

*The Landings Obligation
Challenges and Solutions for Small Scale Fishers*



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Challenges:



- Small scale – the forgotten Fleet
- All fisheries issues are **connected**
- The majority of support for and measures to reduce discards have been introduced in large-scale fisheries
- Quota v Science v Reality = choke species

- At Sea:
 - Confusion over requirements – keep, discard, over quota / undersize
 - Vessel size
 - Separate storage requirement – danger of cross contamination
 - Carriage of ice
 - Carriage of boxes
 - Additional workload
 - Safety and stability
 - Record keeping
 - TIME

Challenges:



- On Land:

- Monitoring and enforcement
- Boxes
- Ice
- Transport
- Landing places
- Reception facilities
- TIME

- Compliance?:

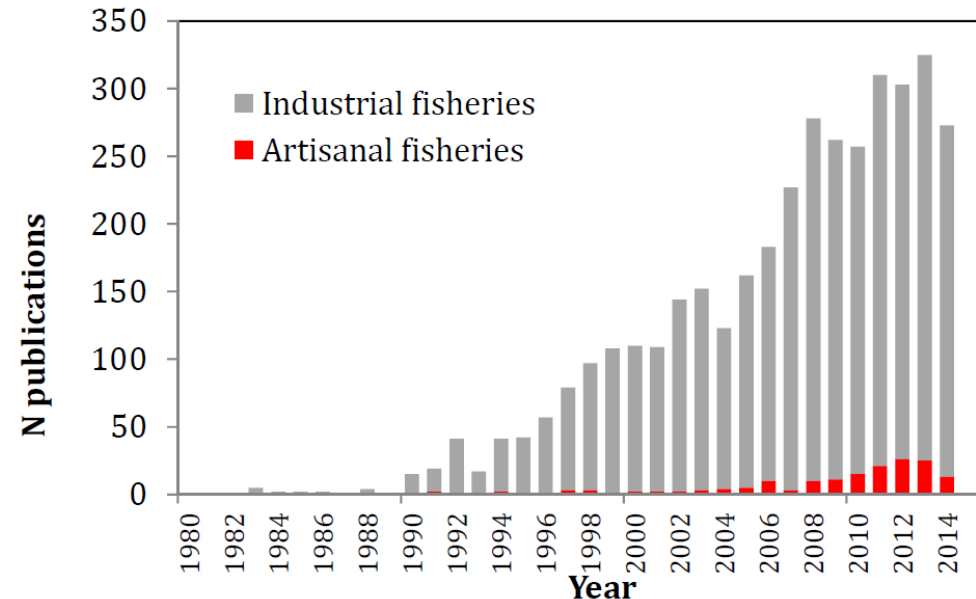
- Only moves discards from sea to shore
- Increased carbon footprint
- Fresh fish to landfill
- Lack of discard data
- Lack of timely EMFF support for anything
- North / South divide
- Just a few fish can make the difference for SSCF. Compliance or bankruptcy?

Consequence of oversight: Discarding and SSCF



- Implementing the landing obligation illustrates the consequence of SSCF oversight
- 3,924 scientific papers have been published on discards, of which 3,760 are related to industrial fisheries and only 164 papers focused on SSCF
- Just because there is less discarding in SSCF **does not** mean that SSCF are impacted less by the landing obligation
- Due to many issues SSCF are likely to be impacted more

Figure 2. Global number of publications related to discards for industrial and artisanal fisheries (1950-2014)



Solutions?



- Plenty of Reports
- One size doesn't fit all – Broad brush simply will not work
- A soft start and more information and guidance
- Face up to the reality of impacts
- A differentiated approach within the CFP
- Practical rather than academic studies
- Cost effective technology
- Big challenge – Big solutions – the joined up approach