COMMUNITY CATCH

Guidance for Self-Assessment

Registration, Scope and Application Information

Section: Registration

Registration information

Fishery Client Organisation

Fishery Client Representative

Guidance: A Fishery Client is the individual or organisation responsible for providing information, actioning any improvements necessary and meeting the costs of being within the Community Catch Initiative. The Fishery Client will register an evaluation with Community Catch and identify the vessels/fishers included within the evaluation – the Fisher Group.
The Fishery Client may be a Fisher, a group of Fishers, a Fishers Organisation (Producers Organisations, Fisher's Associations), a Processor, Merchant, NGO, Management Body etc. Anyone can be a Fishery Client as long as they have agreement of the fishers included in the Fisher Group. If the Fishery Client is not a Fisher or Fisher Organisation, then a Fisher Representative shall be identified to assist the Fishery Client through the Evaluation Process (See "Identify a representative of the Fisher Group" section below.

Question: **First Name**

Question: **Last Name**

Question: **Email**

Question: **Phone**

Question: **Address line 1**

Question: **Address line 2**

Question: **City**

Question: **County**

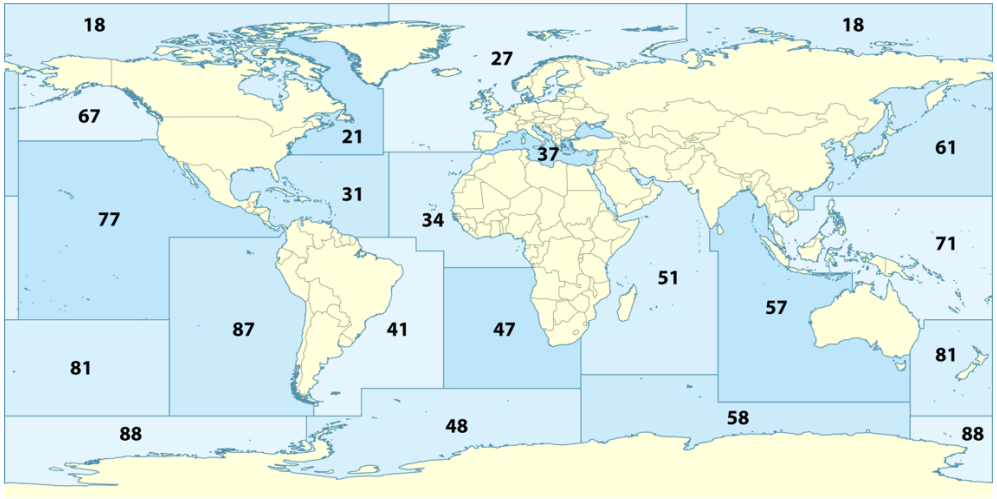
Question: **Post/ZIP Code**

Question: **Country**

Guidance: Select from the list.

Question: FAO Fishery Area in which the applicant Fishery operates

Guidance: Select from the list. More information on FAO Fishery Areas can be found HERE. A Map can be found below:



FAO Major Fishing Areas (Source: FAO)

Question: Description of area in which the fishery operates (such as sea, territorial water, estuary etc)

Question: Relationship of Fishery Client to Fisher Group

Guidance: The Fisher Group may be identified by vessel skippers, license/right holders (e.g. quota owners) and/or vessels/vessel owners. All Fishers working within the Fisher Group would be included. There is no upper or lower limit on the number of vessels/fishers in a Fisher Group. There is no limit on the number of Fisher Groups that may be represented by a Fishery Client.

A Fisher Group is defined by:

1. The vessels/fishers forming the group – this is the basis of the Fisher Group.
2. The fishing gears used within the group. It is recognised that many small-scale fishers use multiple gear types – we encourage inclusion of any and all gears used (excluding poisons and explosives). Different gear types, with different target species and/or ecological effects will need to be evaluated separately. This will be advised by the CAB_9
3. The commercial species taken with each gear used. It is recognised that many small-scale fisheries target multiple species and so inclusion of these multi-species fisheries is an integral part of Community Catch.
4. The geographical area within which the Fisher Group operates. This would normally be a part or whole of the distribution of the managed (i.e., target) stock.

☐ Fisher Representative (Fisher/Fishing)
☐ Company/Fisher Association/PO etc)
☐ Buyer
☐ Processor
☐ Consultant
☐ NGO/Advisor
☐ Management Body
☐ Other
☐ None of the above

Identify a representative of the Fisher Group

Guidance: As mentioned above, anyone can be a Fishery Client as long as they have agreement of the fishers included in the Fisher Group. If the Fishery Client is not a Fisher or Fisher Organisation, then a Fisher Representative shall be identified to assist the Fishery Client through the Evaluation Process.

