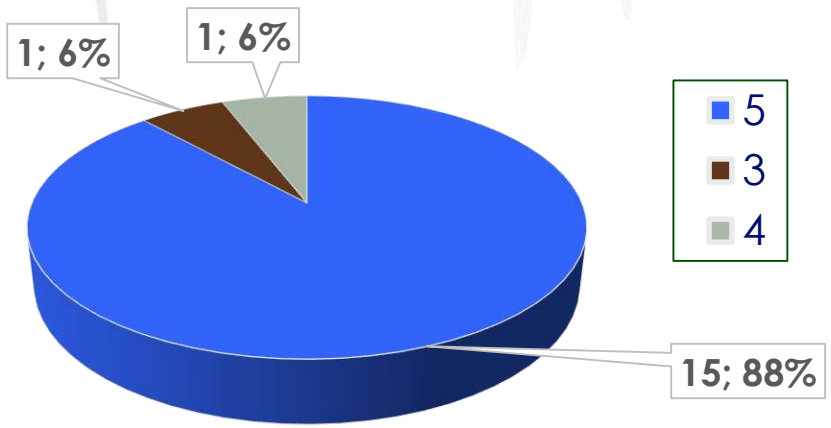
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MEDAC contribution- RPOA on SSF related to management measures, data, scientific research

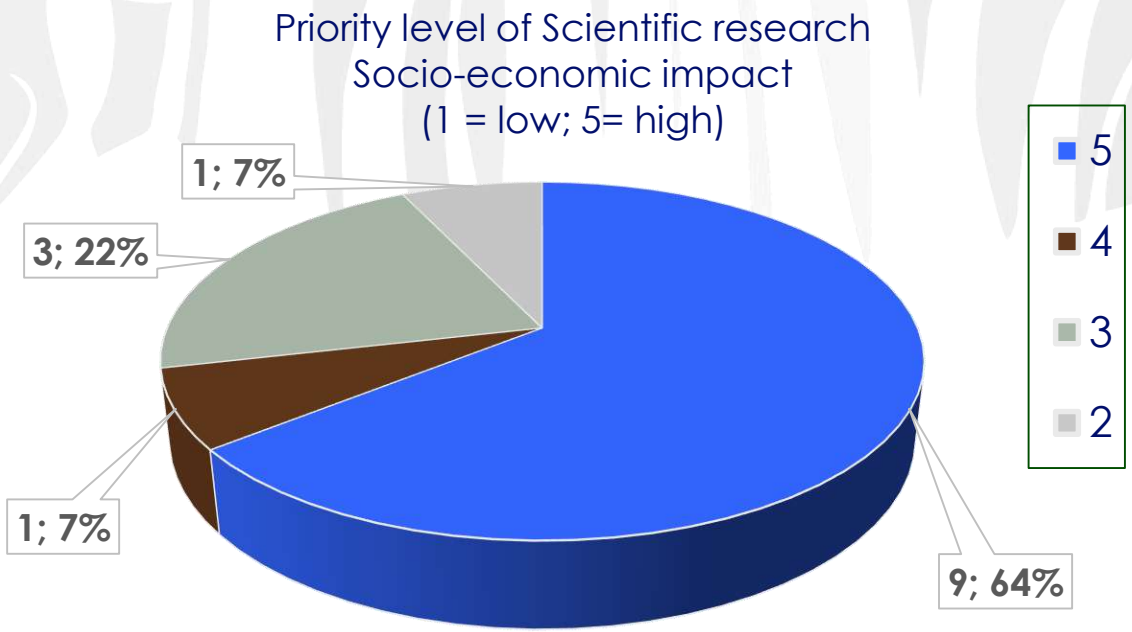
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Proposed by EC:	Definition of SSF	Local Specifities and notes
"1. Adopt, as soon as possible, a characterization of small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, reflecting their socioeconomic relevance and specificities on the basis of a set of indicative criteria (vessel size, gear used, duration of fishing trip, non-vessel based fishing activities, etc.)"	ICCAT Definition (Rec. 18-02) "Catching vessel with at least three of the five following characteristics: a) length overall <12 m; b) the vessel is fishing exclusively inside the territorial waters of the flag CPC c) her fishing have a duration of less than 24 hours, or d) the maximum crew number is established at four persons, e) the vessel is fishing using techniques which are selective and have a reduced environmental impact.	SP – EMPA + FACOPE + FBCP: All vessels of SSF in Spain, less or more than 12 m, accomplish at least 3 of 5 criteria, regardless of the lenght and the gear (TW, 24h, 4 pax). ICCAT definition should be extended to minor arts.
		ETF: implementation and STECF data are needed at regional level
		Medreact + LIFE + OCEANA: not go away from EU and/or GFCM definition
		WWF follows the mechanism of characteriziation that will be defined by the Friends of SSF platform, . WWF then would not go away from GFCM definition/characterization matrix
		SP - CEPESCA: lenght shouldn't be considered in the definition
		GR - PEPMA Quantities of catches should be taken into account
		Voted also by : FR - AMOP + CRPMEM Paca + IT – Coldiretti+ IT-Federpesca - ETF - OpduSUD + CY - PAPF

