

#EelDeal2030

Hosted by MEP Annie Schreijer-Pierik

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

- **Welcome**
- **Environment Social Economic – a complex global challenge**
- **After 15 years to ‘Recommit’ to full implementation of the Eel Regulation**

PROGRAMME outline

- **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

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Sustainability and Eel



**Eel Reg
1100/2007**

Next steps – better implementation

Focus on non-fisheries factors

Continue addressing fisheries impacts

Make use of good practices and projects

Reinforce control and enforcement

Strengthen transboundary cooperation

Improve connectivity RBMPs and EMPs

Increase EU funds uptake

Improve efficiency of reporting

Consider revising EMPs



**The SEG
Standard**

***SEG Leading a multi decadal Recovery through
Protection and Sustainable use***

**SEG as the
Leadership
Alliance**

**Responsible and
Sustainable Eel Sector**

**SCIENCE led
recovery
Programs**



**Healthy Aquatic
Ecosystems**

**Healthy
wild eel
populations
supporting
sustainable
use for the
benefit of
All**

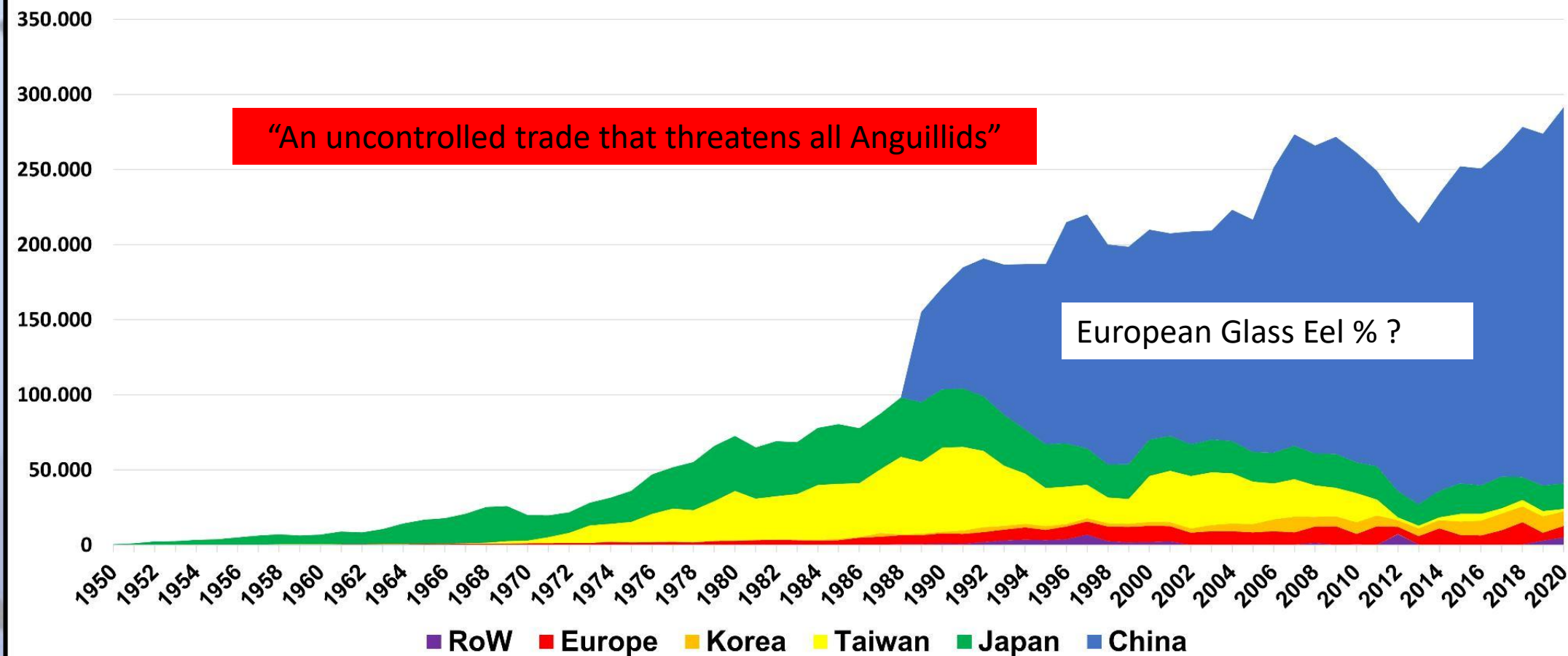
Our theory of change developed at Potsdam in 2016

