Welcome

Environment Social Economic – a complex global challenge

After 15 years to ‘Recommit’ to full implementation of the Eel Regulation
• Protecting the European Eel – a test of Europe’s Leadership on sustainability..

• From Success to greater impact: Building on the EU Eel Regulation and related policies..

• Implementing trade regulations, ensuring traceability..

Questions after each phase directed to the leading eel voices both in the room and beyond
Sustainability and Eel

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SEG BOARD

Eel Reg 1100/2007

Next steps – better implementation

- Focus on non-fisheries factors
- Reinforce control and enforcement
- Increase EU funds uptake
- Improve efficiency of reporting
- Continue addressing fisheries impacts
- Strengthen transboundary cooperation
- Consider revising EMPs
- Make use of good practices and projects
- Improve connectivity RBMPs and EMPs

SEG Leading a multi decadal Recovery through Protection and Sustainable use
SEG as the Leadership Alliance

Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems

Responsible and Sustainable Eel Sector

SCIENCE led recovery Programs

Our theory of change developed at Potsdam in 2016

Healthy wild eel populations supporting sustainable use for the benefit of All
The Reinvention is taking place the sector becomes the Eel Steward

The SEG Standard with Traceable Supply Chain has impact

3/4 of French GE Fishermen
France 400 Fishermen
UK all 300 part time

21 million Glass Eel 2018
32 million Glass Eel in 2019
33 million Glass Eel in 2020
64 million Glass Eel in 2021

110 million for 2022 eel farming and restocking

Growing Impact of SEG Standard in building a fully traceable supply chain

18 farms certified
90% in NL, DE, FR and SW

75% of farms in Europe

75% certified in NL & DE

17 Retailers / Smokehouses Certified in NL and Germany

Sustainable Eel Group
Europe is a small player in Global Eel Aquaculture

"An uncontrolled trade that threatens all Anguillids"

European Glass Eel %?

"Europe is a small player in Global Eel Aquaculture"
• 300,000 plus in 8 Suitcases Schiphol
• 3 Arrests made
• Portugal to NL to Malaysia
• 11 April 2022

 Trafficking Continues

Recent ASIA Press Reports

Suggest 85% Reduction ??


USA Quota Price Per Lbs over $2100 in April 2022

Eel smuggler hit with world record €7.2m fine 3 Feb 2022
Number of French Glass Eel Fishermen certified 2022

80% French Glass Eel Fishermen certified

110m Glass Eels

Uncertified

Total 418 SEG Certified

Growing Impact of SEG Standard in building fully traceable supply chain
Fishing mortality down from 42% (Briand data 2007) to less than 8% (FishPass Study) 2020 for the Vilaine, Brittany for the 50 + SEG Certified fishermen
Working to SEG Standard / Supply Chain and effective counter trafficking save 100s of millions of glass eels annually

40% of 60 ton or 200m quota
70 to 80 million Glass Eels saved

100 tons pa 300 to 350 million Trafficked
Reduced to 20% is about 250 million saved

TOTAL ANNUAL SAVING over 300 +
million Glass Eels
Exploitation of total glass eel recruitment
(440 tonnes per annum or 1.33 billion fish)

Warning
Data still being verified

70%
Free immigrants
309 t, 933 million eels

81%
Free immigrants
356 t, 1.079 billion eels

Eel Trafficking reduced approx. 80%

2018

2022*

*SEG estimates prior to survey
Full Implementation....“the Non Fisheries Impacts”

“Eel Populations are a great indicator of River and Wetland health and there will be no eel recovery without their restoration”
Concluding slides
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Focus on Total Protection

Eel Reg 1100/2007

Greater Ambition
A 50 Year Time frame of Continuous Improvement

- Regulation is fit for Purpose and the concept of distributive control appropriate
- Feedback loop is weak and is not triggering improvement on the critical areas for increased protection. No link to Green Deal

- Ambition
- Eel Reg

- Eel Mgt Plans
- Multi level

- Feed Back

- Effective Action

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Hosted by MEP Annie Schreijer-Pierik

Wednesday 13.07.2022 - 10:30-12:00
SPINELLI BUILDING – ROOM 5E3

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SPARE Slides trafficking
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SEPRONA / EUROPOL
18th April 2018
MADRID

“100 tons / 300 + million Glass Eels a year”

Reported Arrests

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2022 so far

- 49 Arrests reported this season
- EUROPOL, EFCA, OLAF, DG Sante
- 27,701 Inspections
- 24 Countries
- 4.5 million Glass eels seized