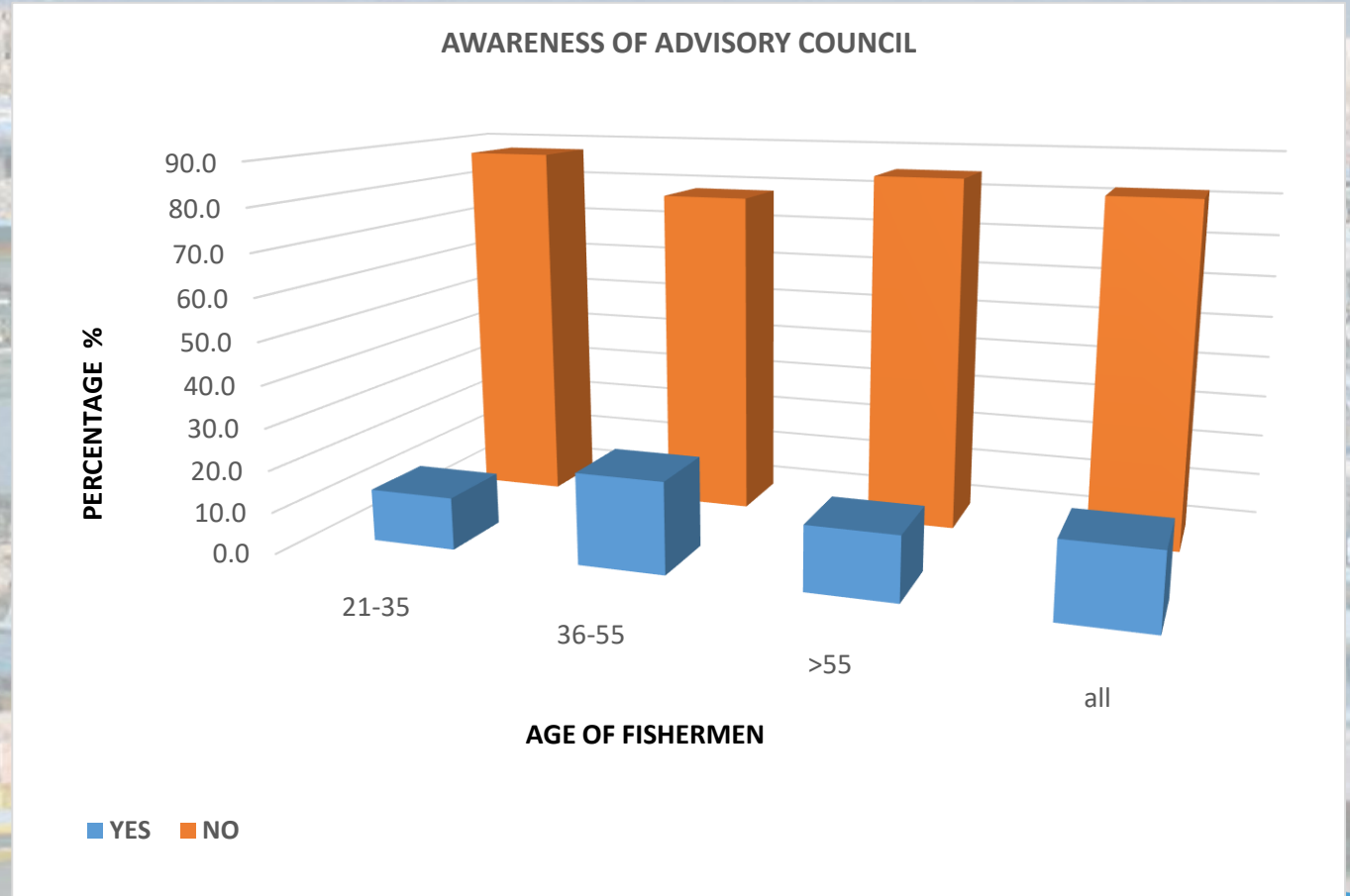
MAIN PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION ISSUES

- Lack of information about EU organizations
- Lack of knowledge e.g MEDAC
- Financial Issues - No enough association membership fees
- Difficulties in organizing meetings
- Fishermen no free time and interest for the association
- Association needs young people with skills

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RESULTS of QUESTIONNAIRES BEFORE SEMINAR

