

GAP1 Newsletter January 2009

Interview: Sustainable Crab fisheries in Devon? Professor Paul Hart, GAP1 participant, University of Leicester.

"If fishermen can develop a sense of ownership of the exploited stock it gives them a bigger incentive to fish more sustainably" thinks Professor Hart. ITQs are usually imposed by outside bodies. The resentment fishermen have of scientists comes from the notion that scientists should serve fishermen rather than act on behalf of governments. There have been similar approaches to management elsewhere; for example black cod fishermen in Canada have assisted scientists to gather data that is then used for assessments. It will be valuable to explore further this methodology within the EU management system. One possibility for control could be by auditing and certification. The cost of certification creates a drawback; it makes it prohibitive for the fisher to have to demonstrate sustainability. There is a need for a stronger case to be made for certification.



Read full interview:

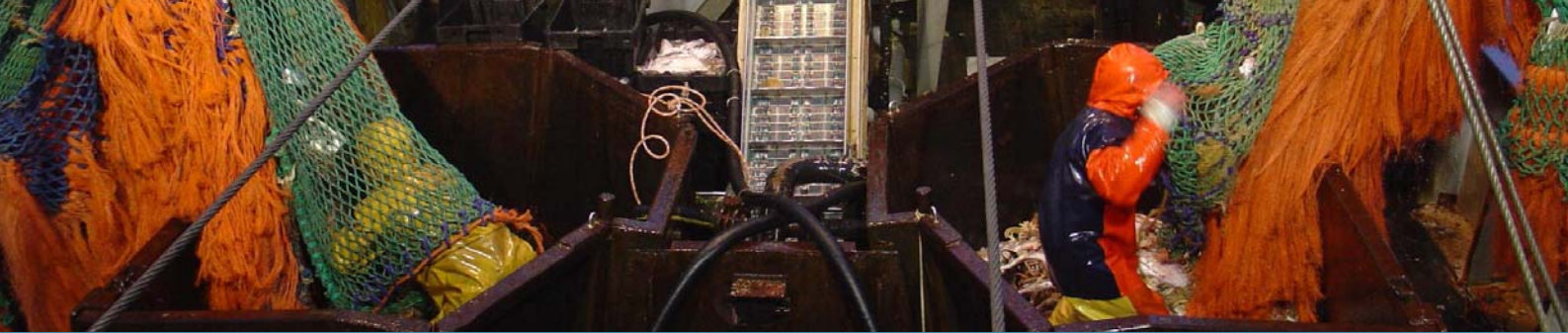
http://www.gap1.eu/Case_Studies/Case_Studies.htm

New Results

Gap1 Press release January 30 2009

Benefits of Stakeholder Participation in fisheries management

A Good Practice Guide to Participatory Research in Fisheries Science is released this January 2009 as part of the EU GAP1 project. The participants are focused on optimizing their collaborative efforts to provide robust scientific advice for fisheries management. Drawing on the conclusions from this work, the aim is to establish good practice between various stakeholders in fisheries while jointly developing scientific fisheries case studies.



Good Practice Guide report for download (535KB):

<http://www.gap1.eu/Downloads/D1. GAP Good Practice Guide.pdf>

Also, a summary brochure of Good Practice Guide is available for distribution:

“Good Practice Guide: Participatory Research in Fisheries Science”

<http://www.gap1.eu/Downloads/ Web GP Guide.pdf>

Planned GAP1 events

January 27 2009 - Press release Good Practice Guide

May 5th-8th 2009 - Gap1 Workshop 2, a GAP1 conference and workshop will take place in Norwich UK, Press are welcome. Further details to be distributed in our newsletter:

<http://www.gap1.eu/News/News.htm>

July 9-11 2009 - MARE: People and the Sea V, Amsterdam. Important conference for GAP1 dissemination to the scientific community, GAP1 exhibition.

Fall 2009 - GAP1 Press event Code of conduct

Please review event list for suggestions on other events, contributions are welcome!

Meetings

Project Steering Committee Meeting January 20 2009. Discussions on Workshop 2 plans and logistics.

<http://www.gap1.eu/Results/Reports.htm>

Workpackage 3, “Planning & embedding” are conducting meetings with selected case study groups included in study for D3.1 Code of conduct.

Web updates

Event list:

<http://www.gap1.eu/News/News.htm#Events>

Last call for MARE: People and the Sea V, February 14 2009. Participants, please submit your abstracts for this conference call, major interest for GAP1 project, exhibition of GAP1 outcomes planned. Please discuss your GAP1 participation or direct questions to Charlotta Järnmark or Steve Mackinson (contacts below).

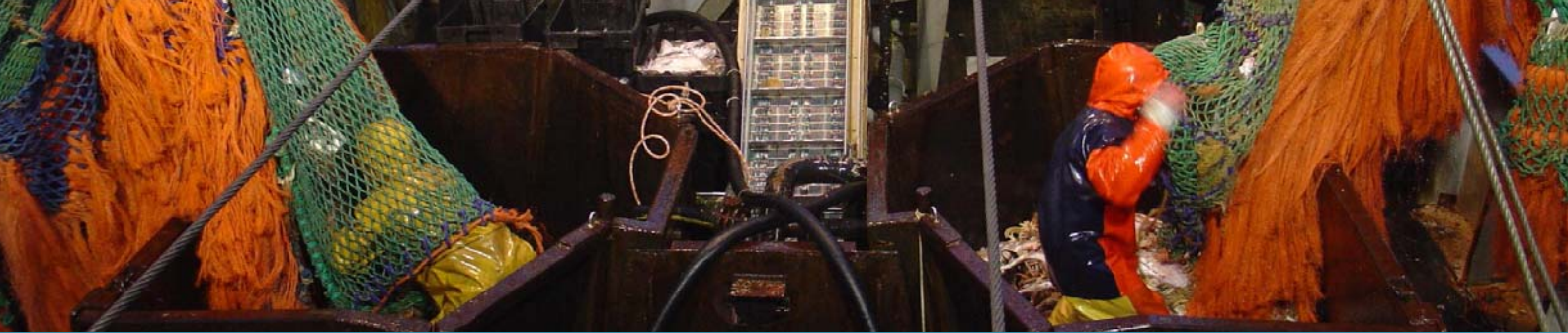
http://www.marecentre.nl/people_and_the_sea_5/callforpapers.html

Case studies page:

http://www.gap1.eu/Case_Studies/Case_Studies.htm

Regional meeting contributions so far:

http://www.gap1.eu/Case_Studies/Regionalmeet.htm



Scientific news update:

http://cordis.europa.eu/home_en.html

EU Parliamentary news updates:

<http://www.theparliament.com>

<http://europa.eu/pol/rd/>

Wishing all readers a Beautiful February 2009!

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