Question: **First Name**

Question: **Last Name**

Question: **Email**

Question: **Phone number**

Section: Scope

Guidance: This section will help the Fishery Client determine whether the fishery falls within the scope of Community Catch. Part 1 includes questions to assess if the fishery qualifies as small-scale. Part 2 focuses on whether the fishery targets species recognised by Community Catch.

Small-Scale Fishery Scope – Part 1

Guidance: A Community Catch small-scale fishery is defined as either:
1. Fisher Groups with all vessels less than or equal to 24m (equivalent gross tonnage of 300 mt, or Length Overall (LOA) of 26.5m or 79 feet or no vessels) AND using Labour Intensive or Passive Gear; or
2. Fisher Groups with some or all vessels over 24m AND/OR vessels using Active Gear, which achieve a score of 20 or less in the Community Catch Small-Scale Definition Matrix (SSF Matrix).

In cases of hand-gathering, diving etc where deployment of fishing gear from the vessel is not part of the fishing operation.

In a Fisher Group of mixed vessel sizes, the largest vessel included shall be used to determine whether or not to use the SSF Matrix.

Question: Are all fishing vessels in the Fisher Group less than 24m length, or no vessels used?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Question: Is the fishing gear either labour intensive or passive?

Guidance: A classification of main gear types can be found in the Appendix A. of the Evaluation Process.

☐ Passive
☐ Labour intensive
☐ Don't know

Appendix A. Classification of Main Gear Types

Gear	Classification
Hand lines and pole lines	Labour Intensive
Pots	Labour Intensive
Beach seines	Labour Intensive
Hand-gathered	Labour Intensive
Trammel nets	Passive
Set gillnets	Passive
Encircling gillnets	Passive
Combined trammel and gillnets	Passive
Driftnets	Passive
Lampara nets	Passive
Trap	Passive
Longlines	Passive
Set longlines	Passive
Troll lines	Passive
Danish seines	Active
Scottish seines	Active
Boat operated lift nets	Active
Purse seines	Active
Beam trawls	Active
Bottom otter trawls	Active
Bottom pair trawls	Active
Midwater otter trawls	Active
Otter twin trawls	Active
Pelagic pair trawls	Active

Scope Matrix

Guidance: The Fishery Client will use Community Catch Small-Scale Definition Matrix (SSF Matrix) only if the fishery includes any vessels over 24 meters in length and/or uses Active Gear. In such cases, the SSF Matrix provides a scoring system to determine whether the fishery still qualifies as small-scale under the Community Catch definition. If the fishery receives a score of 20 or less, it may proceed as a Community Catch small-scale fishery.
If all vessels are 24 meters or smaller and use only Labour Intensive or Passive Gear, the SSF Matrix is not required, as the fishery is automatically considered small-scale.

Question: Size of Vessel

☐ No vessels used
☐ <12m (or <10GT)
☐ 12 to ≤ 24 m (or ≤50 GT)
☐ Over 24 m (or > 50 GT)

Question: Labour/Crew

☐ Single individual (no employment) (This would normally be an owner/operator)
☐ Family members (This extends to second-degree relatives: grandparents, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and half-siblings)
☐ ≤4 crew members (This would include the skipper if an employee. Otherwise, skipper would not be included)
☐ >4 crew members

Question: Size of Motor

☐ No engine
☐ Outboard engine(s) or inboard engine ≤ 100 hp (Outboard engine of any size)
☐ Inboard engine > 100 hp to ≤ 400 hp
☐ Inboard engine > 400 hp

Question: Fishing Gear Type

☐ Labour-intensive gear
☐ Passive gear
☐ Gear with aggregating devices (Aggregating devices include drifting FADs, anchored FADs and lights. Passive Gear with aggregating devices score 2)
☐ Active gear (Active gear with aggregating devices score 3)

Question: Gear Mechanisation

☐ No mechanisation
☐ Small power winch/hauler powered off engine (Such as mechanised pot-haulers)
☐ Independently powered gear deployment/hauling (Entailing a separate power block and winch, common in seine-netting or long-
☐ lining)
☐ Fully mechanized gear deployment/hauling (Such as stern trawl winches)

Question: **Fishing Trip Duration**

☐ < 6 hours or single low/high-water period
☐ Day trip (< 24 hours)
☐ >1 day to ≤4 days
☐ > 4 days

Question: **Fishing location and range**

☐ Inland waters, Intertidal (at low water) & Nearshore (Nearshore would be ≤ 100 m from shoreline/baseline))
☐ Territorial Sea up to 12nm from coast/baseline
☐ EEZ of Flag State (up to 200nm from baseline)
☐ EEZ of Flag State and High Seas (HMS only) (High seas fishing for non-Highly Migratory Stocks would be out of scope and not eligible for Community Catch)

