

Poseidon Newsletter

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We hope this short annual newsletter will be of interest. More information and photos can be found on our website (www.consult-poseidon.com), and as always we would like to thank all our clients for continuing to support our work.

Evaluations and impact assessments

Ex ante and ex post evaluations remain a core part of our work, and we are pleased to help inform policy decisions and public expenditure. Under a framework contract with the European Commission we recently completed evaluations of Fisheries Partnership Agreements between the EU and **Greenland, Kenya and Tanzania**. We were also part of multi-disciplinary teams working in the **EU** on an interim evaluation of the EU Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Regulation, and an evaluation of technical measures regulations in EU waters.

At a national level within Europe, in **Ireland** we completed an ex ante evaluation and strategic environmental assessment of Ireland's Seafood Development Programme. And work in the **UK** since our last newsletter has included: an ex ante evaluation of Defra's EMFF Operational Programme; assessing opportunities for a fish processing cluster in Torbay, SW England; and commercial fisheries environmental impact assessments of the Hornsea Round 3 offshore wind farm Projects One and Two.

Fisheries Policy, Management, Economic, and Institutional Advice

Through consultancy services we assist the fisheries sector to realize its potential in terms of maximizing positive economic, social and environmental impacts. In the **Pacific** region we currently have three long-term contracts to support: the offshore fisheries sector in the **Solomon Islands**; **PNA countries** in economic modelling of tuna fleets to inform the setting of licence fees; and **Micronesia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu** in preparing National Plans of Action against IUU fishing. We are also providing 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.

In July we began a 10 month project in **Ghana** to provide a team of experts to support the Fisheries Department/Commission to restructure, to improve data collection and management information systems, to support community-based management, and to revise fisheries legislation. Also in Africa, we recently finalised a desk-study assessment and modelling exercise of shrimp fisheries in **Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Madagascar**, showing the potential benefits (in economic and social terms) of improved sector management and moving towards Maximum Sustainable Yield.

Our economic modelling work in the **UK** is focusing on the impacts of the



The Poseidon team



Evaluation of the EU/Greenland FPA



Economic modelling of tuna catches for PNA

EU's new landing obligations (discard ban) on fleet segments and the onshore sector. We have also recently finalised work to advise **Malta** on the preparation of its EMFF Operational Programme, and **Seafood Scotland** on the establishment of a dedicated information resource base for Scottish inshore fisheries. We also assessed Fisheries Local Action Group development in Devon, England. In September 2014 we started work on the development of a fisheries strategy for the **Albanian** government to increase the role and contribution of the fishery sector to economic development.

We continue to support the work of foundations that advocate for improved fisheries management, most recently through projects to map tuna product flows and estimate market values, and to assess fish landings into different ports around the world.

Certification (MSC-related work and Fisheries Improvement Plans)

Poseidon staff are involved in certification teams doing Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) pre-assessments, full assessments, and surveillance audits, as well as through longer-term involvement with fisheries to improve management as part of Fisheries Improvement Plans (FIPs) – in many cases as a precursor to certification. We have completed MSC-related work during the last year in **Australia, Denmark, Greenland, Portugal, Scotland** and **Sweden**. We also completed an analysis for the Scottish industry of the benefits of MSC certification for **Scottish North Sea haddock**, and contributed to an assessment of the potential for **English inshore fisheries** to meet the MSC standard. Our recent work on FIPs has included: **Indonesian** tuna (all species and all gears); **Philippines** tuna handline, **Thailand** longtail tuna purse seine, **Vietnam** Blue swimming crab; and **Solomon Islands** tuna fisheries.

Blue growth & Marine Spatial Planning

'Blue growth' is a term given to the sustainable growth in traditional and emerging maritime sectors. We have recently completed a major project for the EU to evaluate blue growth opportunities in the **Mediterranean** and **Black Sea**. We also facilitated a series of workshops on the Atlantic Action Plan in **Greece** (on shipping), **Madeira** (on outermost regions), **Spain** (on ports), **Ireland** (on ocean energy), and the **UK** (on financing and SMEs). Further afield we conducted a review of the **Indonesian** government's proposed blue growth/economy programme, providing recommendations to ensure a sufficient focus on low carbon and low energy activities.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture production globally continues to grow at an impressive rate. Since our autumn 2013 newsletter, we have finished off a long-term commitment in **Saudi Arabia** aimed at supporting aquaculture development, and completed site investigations for a scallop hatchery, nursery and offshore ranching site in the **UK**. We are currently engaged by the States of **Jersey** government to develop an aquaculture licensing policy for the island in response to increasing interest by the private sector to invest in the sector. We are also currently working in **Slovenia** to review its aquaculture sector strategy as part of the EMFF Operational Programme preparation process.

If you would like to know more about us or discuss how Poseidon can assist with your work, please get in touch or visit www.consult-poseidon.com

Kind regards from Richard, Rod, Tim, Graeme, Fiona and Jean.



Advice to Solomon Islands on offshore fishing



FIP stock assessment in Vietnam (courtesy Jeremy Crawford)



Institutional strengthening for improved fisheries management in Ghana



Assessing the benefits of MSC certification of Scottish haddock