



Appendix 1 - Citizens Summary

Ireland - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) OP 2014-2020

Introduction

The aim of the Citizens Summary is to provide a brief summary of the first Annual Implementation Report for the EMFF OP 2014-2020, which reports on the progress achieved under the EMFF OP for the years 2014 and 2015.

Overview

The European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Operational Programme is a framework funding programme for the seafood sector funded by the Exchequer and by the EU to support implementation of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)¹ and the EU Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)². It will also support implementation of the Birds And Habitats Directive³ and Marine Strategy Framework Directive⁴ (MSFD) in Ireland and will contribute to the EU2020 Strategy which delivers growth that is: **smart**, through more effective investments in education, research and innovation; **sustainable**, thanks to a decisive move towards a low-carbon economy; and **inclusive**, with a strong emphasis on job creation and poverty reduction

The EMFF OP will be focused on the following Union Priorities:

- UP1 - Sustainable Development of Fisheries
- UP2 - Sustainable Development of Aquaculture
- UP3 - Control and Enforcement of the CFP / EU Data Collection Framework (Fisheries Science)
- UP4 - Fisheries Local Action Groups
- UP5 - Seafood Processing and Marketing
- UP6 - Integrated Maritime Policy
- Technical Assistance – Support provided to MS to ensure effective implementation of EMFF OP

The EMFF OP 2014-2020 is the source of development funding for Ireland's seafood sector for at least the next 6 years to 2021 and potentially beyond to 2023. The EMFF OP will be based on the implementation of the three following National Strategic Priorities

¹ Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:354:0022:0061:EN:PDF>

² Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2011:321:FULL&from=EN>

³ Birds and Habitats Directive - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043&from=EN>

⁴ Marine Strategy Framework Directive - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32008L0056&from=EN>

- Growth (jobs, output, value)
- Sustainability – economic, social and environmental
- Smart economy – competitiveness, new technology, innovation, skills

The Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Mr. Simon Coveney launched the EMFF OP on 14 Jan 2016 in Government Buildings in Dublin. He outlined that €240 million funded through National Exchequer and EMFF support would be allocated to implementation of EMFF OP in Ireland.

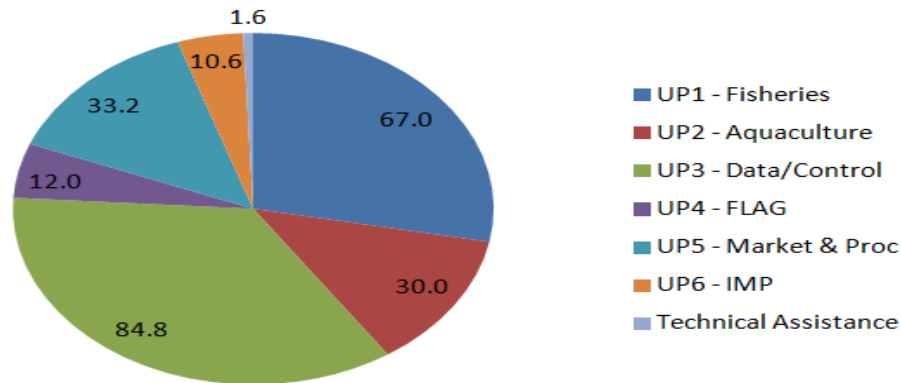


Figure 1. - Allocation per Priority Axis (€ million)

Progress to date

Due to the fact that the EMFF OP was not adopted until 4th December 2015 the only Union Priority where actions were implemented was in Union Priority 3. This was allowed as Data Collection activities under the Data Collection Framework (DCF) and Control & Enforcement Activities under the Control Regulation were funded in previous periods directly by the EU commission. Under the EMFF Regulation these activities will now come under shared management to be funded in the EMFF OP.

Data Collection

- The Marine Institute and Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) is responsible for the coordination and collection of scientific and economic data to meet Ireland’s obligations under the DCF.
- In 2014 and 2015, the evaluation of the fishing sector was supported through the data collection of
 - a) economic variables based on economic surveys and sentinel vessel programmes; and
 - b) biological variables which comprised stock related variables for 67 fish stocks reported to approximately 15 different international expert groups.
- The DCF at sea and port based sampling programme costs amounted to €352,500 in 2014 and €355,000 in 2015 excluding staff costs.
- Seven internationally coordinated research surveys at sea were completed in both 2014 and 2015 comprising €2,616,000 and €2,706,000 of the DCF budget in vessel and associated costs for 2014 and 2015 respectively.

