

Newsletter: Autumn 2015

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The Poseidon team: this year Vincent Defaux joined us in France and we welcomed back Fiona Nimmo in Scotland after a period of maternity leave.

Evaluations, feasibility studies, and impact assessments

Evaluation remains a core part of our work, informing decisions about policy and public expenditure. We recently completed a feasibility study for improving catch reporting, including the use of **electronic logbooks**, for General Santos the largest tuna port in the **Philippines**, and are currently working on an ex post and ex ante evaluation of the **EU/Comores Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA)**.

We have also been busy with **EU-wide evaluations of:** (i) EU funding through the **European Fisheries Fund (EFF)**; (ii) the **EU's second financial instrument** which provided funding for EU Fisheries Partnership Agreements (FPAs), international organisations, monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), data collection and science in the EU's Member States; (iii) the **Mediterranean Regulation**; and (iv) the feasibility of an **EU ecolabel scheme** for fisheries and aquaculture products. We are also part of a European team providing ongoing monitoring and evaluation support to Member State authorities on the **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**.

In the **UK** we are assessing the impacts of the EU discard ban on the fisheries sector, evaluated Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) created under the EFF, and conducted commercial fisheries environmental impact assessments of the Hornsea Round 3 offshore wind farm Project Two. In **Scotland** we are currently evaluating and providing recommendations on the aquaculture consenting regime. While in **Ireland** we continue to provide evaluation support with a Strategic Environmental Assessment of Ireland's Seafood Development Programme.

Fisheries Policy, Management, Economic, and Institutional Advice

Through consultancy services we assist the fisheries sector to realise its potential in terms of maximizing positive economic, social and environmental impacts. We will shortly conclude a project for Pew Charitable Trusts to map tuna product flows and **estimate an annual global market value of tuna trade**. In the **Pacific** region we currently have a number of long-term commitments to: support **PNA countries** in economic modelling of tuna fleets to inform the setting of access fees; provide technical input and capacity building support to the offshore fisheries sector in the **Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands and PNG**; and provide technical advice to FFA countries in responding to EU IUU



Assessing the discard ban in UK fisheries



Advice to Solomon Islands on offshore fishing



Indonesia community fisheries project

Regulation issues. We have also provided project implementation support to a 5-year coastal community development project in **Indonesia** aimed at improving fisheries management and establishing marketing and processing enterprise groups, and recently led an independent Mid Term Review of this project for IFAD.

Earlier this year we successfully completed a 10 month World Bank-funded project in **Ghana** where a large Poseidon team was supporting the Fisheries Department/Commission to restructure, to improve data collection and management information systems, to develop community-based management, and to revise fisheries legislation. Also in Africa, we recently identified product value chains offering potential for export development as part of future project interventions by the World Bank in **Madagascar**. While in the Middle East we are developing an aquaculture development programme for **Saudi Arabia**.

Closer to home in Europe, we prepared a **fisheries strategy for the Albanian government** to increase the role and contribution of the fishery and aquaculture sector to economic development. In **Northern Ireland** we contributed to a **seafood marketing plan** for County Down. We also conducted a major assignment for the European Investment Bank to consider appropriate **financial instruments to support the EMFF**.

Certification (Fisheries Improvement Plans and MSC-related work)

Poseidon continues its strong commitment to the development of Fisheries Improvement Plans (FIPs) which can be a precursor to Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification, and we have been working with WWF and MSC to roll out a FIP curriculum and training aimed at building capacities to undertake pre-assessments and FIPs in developing countries. Initial training has commenced in **Indonesia** and **Vietnam** and will start in **India** shortly. Poseidon also continues to provide monitoring and evaluation work of ongoing FIPs in **Indonesia, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand and Vietnam**. MSC pre-assessments have also been completed or are underway in **Djibouti, Seychelles and China**, and we are currently conducting a pre-assessment style analysis for multiple **Spanish Mediterranean** fisheries. Poseidon staff have also completed full MSC-assessments for: **Western Australian prawn trawl** fisheries in Exmouth and Shark Bay; **Atlantic mackerel** fisheries; pulse trawl fisheries in the **Netherlands**; the **Greenland lumpfish** fishery; and re-assessments of **North Sea plaice** trawl fisheries. Poseidon is also now working in many countries to support private sector aquaculture and capture fisheries producers and processors in developing and implementing their sustainable sourcing policies.

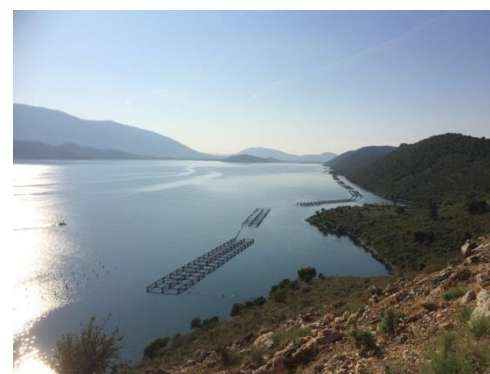
Work for FAO on global issues

We have been engaged by FAO on a series of activities over the last year. These have included: preparing background papers and facilitating an expert workshop on **methodologies for estimating levels of IUU fishing**; providing inputs to the development of **training courses on Fisheries Emergency Guidelines**; generation of discard estimates in certain fisheries to contribute to a **global discard estimate**; facilitation of and inputs to an expert consultation on **gear marking**; and inputs to an FAO process to develop indicators for the continuous monitoring of damage and loss in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors following **natural disasters and emergencies**.

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Institutional strengthening for improved fisheries management in Ghana



Albania fisheries strategy development



Handline fishing for yellowfin tuna: FIP training in Indonesia (photo courtesy of Dwi Ariyogagautama)



MSC pre-assessment in China