The SEG Standard with Traceable Supply Chain has impact



The Reinvention is taking place the sector becomes the Eel Steward

Global eel aquaculture production in metric tonnes (period 1950-2020; FAO 2022)



“Europe is a small player in Global Eel Aquaculture”



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USA Quota Price Per Lbs over \$2100 in April 2022

Number of French Glass Eel Fishermen certified 2022

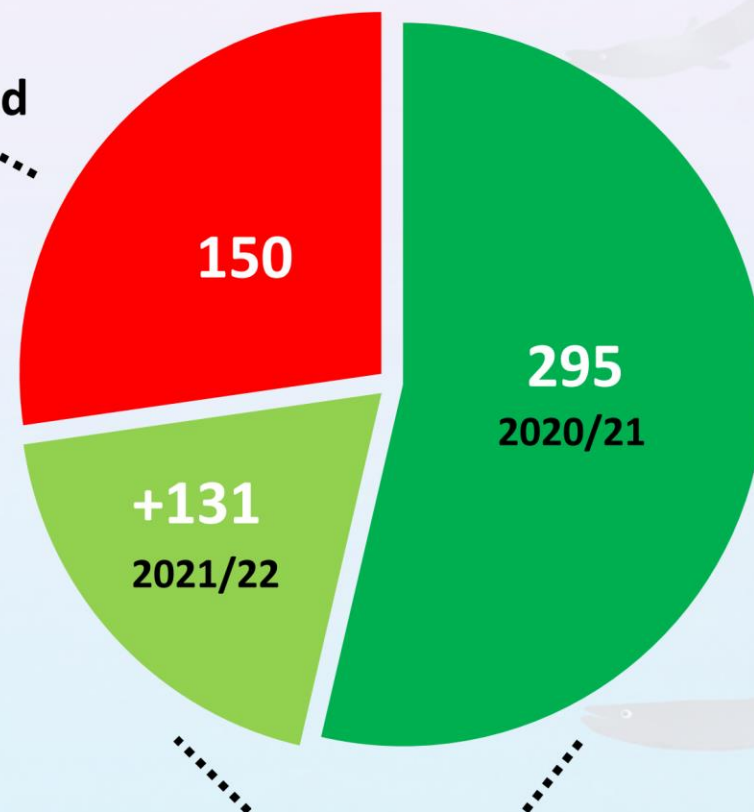
80%

French Glass
Eel Fishermen
certified

110m Glass Eels



Uncertified



Total 418 SEG Certified

Growing Impact of SEG Standard in building fully traceable supply chain

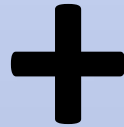


Fishing mortality down from 42% (Briand data 2007) to less than 8% (FishPass Study) 2020 for the Vilaine, Brittany for the 50 + SEG Certified fishermen

