



# Pathway to sustainability for Mediterranean fisheries



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# Pathway to sustainability

- A framework to drive progress towards sustainability for fisheries that may or may not eventually become certified to the MSC standard
- A framework to engage with, and support government and other stakeholders in their efforts to ensure sustainable management of fisheries

## Pathway Projects

Any project employing MSC's Pathway tools in a strategic way to engage with multiple fisheries at the same time in a specific region

## Pathway Tools

MSC tools and guidance developed to support pre-certification fisheries

# Pathway projects in the world



19  
pathway  
projects

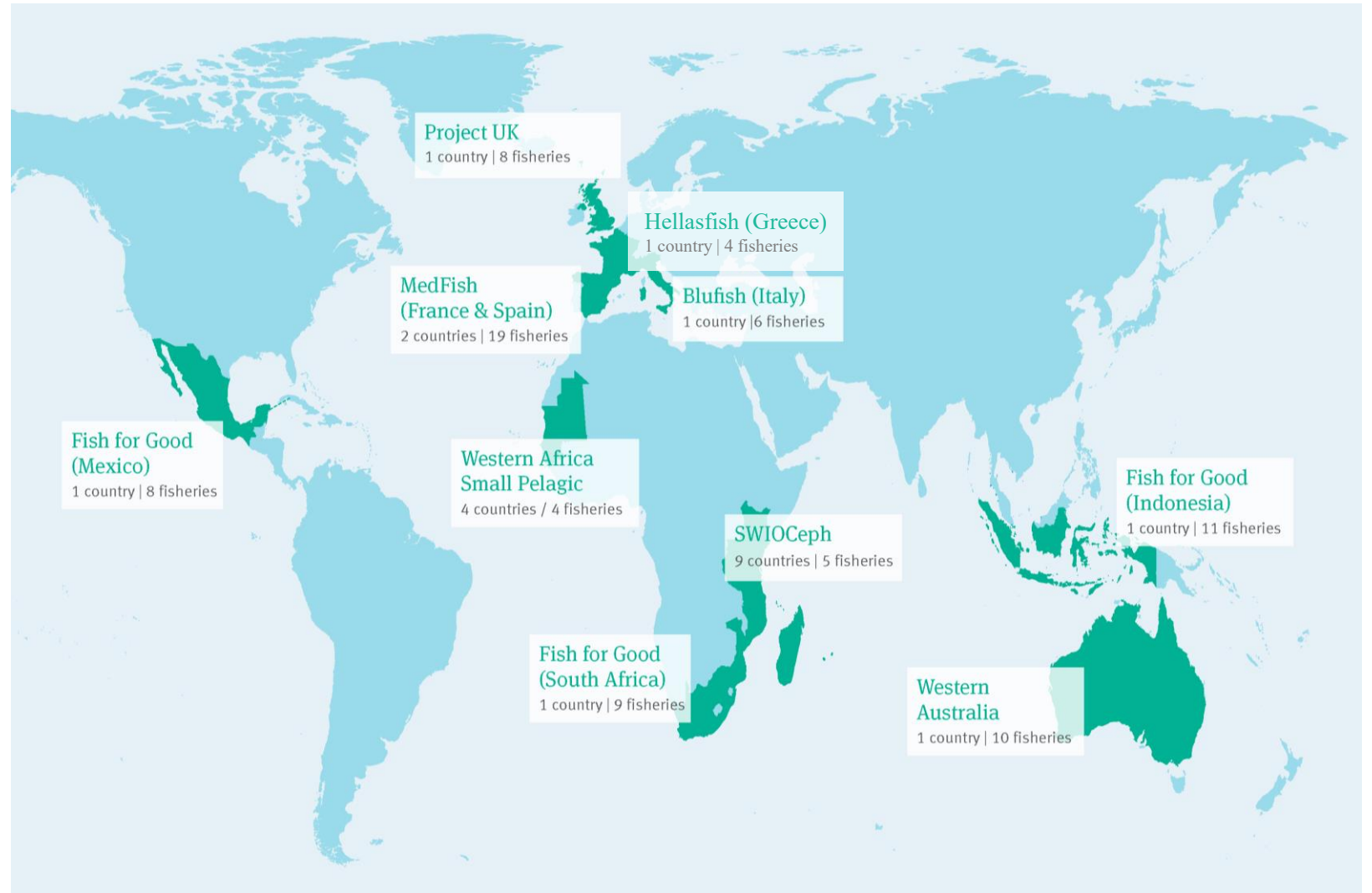
164  
fisheries

49  
fisheries  
have action  
plans

28  
have  
implemented  
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27  
fisheries on  
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Progress

