

10 Years of SEG

Where next for Eel protection?

- Where have we come from and where are we going?
- The trafficking of European eel – the greatest wildlife crime on the planet
- Reaching out to tell the wonders of the eel story and the relationship to people
- Conservation - River and Wetland Restoration
- Eating eel Responsibly
- Expanding sustainability globally

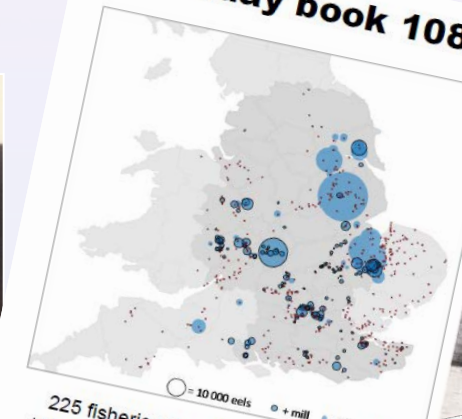


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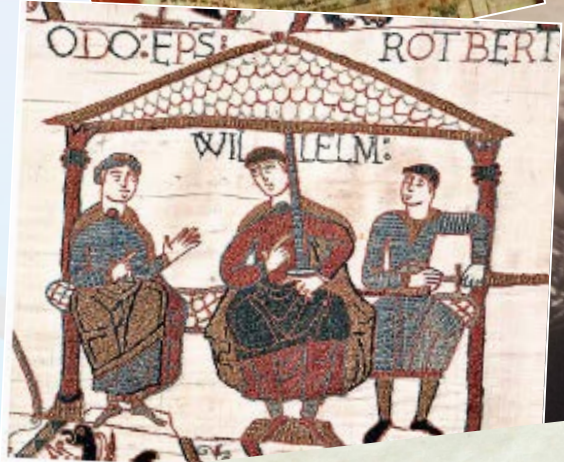
'Our' incredible eel tradition

13,000 Fishermen
in 1993 (Moriarty)

Domesday book 1086



225 fisheries, tax 400 000
+ 400 fisheries, tax in





SEG an
International Team
Fishmongers Hall
2017
WELCOME

The Dutch Eel Barge as a symbol of working together across time and distance and in spite of political currents like BREXIT



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**IFM and EA Eel Conference
Bridgewater April 2009**



Science, Conservation
& Commercial together
a joined up approach

***The First Meeting
at Fishmongers
Nov 2009***



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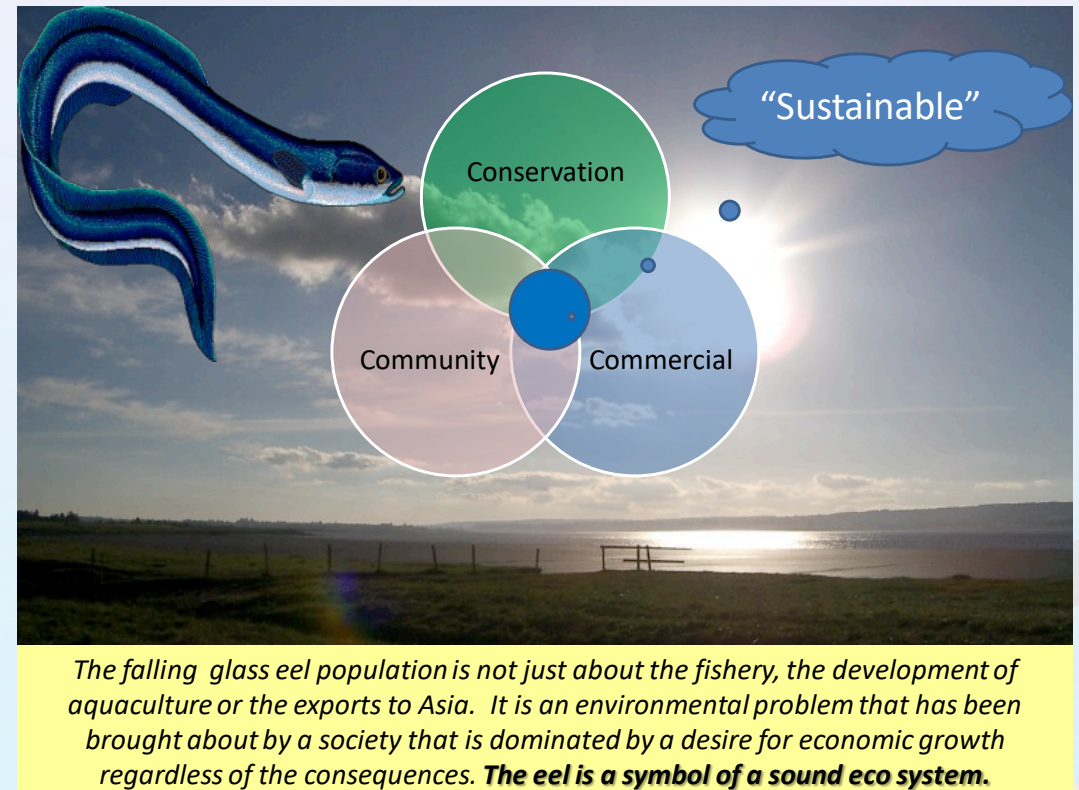


