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practices, results and strategies for a common Sea

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Markets for Mediterranean small-scale fisheries: from challenges to opportunities

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LabMAF

DEVELOPING A LABELLING SCHEME
FOR MEDITERRANEAN SMALL-SCALE
AND ARTISANAL FISH PRODUCTS

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WHO ARE MEDITERRANEAN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES (SSFs)?

In the Mediterranean, SSFs represent 80% of vessels and 70% of fishers

Polyvalent fishers (using different fishing gears around the year, according to seasonality, target species, conditions of the environment and stocks, etc.)

Self-employed and remunerated according to catch

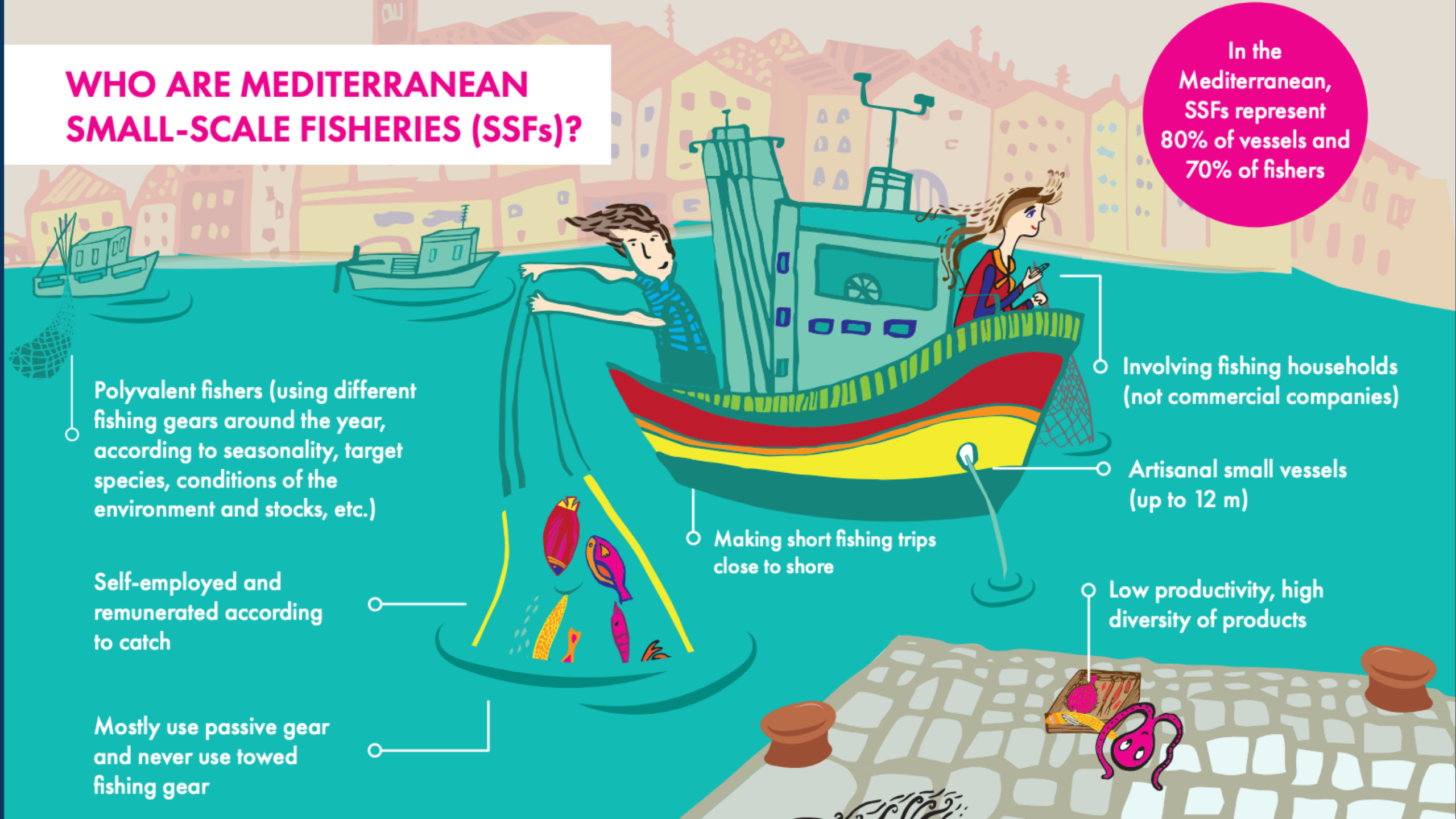
Mostly use passive gear and never use towed fishing gear

