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RESULTS OF THE MEDAC CONSULTATION ON THE RPOA FOR SSF[1]

The Working Groups WG1 and WG5 met in Malaga on 9 and 10 April 2019. The following points were highlighted:

- During the meetings held in Venice in February 2019 a debate was started among the MEDAC members on the RPOA for SSF, as requested by the European Commission in light of the GFCM WG meeting in Montenegro and the GFCM High Level Conference MedFish4Ever Initiatives (11-12 June Marrakech);

- following the instructions of the coordinators of WG1 and WG5, the Secretariat asked the members to participate in a consultation which took place on the basis of a specific format established by the Secretariat;

- over the weeks that followed, various contributions were collected, which were subsequently examined by the Secretariat;

The Working Groups hereby enclose the results of the consultation of the RPOA for SSF and, following the contributions during the working sessions in Malaga on 9-10 of April, they would like to take the opportunity to draw attention on the following items in no particular order:

- Value chain: Encourage the first processing of landings by the fishers themselves, their cooperatives or their Producer Organizations in order to expand the shelf life of products;

- Capacity building: Encourage professional training opportunities for fishers on land and at sea, aiming to facilitate the generational turnover. Protect and preserve the traditional and cultural aspects of SSF;

- Decent work: Promote decent work, the improvement of working conditions as well as social protection for all small-scale fisheries workers;

- Role of women: Women should have equal opportunities and rights in the sector and should be recognized their role throughout the entire chain;

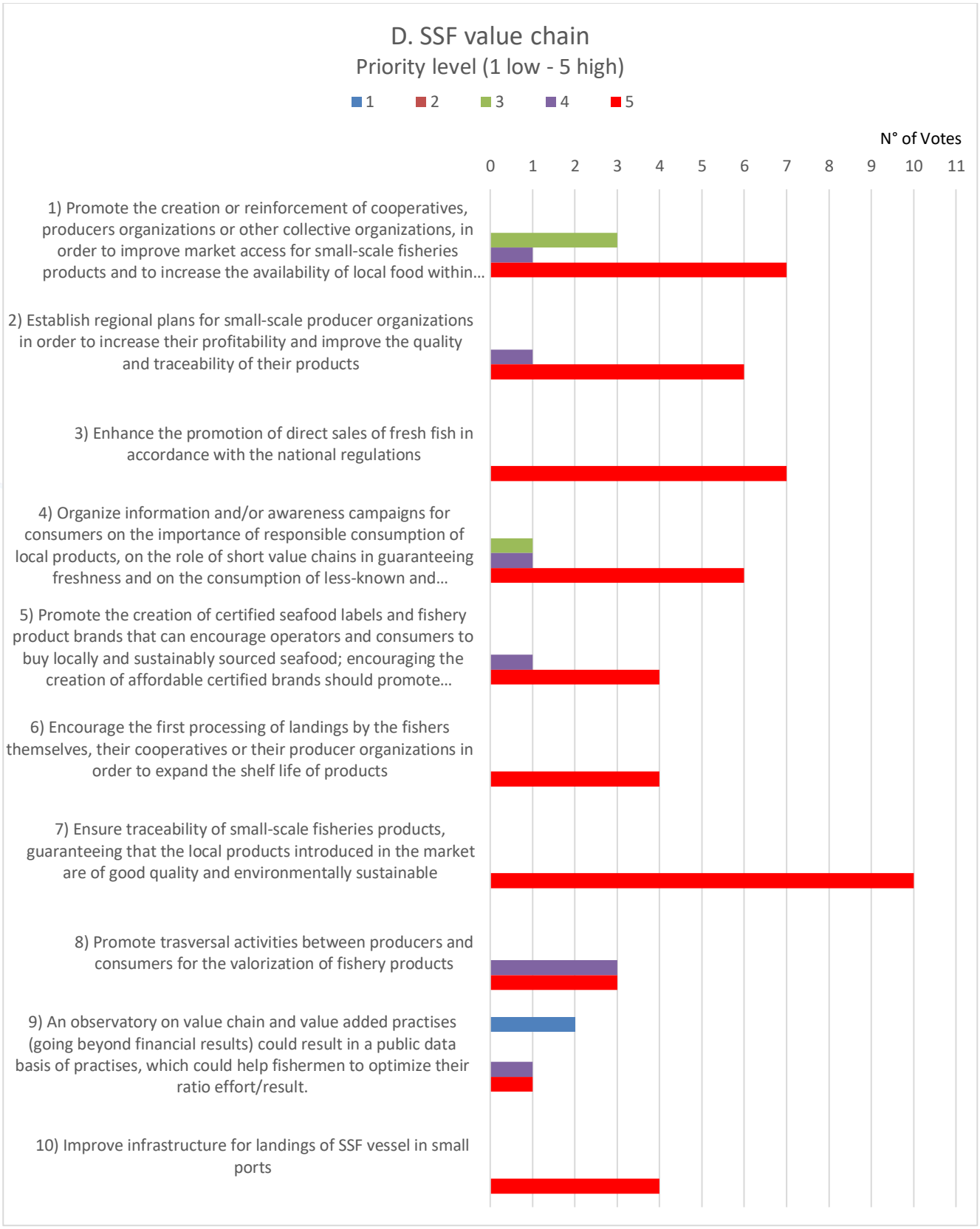
- Climate and environment: Assist and support small-scale fisheries communities affected by climate change or natural and human-induced disasters. In particular take into account and manage consequences of marine litter with the direct involvement of fishermen.