at Hamburg May 2010

The original **Network** concept slide



The original **Brundlandt** derived slide

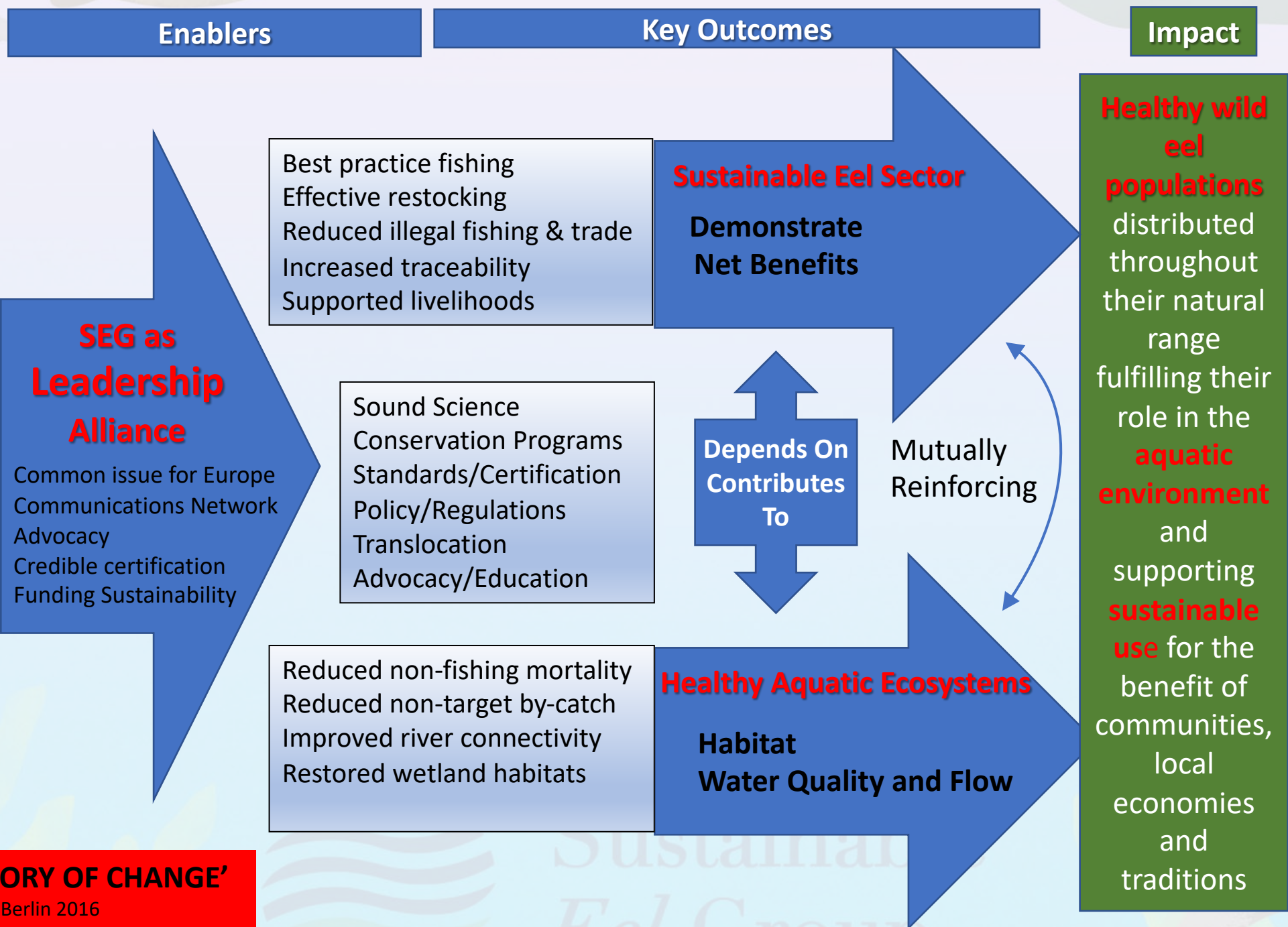


Both slides first presented at Bridgewater Conference 2009

SEG Leaders today



“International scientists, conservationists and commercial people all working together across all boundaries”

