

MEDAC Interactions of fishing gears used by RF and SSF

MEDAC opinion about Recreational Fisheries (WG4) on relevant species (Ref.62/2020)¹



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¹ The professional organizations CEPESCA, FACOPE and FNCP voted against this opinion.

“Actual fisheries”

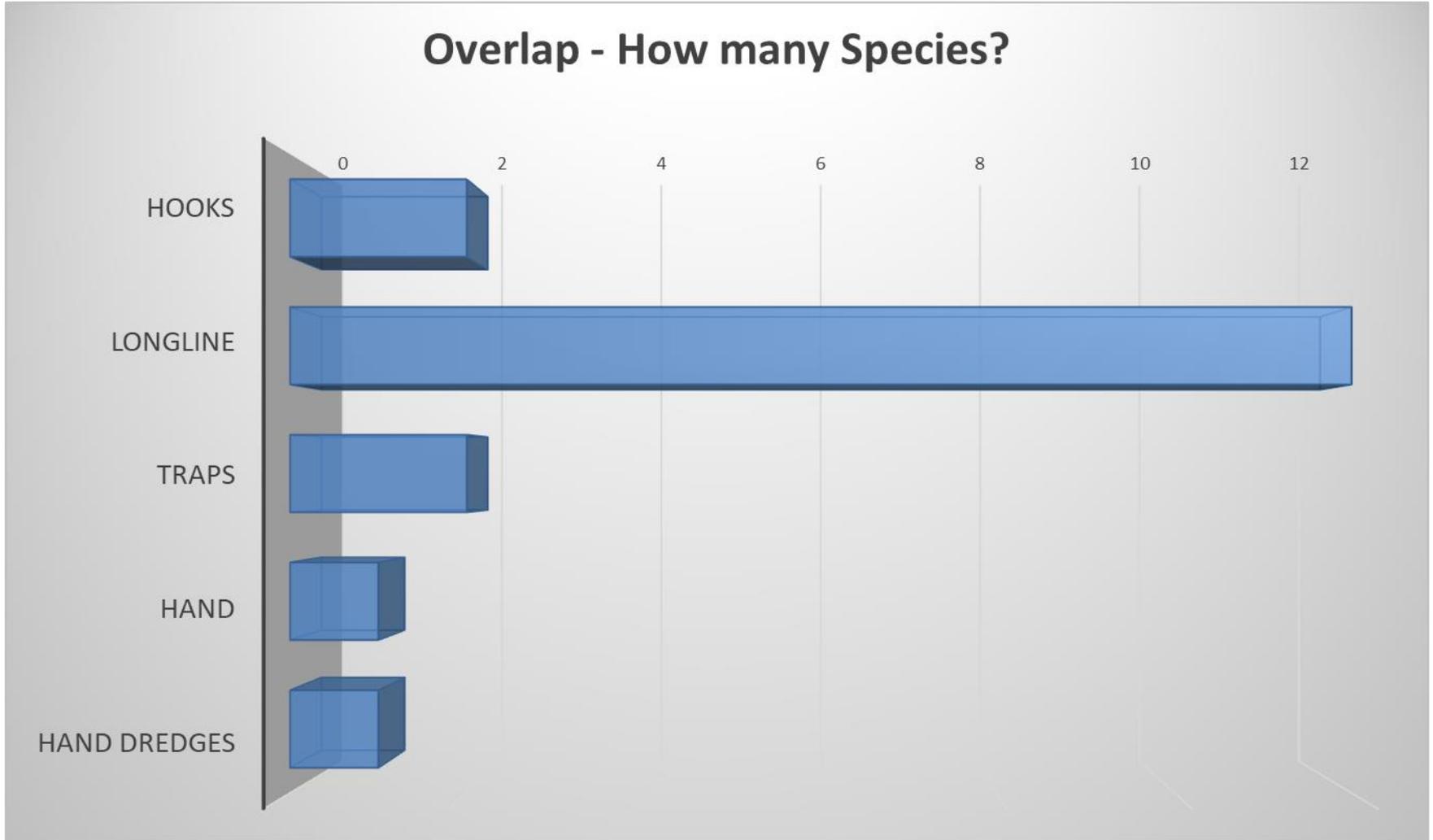
“the real situation related to the fishing gear actually employed by the recreational fisheries sector and used by Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) to catch the target species; it has therefore been possible to identify the cases in which the gear used by both fishery sectors overlap.”