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



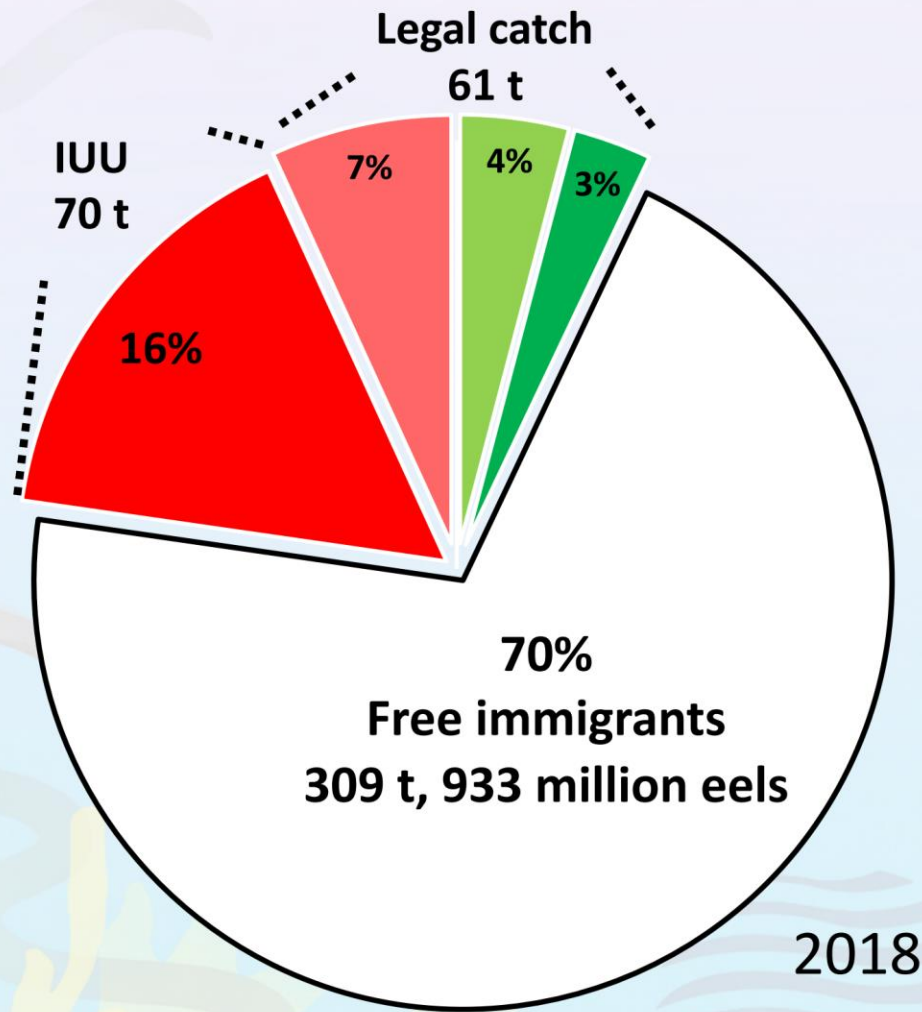
100 tons pa 300 to 350 million Trafficked
Reduced to 20% is about 250 million saved

TOTAL ANNUAL SAVING over
300 +
million Glass Eels

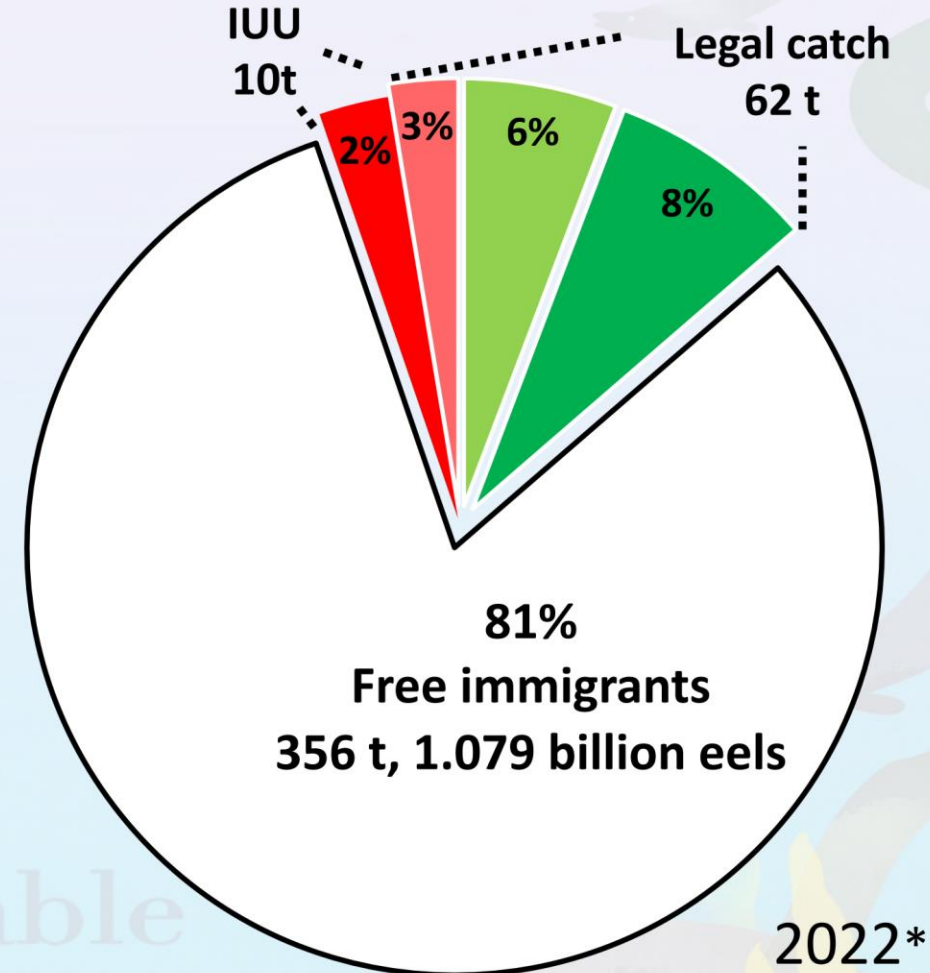
Exploitation of total glass eel recruitment

