

FISHERIES



Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

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A vision for the future CFP

Vision of the CFP in 2020:

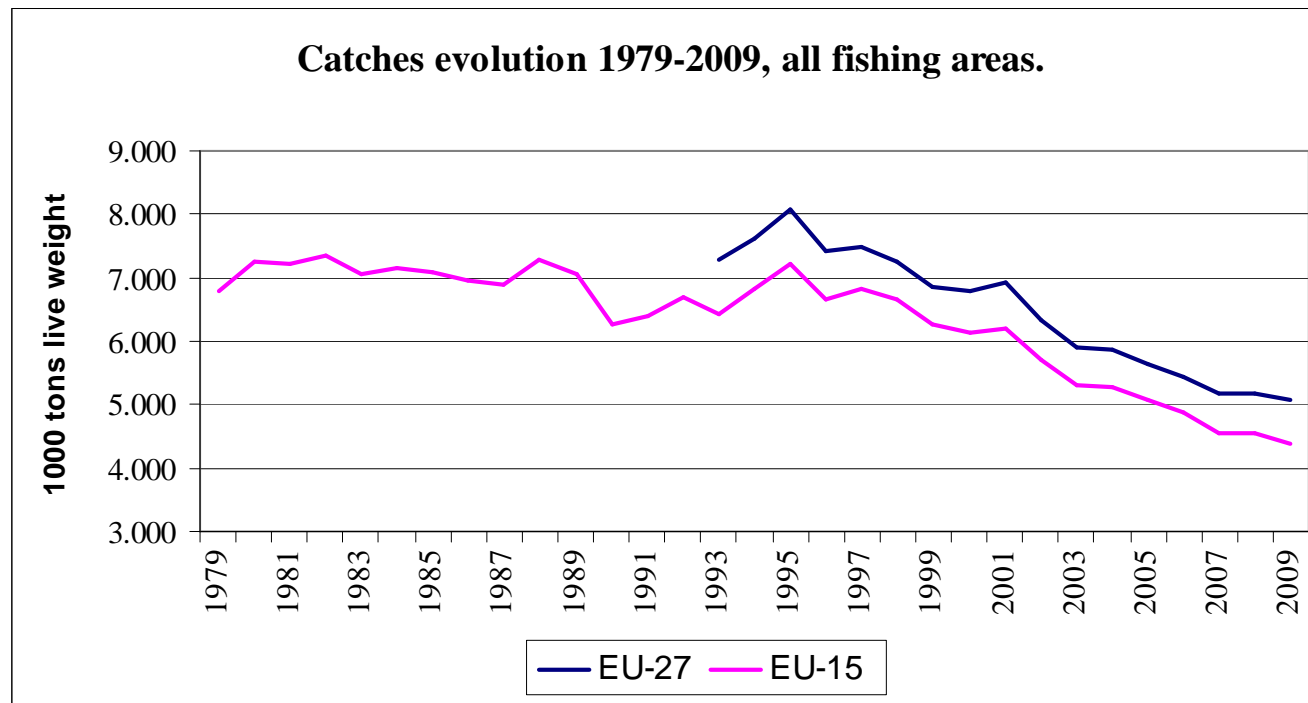
- **Stocks at Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) level**
- **Fishing sector =**
 - **profitable, attractive jobs for men & women**
 - **economically self-sustainable**
- **Thriving coastal communities with diversified economies**
- **Well-informed consumers for responsible consumption**
- **Simpler and cheaper policy, co-management with stakeholders**

BUT...are we there?