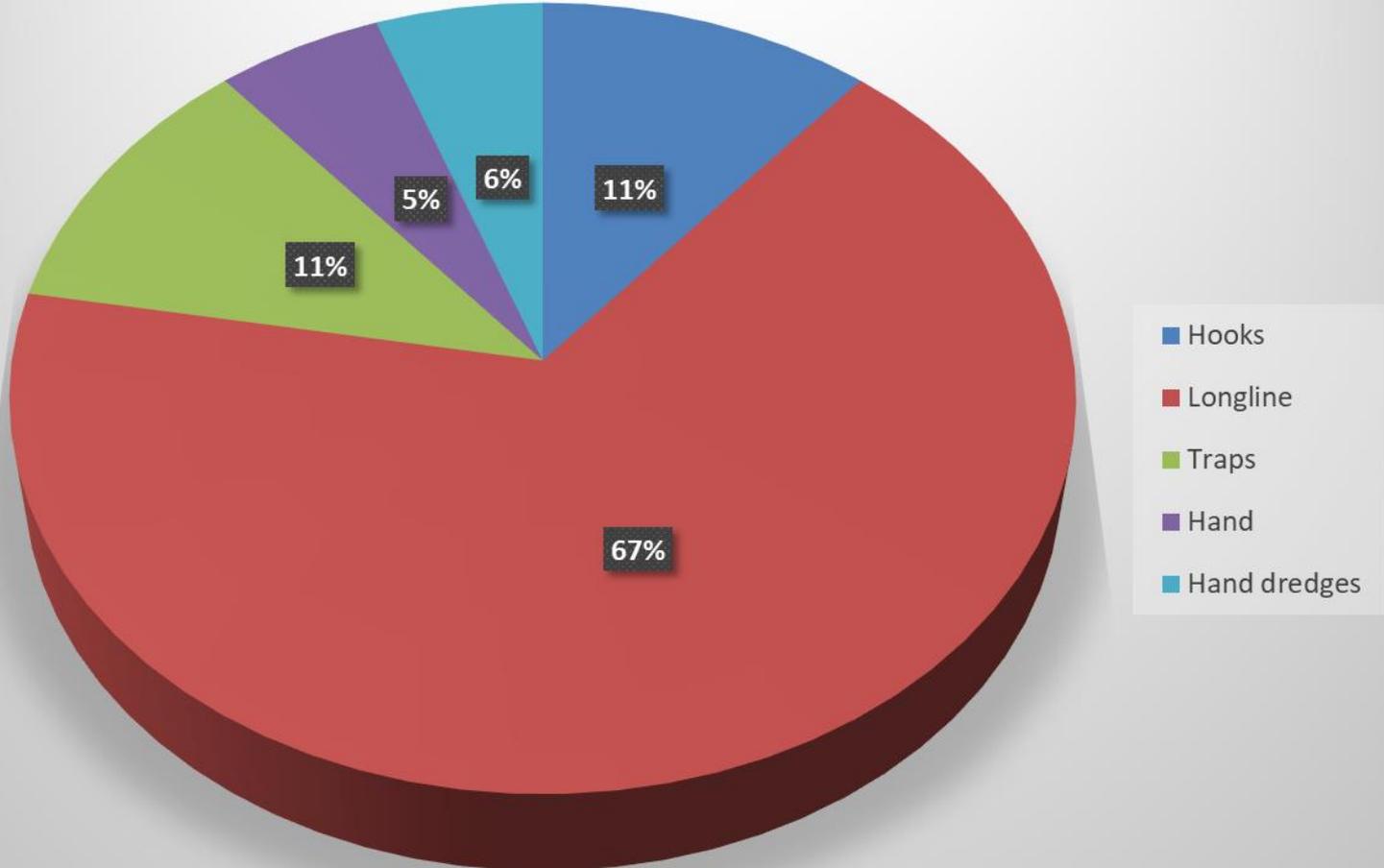
MEDAC WG4 - STEP 2				
SPECIES	EU SIZE Reg. 2019/1241 Annex IX T.L. cm	GEARS USED BY RF (1)	GEARS USED BY SSF (2)	CONFLICTS ON GEARS OVERLAP (3)
<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i> (*)	n.d.	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns	Set nets - purse seine - FAD - Hooks (trolling lines) - longline	☺
<i>Dentex dentex</i>	n.d.	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline - traps	Set nets - purse seine - longline	☹
<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	25	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline	Set nets - longline	☹
<i>Diplodus spp</i>				
<i>Diplodus annularis</i>	12	Hooks (rod or handline)	Set nets - longline - traps	☺
<i>Diplodus puntazzo</i>	18	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline	Set nets - longline - traps	☹
<i>Diplodus sargus</i>	23	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline	Set nets - longline - traps	☹
<i>Diplodus vulgaris</i>	18	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline	Set nets - longline - traps	☹
<i>Epinephelus spp</i>	45	Hooks (rod or handline) - spearguns - longline	Set nets - longline	☹
<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (*)	n.d.	Hooks (rod or handline) - longline	Set nets	☺
		Hooks (rod or handline) -		☺

...AND OTHERS

Overlap - How many Species?

