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Thank you!

The SAFI team would like to take this opportunity to thank the Userboard for their contributions. Your efforts have helped us immensely, in our final push to refine the SAFI Tools to meet your needs operators and stakeholders in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector. As always from SAFI's Userboard Consultations, we left Huelva encouraged at the enthusiasm with which attendees engaged in the consultations, your concise and clear positive feedback and constructive criticism, observations, encouragement, and considered guidance.

Likewise we would like to thank those Userboard members who could not make it to Huelva, yet have still given their time over the last 2 years to keep an eye on the SAFI project and what we are developing, and provide feedback and encouragement. We hope this document provides you some insight into the Huelva 2016 meeting, and welcome any comments on, or suggested amendments to, its contents, and as always, on the SAFI project itself.



We look forward to presenting the final SAFI product at the SAFI Training Event and Workshop to be held in Rabat, Morocco, from September 26th – 29th, 2016. An event site containing details of the event will be up and running on the SAFI website by May 30th. Until then, keep an eye out for our team as we present SAFI across Europe and beyond to the maritime, fisheries and aquaculture sector, and never hesitate to say hi and stop for a chat over coffee breaks.

Antoine and the SAFI Team.

Overview

The userboard was consulted on a number of aspects regarding SAFI's service in development, opportunities it could commercially exploit, and training guidance.

Four group consultation exercises were held:

- A group consultation focused on SAFI Service Demonstrations, and deriving a number of Userboard-requested demonstrations for showcasing in Morocco
- A demonstration and feedback session showcasing a number of SAFI service Demonstrations,
- A recommendations exercise gathering topic guidance for the content of the training event to be held in Morocco
- A group consultation focused on gathering Userboard advice and guidance on the potential opportunities which lie beyond the end of FP-7 funding, and commercialisation of the SAFI service.

The Demonstration session focused on gathering final feedback on the prototype tailored SAFI Decision Support Tool. These implemented a number of the demonstrations on regions and species called for in the proposal, whilst being Userboard-focused as core contributors to SAFI's successes.

Group Consultations were implemented using participatory Group Facilitation Methods developed by the staff of the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) and more commonly known as Technology of Participation (ToP)[®]. The University College Cork (CMRC-UCC) and Daithi O Murchu Marine Research Station (DOMMRS) staff deployed on this exercise have been trained in this methodology through the UCC Staff Training programme. Further information on ToP[®] can be found at www.ica-usa.org/

Meanwhile, a recommendation exercise gathered topic suggestions to guide SAFI trainings thematic content.





Following the consultation, notes and responses were distilled into achievable actions to be carried out by the appropriate parties working within the SAFI project. The project partners would also like to take this opportunity to thank the contributing users consulted, for their input, enthusiasm, and constructive criticism on both the project, and our communications strategy.

Participants:

Internal

5 x Internal Users

External

8 x External Users

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Userboard 3 Outputs in a nutshell!

The conversations between the SAFI team and the Userboard yielded a wealth of observations on:

- the state of the sectors,
- the utility of the Service and Tools developed and the underpinning research.

In terms of recommendations for actions, the SAFI Userboard provided:

- a list of guidance points and suggested refinements to the Service and Tools,
- guidance on communicating and strengthening the visible link between the SAFI service and the underpinning research,
- subject and content guidance for the SAFI Training Event in Morocco

Notes and Recommendations are recorded in detail in the following section. All of these detailed observations and suggestions fit into the above categories and can be drawn under the following actions/commitments by the SAFI team.



Actions for the SAFI Team:

1. *The SAFI team shall report the general feedback on the utility and potential for tools such as the SAFI tool presented at UB-3 back to the Commission.*
2. *The SAFI team shall examine the observations on SAFI's tools and suggestions for refinements. Some of these shall be implemented under the framework for the last 6 months of SAFI Service Development, with the others drawn into the list of refinements for the next stage of SAFI service development beyond the FP-7 funded portion of the SAFI initiative.*
3. *Suggestions by the Userboard on branding, marketing and general promotion shall be examined and incorporated into the SAFI team's outreach activities for the next 6 months, and formulation of the business plan.*
4. *Suggestions by the Userboard on future thematic research, system development avenues, regions of interest, species of interest, and novel applications of interest arising from the SAFI initiative shall be collated into discrete guidance points for consortium proposals beyond the FP7 timeframe of the SAFI Initiative. Those unaddressed by the FP7-SAFI project specifically shall be reported to the Commission to aid shaping future calls to address the needs of the aquaculture and fisheries sector.*
5. *Suggestions for training topics, and queries where Users required clarifications on the nature of the research, or tools use, shall be incorporated into the thematic content covered at the training course in Morocco.*
6. *The Userboard-defined scenarios for demonstration shall be implemented on a resource-dependant basis using the prioritisation derived from the Userboard.*
7. *The SAFI team shall incorporate the Userboard-identified list of pressing issues facing the aquaculture and fisheries sector into their reports to the Commission as guidance for funding and investment calls, and policy recommendations into the future. These shall be accompanied by the Userboard-recommended set of opportunities for future activities where Industry-Academia-Agency partnerships such as SAFI are target to address sector needs and unlock opportunities.*

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