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DG-MARE's case study fact sheets on Fisheries socio-economic status and trends information
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During FSC7 (December 2011) DG MARE through his representative Mr Angel Calvo expressed interest in cooperation with FIRMS by contributing aggregated socioeconomic reports on the European fleets.

The aggregated scientific data from the Annual Economic Report (AER) of the EU fleets would be used in the context of FIRMS projects, in accordance with the general provisions for the use of scientific data in the EU data Collection Regulation. However, DG MARE would not be able to make available more disaggregated data.

Two case studies of DG-MARE socio-economic information were developed as fact sheets in FIRMS on the basis of [The 2012 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet \(STECF-12-10\)](#) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) . 2012

Note: for the access to these unpublished fact sheets, please ask credentials to the FIRMS Secretariat

The first fact sheet reflects a country based fleet assessment - **EU Danish fishing fleet**
<http://figisapps.fao.org/firms/fishery/351/en> ;

The second fact sheet reflects an area based assessment - **Mediterranean and Black Sea:**
<http://figisapps.fao.org/firms/fishery/350/en>

These case studies were developed with the following notes:

- In this first iteration the FIRMS Secretariat didn't want to modify the structure of the source text, which in turn prevented from structuring the fact sheet with the list of all Fishery indicators (as done in <http://firms.fao.org/firms/fishery/474/en>): as example, effort and production are completely entangled in the source document (and graphs presented together) which makes it difficult to single out each of these. Likewise, following the FIRMS template, the Denmark fact sheet would also logically display the Fleet composition paragraph (at least the list of Fleet segments) under the National Fleet structure section, ie in the more descriptive part of the fact sheet instead of the Socio-economic assessment part.
- dynamic links to related fisheries or stocks (as provided from NAFO, NEAFC, GFCM, ICES, ICCAT) have been included; feedback of the concerned partners is expected;

- Selected Fishery indicators could be dynamically included by extracting them dynamically from DG-MARE's source Excel tables, but this would require some developments;
- For reference, FAO / BNP case studies developed in a recent past:
 - Senegal Fisheries sector <http://firms.fao.org/firms/fishery/472/en>
 - Senegal artisanal fisheries sub-sector <http://firms.fao.org/firms/fishery/473/en>
 - Senegal industrial fisheries sub-sector <http://firms.fao.org/firms/fishery/474/en>

An objective for Agenda item 7e would be to contribute to shape a common vision as to how FIRMS partners such as DG MARE, FAO, GFCM, ... can join forces in promoting transparent reporting on socio-economic performance of fisheries. Among the ingredients, are to be considered:

- DG-Mare's experience
- The role of FAO field projects where efforts are made to bring the regional economic groupings (RECs) to more closely collaborate with FAO and its traditional RFB partners
- The respective position of statistical data, socio-economic assessments and related status and trends reports (such as the STECF ones), and Fishery country profiles
- Clarifying the different socio-economic perspectives (at fleet, at trade, at sector level) and the different scales at which assessment can be made
- The role of CWP in consolidating global definitions and classifications to be used in the socio-economic field
- The role of FIRMS in promoting socio-economic Metadata reporting standards, and promoting partnerships for information sharing, including between biologists (resources assessment), fishery managers, socio-economists and policy makers; or the role of other similar information sharing networks, e.g. the FAO fishery and aquaculture country profiles programme.

DG-MARE's experience will be instrumental to shape this vision, e.g. by explaining the process within EU, and which among the various indicators made available are "simple" data flow, and which require much more efforts in terms of computation, and analysis;

- of interest also is to understand what are the synergies between DG MARE's work on socio-economic aspects and GFCM's work on similar aspects.
- of interest finally to the existing FIRMS partners is as to well understand at which level of granularity some socio-economic data could be made accessible in relation to the resources or fisheries which they monitor.