



Socio-cultural and economic Values of Inshore Fishing in the English Channel and Southern North Sea

Geography of Inshore Fishing and Sustainability (GIFS)

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Flanders Marine Institute, Oostende, Belgium



Welcome everyone



What is GIFS?

- * An Interreg IVa funded project through the 2 Seas programme
- * January 2012 – September 2014
- * Six partners from four member states – UK, BL, F, NL



GIFS Partners



- 1** University of Greenwich
- 2** University of Brighton
- 3** Université de Brest
- 4** Agrocampus Ouest
- 5** Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee (VLIZ)
- 6** Gemeente Middelburg

Aim of GIFS

- * The aim is to promote the importance of inshore fishing for the development of sustainable coastal communities through an exploration & sharing of the socio-economic and cultural impacts of inshore fishing.



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- * The goal is to incorporate these (socio-economic) factors more explicitly into fisheries and maritime policy, coastal regeneration strategies and sustainable community development

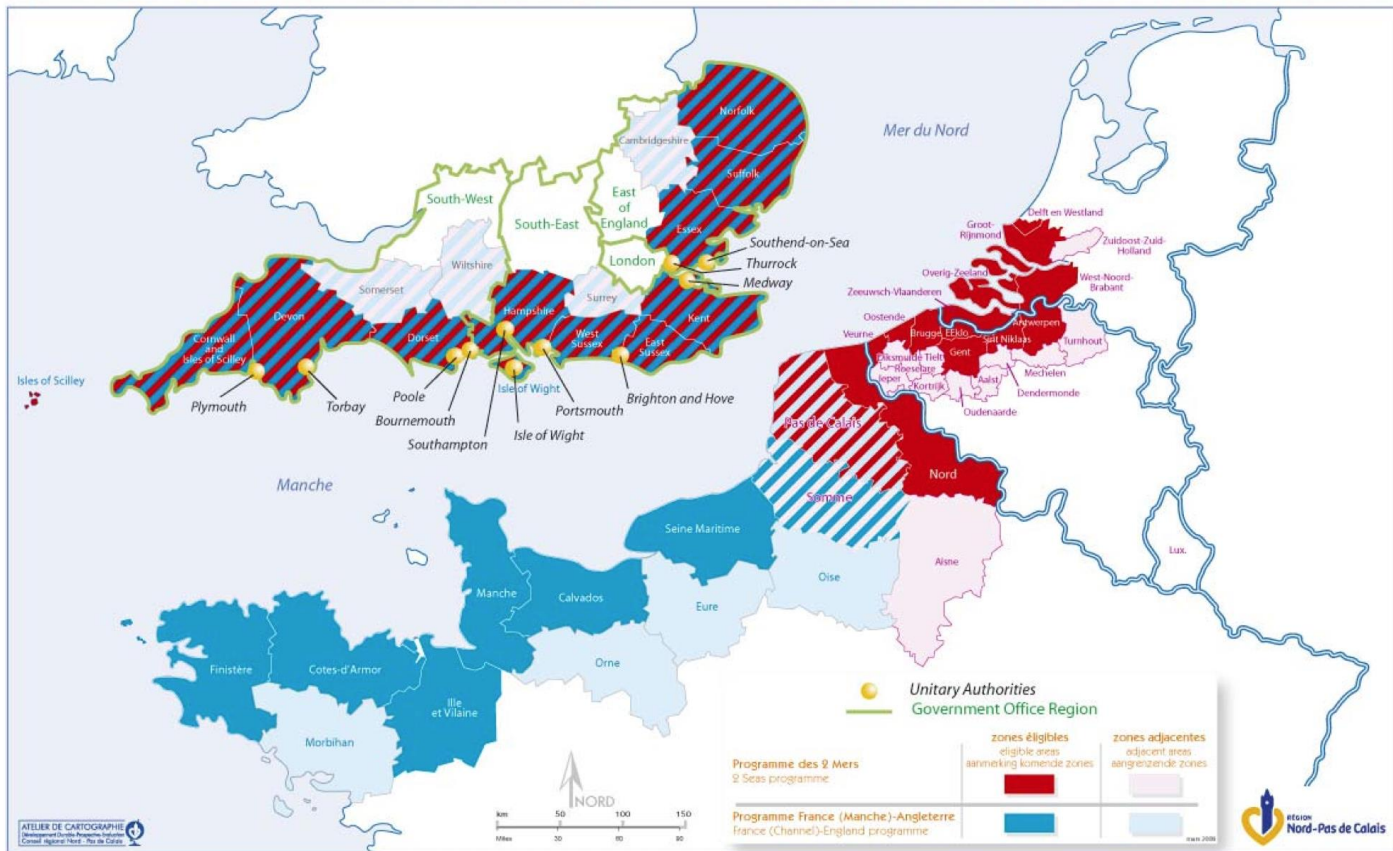


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- * GIFS will produce a **geography of inshore fishing** (atlas and toolkit) & a **case study** that will help develop **shared identities, experience and best practice** while **bringing the issues to the attention of policy makers** to aid the development of effective coastal management and fisheries policies.



