

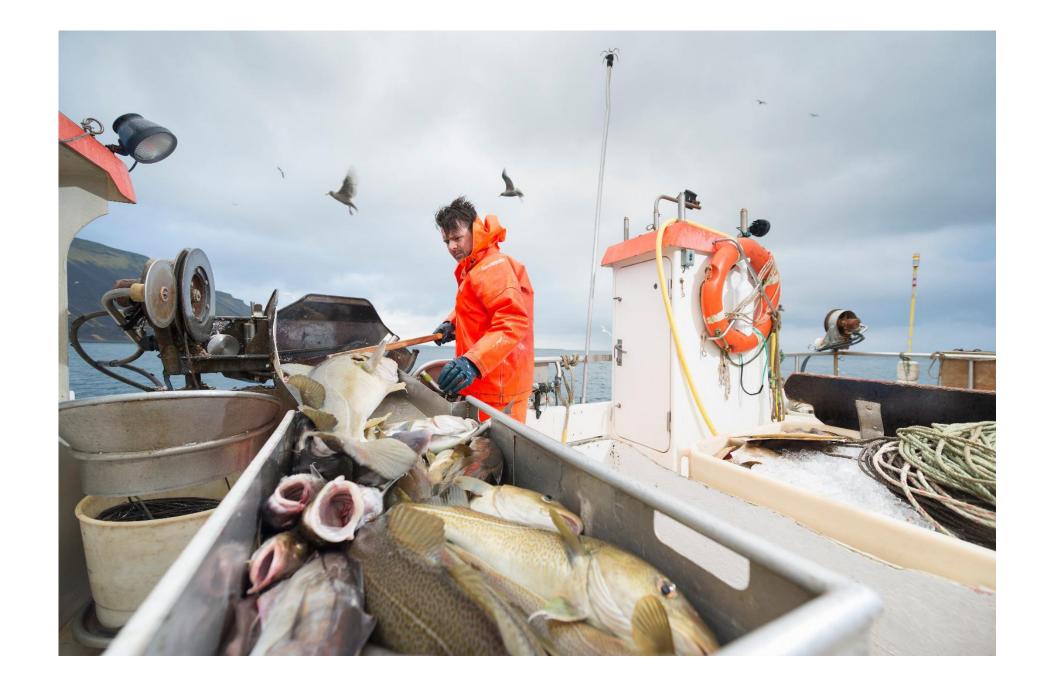
OF WATER FOOTPRINT AWARENESS IN MEDITERRANEAN FISHERIES FOR SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES IN EUROPE

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Water resources are not only the basis of ecological systems, but also an important factor for the stability of the global economy. Despite the vital role of fisheries for human nutrition, their expansion contributes to increased water consumption and the degradation of freshwater ecosystems. The WANTOFISH project aims to raise awareness of the water footprint in fisheries within the European Union, with the aim of promoting more sustainable practices. It is based on the assessment of the current water footprint of fisheries at global and European level, the development of a training methodology for more efficient resource use and water saving, the design of a structured training program to implement sustainable strategies and the production of a comprehensive guidebook to support their application.





Digital and visual educational material will illustrate strategies to rationalize water use and reduce water consumption in Mediterranean fisheries, with special attention to the hydrogeographic and demographic characteristics of the region. The project not only ensures education on sustainable fishing practices, but also promotes a culture of responsible use of water resources, laying the foundations for the long-term sustainability of aquatic ecosystems and for future generations living in harmony with the natural environment.

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