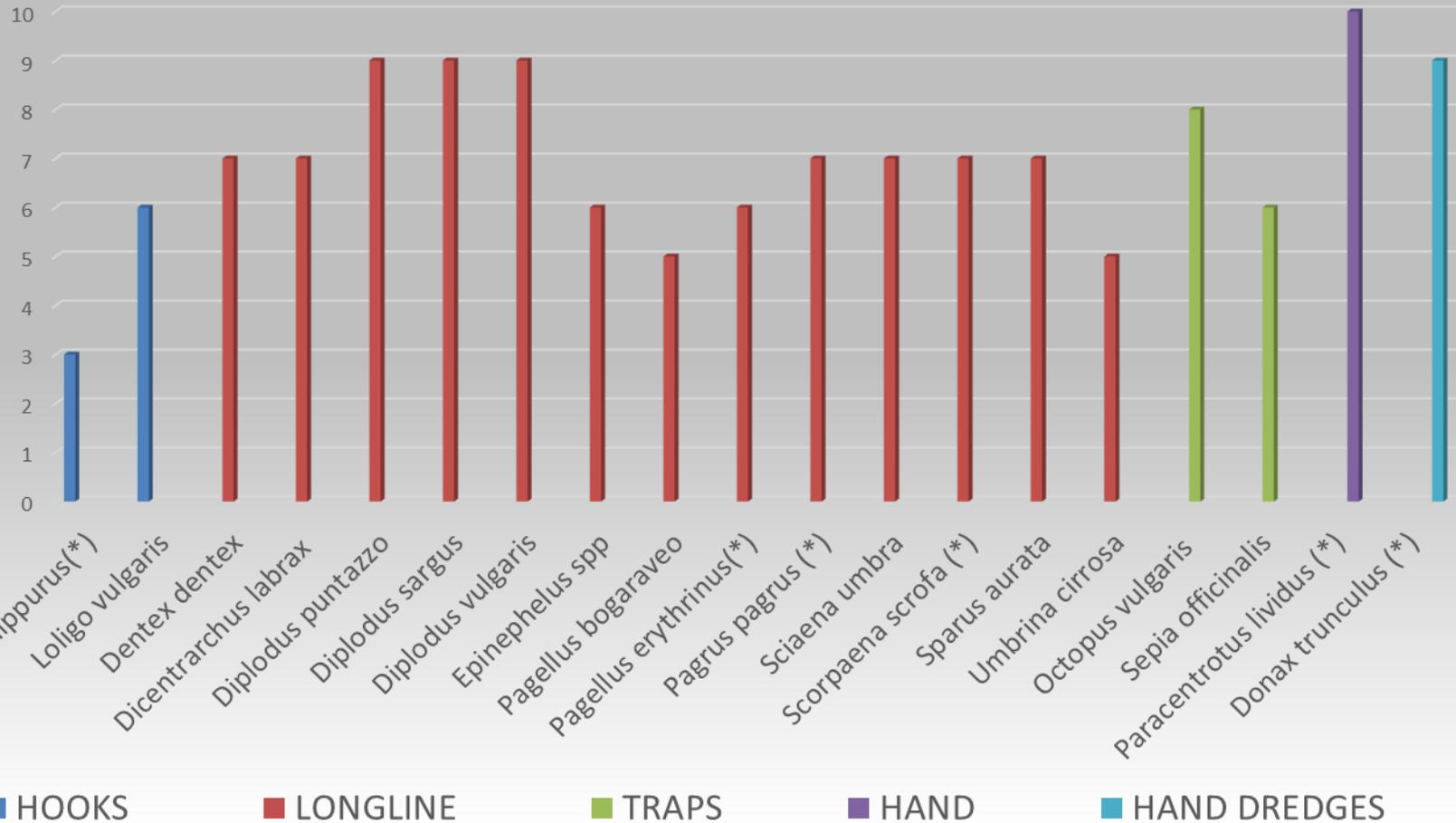


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Overlap - GEARS and SPECIES



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The MEDAC members agreed on a set of proposals aimed to improve the interactions between recreational and professional fishers.

Among the proposals, the MEDAC reiterates that it is **in favour of the following**, as already stated in previous MEDAC opinions:

- The introduction of legislative and economic tools in order to improve efforts to **tackle, and possibly to eradicate, the problem of illegal trade of fish products** by fishers who do not have a commercial licence.
- It is necessary to start an **evaluation of the impact of the catches from Recreational Fishing on the stocks** in each of the Member States, as well as a **socio economics** evaluation related to Recreational Fisheries.



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Thank you for your attention

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