Priority level
of the definition
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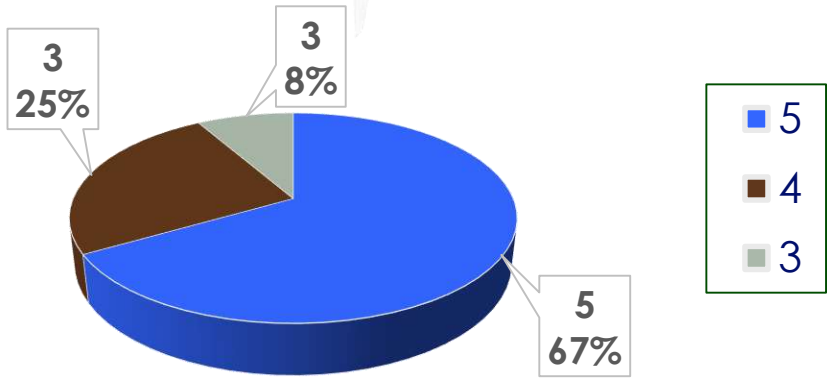


Proposed by EC:	A. Scientific research	Votes and Comments
2. Initiate an integrated regional research activity in order to collect accurate, valid and complete data on the value and socio-economic impact of small-scale fisheries; (vote 4 by medreact)		SP - EMPA + FBCP - Balearic Islands already implemented. Need of more scientific information on socio-economic impacts. + FACOPE In the same way that it is necessary to have all the scientific knowledge, it is necessary to have all the knowledge about socioeconomies data.
		IT - ETF Collection of socio-economic data by the MS (ie. Employees, social security etc.)
		FR - OPduSUD (beacause it is complicate to do)
		Voted also by: FR - AMOP + CRPEMEM PACA + IT - Federpesca + CY – PAPF + Medreact + IT - COLDIRETTI + EAA + SP - CEPESCA + LIFE + WWF