Where?



Definition of inshore fishing

- * GIFS: Fishing up to 12 nautical miles offshore



Why?

- * Inshore fishing is at a crossroads
- * Not enough is known about the socio-economic / cultural impacts of inshore fishing
- * Explore the wide range of 'values' associated with inshore fishing
- * Reveal, share and disseminate new opportunities for sustainable development of coastal fishing communities



Main activities

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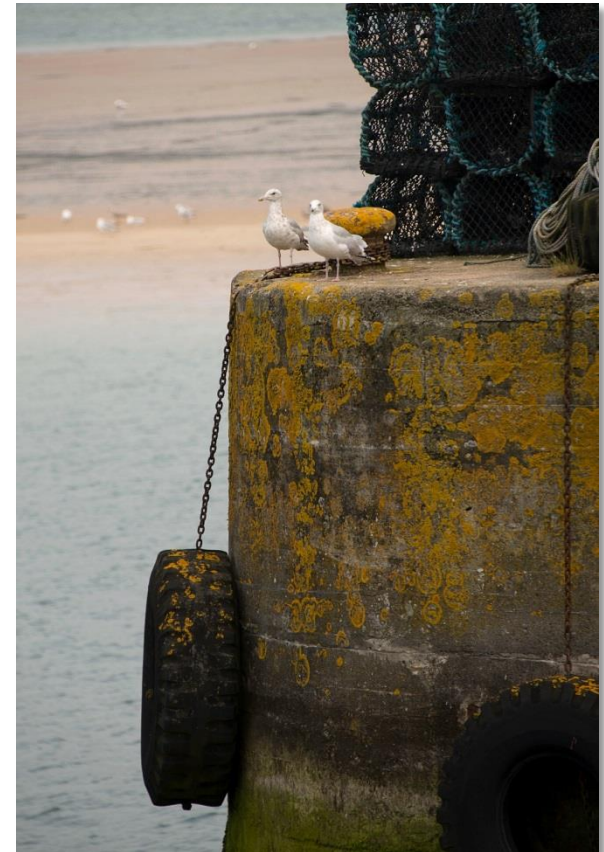
Purpose of today

- * For GIFS to engage with stakeholders
- * For stakeholders to learn more about GIFS activities
- * For GIFS to learn from stakeholders
- * To develop a network between GIFS and the broader community



Structure of the day

- * **Morning:** presentations of GIFS main activities, what is being done and an outline of progress. By the end of the morning delegates will understand more about the issues being studied and the progress that GIFS has made in its first two years.
- * **Afternoon:** Interactive workshops. Designed to allow a more detailed exploration of selected issues and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to directly engage with the project.



Workshops

- * Workshop 1 (13:00): **Coastal zone governance and inshore fishing** (VLIZ and University of Brighton)
- * Workshop 2 (15:00): **Understanding and communicating the socio-cultural value of inshore fishing** (University of Greenwich)
- * 16.30 Report from workshops and conclusion



Thank you and hope you enjoy the day

