

Management of fishing capacity in Croatia

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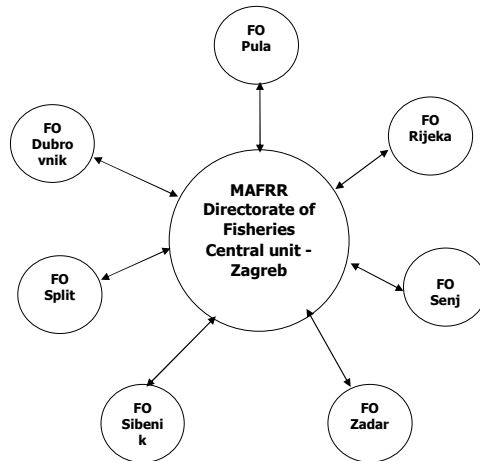
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Management of fishing capacity

- Laws and regulations
- Fishing fleet register
- Fishing licences
- VMS

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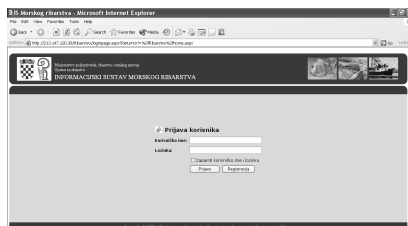
Directorate of Fisheries (Central unit and seven field offices)



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Fishing Information System

- Web application "Marine Fisheries Information System" (started in 2007.)
- Internet browser (computer + Internet connection)
- Authorised users
- Security (username/password)



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Fishing fleet register - application characteristics

- The Croatian fishing fleet register was fully implemented in 2008 according to EU regulation 26/2004, but first steps in working with fishing fleet register was in 2001
- Monitoring of entry and exit in the fleet through fleet register
- Update in real time

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Fishing fleet register - statistical reports

- Distribution of vessels per county
- Distribution of vessels per type
- Distribution of vessels per type and county
- Distribution of vessels per main fishing gear
- Distribution of vessels per type and length
- Number of vessels per GT, engine power and type
- Electronical equipment table
- Number of vessels

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Fishing fleet register – fishing licence

- Application for issuing fishing licence to the relevant field office of the Directorate of Fisheries (requested documentation enclosed) - by fishermen
- Measurement of vessel – by Croatian Ship Register and Port Authorities
- Revision of fishing licences (every 3 years)
- Fishing licence is associated to person (physical or legal) and fishing vessel
- 1 fishing licence=1 vessel
- No new fishing licences may be issued in Croatia

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Fishing fleet register – fishing licence

- serial number
- data on vessel
- data on fishing licence owner
- data on fishing gear and fishing zones
- data on fishing equipment

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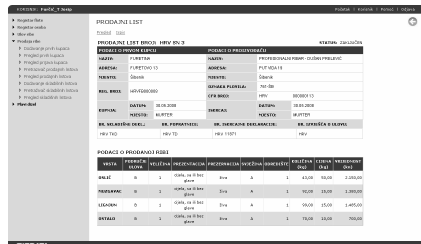
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Other module in web base

- logbook - landing declaration
- report (logbook) – for vessels less than 10 m
- sales note register
- transport document
- take-over declaration
- cross checking between logbooks and sales note
- VMS



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Management of fishing capacity

- Capacity management for trawl fishery in internal waters was implemented in 2005 – restriction of engine power, restriction of areas and temporal restrictions, buy-off of licenses
- Croatia has introduced a withdrawal scheme for bottom trawl fisheries in internal waters
- In BFT fishery:
 - the capacity was frozen in 2008
 - entry/exit scheme has been put in place (new vessel has to have same GT and kW or less)
 - overcapacity reduction in line with SCRS methodology applied and capacity reduced (overcapacity by some 35% in 2010)
- Croatia operates extensive spatial/temporal closures schemes for effort management
- There are continuous monitoring of resources in place

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Summary

- Croatian Fishing Fleet Register is in line with requirements of EU Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004 of 30 December 2003 on the Community fishing fleet register
- New Regulation for Fleet register and entry/exit will be published in late 2010.
- Croatia regulates capacity by effort management (spatial and temporal closures) and has introduced limitations to engine power in internal waters for some fleets
- Croatia has already implemented capacity measures in the framework of ICCAT

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Summary (2)

- Croatia supports the efforts to ensure that fleet capacity is commensurate to available resources
- Constrains and points to consider:
 - Stock assessment – availability? reliability? methodology?
 - Capacity assessment – availability of data, quality of data, methodology applied – particularly for multispecies fisheries and multigear fisheries!
 - Economical assessment – difficult to compensate and estimate the economical effects of fishery (envisaged difficulties in data gathering as well)
 - Social assessment – often fisheries represent elements of social and cultural concern, which are difficult to assess and compensate. Furthermore, diversification and employment need to be secured

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Thank you for your attention

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