



EU Long Distance Advisory Council

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LDAC RECOMMENDATION ON TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR THE CREATION OF AN IOTC WORKING GROUP ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND LABOUR ASPECTS OF FISHERIES

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The LDAC supports the proposal for creating a Working Group on socio-economic and labour aspects of the fisheries in the IOTC Area of Competence.

This working group should assess and advise the Commission on the socio-economic, including labour conditions, both in small-scale and industrial fisheries. This working group would be of multi-sectoral nature, and actively involve various stakeholders: fisheries officers, socio-economists, trade unions, fishery managers, industrial and artisanal fishing sector representatives, administrators and other interested stakeholders, in accordance with the IOTC rules of procedure.

The working group shall collect, compile and assess information regarding socio-economic indicators for all fleet segments, including but not limited to: socio-economic contribution to the fisheries, economic dependence on fish stocks, contribution to national food security needs, income from exports, employment conditions and interactions between fleet segments. Based on its assessment, the working group will make recommendations to the Commission.

In addition, in light of the entry into force of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention 188, the working group will provide advice and support to CPCs on the accession and implementation of the Convention.