

SAFMAMS workshop with the Baltic RAC

1. General

SAFMAMS is EC FP 6 funded project (Scientific Advice for Fisheries Management at Multiple Scales). SAFMAMS draws insights from existing research projects and management processes on the most useful forms of scientific advice for marine environmental management and then communicates those insights to scientists and decision makers. The product 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 SSA will involve three basic tasks. First, we will collate information relevant to the forms that scientific advice can and should take from research projects focussed on fisheries management. Second, we will interact with seven sets of stakeholders involved in fisheries management decision making at various scales to help us sharpen the practical lessons from what we have gathered from the research results. Third, we will carry these lessons from fisheries to the broader marine management community, and beyond to people with a general interest in the relationship between science and policy, through specific networking and dissemination activities. This audience includes various levels of government, science policy scholars, user groups and conservation NGOs. Lessons will be applicable in a broad sense across Europe in Atlantic, Mediterranean and freshwater fisheries as well as other areas where science and policy converge. The achievement of the SAFMAMS objective will be measurable through the eleven deliverables and eight milestones. The milestones are all workshops with various managers and stakeholder groups, including the European Commission's fisheries management staff. The deliverables are all written materials. They include three reviews of the implications of research results for forms of scientific advice, three best practices articles that will be the product of the interactions with the stakeholder groups, a catalogue of marine environmental management efforts that will be the basis of the network building, three policy briefs aimed at decision makers, one of which is an article on research priorities for improving scientific advice in marine environmental management, and a book on the relationship between the geographical scale of environmental problems and the forms of scientific advice that are appropriate for addressing them

2. SAFMAMS Workshop with Baltic RAC

Sea Fisheries Institute, Gdynia, Poland, 8 May 13.00-17.00

Suggested agenda

1. Introduction of participants

2. Description of the SAFMAMS project and short presentation: Review of Science and Stakeholder Involvement in the Production of Advice on Fisheries Management. *The presentation will be made by SAFMAMS*

3. Discussion: How can the overall system for producing expert advice in support of the CFP be improved? *Based on their knowledge and experience, all participants of the meeting are expected to provide his/her thoughts how the Baltic fisheries science could be improved to better address the CFP.*

4. Interaction: best practices; goals; constraints & blocks

Based on their knowledge and experience, the RAC members are asked to provide their input/thoughts on:

- What has worked well in science in support of the Baltic Sea fisheries?*
- What are the key objectives for fisheries science in the Baltic Sea for the next five years?*
- What are the constraints, i.e. things the assembled group does not have the power to change, that are hampering us achieving the goals?*
- What are the blocks, i.e. things the assembled group can effectively address to achieving these things?*