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MEDAC preamble to the Questionnaire: Study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation – Common Fisheries Policy

Referring to the questionnaire on the "Study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation – Common Fisheries Policy", the MEDAC can only reiterate what has already been stated the past years.

Please find attached the MEDAC email (ref.21/2021) and the MEDAC letter sent on 2020 (ref.21/2020, 29 January 2020).

The MEDAC started from the beginning the collaboration with both MSs and DG MARE in finding adaptive solutions through the JRs, and this process contributed to the draft of the current Delegated Regulations. Please find attached the letter sent by MEDAC on 24 October 2018 (Ref. 262/2018) to the MSs and to the General Director of DG MARE on the entry into force of the landing obligation for all species, where the reasons of the Mediterranean constraints and difficulties related to the LO implementation have been provided. Furthermore, as confirmed by the delegated Reg. (EU) 2020/4, STECF concluded that "*due to the small quantities and the very large number of landing places [...], the evidence indicated that the collection costs would be disproportionate*" then "*in light of the above, it is appropriate to apply the de minimis exemptions [...] until 31 December 2021*". This situation has not yet changed. However, acknowledging the important results of the multiannual collaboration, the MEDAC tried to fulfil the survey as much as possible, because the exemptions recognized by now avoided the strong socio-economic impact of the measure.

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