

Workshop on Marine Environmental Management

Developing forms of scientific advice

Gothenburg, Sweden 10-11 December 2007

The SAFMAMS project has gathered insights from research projects and stakeholders in fisheries management about the most useful forms that scientific advice for fisheries management can take. The final aim of the project is broader than fisheries: we want to help improve the production and communication of scientific advice for marine environmental management to decision-makers and stakeholders.

So far, we have focused on the North and Baltic seas examining problems at multiple scales, working with stakeholders from local, national, regional and EU levels through workshops, interviews and literature reviews. The project is at its final stage, and we would now like to share and discuss our results with the relevant stakeholders. The two-day workshop is targeted at different stakeholders involved in marine environmental management in the EU: scientists, decision-makers, managers, NGOs and fishermen.

The main objectives of the workshop are to:

- Present the results of the studies at local, regional and EU levels
- Discuss the most useful forms of scientific advice for wider marine environmental management and what lessons may be learned from scientific advice for fisheries management
- Receive suggestions from participants on useful forms of advice for wider marine environmental management and research priorities

WORKSHOP AGENDA

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

- 12.30 Registration
- 13.00 Opening of the workshop
- 13.15 **Opening Address**
Isabella Lövin, journalist and author of the recent “Silent Sea”
- 13.45 Scientific Advice for Fisheries Management - best practices and lessons learnt. Introduction to SAFMAMS and presentation of key results from EU, regional and local level
Doug Wilson, project coordinator, IFM
- 14.00 The production of scientific advice for fisheries management in the EU; current set-up and changes underway
Martin Pastoors, ICES
- 14.30 *Coffee break*
- 15.00 **Introduction to group sessions:** How can we use the experiences from fisheries management to improve the production and communication of scientific advice for marine environmental management to decision-makers and stakeholders?
Division into 3 groups based on geographical scale: EU, regional and local.
Doug Wilson, Tony Hawkins and Niki Sporrang respectively
- 15.45 **Group session 1:** Discussions on what experience might be used from scientific advice for fisheries management in wider marine environmental management and vice versa.
- 16.30 Groups reporting back and open discussion
- 17.00 End of day one – brief summary
- 19.00 **Guided tour & Dinner**
Tour at the Universeum Natural Science Centre followed by a traditional Swedish Christmas table in the Aquarium hall

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

- 09.00 *Coffee*
- 09.15 Introduction to day 2
- 09.30 MPAs as a tool for ecosystem conservation and fisheries management in a European context - scientific needs and approaches
Thomas Kirk Sørensen, Danish Institute for Fisheries Research
- 10.00 Scientific advice and data collection for marine Natura 2000 areas
Mattias Sköld, Swedish Board of Fisheries
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 Introduction to 2nd group session *Magnus Eckeskog*
- 11.15 **Group session 2:** Discussions on best practice, challenges and failures in scientific advice in wider management
- 11.45 Groups reporting back
- 12.00 *Lunch*
- 13.00 Introduction to 3rd group session *Magnus Eckeskog*
- 13.15 **Group session 3:** Discussions on useful forms of scientific advice for marine environmental management
- 14.15 Groups reporting back & discussion
- 14.45 *Coffee break*
- 15.00 Introduction to 4th group session *Magnus Eckeskog*
- 15.15 **Group session 4:** Research priorities for scientific advice in marine environmental management
- 15.45 Groups reporting back
- 16.15 **Summary and discussion:** The most useful forms of Scientific Advice for Marine Environmental Management and future research priorities.
- 16.45 Closing words *Doug Wilson*
- 17.00 End of workshop