Are we there? the case for radical reform

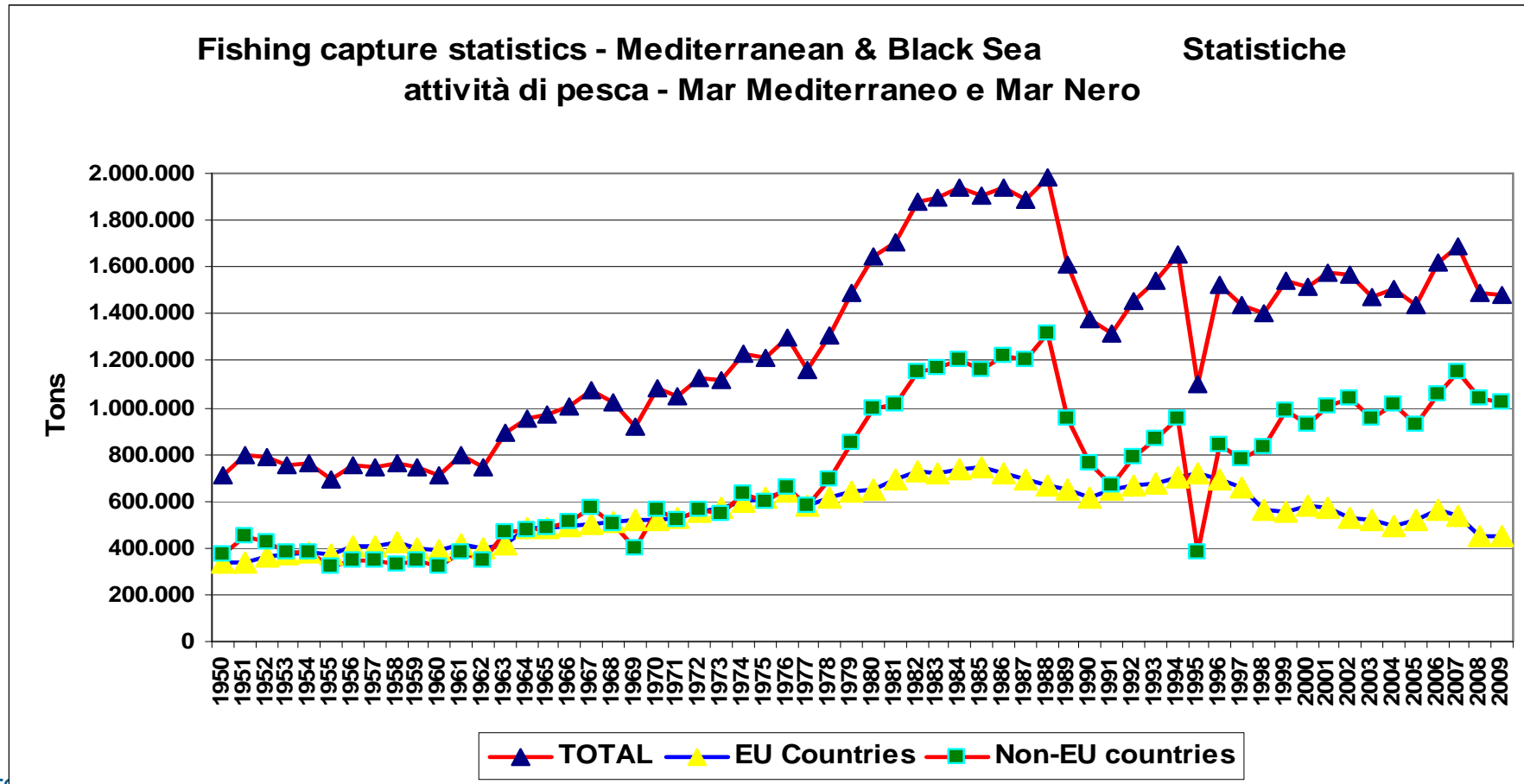
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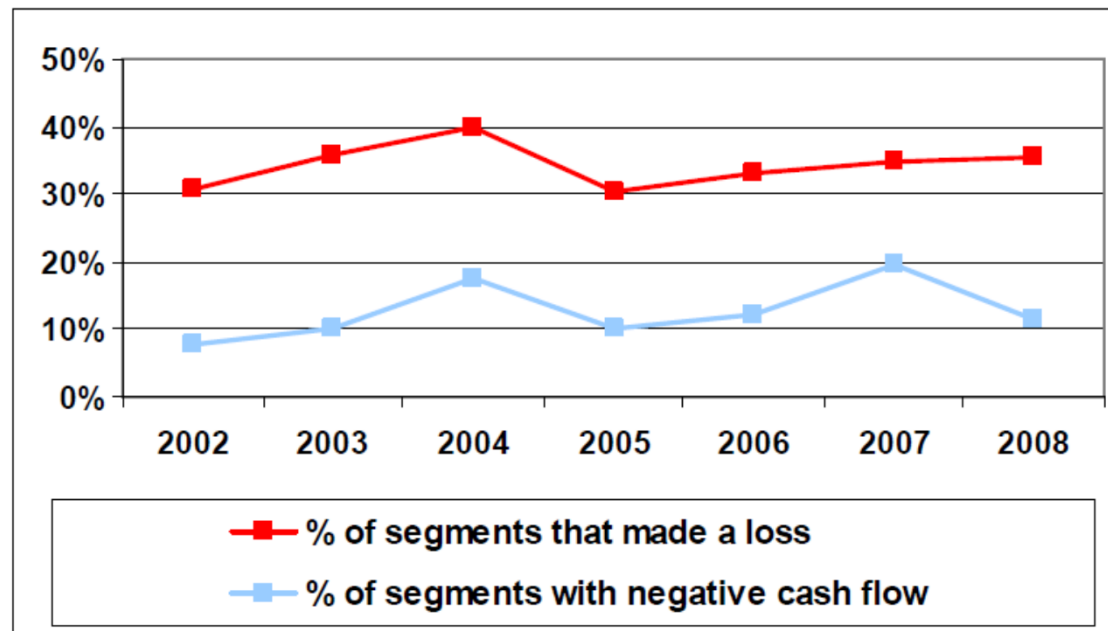
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Are we there? the case for radical reform