Making short fishing trips close to shore

Involving fishing households (not commercial companies)

Artisanal small vessels (up to 12 m)

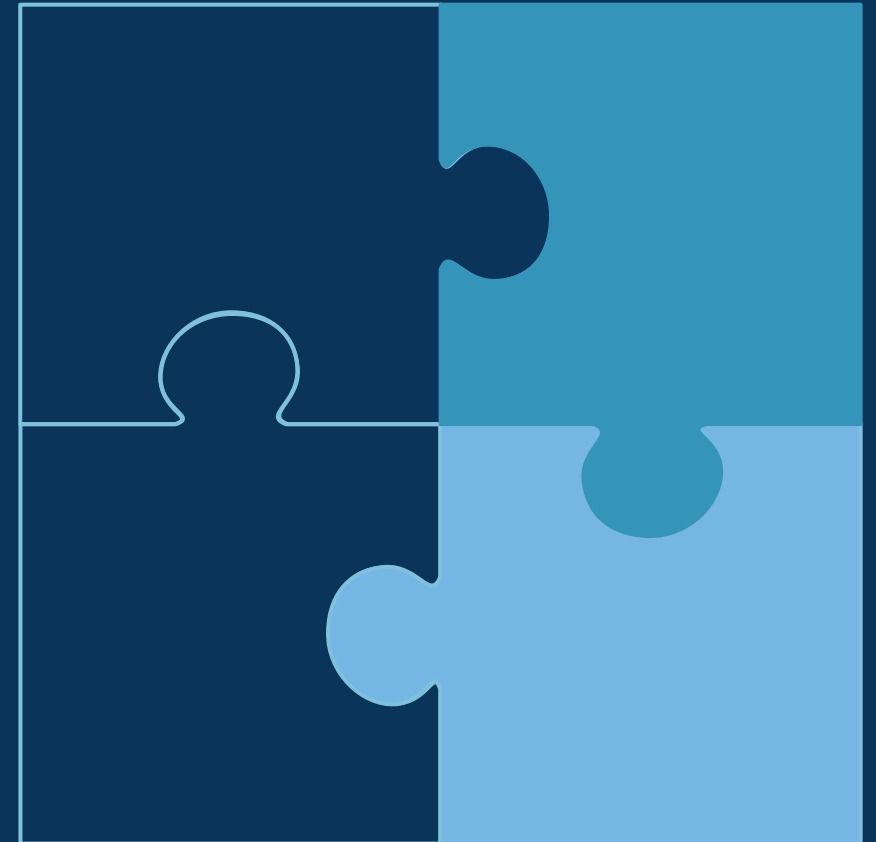
Low productivity, high diversity of products



Puzzle for LabMAF



- How to distinguish the SSF product from that of industrial fisheries, imports, aquaculture and even illegal fisheries?
- How to capitalize on the initiatives that are taking place to highlight the value of SSF?



LabMAF activities



- 01 Mapping workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 15-16 May 2019
- 02 Consortium meeting, University of Balamand, Lebanon, 16-18 October 2019
- 03 Participation at **International Symposium on Fisheries Sustainability: Strengthening the Science-Policy Nexus**, FAO, Rome, 18-21 November 2019
- 04 Symposium on **The Future of Small-Scale Fishery Markets in the Mediterranean: Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance Aspects**, Izola, Slovenia / online, 6 October 2020
- 05 Preparation of results

What LabMAF did



Detailed the weaknesses that lead to marginalization of SSF products in markets



Identified innovations that respond to challenges & classified them



Explored how & why these initiatives can be scaled up

By connecting existing various market initiatives and encouraging new ones to take place, we seek to contribute to sustainability in food systems, fisheries management and the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.



Outputs

01

Feasibility report (73 p)



02

2-pager for consumers

03

2-pager for producers (SSF)

04

Policy recommendations

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Guidelines for sustainable SSF

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Report from the Symposium in
journal *Fish and Fisheries*

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Scientific article under review



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