



Agenda item 7.1
For information

Council

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Party	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region	Portugal
Rivers	1. Minho (international river) 2. Lima
Aquaculture	Not applicable

1. Initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that we wish to highlight.

Establishment of a Commission for the Monitoring of Diadromous Species Fisheries, which will include the different public institutions responsible for managing the resource, the scientific community that studies the diadromous species, NGOs and the fishing sector. In this committee a working group dedicated exclusively to salmon is proposed.

2. Catches

YEAR	Catches/tonnes
2007	0,3
2008	0,41
2009	0,12
2010	0*
2011	0,096
2012	0,05
2013	0,135
2014	0,039
2015	0,384
2016	0,078
2017	0,103

* “zero catches” related to fisheries ban.

Remark - no releases included in these catch figures.

Estimated unreported catches.	There are no forbidden limitations, therefore believed to be negligible.
Number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries.	No estimates.

3. Actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries.

Action	Description of the action	Expected outcome
1	Establishment of a Commission for the Monitoring of Diadromous Species Fisheries with a working group dedicated exclusively to salmon.	<p>Improve national coordination regarding salmon as a resource that is managed by different public institutions;</p> <p>Promote knowledge convergence and reflection regarding salmon;</p> <p>Obtain data to support management decisions based on the best scientific advice.</p>
2	Monitoring fish passages.	<p>Obtain data to support management decisions based on the best scientific advice;</p> <p>Extend the distribution range of the species towards the upstream of the river.</p>
3	Establishing legislation regarding: fishing restriction/interdiction, closures, minimum sizes, allowed gears, control and inspection in both rivers.	<p>Improvement of the resource;</p> <p>Control IUU fishing.</p>
4	Establishing a more effective partnership between Portugal and Spain/Galicia, regarding salmon management in Minho river, of which, lower range is managed by both countries.	<p>Increase communication between PT and SP (Galicia);</p> <p>Share knowledge, actions, legislation, policies, etc..;</p> <p>Share scientific related projects and information;</p>

4. Actions relating to habitat protection/restoration

Action	Description of the action	Expected outcome
1	Identification and interventions on river obstacles. ^{a)}	Significant improvement of the rivers accessibility and recover rivers continuity.
2	Construction of fish passages. ^{a) b)}	
3	Identification of potential pollution sources such as agriculture, domestic and industrial, in Minho and Lima basins. ^{a) b)}	Improvement of water quality and intervention in case of pollution.
4	Intervention in river vegetation that has a direct impact in the riverbed. ^{a)}	Improve the protection of salmon in breeding and in

		the early stages of development.
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- a) Minho river - MIGRA MINHO project. This project includes joint actions involving both PT and SP entities, by the implementation of actions addressing the recovery of the salmon stock and habitat restoration in this river. More information on: (<http://migraminho.org/?lang=pt-pt>)
- b) Lima river

5. Possible main threats

1. Anthropoc barriers;
2. Water quality and changes in the dynamic of Minho and Lima rivers;
3. Ecosystem instability related to anthropic actions;
4. Pressure due to IUU fishing;

6. Additional information – Regulations and laws.

6.1 – In-river waters.

River	Fishing permission	Law	Remarks
Minho	Professional Recreational	Implementing Decree (Decreto Regulamentar) n°8 2008 of 9 th of April for the Minho River International Section	Prohibits fishing, maintain on board, transship and land salmon <55cm; Closure periods Allowed gears
		Public notice (Edital) n° 20/2017	Allows catches Allowed gears and fishing period Recreational; Closure periods
Lima	Forbidden	Decree-Law (Decreto-Lei) n° 112/2017 of 6 th of December	Forbides professional fishing; Catch and release obligation
		Ordinance (Portaria) n° 360/2017 of 22 th of November	Determinates that <i>Salmo salar</i> is not an allowed species

6.2 – Coastal and Estuarine waters.

River	Fishing permission	Law	Remarks
Minho	Professional Recreational	Implementing Decree (Decreto Regulamentar) n. °43/87 of 17th of July altered by Implementing Decree n°7/2000 of 30 th of May	Gears, fishing location and licences
Lima		Ordinance (Portaria) n° 1220/2010 of 3 rd of December, introduces changes to Ordinance (Portaria) n° 561/90 of 19 th of July	Fisheries and transport of salmonids (cane fishing only); Fishing closure period

6.3 – Entities responsible for the management, control and inspection of salmon

In Portugal, the management of this resource is made by the following entities:

- a) DGRM – Direção geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos, under the Ministry of the Sea purview;
- b) ICNF – Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas, under shared supervision of the Environment Ministry and the Agriculture Ministry;
- c) APA – Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, under the purview of the Environment Ministry;
- d) DGAM – Direção-Geral da Autoridade Marítima, Ministry of Defense;
- e) SEPNA – Serviço de Proteção da Natureza e Ambiente, a Department of the GNR (Guarda Nacional Republicana), Ministry of Defense.

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