- The economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry sectors was evaluated through the collection of census data, economic surveys and audited accounts from the Companies Registration Office (CRO).
- Overall international coordination was achieved through the participation at and contribution to 26 scientific expert groups directly related to the DCF with a cost of €85,000 and €76,500 for 2014 and 2015 respectively.
- Overall, staff costs to implement the DCF in 2014 were €2,214,000 and in 2015 was €2,184,000. Data transmission occurred through submissions in response to 19 data calls in 2014 and 21 data calls in 2015.

Control and Enforcement

- The Information Management Technology (IMT) division of the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) develops and maintains the fisheries IT systems to support the Fisheries divisions of the department and the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA).
- Activities implemented in 2014/2015 included.
 - The implementation of an infringement register and a points management system within the Integrated Fisheries Information system for assigning and management of points assigned to vessel licence holders
 - The integration of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) with vessel catch detail in the Integrated Fisheries Information System (IFIS) to provide a consolidated view of vessel position and catch information. Initial analysis of the capture of Automatic Identification System (AIS) carried out.
 - Technical review of the technologies in IFIS to ascertain its suitability in providing innovation through new technologies for the management of data, conducting risk analysis and revamping IFIS, VMS, AIS and Electronic Recording System (ERS).
- Eligible expenditure up to end of 2015 is €1,310,739.87 and this covers the costs of expenditure incurred for the contracting in of external ICT resources.

The tables below provide indicator information (Result, Output & Financial) for Union Priority 3 as this was the only priority for which activities were implemented in the period 1st Jan 2014- 31st Dec 2015.

Union priority 3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP					
Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Yearly value		Cumulative Value
			2014	2015	
3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	%	5	Not Available	Not Available	
3.A.1 - Number of serious infringement detected	number	1,000	45	47	92
3.A.2 - Landings that have been subject of physical control	%	17	7.5	7.7	7.6

Result Indicator 3.B.1 -

All data calls have been responded to in 2014 and 2015 by Ireland, however the % fulfilment of data calls is based on a formal review of “data transmission failures” by the commission which includes feedback from end-users (e.g. ICES), review by STECF, member states responses and final decision by the commission.

Result Indicator 3.A.2

The % of Inspections has reduced to 7.5% in 2014 and increased slightly to 7.7% in 2015. There are several underlying reasons for this reduction:

- a change to a more risk based approach to inspections rather than a ‘numbers’ approach which would have been the case in previous years.
- Other tasking for SFPAs Inspectors such as the certification of Fishery Products to allow export to Third Countries.
- Reduction in Landings.
- The fact that the Landing Obligation requirements in the 2015 Pelagic fishery would have been more targeted at sea as that is where it is best inspected against.
- Reduction in the number of inspection staff.

Union priority 3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP						
Output indicators						
Indicator	Included into the performance framework	Milestone - 2018	Target value (2023)	2014	2015	Cumulative value
3.2 - No of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	Yes	1	2	1	0	1
3.1 - No of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	Yes	1	10	0	1	1

Financial Data 2014-2015					
Project Description	Beneficiary	Total Eligible Expenditure	Total Eligible Public Expenditure	EMFF Eligible Expenditure	Co-Financing Rate
Integrated Fisheries Information System Development	DAFM IMT	€ 1,310,739.87	€ 1,310,739.87	€ 1,179,665.88	90%
Data Collection Framework 2014-2020	Marine Institute	€ 10,995,158.99	€ 10,995,158.99	€ 8,796,127.19	80%

Useful Links:

EU REGULATIONS

- Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) –
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:354:0022:0061:EN:PDF>
- Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) –
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2011:321:FULL&from=EN>
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) –
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0508&rid=1>
- Common Provision Regulation (CPR) –
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1303&rid=1>

EMMF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2014-2020:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/fisheries/marineagenciesprogrammesdivision/futureseafooddevelopmentinireland2014-2020/emffoperationalprogramme2014-2020/>

SEA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AA SCREENING OF THE EMMF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2014-2020:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/fisheries/marineagenciesandprogrammes/seafooddevelopmentprogramme2014-2020publicconsult/SDPEnvironmentalReportAA170516.pdf>

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/fisheries/marineagenciesandprogrammes/nspa/NationalStrategicPlanSusAquaDevel181215.pdf>

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/fisheries/marineagenciesandprogrammes/nspa/NSPASEAEnvir181215.pdf>

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – SEA STATEMENT:

- <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/fisheries/marineagenciesandprogrammes/nspa/NSPASEAstatement181215.pdf>

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT:

- <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/fisheries/marineagenciesandprogrammes/nspa/NSPAAAppropriateAssessment181215.pdf>