Telecapêche

TELECAPECHE is an e-technology system from France that simplifies the reporting of local shellfish catches and help local fisheries and aquaculture committees to adopt suitable management measures by providing them with real-time data on the state of stocks.

French shellfish harvesters must declare their catches on a monthly basis to the government office in charge of maritime affairs. However, inefficient procedures meant that data was not processed and available for local fisheries and aquaculture committees in a timely manner. This complicated the management of stocks in the context of dwindling resources. Axis 4 supported the development and trial of an electronic system whereby shellfish harvesters can input their captures directly online or report them by SMS. As well as being a real-time-saver for fishermen, the project gives the fisheries and aquaculture committees up-to-date knowledge about fish stocks. This means that they can detect problems with stocks quickly and introduce relevant measures, such as closing or repopulating certain areas, much quicker than in the past.

RESULTS (AFTER 9 MONTHS):
> Successful development and trial of e-reporting system
> Fishermen have access in real-time to their declaration and individual statistics of catches
> Now used by all 300 shellfish harvesters in the Morbihan province.
> Subsequently being up-scaled to regional level and introduced to other regions in France.

SUCCESS FACTORS:
> Project initiated by fishermen for fishermen
> Simple and fast tool
> Real-time data of fishing catches

TOTAL PROJECT COST: €35,179
> EFF Axis 4: €17,590
> National / Regional co-financing: €16,041
> Other / Private: €1,548

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