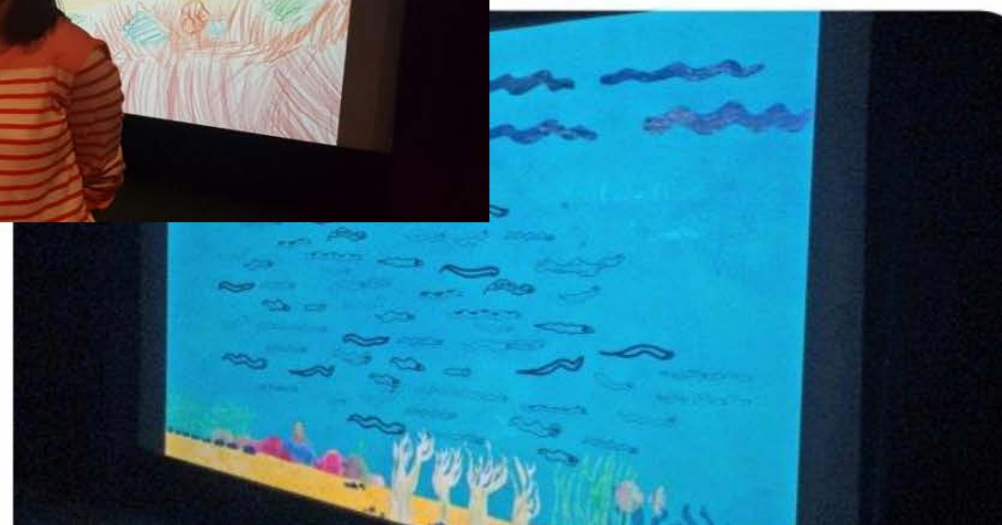
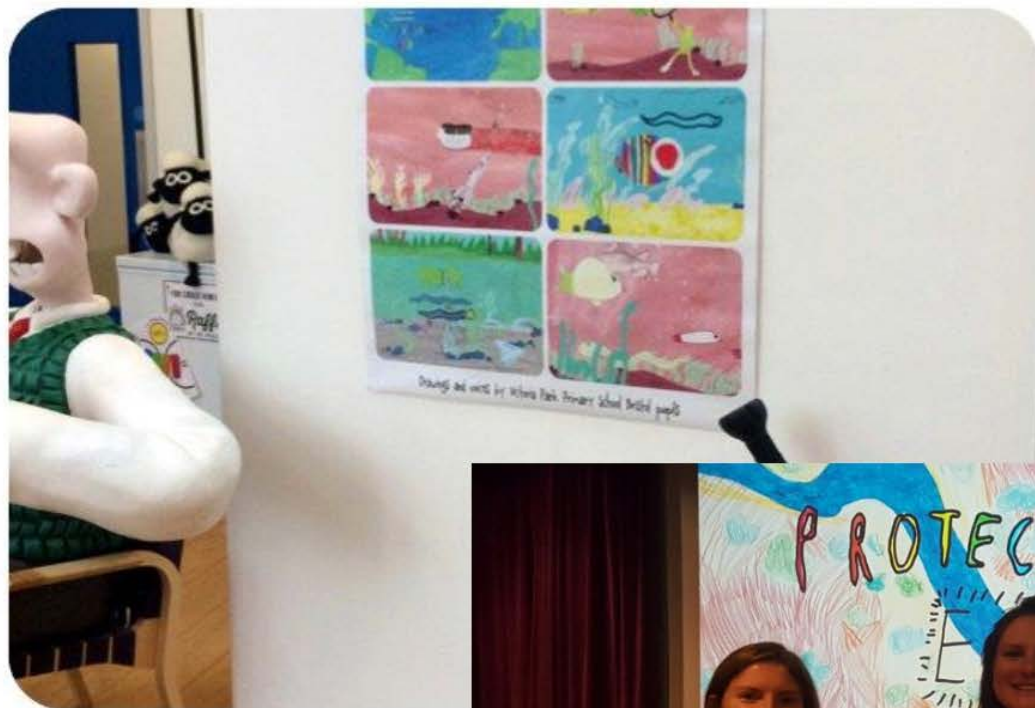