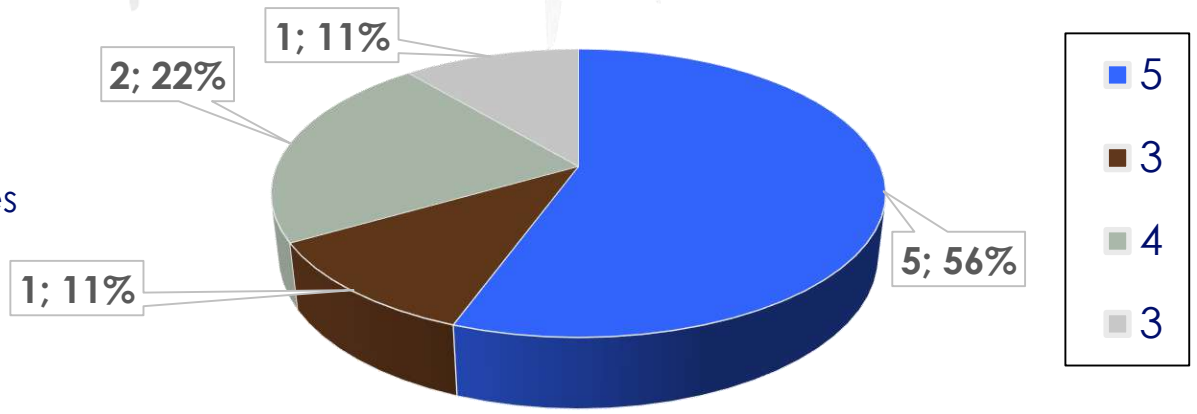
Proposed by EC:	A. Scientific research	Specific projects and best practices already in place
3. Develop scientific studies to strengthen knowledge about the interactions between small-scale fisheries and marine ecosystems and their impact on marine resources. When relevant, involve fishers in scientific monitoring activities, taking into account their traditional knowledge and ensuring that they are informed of the results of these studies;		FR - AMOP SELPAL and REPAST projects on Selectivity of longlines -bluefin tuna, cooperation with scientific research and awarness of fishermen
		FR - AMOP Strenghtening of monitoring and research programs including fisheries associations in scientific programs: need of reinforcement and financiament.
		FR - CRPMEM PACA UEGC and PELAMED project: improvement of methods to increase the knowledge on species targeted by SSF. While there is the need of other spatial methods that include the polyvalence of vessels.
		OCEANA - ECOSAFIMED project: EU project that aims to stablish management guidelines to improve ecosystem conservation and ensuring the maintainance of acceptabe practice of SSF. Project developed in Spain, Italy and Turkey.
		FR- OPduSUD (PEEXNAC project 2018 - species knowledge - need of more information on climate change, target species and environmental knowledge) + SP - FACOPE
		CRPMEM PACA: need of scientific research on data poor methods
		CY - PAPF: Studies into the feasibility of finenced temporal closures on fishing grounds. In addition to MPA management would be an effective management strategy involving fishers. Action at European level is required to push these kind of management strategies further.
		Voted also by: IT -Coldiretti+ IT- Federpesca + EAA + LIFE + WWF

Priority level of Scientific Research
Interactions between SSF
and marine ecosystems
involving fishers (1 = low; 5= high)