[1] *This letter reflects only the author's view and that the Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.*

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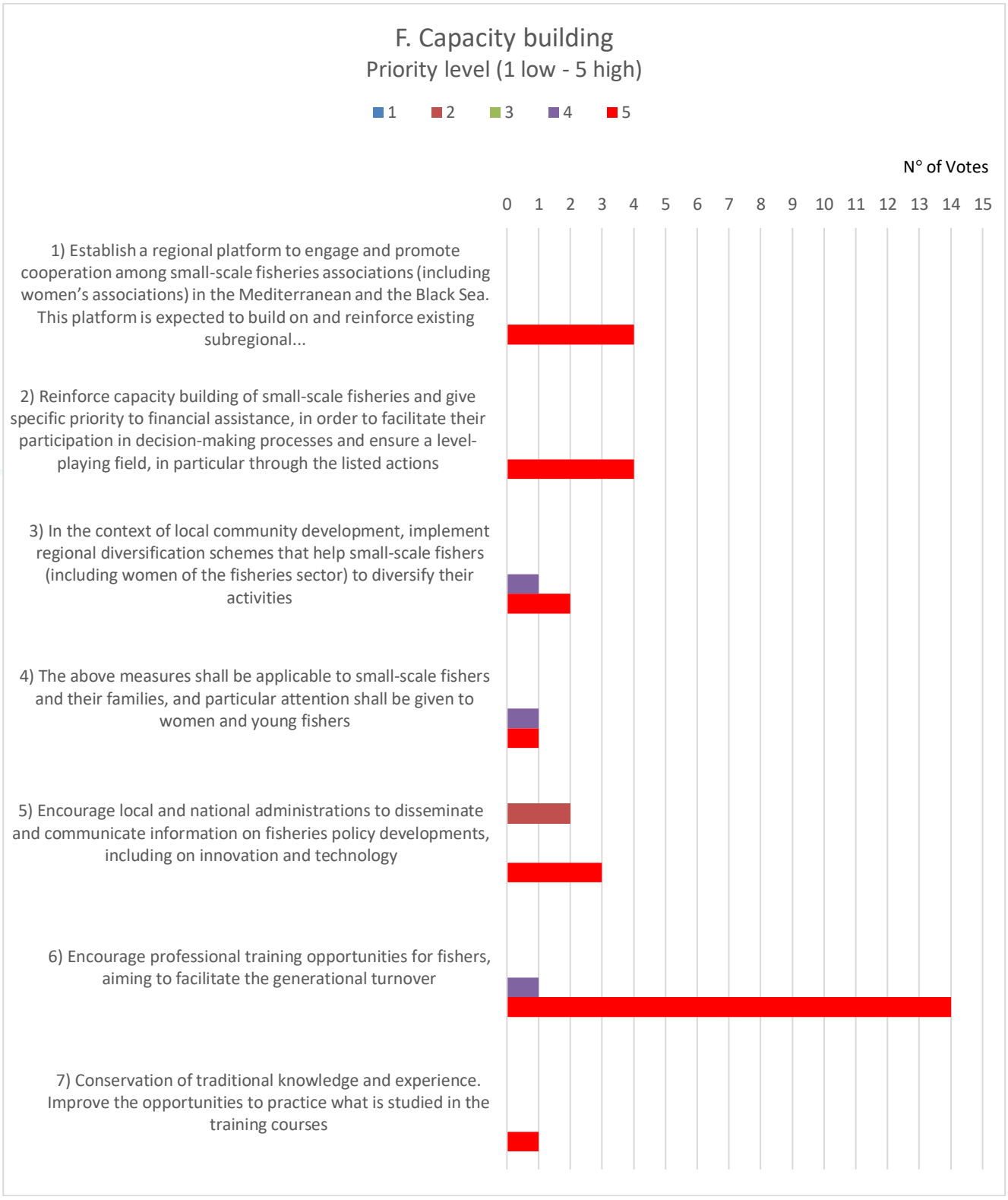
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