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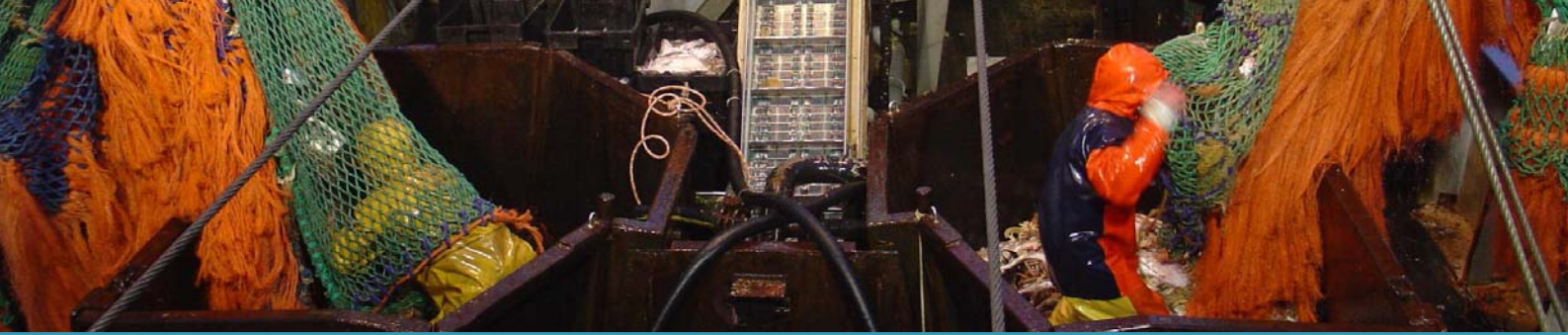
GAP1 Newsletter March-April2009

Conservation and management issues related to FADs utilized by the European tropical tuna fishery - Interview with Laurent Dagorn of IRD, France

Landing a common goal on a research question can be quite a challenge, even if the group has a long history of collaboration. In the process of defining the correct research questions the FAD/Tuna Case study group has made large efforts to overarch the gaps of knowledge and understanding between stakeholders in their group. The group consists of researchers from French IRD (L'Institut de recherche pour le développement) and Spanish AZTI (Fundación AZTI), ship owners and skippers of Tuna fishery vessels sailing the Indian Ocean. The ship owners are of both French and Spanish nationality and have previous experience of collaboration through the tuna commission (IOTC), since in tuna stock areas of the in Indian Ocean, Spanish and French fleet owners are usually working together. Now, after several GAP1 Regional meetings, the group is harmonized on their subject and ready to provide a scientific proposal.



Yellowfin Tuna. Photo: FADIO/IRD-Ifrermer/ M. Taquet



Collaborative research

The first Regional meeting took place in May 2008, where the FAD/tuna Case study group identified general questions to be more studied. The second meeting was held in Dec 2008, main topics were then definitely defined with fleet owners, but to get more precise questions it was decided to get the point of view of skippers as well. The species concerned in the study were Skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) tuna.

After the second meeting Dr Laurent Dagorn, GAP1 coordinating scientist at IRD, Seychelles was happy to report: "We're really going forward in this very interesting exercise. We agreed upon a common and restricted objective, but we need to get the points of view from some skippers to be sure we have a full coverage of all stakeholders. Then, we'll finalize specific objectives, methods, etc. in order to prepare a proposal to be ready by late March 2009.

Read full interview:

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

SOS for EU fishing – save our stocks, Commission calls for help with reforming EU fishing



On April 22 2009 [EU Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy](#) was released on the European Commission News Website:

"... the EU will need a sea change in policy. The report is the first step towards what is hoped will be a radically different approach. In the months ahead, the commission will be soliciting advice from all those who care about the industry to forge a new plan."

"We are not looking for just another reform," maritime commissioner Joe Borg says. "We are asking questions even on the fundamentals of the current policy and should leave no stone unturned."

"Normally the [current policy](#) - last overhauled in 2002 - would not be up for review until 2012. But the situation has become too precarious to wait that long. Already 88% of European fish stocks are overfished, compared with only 25% worldwide. Almost one in three fish can't reproduce normally because the parent population is too depleted. In the North Sea, for example, 90% of cod are caught before they can spawn."