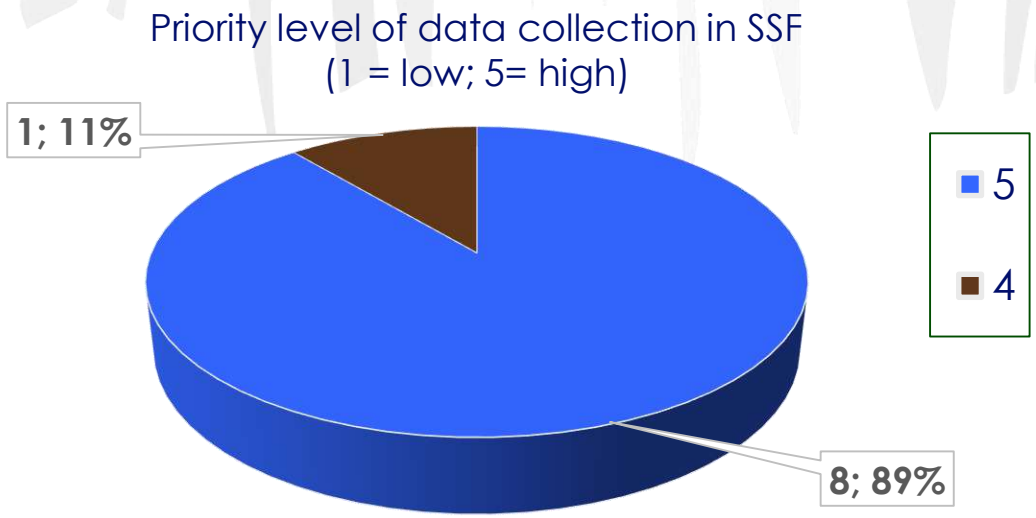


Proposed by EC:	A. Scientific research	Notes
4. Develop scientific studies to strengthen knowledge about the interactions between recreational fisheries and small-scale fisheries;		EAA : Initiate local pilot projects to assess the interactions between small-scale fisheries and recreational fisheries (RF) outside MPAs +. ES – FACOPE Not only the interaction, but also the impact of this activity on resources,
		Voted also by: IT -COLDIRETTI + IT-Federpesca Medreact + GR - PEPMA + LIFE + FR - OPduSUD (still many conflicts)
5. Design and implement pilot and innovative projects covering all aspects of small-scale fisheries		CY – PAPF: Novel methods and gears which could be fishery specific that Limit further the interaction with other fisheries so as to diversify the catch target, seasonality, etc
		WWF: Minouw project developed selective gears for SSF set and trammel nets. Pilot project to scale up the results should be implemented
		Voted also by: IT – COLDIRETTI+ IT-Federpesca
6. Consider the assessment of small-scale fisheries within forecast studies on adaptation to climate change, including its carbon-binding potential;		Voted by: IT -COLDIRETTI and GR - PEPMA

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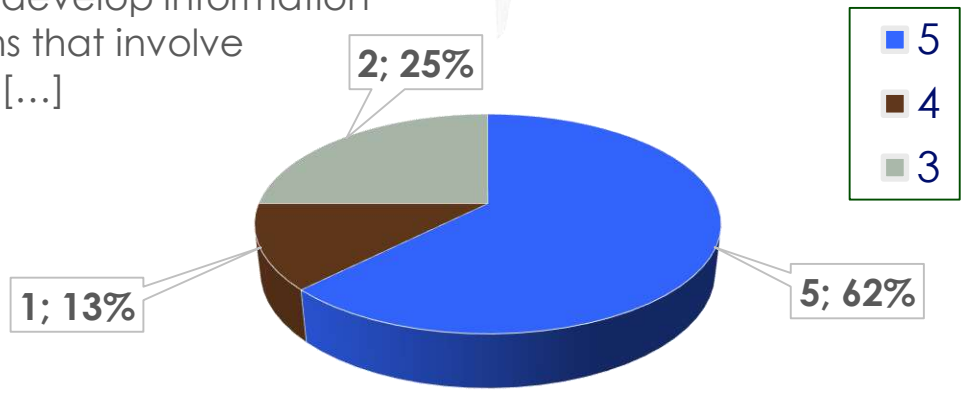


B. SSF data collection	Notes, observations, suggestions on Data collection
SP - EMPA + FBCP + FR - OPduSUD Already implemented, data already available on sale documents and data collection of SSF is already improved by the new Control Regulation. Administrations should improve fishing records.	
EAA - SSF catches data collection should be put in place with no exemption + CEPESCA: data collection in the markets is still lacking (all catches should be reported) + FR - CRPMEM PACA	
ETF - Request of a meeting with the technical responsible organizations	
FR - AMOP + Medreact + WWF Strenghtening of data collection	
IT - Federpesca: sharing data from the various European countries and make them more accessible	



