

Study on challenges of fleet renewal in the outermost regions of the EU (Canary Islands)

<i>Year:</i>	2018
<i>Location:</i>	The Canary Islands, Spain
<i>Client:</i>	EU / Framework Contract EASME/EMFF (Coffey/Ecosphere)
<i>Description:</i>	<p>This study provided an analysis of the need for public support for the purchase of new fishing vessels in the nine outermost regions of the EU and of the conditions under which such support could be provided while ensuring the achievement of the objectives of the CFP set out in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.</p> <p>The results of the study served as basis for the amendment of the Guidelines for the examination of State aid to the fishery and aquaculture sector and may also be used in future evaluations and impact assessments.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the study were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) to provide a detailed and comprehensive overview of the current economic and social situation of the catching sector with a particular emphasis on possible difficulties faced by fishing fleets and vessel owners (private and legal persons) based in each of the nine outermost regions of the EU.b) to describe the status of fisheries resources, systems of scientific assessment, and existing resource and fleet management measures in the outermost regions, as well as the environmental status of the waters.c) to identify and assess conditions for the granting of State aid both in view of ensuring achievement of the objectives of the CFP as well as the objectives of aiding fishermen in the renewal of the fleet in the outermost regions;d) to indicate the most appropriate form of public support for the renewal of fishing vessels in the outermost regions. The objective of the assignment was to identify opportunities for moving the West African capture marine fisheries sector towards sustainability.