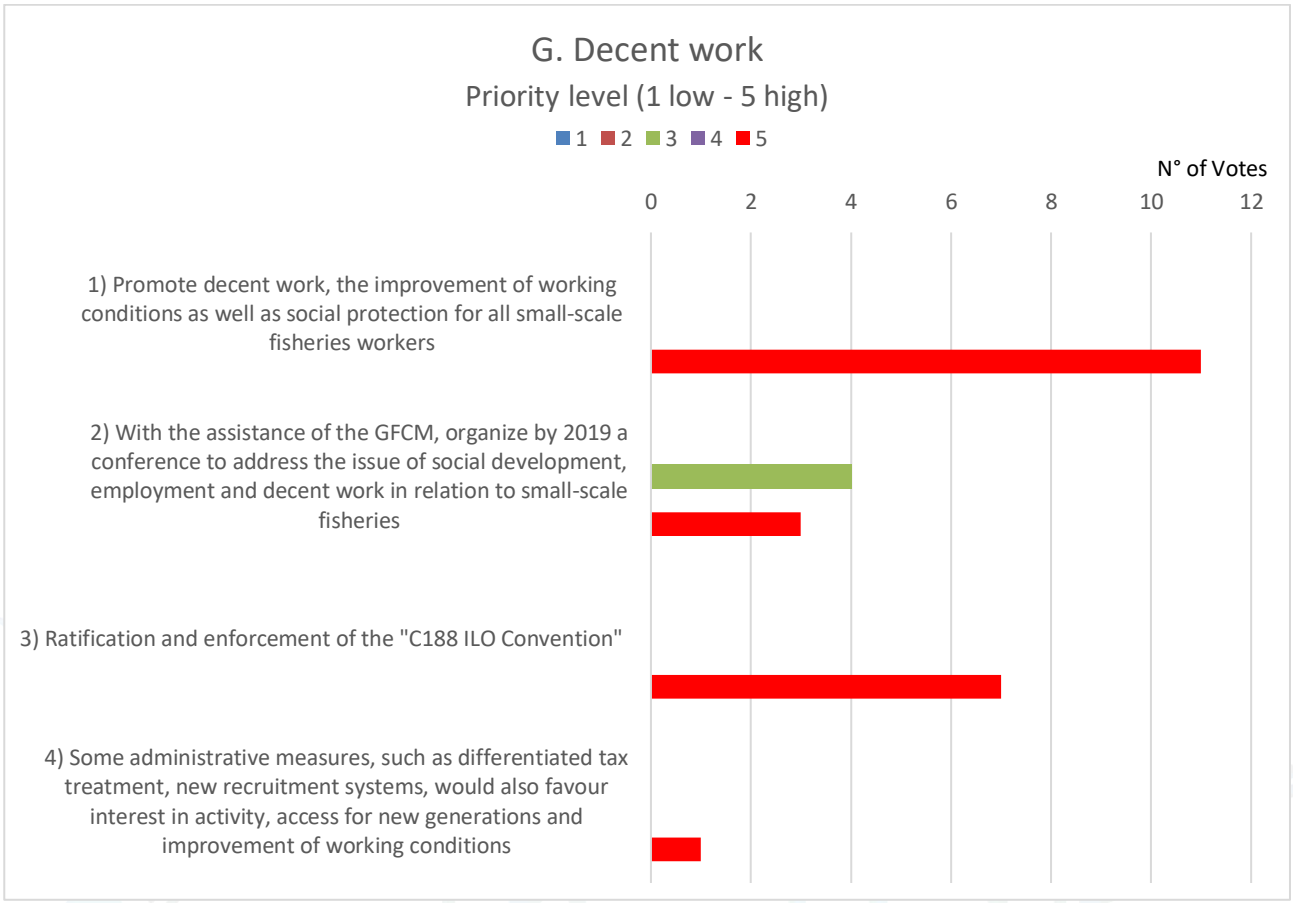
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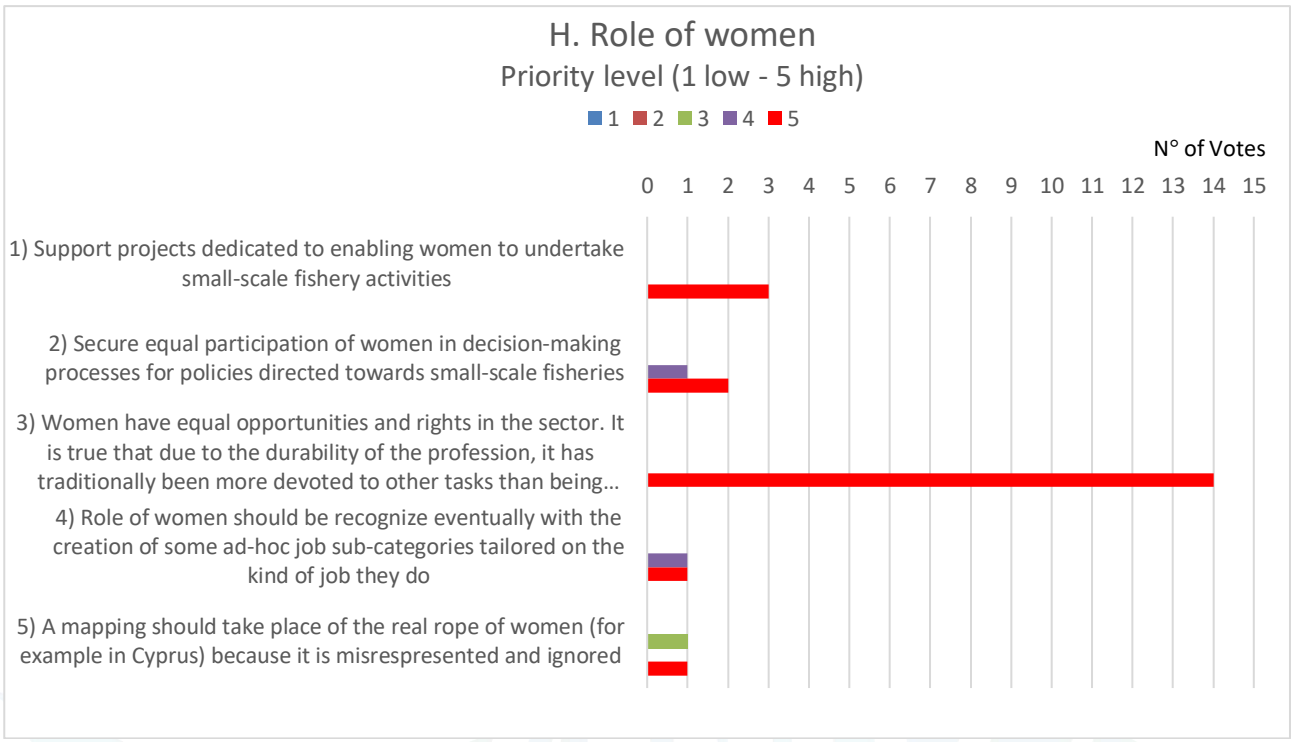