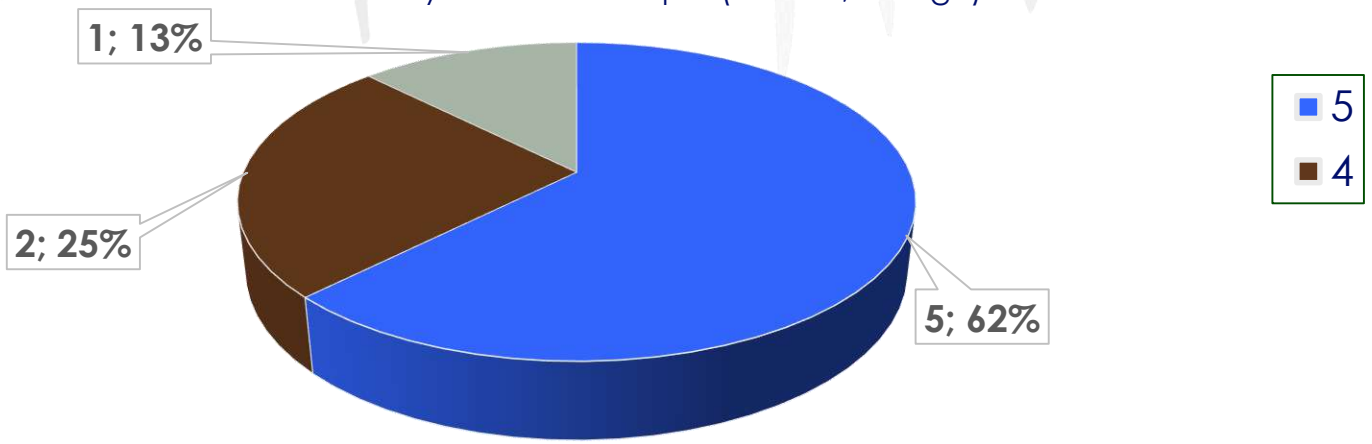
Proposed by EC:	B. SSF data collection	Notes, observations, suggestions on Data collection
7. Using all appropriate tools, develop information and data collection systems that involve small-scale fisheries actors in the collection of regional-level data on fleets and fishing activities, including the record of all catches;		FR - CRPMEM PACA (need of multi-species and spatial methods) + LIFE and OCEANA (EU workshop on digital tools - Mlogbook mobile app in Croatia and "Cajas Vedes" in Andalusia)
		FR - AMOP Improvement of technologic tools not expensive for data collection + CRPMEM PACA
		IT - Coldiretti + CY - PAPF (More onboard observation is welcome. The real situation can only be observed here. Logbooks and port surveys are not accurate)
		CY - PAPF: Tracking via VMS of SSF will solve part of the issue of illegal fishing especially regarding areas of protection
		ES - FACOPE : Any implementation of a data collection system of this artisanal fleet, must take into account its characteristics: type of boat, number of crew, etc.,
		SP - FBCP Administrations should provide new technologies aimed to improve the management and reduce bureaucracy to the crew
		FR - AMOP Strenghtening of working capacity in the scientific organisations to increase the number of monitored species

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Priority level of the topic
(1 = low; 5= high)



Proposed by EC:	C. SSF management measures	Notes, observations, suggestions on Management measures
12. Support investments in small-scale fisheries to, among others, improve selectivity, preserve biodiversity, minimize bycatch and interactions with vulnerable species and predators and promote energy efficiency		FR - AMOP Improvement of "ecological-awarness" activities to encourage compliance FR - AMOP + OPduSUD Improve the selectivity through supproting investments in SSF + CRPMEM PACA Need of technical measures (selectivity etc) instead management measures based on outputs (quotas etc.) Voted also by: LIFE + OCEANA + WWF + IT - Coldiretti + CRPMEM PACA+ IT-Federpesca

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Proposed by EC:	C. SSF management measures	Votes by and Notes, observations, suggestions on Management measures
10. Implement, where appropriate, fisheries management plans which establish specific rules designed to ensure, in particular, preferential access for sustainable and low-impact small-scale fisheries along the coastal band		Voted also by : IT - Coldiretti + CY - PFAF (Management plans should be enforced in areas of protection in all cases with the competent policing) + LIFE + OCEANA + WWF
		FR - OPduSUD: management measures of SSF have been already enforced. More data are needed before the implementation of management plans.
		ES – FACOPE : The preparation and execution of management plans are always good. The only problem we encounter is when we talk about exclusivity: it may be easier to live together than to create exclusive zones.
Proposed by EC:	C. SSF management measures	Votes by and Notes, observations, suggestions on Management measures
11. Taking into account management measures and their impact on the resources, facilitate equitable access to living marine resources that should be based on sustainable fisheries and their socio-economic role		IT - Coldiretti, IT-Federpesca ETF (including SSF in decisional processes of managemetn plans) + LIFE + OCEANA + WWF + CY - PAPF (Temporal closures should be emposed and financed)