‘OUR THEORY OF CHANGE’

Berlin 2016



LINKING UP to reach new audiences



Over 1.3 million
barriers reported by
project Amber



Turbine Mortality





364 Suitcases in one raid

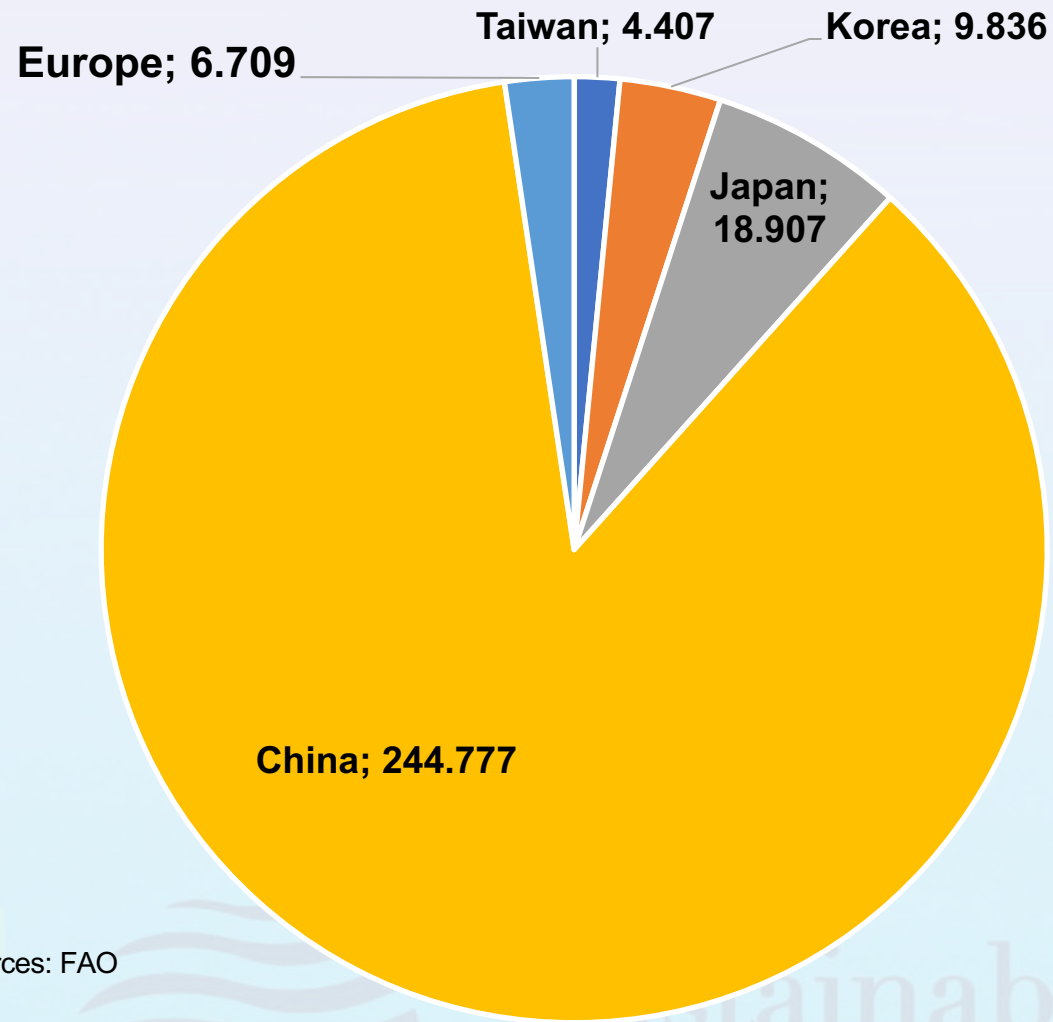
Convictions, fines and imprisonment – what is happening?




Season	MS involved	Glass eels seized	Persons arrested	Goods value
2016-17	4+2+ Eurojust	4 t	48	€ 6 mil.
2017-18	7+ Interpol+ Europol	3.5 t (all reintroduced to its habitats)	53 177 reported	€ 7 mil.

