

What is GIFS?

- * Geography of Inshore Fishing and Sustainability
- * An Interreg IVa funded project through the 2 Seas programme
- * January 2012 – September 2014
- * Six partners from four member states – UK, BL, F, NL



Key Question: How do we value the social, economic and cultural importance of inshore fishing?

GIFS has produced a **geography of inshore fishing** comprising:

- * 21st Century Catch (toolkit)
- * An interactive web based map
- * A series of final reports documenting the work carried out
- * Development of case studies to demonstrate practical outcomes of valuing the importance of inshore fisheries

21st Century Catch

Toolkit

Practical approaches for sustainable inshore fishing communities



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Figure 50: The multiple methods applied in the GIFS project to identify and better understand the different ways - social, economic, cultural and environmental - that inshore fisheries contribute to the sustainability of coastal towns and communities.

Common Fisheries Policy

Article 2: section 5

The CFP shall, in particular:

- * c. provide conditions for economically viable and competitive fishing capture and processing industry and land-based fishing related activity”
- * f. contribute to a fair standard of living for those who depend on fishing activities, bearing in mind coastal fisheries and socio-economic aspects
- * i. promote coastal fishing activities, taking into account socio-economic aspects;

Common Fisheries Policy

Article 17: Criteria for the allocation of fishing opportunities by member states

- * When allocating the fishing opportunities available to them, as referred to in Article 16, Member States shall use transparent and objective criteria including those of an environmental, social and economic nature. The criteria to be used may include, inter alia, the impact of fishing on the environment, the history of compliance, the contribution to the local economy and historic catch levels. Within the fishing opportunities allocated to them, Member States shall endeavour to provide incentives to fishing vessels deploying selective fishing gear or using fishing techniques with reduced environmental impact, such as reduced energy consumption or habitat damage.