



FarFish newsletter – April 2021

In this issue, we highlight some of the recent interesting events, progress, and results undertaken by the FarFish project during the last 12 months. As we enter the final year of the project, we are excited to share with you some of the results and impacts from our work, which are now coming to light. See the newsletter here:



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FarFish conference on fisheries in the southwest Atlantic international waters

In the first week of March 2021, the FarFish project facilitated and International Conference called “Sustainable Fisheries in SW Atlantic: a scientific approach”. The conference was a huge success, as scientists from across the world presented their work in the SW Atlantic and discussed how to best contribute to sustainability of the fisheries there. A total of 141 persons attended the online conference. This was a success not only because of the interest that it raised, but because of the fruitful discussions that we were able to witness during the different panels. In case you missed it, all the presentations are now available on the FarFish website.

Regional Fishery Bodies Summary Descriptions
Fishery Committee for the Eastern
Central Atlantic (CECAF)



FarFish at a joint CECAF-SFPA scientific meeting

FarFish took part in a Joint CECAF-SFPA scientific meeting that was held 19-20 October 2020. The Meeting was organised by CECAF, DG-MARE, DG-DEVCO and DG-RESEARCH. A number of research projects were presented and discussed at the meeting, including FarFish, [Scientific advice on the estimation of surplus for sustainable fisheries partnership agreements](#), [Pescao-Demerstem](#), Ecosystem-based Approach to the CECAF Region, How to improve information from scientific observers onboard EU fleets in NW African countries, [UN/FLUX. the UN Fisheries Language for Universal eXchange](#) and more.

To support the CECAF and SFPA priorities (identified through an independent evaluation and the recommendations of the Joint Scientific Meetings) FarFish selected 25 of its outputs to be presented, covering stock assessment, data collection and availability, research priorities, capacity building, enhanced management systems, socio-economic impact and basic computing for stock assessment. From the debate, three outputs gained salience for the short-term priorities: the data-limited methods tools (already available on-line at <https://www.farfish.eu/software-tools/>); the research line on small-pelagic and environmental conditions in the West of Africa (Morocco and Mauritania); and how to ensure that the capacity already built through training programmes within the project can be retained by coastal states. Findings from socio-economic reports (e.g. value chain analysis and return of investment) seem more suitable for strategic decision-making at EU level.

FarFish is proud to have been invited to the meeting and welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the work CECAF and DG MARE



FarFish produces E-learning tools for training and capacity building in stock assessment and fisheries management

Among the training and capacity building tools developed in FarFish are e-learning courses that are made available on Tutor-web. The focus of these courses is on methods and techniques for data-limited fisheries.

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FarFish 3rd Annual Meeting, June 2020

The 3rd annual meeting

The third annual FarFish meeting was held in the first week of June 2020. Due to Covid-19, the meeting took place online. A total of 50 project partners, external advisors and invited stakeholders attended the meeting and despite the unusual circumstances the meeting went well and without any major technical difficulties. Results were presented and plans made for the reminder

of the project. Partners and external stakeholders alike expressed how interesting the project is and how they look forward to seeing further results, and hopefully impact of the project.

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FarFish creating a European voluntary standard “*good practice guidelines for developing management recommendations*”

One of many FarFish project outputs is the development a European voluntary CEN standard that will be published as CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA) after going through an open CEN process. The focus of this standard is to provide guidelines for the development of so-called Management Recommendations for the EU fleet operating outside EU waters, which have been in development in the FarFish project over the past three years.

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The FarFish word is spreading

In beginning of December 2020, the FarFish project was presented at two exciting platforms. One of FarFish's key researcher, Duarte Vidal from Centro Tecnológico del Mar-Fundación (CETMAR), presented the project at an ANACEF OPP 43 conference in Spain on Management and sustainability of West African fisheries. The following day, the FarFish project was presented at the online European Research Night, where the Spanish contribution to FarFish was highlighted by Dr. Margarita Rincón from IEO and Dr. Gabriel Navarro from CSIC.

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