

Project MedFish “Fisheries towards sustainability” Mid-term evaluation and formulation of the steps forward for future stages

<i>Year :</i>	2017
<i>Location :</i>	France / Spain
<i>Client :</i>	Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
<i>Description :</i>	<p>The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) jointly launched the Medfish project to carry out a rigorous and comprehensive analysis of French and Spanish Mediterranean fisheries using the MSC Fisheries Standard as a benchmark for sustainability. This project is part of the MSC and WWF commitment towards fisheries sustainability in the Mediterranean and aims to inspire replication in other countries of the region.</p> <p>In order to reach the goals, MedFish was structured in three phases</p> <p>Phase 1: Improving the understanding of the French and Spanish Mediterranean fisheries. This stage included a fast scan (600 fisheries) and the mapping of 97 fisheries. Delivered outputs were: 2 national scanning reports, 2 national mapping reports and 14 fishery factsheets.</p> <p>Phase 2: Elaboration of 14 pre-assessments and two global summary reports that provide a baseline determination of how fisheries perform against the MSC standard, allowing for the identification of gaps in performance and areas needing improvement.</p> <p>Phase 3: Based on the pre-assessments, conclusion of 14 action plans aiming at providing stakeholders with tools to implement changes and, eventually, to undertake Fisheries Improvement Projects.</p> <p>The purpose of this mid-term external evaluation was to identify and analyst lessons learnt from the first phases of the project and to inform the formulation of the steps forward for future stages.</p>