**100+ Arrests
In 2018**

Global Eel production (2016) according to FAO



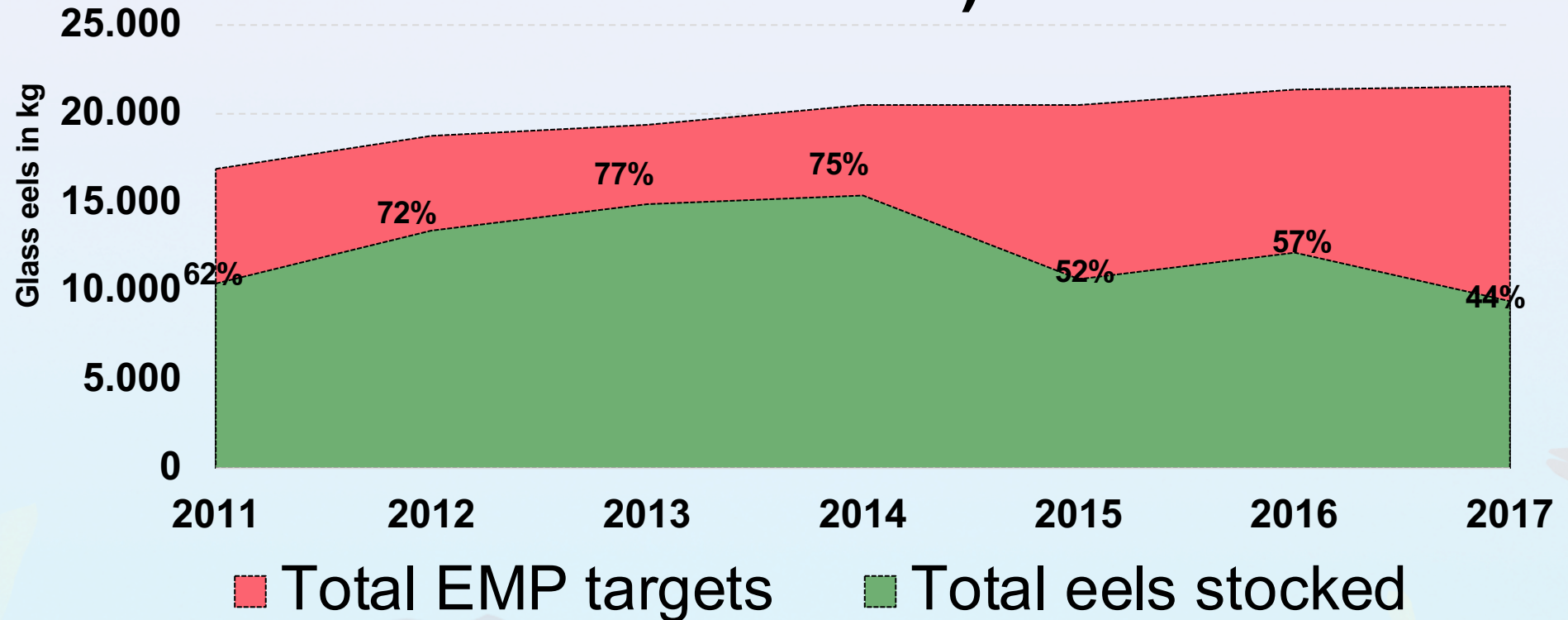
Where are the glass eels coming from?

Look beyond Europe!

Sources: FAO

On average, only 51% of the aggregated national restocking targets were achieved between 2015 - 2017

EMP targets vs Eels stocked (2011-2017)



Data were collected from annual Joint EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM Working Group on Eels (**WGEEL**) reports 2011-2017 and complemented by SEG market survey 2017. Members of the Joint EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM Working Group on Eels (WGEEL) were consulted to review and correct available data.



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SEG in the European Parliament. A revised and improved Eel Regulation ?



THE JOURNEY TO SUSTAINABILITY AND RECOVERY FOR THE EEL





Communicating the recovery journey



Joe Crowley BBC COUNTRYFILE tweeted at 7:26 pm on Sunday, Jun 16, 2019:

- **The plight to protect European eels is a Europe-wide effort. EU law underpins it**
- **and Europol, led by the work of SEPRONA (the Spanish wildlife crime unit) + many euro forces, police it.**
- **Corralled & lobbied by the superb Sustainable Eel Group. Long may that cooperation continue.**



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Where next for Eel protection?

Are we making a collective difference?

Has the 30 year decline been halted?



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