Question: **Ownership**

☐ Owner/operator (No vessels or vessel owner / part owner also working as skipper, crew member or operator (on one or more vessels))
☐ Leased arrangement (Skipper or sole operator or small-scale fishing groups leases (or part leases) their vessel and pays rent in cash or catch)
☐ Owner (Owner owns the vessel/gear but does not take part in fishing operations. Ownership may be by a company, but the number of shareholders would be less than 10 and the activity of the company would be limited to fishing operations. The number of vessels would normally be no more than 5 unless all vessels were <12m)
☐ Corporate business (Corporate business would be a company with shares available to the public or activities extend beyond fishing (e.g. processing) or large (more than 5) number of vessels)

Matrix Score

Guidance: Based on the responses in the SSF Matrix, the Fishery Client will determine whether the fishery is in scope. If the total score is 0–20, the Fisher Group is In Scope and may proceed with a Community Catch evaluation. If the score is 21 or higher, the Fisher Group is Out of Scope and not eligible to participate in Community Catch.

Small-Scale Fishery Scope – Part 2

Question: Are target ('Recognised') species fish, invertebrates and/or seaweed (algae) or other aquatic plants?

Guidance: What are Recognised Species? The Community Catch Standard defines them as species which the Fishery Client wishes to have recognised within the Community Catch Initiative and are eligible to carry the Community Catch logo. Species which are caught but not retained ('discards'), or which the Fishery Client does not wish to consider in the 'Recognised Species' category are considered under the 'Bycatches' category (Sections 5.4 to 5.6). Recognised species may be all fish, invertebrates, algae and aquatic plants; they may NOT be Threatened Species (Sections 5.1 to 5.3).
If the managed stock(s) which form the basis of the fishery management are not put forward by the Fishery Client as a 'recognised species', they shall still be considered in this section as the focus of management actions.

Guidance: Species included within the Community Catch Initiative are fish, invertebrates, algae and aquatic plants only. Marine and freshwater fisheries are included equally.

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Question: Is fishing Wild Capture (i.e. not aquaculture)?

Guidance: The Community Catch Initiative is intended for wild harvest operations only. Other certification options already exist for aquaculture operations, and it is not intended that these be replicated. However, many small-scale fishing operations entail some habitat alteration or stock enhancement. Excluded aquaculture operations would be those entailing active husbandry of animals or plants from juvenile stages to harvest. More information can be found in the Evaluation Process document.

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Question: Does the fishery depend on continual stocking of introduced (non-native) species?

Guidance: Introduced species are allowed within the Initiative unless the fishery is based on continuing introductions of non-native species (at the point of entering the Community Catch Initiative, the species should be entirely self-sustaining in its fished location). More information can be found in the Evaluation Process document.

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Scope decision

Guidance: Based on the responses in Part 2 – related to recognised species, the Fishery Client will determine whether the fishery is in scope.

Section: Application Information

Application information

Question: **Identify members of the Fisher Group by vessel or by fisher names?**

☐ Fisher names
☐ Vessel

Question: **Do you want to record vessel manually or by uploading an Excel file?**

☐ Excel file
☐ Manually

Question: **Please upload your list of vessels and registrations (pdf, xls, doc, jpg, etc) or record the vessels that are part of the Fisher Group. Click "Add New" to add a new vessel.**

Question: **Do you want to record skippers, fishers manually or by uploading an Excel file?**

☐ Excel file
☐ Manually

Question: **Please upload your list of skippers, fishers (pdf, xls, doc, jpg, etc) or record the skipper, fishers that are part of the Fisher Group. Click "Add New" to add a new skipper/fisher.**

Question: **Are vessels flagged in another country?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

Question: **Name(s) of countries in which vessels are flagged**

Guidance: Select from list.

Question: **Identify gear used**

Guidance: Select from list. All gear types are allowable (excluding poisons and explosives), subject to meeting the Minimum Requirements. A classification of main gear types can be found in the Appendix A. of the Evaluation Process and above in this document.

Question: **What is the main species caught (the main 'recognised' species)?**

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Question: **Which month(s) is the gear used in?**

Guidance: Select all that apply from the list.

Question: **Are the fishers members of a fishers/producers cooperative or organisation?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

Question: **Cooperative or organisation**

Guidance: Provide the name of the organization, cooperative, or group along with any other relevant identifying information. This may include the legal name (if applicable), registration details, location, and a brief description of the group's structure or purpose.

Question: **fish/product sold by Fisher Group**