... still not good enough:

A loss-making fleet



Annual Economic Report 2010 – DG MARE



Are we there? the case for radical reform

... still not good enough:

- **Complex and expensive policy**
- **Sector's divorce from the policy**
- **Even small technical questions are politicised**
- **And some problems unresolved: discards, etc.**

And all of this can't wait !



CFP reform: more than meets the eye

- **The elements of the package:**
 - 1st wave: basic regulation and common markets organisation regulation, external dimension, report of 2002 reform and overarching communication – 13 July
 - 2nd wave: financial instrument - end of November
- **Beyond the new basic regulation:**
 - Non-legislative developments
 - Related policies
 - Future legislative developments



The key elements of the reform ...

- 1. Sustainability**
- 2. A future for fisheries and aquaculture industry and jobs**
- 3. Satisfying consumers' needs and expectations**
- 4. Better governance through regionalisation**
- 5. Smarter financing**
- 6. External Dimension**



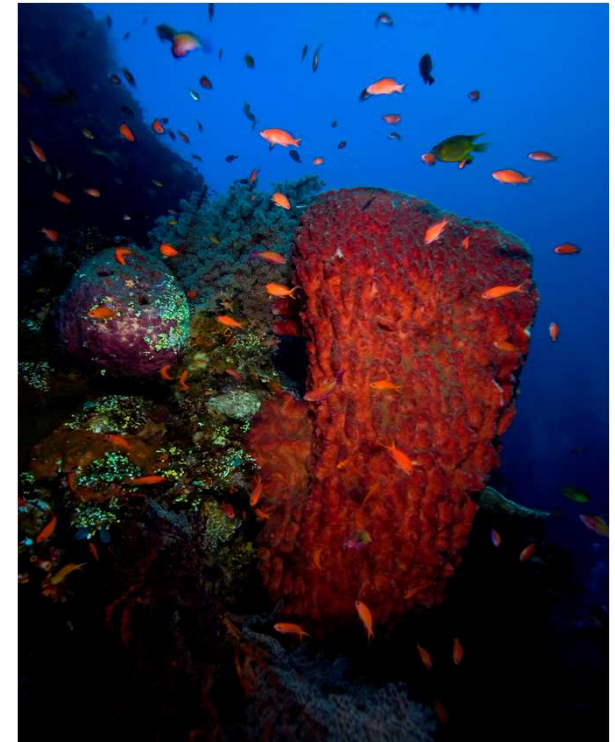
1. Sustainability - MSY

- **Commitment at World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002) and in UNCLOS**
- **Turning the principle into a policy objective**
- **Catching a larger quantity of fish**
- **Larger size of fish landed → higher market value**
- **Lower costs incurred in catching the fish**



1. Sustainability - ecosystem approach

- regulate fisheries and environment, not just one species:
- Replace single-species management plans by fishery-based plans
- Incorporate environmental concerns in management plans
- Fast-track procedures to implement environmental policy (Natura2000, MSFD)



