



Myfish Project Presents Its First Year Results and Plans for the Future

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The second **Myfish** project meeting took place in Charlottenlund, Copenhagen, Denmark from the 5 - 7 March 2013. The aim of the meeting was to present the first year project results and to focus on the challenges to be addressed in the next three years of the project. This meeting also highlighted the crucial role of stakeholders in the process of defining the objectives for fisheries management strategies. It was the first step toward the outline of an effective stakeholder engagement strategy.

Myfish is an EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) involving 31 project partners from 12 EU countries. **Myfish** aims at defining an operational framework for the implementation of the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) concept in European waters. This should result in multi-species fisheries management plans for the project's five regional case study areas (Baltic Sea, North Sea, Western Waters, Widely Ranging Stock and Mediterranean Sea), taking into account the environmental, economic and social constraints that are embedded within the different European and national policies.

This second meeting of the **Myfish** partnership built on the 2012 **Myfish** meeting in Vigo, Spain where the project partners together with over 20 stakeholders defined the variants of MSY, the constraints and the preferred management measures. The Charlottenlund meeting outlined the potential form and content of the Decision Support Tables, which will become important tools for stakeholders and fishery managers in making the trade-off between different objectives.

Dr. Cathy Dichmont, pan-regional expert in fisheries modelling from Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and member of the **Myfish** Scientific Advisory Board, found that "the **Myfish** project is developing ground-breaking tools using several case studies to bring ecosystem concepts into mainstream fisheries management".

In order to optimise lessons learned from non-EU fishery governance experiences, the **Myfish** project is also investigating and reviewing non-EU case studies that illustrate various aspects of sound governance in achieving biological, social and economic objectives. To support this effort, **Myfish** scientists are carrying out interviews with fishery managers, community leaders, stakeholders and representatives from fishing industries, NGOs and retail businesses in Australia, Alaska and the Faroe Islands.

Myfish's progress can be followed by registering on the "Influence Myfish!" project website page to receive regular updates. **[Continues]**

More information and materials relating to the project are available on the **Myfish** website: www.myfishproject.eu. The report of the Charlottenlund meeting will soon be available on the website as well.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the **Myfish** project team, please contact the Project Coordinator Anna Rindorf email ar@aqua.dtu.dk

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DTU-Aqua, the Technical University of Denmark - Institute of Aquatic Resources, provides research, education and advice concerning sustainable exploitation of living marine and fresh water resources. DTU-Aqua conducts research in the interactions between the aquatic environment, productivity and variation in fish stocks, methods for fish stock assessment, development of methods for sustainable fisheries management and stock enhancement. The institute conducts the Danish national monitoring on fish and fisheries for the EU. DTU-Aqua has extensive experience in coordinating and managing scientific programmes, including the coordination of EU framework programmes.

AquaTT is an international foundation which provides project management and training services to support the sustainable development of Europe's aquatic resources. AquaTT's mission is to bridge the knowledge gap between the dynamic R&D environments and the progressive commercial sector. AquaTT supports its target audiences through the provision of support services and through participation in, and coordination of EU projects and initiatives, in the area of knowledge management, including customised dissemination, education, training and technology transfer.

Detailed partner profiles are available on request.