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# COOPERATION IDEA

## *Fisheries Local Action Groups*



### **Recovery of the red lobster stock (fishing techniques and management)**

#### **Description of cooperation proposed**

##### Context:

Since the late 19th century, French fishermen have caught Red Lobster (*Palinurus elephas*) from the western Channel to the Atlantic coast (from Cherbourg to Saint Jean de Luz). Since the end of the Second World War, landed volumes have declined sharply. French production plummeted from around 2500 tonnes in 1950 to around 20 tonnes in 2015.

In 2013, the Finistère *Department* accounted for 55% of lobster landings in France. The maritime district of Brest alone accounted for 30% of landings on the Manche - Atlantic coast.

##### What are we looking for:

Exchange of good practices with Australian professional fishermen on management measures put in place, fishing practices (traps ...), protection of juveniles, restocking...

##### What do we have to offer :

- Testimonials of measures and tools put in place for 10 years:
  - 2009: increase of the minimum size from 95 mm to 110 mm
  - 2011: ban on fishing from January to March
  - 2015: Launch of a tagging programme
  - 2016: ban on landing of grained females
  - 2019: mandatory tagging of the catch
- Sharing experiences with fishers in Finistère: Since the past forty years, the red lobster has mainly been fished on rocky bottoms. Nevertheless given the excellent

recruitment observed for the past six years, more and more pot-fishers are now catching juvenile specimens, the impact of which needs to be studied.

### 1. Objectives

- Mutual learning and exchange with Australian fishermen and fishing organisation on the various fishing practices (pot fishing in particular) and management strategies applied to the Red Lobster.
- Learning from the Australian Red Lobster management measures, which are developed to a very high level .
- Establishing links between fishing areas and transposing similar/complementary management measures across partner territories

### 2. Proposed actions

- Development of an awareness-raising info pack for French fishermen,
- Production of on-site visit reports,
- Organisation of on-site exchange workshops with different sub-themes (juveniles, fishing practices, management measures ...)

### 3. Desired results

- Implementation of improved management measures in France and implementation of transposable tools to increase the stock of Red Lobster and improve local fishing practices

**Thematic category:** *Processing, Traceability, Business support*

**Looking for partner located in:** Australia

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