1. Sustainability - Eliminating discards

**Some very good initiatives by the sector
... but problems remain ...**

- **Need for a clear legal, stepwise obligation to ban discards**

... with flexibility to make it workable

- **inevitable legislative changes**
- **Market Policy**



1. Sustainability - Transferable concessions

- **Reduce overcapacity through business: depoliticise the overcapacity**
- **Increase sense of responsibility by the sector**
- **at national level - relative stability**
- **Flexibility to accommodate national conditions**
- **Not mandatory for small-scale coastal fisheries**
- **Safeguards:**
 - **'Economic link'**
 - **Avoid excessive concentration**
 - **Favour good behaviour**



1. Sustainability - Improving scientific advice

- **Promoting partnerships between fishermen and scientists**
- **Streamline advice from different bodies**
- **Adequate support to the scientific community**
- **Cover new areas: multi-species management, ecosystem approach**
- **Strengthen data collection obligation**
- **Improve the economic base**



2. A future for fisheries and aquaculture industry and jobs

- Growth and attractive jobs in maritime Europe
- Identify, unlock potential / Blue growth
- Exploit Europe's fishery/maritime/aquaculture tradition and expertise
- Promote research
- Improve efficiency of investment through sea-basin strategies – regional funds



2. A future ... A social agenda

- **Recognitions of Small-scale fisheries' importance**
- **MS to provide adequate quota share**
- **Better access and conditions for finance**
- **Improve organisation, stronger role for Producer Organisations**
- **Improve working conditions on board**
- **Axis 4 of the EFF: enhancing the role of women**



2. A future...Thriving coastal communities

- **Catching sector may lose jobs, but plenty of alternatives**
- **profitable sector contributes to development perspectives for coastal communities**
- **Boost complementary / additional economic opportunities: Axis 4 of the EFF (local, territorial, coastal development)**
- **Integrated policy for coastal communities – make use of fishers know-how and experience**



2. A future.... Aquaculture

- Integral part of the CFP
- A strategic plan for development – MS to plan and coordinate
- Aquaculture and Natura2000
- Fresh water aquaculture / Europe's 'inner coast': Substantial contribution to market for fisheries products
- Part of cultural heritage, important environmental function
- Potential for sustainable development



3. Meeting consumers' needs and expectations

- **Ensuring a steady supplies to the EU market**
- **Increasing the value of fishery and aquaculture products for human consumption**
- **Compulsory labelling information: useful, understandable, controllable**
- **Voluntary labelling information: dynamic but not misleading**
- **Producer Organisations: the key actors for a more de-centralised policy, more value added to products**



4. Better governance through regionalisation

- **remove micro-management from co-decision level**
- **bring decision-making closer to the ground**
- **facilitate co-management with stakeholders, in particular by strengthening POs' role and responsibilities**
- **Regionalisation an opportunity, not an obligation**
- **Empower Member States ... but only under conditions established by co-decision**
- **A better consultation with stakeholders: bringing the real expertise to the decision-making process**



5. Smarter financing: Money for policy change

There will be a single financial instrument for the CFP of 6.7 billion € ... but to promote policy change, not to maintain unsustainable status quo!

- **Emphasis on innovation, greening and inclusive growth**
- **Removing inefficient fleet subsidies**
- **Strong boost to aquaculture (including inland)**
- **Strong boost to the development of coastal communities**
- **Money to develop cross-cutting instruments of IMP**
- **Support to production and marketing planning**



6. External dimension

- **Strengthen global fisheries governance at multilateral level**
- **Achieve common goals with neighbours: harmonisation of standards with third countries**
- **Strategic partnerships (USA, Japan)**
- **Sustainable Fisheries Agreements:**
 - Exporting high standards, not overcapacity
 - Reinforcing the scientific basis of the agreements
 - Supporting more effectively the fisheries sector in Third Countries
- **Vessel owners, contributing more to their access to Third Countries' waters**



6. What about the Mediterranean ?

- **No regions are excluded from the reform**
- **Proposal takes into account the specificities of the Mediterranean (existing legal framework)**
- **Principles apply without exception**
 - MSY
 - Regionalisation
 - Transferable fishing concessions
 - Discards
- **No changes to the Med Reg**



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