Read more:

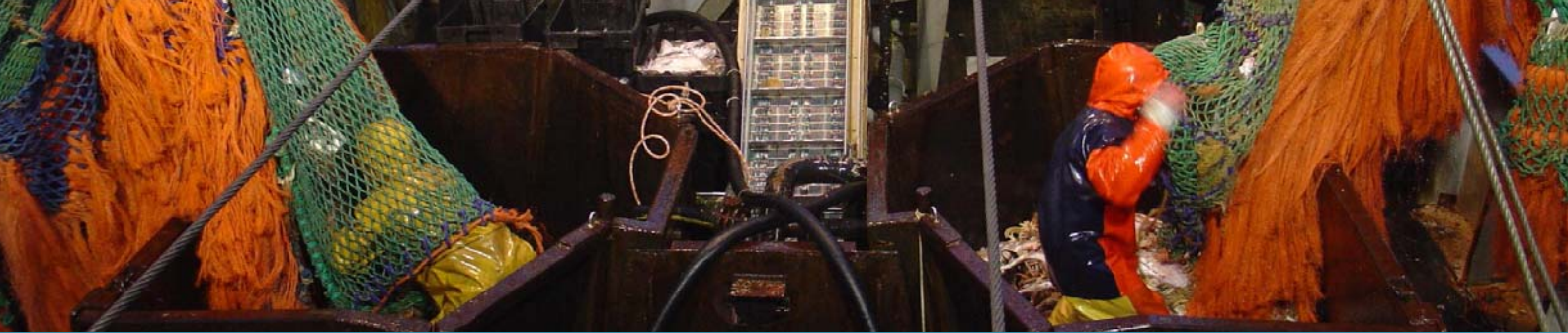
http://ec.europa.eu/news/agriculture/090423_1_en.htm

Green paper:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0163:FIN:EN:PDF>

Citizen Summary:

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/reform/docs/citizenssummary_en.pdf



Meetings

5th February 2009, 'Engaging Stakeholders in Fisheries and Marine Research'

"There was great support for more effectively engaging stakeholders in European research and all the participants learned a lot about the opportunities and barriers in making this a reality" (Steve Mackinson GAP1 Project coordinator)

GAP1 representatives met in Brussels to discuss with the European Commission and stakeholder representatives. Participants shared their experiences and views on two main topics

- (i) How a deeper and more systematic engagement of civil society stakeholders can be enabled through European research activities.
- (ii) Funding strategies and instruments needed to enable participation in research

The full report with related documents is now available at:

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

New Results

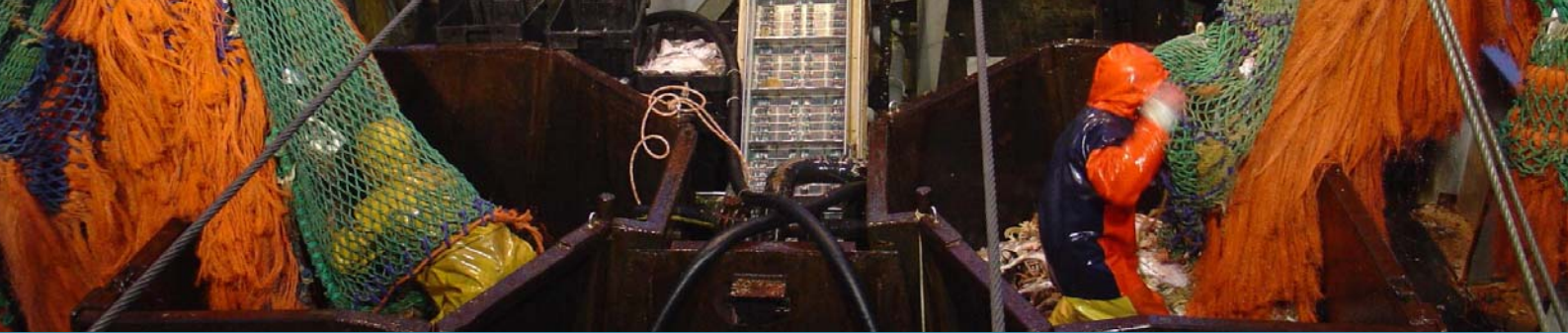
GAP1 Progress Summary

Currently 11 proposals are submitted to our project steering committee. Proposals will be reviewed and discussed during GAP1 Workshop 2 in Norwich May 5th-8 2009.



