

GeoInformation Fisheries System in Croatia + IUU

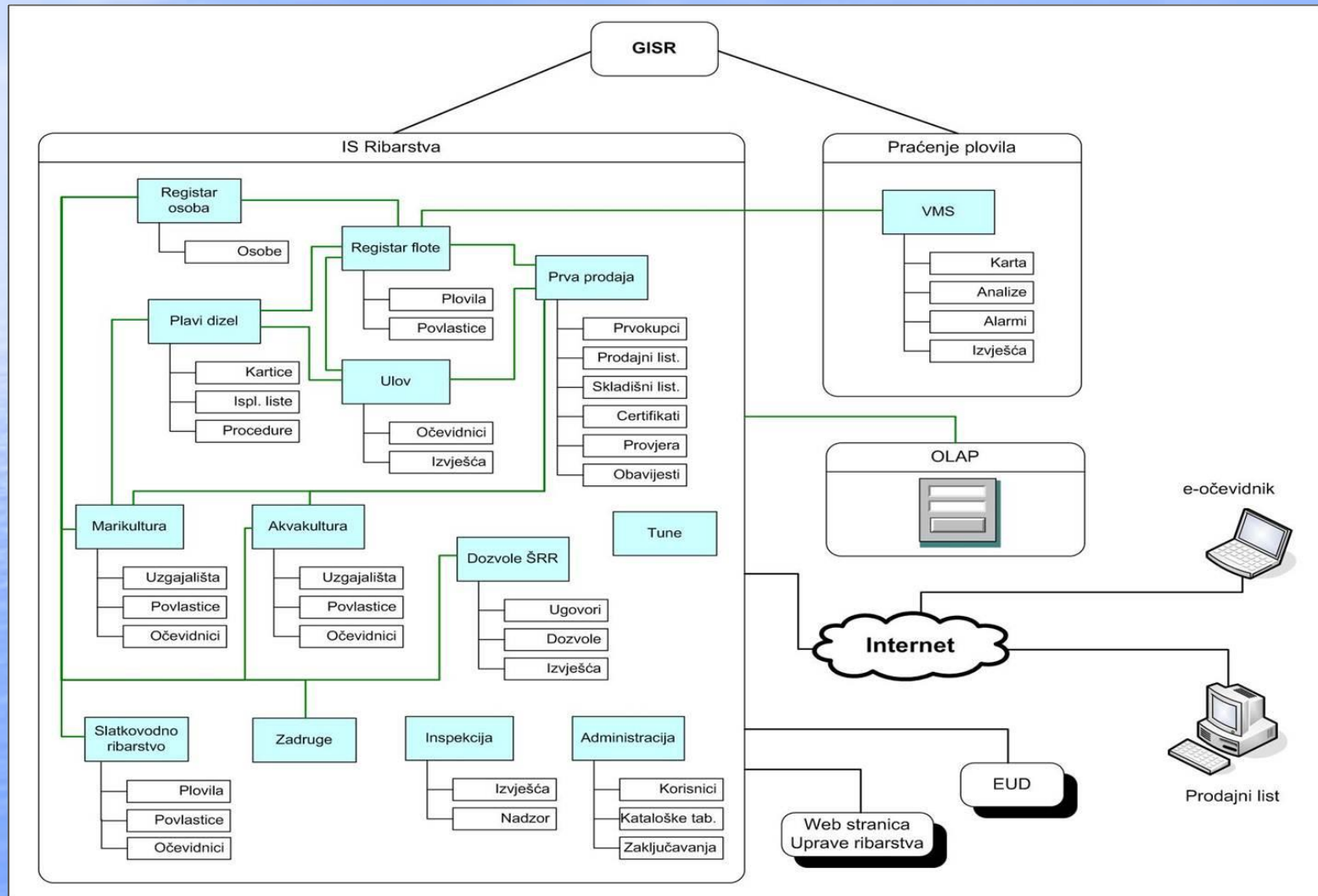
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Structure of the GISR



Legislation and current practice

- Croatian fleet operates in Croatian territorial waters.
- **There have been no fishing vessels flagged to other countries recorded or observed in the area.**
- In general, the fishery taking place in the GSA 17 is considered to be fully regulated and legal.
- There have been no studies about IUU fishing in Croatia. The reason is mainly because the fishing grounds are exploited by national fleets and hence are considered fully regulated.
- In the control, supervision and legal measures in the field of IUU fisheries, RH is harmonized with the EU regulations in this part.
- Croatia is well organised and committed concerning the catch certification scheme.

Legislation and current practice (2)

- The fishing fleet activity, catch, landing and marketing of the fishery products in Croatia is monitored by National authorities under Directorate of Fisheries, using number of mechanisms including the electronic communication as well as standard ways such as logbooks, fishing reports, sales notes and catch certificates before entry in EU.
- Introduction of electronic system and links between the data bases on licenses, fleet, catches and landings, first buyers, first sales and VMS system, enabled efficient data cross check.

National fleet - data

LoA metres	number of vessels
0 – 6	2555
6 – 12	4558
12 – 18	398
18 – 24	129
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- Croatian Fishing Fleet register includes 7770 vessel (both active and non-active)



Main categories of vessel type

HRV	A - Polyvalent small-scale vessels without engine (<12 metres)	64
HRV	B - Polyvalent small-scale vessels with engine (<6 metres)	2514
HRV	C - Polyvalent small-scale vessels with engine (6-12 metres)	4207
HRV	D - Trawlers (<12 metres)	185
HRV	E - Trawlers (12 - 24 metres)	315
HRV	F - Trawlers (> 24 metres)	39
HRV	G - Purse Seiners (6-12 metres)	48
HRV	H - Purse Seiners (>12 metres)	204
HRV	I-Long liners (>6 metres)	93
HRV	K-Tuna Seiners (>12 metres)	9
HRV	L- Dredges (> 6metres)	21
HRV	M-Polyvalent vessels (>12 metre)	71

VMS system

- Vessels equipped with VMS system to track down their fishing activities
- Total number: 340 vessels covered with VMS
- Number by length classes:
 - Length class 6 - 12 (4 vessels included)
 - Length class 12 - 24 (223 vessels included)
 - Length class 24 - 40 (116 vessels included)
 - Length class > 40 metres (1 vessel included)



Summary

- Croatia as an EU member State has an operational Fishing Fleet Register. In the Fishing Fleet Register only commercial vessels are registered .
- There are different fleet management plans for using purse seine nets, trawl nets, shore seines and dredges.
- The objective is to reduce capacity and fishing effort in certain types of fisheries to ensure sustainability, not only of resources but also of fisheries in general, and to ensure a balance between available resources and fishing effort.
- To reduce IUU fishing each country needs to provide more informations about IUU to fisherman in public medias .

Thank you for your attention

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