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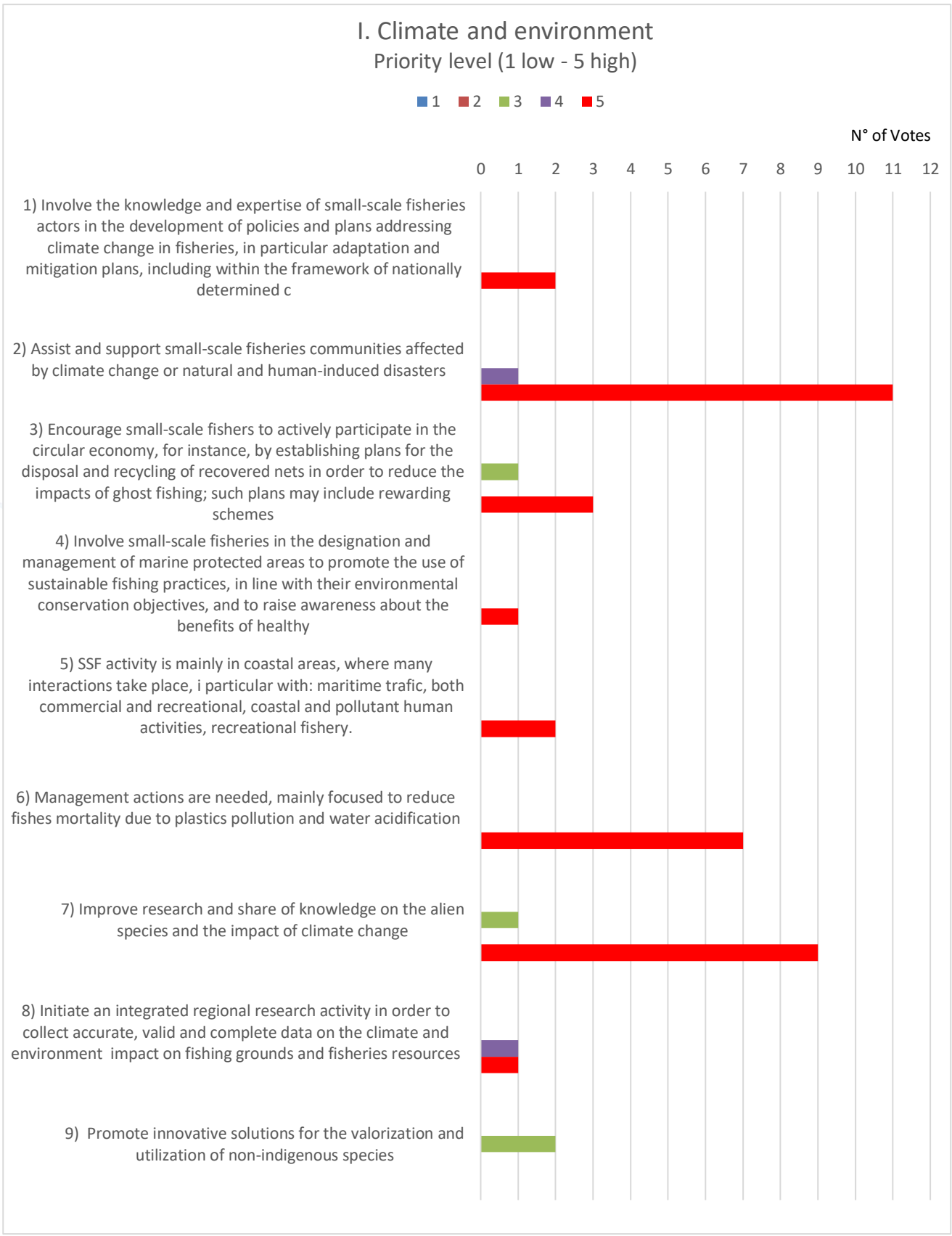
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