GAP1 Workshop 1 participants, July 2008.

Eleven GAP1 Case study groups are now approaching the stage of delivering scientific proposals for improved fisheries management in European fisheries. The facilitation of this development was made possible through the regional meetings of the GAP1 project, financed by the European Commission in the 7th Framework Programme. The meetings provided time for a deeper understanding of the different points of views in each group, followed up on progress in discussions and pursued development of proposals. In the process the variety of stakeholder representatives, ranging from social scientists to industrial ship owners were allowed to flavor the development of research subjects, each with their special interest in fishery and fisheries management. The various interests were then harmonized into specific research questions and developed into research proposals



accepted by all participants of each case study. Stakeholder groups were highly appreciative of the facilitation of their work.

A summary of the progress of case studies can be reviewed here:

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

Planned GAP1 events

GAP1 Workshop 2 Norwich, UK, May 5th-8 2009

The purpose of the GAP1 workshop is to share and take forward the experience of developing participatory research case-studies during GAP1. The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

1. A Code of Conduct for initiating cooperative research involving fisheries stakeholders and scientists.
2. Plans for implementing cooperative research projects developed during the GAP project

Agenda and more information

<http://www.gap1.eu/Workpackages/Workshop2.htm>

Good practice guide to participatory research between fisheries stakeholders and scientists:

http://www.gap1.eu/Downloads/D1._GAP_Good_Practice_Guide.pdf

Good Practice Guide – Brochure:

http://www.gap1.eu/Downloads/good_brochure_web.pdf

Case study progress summary

http://www.gap1.eu/Downloads/Progress_summaryApril09.pdf

Portfolio of case studies for participatory research

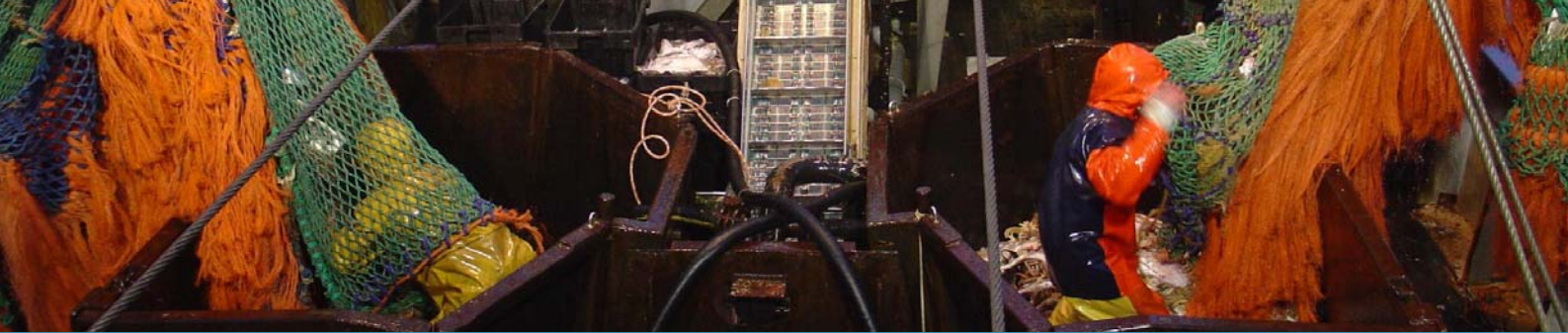
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July 9-11 2009 - MARE: People and the Sea V, Amsterdam.

This is an important conference for GAP1 dissemination to the scientific community since it will include a GAP1 exhibition. Conference themes:

1. Transformations in fisheries and aquaculture
2. Transformations in coastal and deltaic landscapes
3. Governing under conditions of uncertainty
4. Culture and imaginations of coasts under change
5. Whose needs count in adapting to change?

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



Web updates

Reports:

Case studies Progress Summary

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


Case studies page:

 France/Spain;

Conservation and management issues related to FADs utilized by the European tropical tuna fishery

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

Regional meetings new uploads:

 Norway;

Developing a fisheries-based resource monitoring system: The case of Norwegian coastal cod

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

Event list – (Contributions are welcome):

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

European Commission - Fisheries

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/index_en.htm

European Commission Research information:

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

EU Parliamentary news updates:

<http://www.theparliament.com>

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

Wishing all readers a happy beginning of May!

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