(440 tonnes per annum or 1.33 billion fish)

Warning
Data still being verified



Eel Trafficking reduced
approx. 80%



■ Illegally exported
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■ Aquaculture, EU
■ Restocking, EU
■ Free immigrants

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*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”

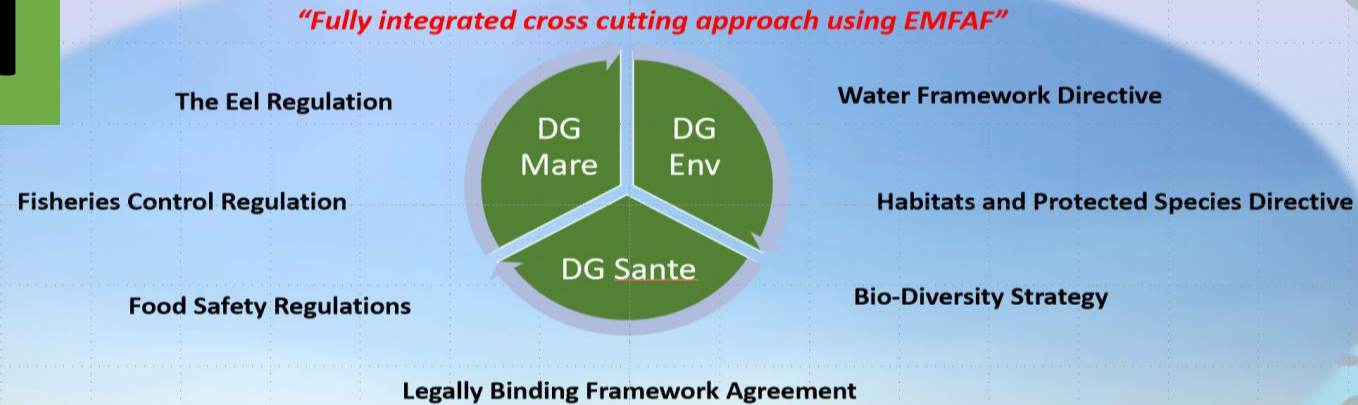
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Concluding slides

EEL and the GREEN DEAL

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Focus on Total Protection



Eel Reg
1100/2007



SEG Standard

Greater Ambition

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A 50 Year Time frame of Continuous Improvement

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and the concept of distributive
control appropriate

- Ambition
- Eel Reg

- Eel Mgt Plans
- Multi level

Under focused on the
non fishery mortalities

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and is not triggering
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areas for increased protection.
No link to Green Deal

- Feed Back

- Effective Action

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MANAGEMENT

LEADERSHIP

SCIENCE

Evaluate

Act

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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 Seizures

16 million	2016 - 17
17 million	2017 - 18
15 million	2018 - 19
10 million	2019 - 20

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Reported Arrests

48	2016 - 17
98	2017 - 18
154	2018 - 19
108	2019 - 20



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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



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