

Invitation to MYFISH policy information meeting Brussels, February 25th 2016

Copenhagen, January 19th 2016

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We would like to invite you to our MYFISH policy information meeting to discuss the use of the results obtained in the FP7 project 'Maximising yield of fisheries while balancing ecosystem, economic and social concerns' (MYFISH) with you. The project is approaching the end of the four years duration, and we would like to use this opportunity to discuss how the results are relevant to fisheries management, which challenges have been solved and which challenges still remain.

Managing fisheries to obtain Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) in practice is challenging because achieving MSY for an individual stock can hamper the achievement of MSY for other stocks and compromise ecological, environmental, economic, or social aims. The objective of the MYFISH project is to face these difficulties and provide evaluations of the effect and desirability of aiming for different parts of the MSY-realm, including Maximum Economic Yield (MEY) and Maximum Social Yield (MSOY). The studied cases addressed single species, mixed species, pelagic, and demersal fisheries across Europe. Social aspects were integrated throughout the project by active involvement of stakeholders in the definition and desirability of MSY variants (such as MEY) and sustainability criteria (such as the desire to maintain sensitive species or employment). Throughout the project, the participants have made a dedicated effort to provide the scientific input needed to construct Multiannual Management Plans aiming at MSY, describing the consequences of aiming at different parts of the MSY-realm. We aim to finalise this work by informing you of the results and achieving your input on how these are relevant to fisheries management.

The meeting will be held on February 25th 2016 from 9:30 to 16:00 in the premises of the European Commission, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, Place Rogier 16, 1210 Brussels, Belgium (registration is open from 9.00). The draft agenda for the meeting is attached to this letter. We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation to the meeting by registering at <http://www.conferencemanager.dk/MYFISHpolicyinfomeetingBrussels> or sending an e-mail to Lis Vinther at lvi@aqua.dtu.dk. Attendance will be limited to the capacity of the conference room.

More details about the project can be found at our website, www.myfishproject.eu.

Yours Sincerely



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