6  
in ITM



# Pathway Projects' STAGES

## Stage 1

### Mapping

Scoping review and  
information  
collection

## Stage 2

### Pre-assessments

Gap analysis against  
MSC Standard

## Stage 3

### Action plan

Development of plan  
to address identified  
gaps

## Stage 4

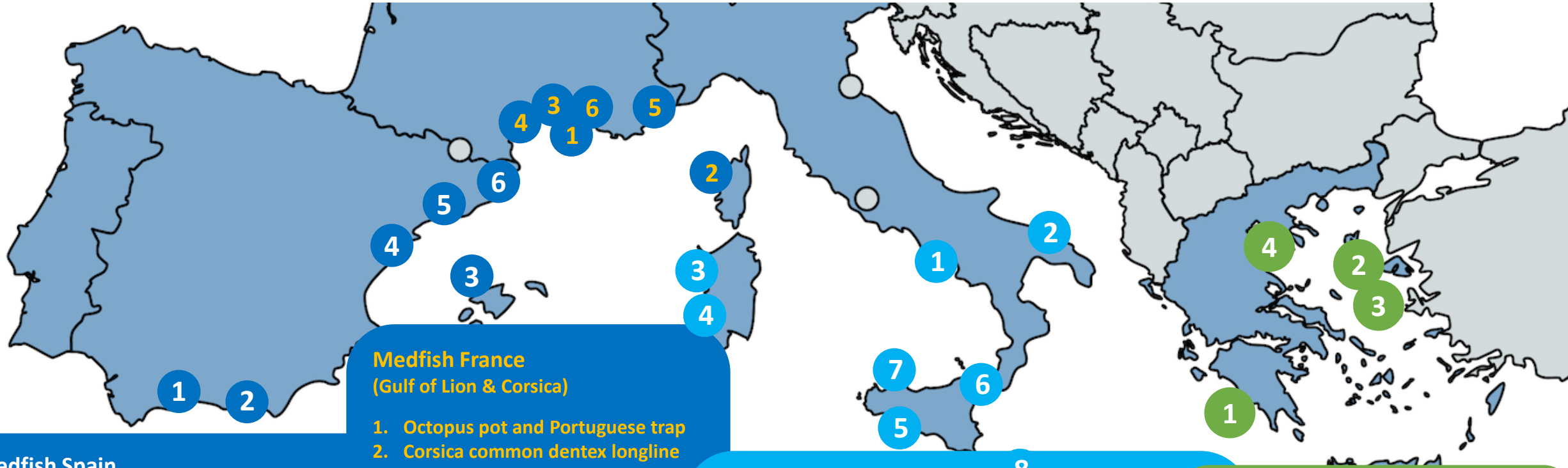
### Implementation

Implementation of  
improvement actions



Multi-stakeholder collaboration

# Pathway fisheries in the Mediterranean



## Medfish Spain

1. Caleta de Velez anchovy purse seine
2. Motril striped soldier shrimp trap
3. Palamos red shrimp trawl
4. Central Catalonia octopus pot and trap
5. Castellon anchovy & sardine purse seine
6. Balearic Islands dolphin fish seine

## Medfish France (Gulf of Lion & Corsica)

1. Octopus pot and Portuguese trap
2. Corsica common dentex longline
3. Mutable dog whelk trap
4. Wedge clam hand dredge
5. Blackspot seabream with hooks and lines
6. Sea urchin diving

## BluFish - Italy

1. Small pelagic purse seine Tyrrhenian Sea (Cetara)
2. Deep-water rose shrimp bottom trawling Southern Adriatic (Molfetta)
3. Lobster trammel net Western Sardinia
4. Octopus trap Western Sardinia
5. Small pelagic purse seine Southern Sicily
6. Mediterranean swordfish harpoon Messina Strait
7. Dolphin fish purse seine Northern Sicily
8. Red shrimp bottom trawling from Sicilian fleet

## HellasFish - Greece

1. Small pelagic purse seine Ionian Sea
2. Alalunga long-line Aegean Sea
3. Swordfish long-line Aegean Sea
4. Octopus coastal fisheries Aegean Sea

# Medfish pathway project



## In Spain & France

- In partnership with WWF Spain & France; additional support from local NGOs
- More than 600 fisheries scanned; 100 fisheries mapped
- 19 fisheries pre-assessed against MSC Fisheries Standard
- 18 Action Plans for improvement defined
- Changes in the water are already taking place in 6 fisheries; 5 more about to start implementing actions for improvement
- Multi-stakeholder & bottom-up approach
- Action Plans for improvement mainly funded via EMFF (including FLAG's tenders) in Spain
- Exploring additional & innovative financial solutions to accelerate action implementation & improvements

# Blufish & hellasfish pathway projects

## **BLUFISH** (Italian fisheries):

- 3800 fisheries fast-scanned; 50 fisheries mapped
- 6 fisheries pre-assessed (+4 currently in pre-assessment)
- 4 fisheries currently developing Action Plan
- 3 fisheries in which FLAG is an active contributor:
  - ✓ FLAG Ponte Lama (Molfetta)
  - ✓ FLAG Approdo di Ulisse (Cetara)
  - ✓ FLAG Pescando (Sardegna)

## **HELLASFISH** (Greek fisheries):

- Currently mapping of fisheries in Aegean and Ionian Seas in Greece
- Focus of HellasFish will be small scale large pelagics and octopus fisheries in the Aegean and small pelagics purse seine fisheries in the Ionian
- Next HellasFish steps in 2021 include Pre-assessment of selected Greek fisheries against the MSC Standard and then Action Plan development

# Strengths & Challenges

## In Spain & France

- Strong engagement from fishing sector, administrations, scientists and NGOs
- MSC now recognized & established as a relevant actor for sustainable fishing in the Spanish and French Med
- Stakeholders replicating project methodology at different levels in the Spanish Mediterranean and the Gulf of Cadiz
- Project catalyzing networking among fishing sector; participatory approach informing co-management processes & contributing to foster the development of new management frameworks, etc.
- FLAG involvement in Action Plan implementation; via EMFF funded projects
- Need for further funding and technical capacity to develop projects for improvement
- Some involvement of market actors; low market incentives to implement actions

## IN ITALY

- Blufish aim to strength the capacity at local level to promote bottom-up actions to improve fishery sustainability
- FLAG turned to be a key facilitator in some of the fisheries engaged, especially where Blufish activities are aligned with the FLAG planning and activities
- Depending on EMFF planning, FLAG can play a pivotal role in the Action Plan implementation



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