



A pre-financing facility to catalyze sustainable small-scale fisheries (SSF) in the Mediterranean

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The context

Although funds are available (**EMFF**), Mediterranean SSF fishers infrequently have access to funds to develop sustainable fishing.

The difficulties - encountered by the fishers in accessing funding - are:

- the **lack of upfront capital**;
- the access to bank credits;
- a strong need for **technical assistance** to deal with the EMFF procedures.



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Our approach

Goal: Develop the concept and assess the feasibility of a pre-financing facility to foster the transition of Mediterranean SSF to sustainable fisheries.

How: Through a pre-financing mechanism, we will test if by providing upfront capital and by giving technical assistance to SSF fishers, we can catalyze the use of EMFF.

Expected result: After having assessed the effectiveness of the pre-financing mechanism, we will develop the concept of a revolving fund mechanism.



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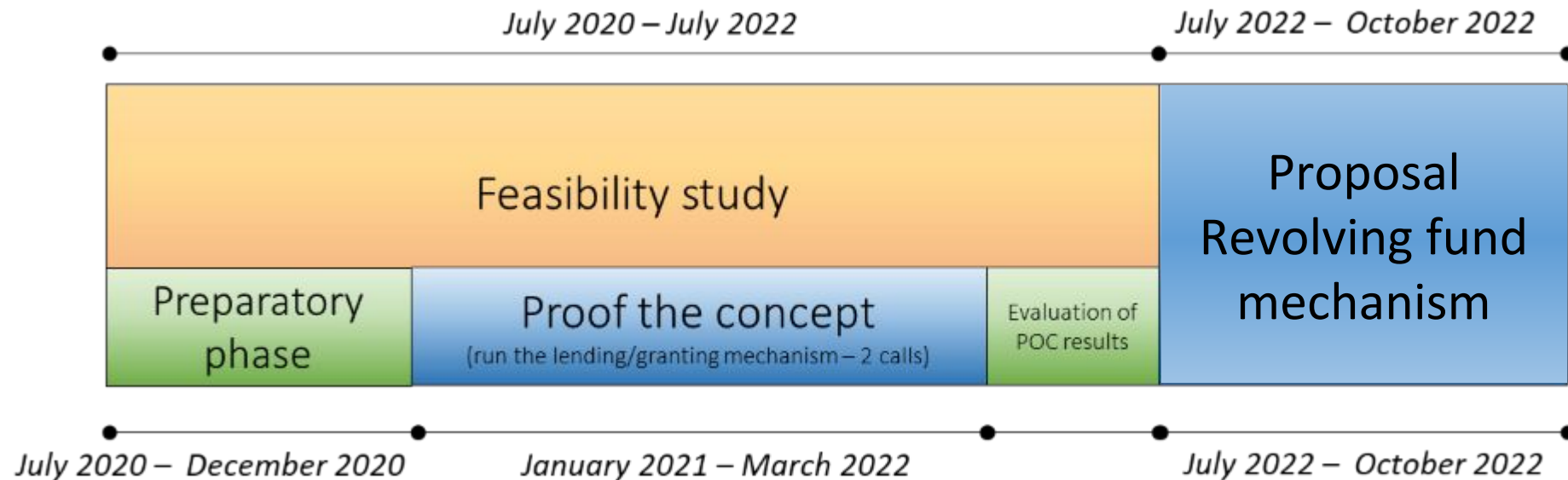
We aim to:

- Enhance the use of EMFF in SSF in European Mediterranean countries
- Accelerate the implementation of the FAO-GFCM Regional Plan of Action on SSF (RPOA-SSF).
- Contribute to the implementation of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication, in short the SSF Guidelines.



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Project time-frame



- We are now in the preparatory phase
- Between January 2021- March 2022, we will **launch 2 public calls for funds to provide upfront capital for SSF fishers**
- Between March 2022 and October 2022, we will develop the concept of a revolving fund mechanism to foster the transition of Mediterranean SSF to sustainable fisheries.

Selection criteria

Applicants: SSF Fishers

How: By submitting a proposal to a selection panel, SSF fishers can be provided with an upfront capital (up to 20.000 Euros) to develop EMFF application.

Selection criteria: RPOA-SSF topics

(co-management, selectivity, reduction of the fishing effort, alternative livelihood, ...)

Technical assistance: The project will provide the beneficiaries of this pre-financing mechanism with the technical assistance necessary to develop applications for EMFF funds.



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Where to find info

Calls will be published on WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative and BlueSeeds websites:

- <https://www.wwfmmi.org/>
- <https://bluseeds.org/>

Calls will be disseminated through FARNET, MEDAC, FoSSF, fisheries associations, NGOs, national administrations.

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