

Invitation to Science and Policy Day

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21 March 2007

**DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs
79, Rue Joseph II 02/66
Brussels**

Sign up?

Workshop participation is by invitation only. RSVP to this e-mail.

There will be a limited amount of travel and subsistence support available.



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The Science and Policy Day is a workshop of the SAFMAMS project. This project aims to draw insights on the most useful forms of scientific advice for marine environmental management. The final product of SAFMAMS will be an outline of the various forms that such advice can take and a description of the circumstances under which these various forms are the most useful and cost effective.

The topics of the Science and Policy Day are:

- 1) to hear a report on lessons learned in other science-driven policy areas that might be of use for us in fisheries and to create a preliminary list of best practices for producing scientific advice in support of the CFP; and
- 2) to provide a forum for some facilitated, open discussions on a Chatham House Rules basis about what changes we would like to see in the medium term to the way we are currently producing and using scientific advice. Topics which may arise in this discussion include the role of RACs in relation to biological, economic and social advice, and the role and structure of ICES and STECF.

A detailed agenda can be found on the backside of this invitation.

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Morning Session: Best Practices in Science and Policy

10:00 – 11:00

Presentation: Lessons about Science and Policy in Other Policy Areas: A Report on the SAFMAMS Project Deliverable One

11:00 – 12:00

Workshop: Experiences with Best Practices: What has worked well in science in support of the CFP?

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

Afternoon Session: Workshop on Clarifying and Achieving Goals

13:00 – 14:00

Identifying Goals

A. What are the most important stated, substantive and organizational goals for science in support of the CFP? Examples might be gearing advice for an “ecosystem-based approach” or for “mixed fisheries”.

B. For which of these stated goals is there a consensus between the main stakeholders on an operational definition? Which of these goals are shared only in a fuzzy way or not at all?

C. The product of the session will be two short lists of key objectives. One will be goals we need a strategy for achieving, the other will be goals we need a strategy for agreeing about.

14:00 – 15:00

Identifying Constraints and Blocks

A. What are the constraints, i.e. things the assembled group do not have the power to change, that are hampering our achieving the well defined goals or agreement about the unclear goals.

B. What are the blocks, i.e. things the assembled group can effectively address to achieving these things.

15:00 – 16:00

Strategies

A. Thinking over a time frame of the next five years, and still considering both achieving the clear goals or clarifying the fuzzy ones, what concrete steps can we take to remove these blocks given our constraints.

B. Who can do these things? Through which mechanism can they be carried out? When should they be done?