Total of Fishermen	327
Respond	139
Did not respond	44

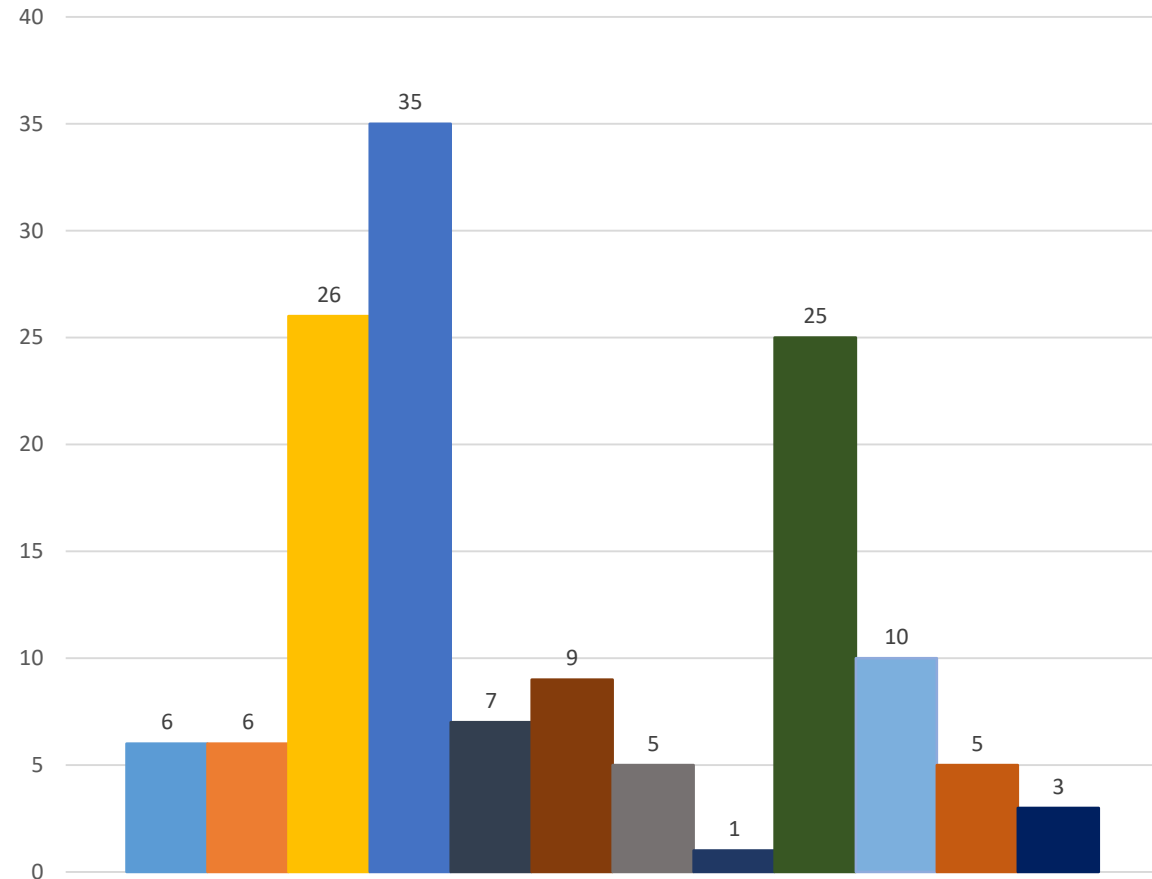


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RESULTS QUESTIONNAIRES

Issues of particular importance

- Overfishing
- Protection of areas of vital importance
- Marine Policing
- Silver-cheeked Toadfish, dolphins, turtles, seals, compensations
- Trawlers
- Creation of Seasonal Fishing
- Application of the legislation
- Controls on licensing approval
- Problems with amateur, spear fishing, angling
- Very strict measures
- Equal treatment for all categories and funds allocation
- License Seiners



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RESULTS QUESTIONNAIRES

Age Categories	Satisfied with the information given in relation to issues of the sector in general			
	NO/other	Little	Satisfactory	Very
21-35	0.0	35.3	23.5	41.2
36-55	4.0	28	33.3	34.7
>55	0.0	40.4	32.7	26.9
all	2.1	33.3	31.9	32.6

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GENERAL RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

- Limited use of internet
- Fishermen ask to be further informed from public bodies
- Association should inform fishermen by phone
- More meetings for issues as Fisheries Operational Programme (FOP), Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), MEDAC



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