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The future of research on aquaculture in the Mediterranean region

Work package 2. Conceptual and methodological support

Objective:

Provide methodological support and synergy to all Work Packages.

Approach:

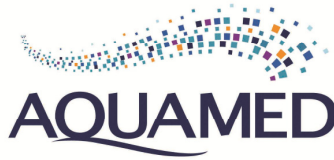
This work package will identify the best adapted methods for the project consortium (made up of partners with very different backgrounds: research performers, socio-economic studies, development, industry, NGOs of EU and non-EU countries) in order to reach a common understanding of the concepts of “Multi-Stakeholders platform” and “Sustainable mutual benefit”. In order to achieve this, all along the project duration this work package will provide directives and guidelines (as terms of reference) for the Multi-stakeholder platform (end product of the project), so that the focus of the work in WP9 is generated from the beginning of the project.

The work package will provide methodological advice and support on methods, approaches and definitions of the most applicable methodology for all work package leaders. It will provide support to WP3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for defining techniques to collect, select, organise information and present them in an easily accessible database. Through adaptation of this overall approach, synergy between the procedures used in the different work packages will be obtained and efficiency increased.

Based on the experience, which has been progressively and partially built up through previous European projects on the development and application of sustainability indicators, a Method Support Group (MSG) will be created to synthesise into a more holistic approach all these relatively independent methodological innovations. The MSG will be composed of all the WP leaders, CAQ-GFCM, FEAP, IUCN, EAS and NOFIMA representatives and coordinated by the WP2 leader.

The task of the MSG will be to act as an advisory board. It will hold specific meetings (e.g. prior and after all general project meetings), so that dissemination of the best adapted





methodology among the WP leaders will be guaranteed. In addition, the MSG will be active throughout the project by informal meetings and discussions and linking with other similar on-going projects, enabling so a documented and based on experience selection of adapted methods.

Expected impact:

WP2 will be the core provider for methods in order to achieve the sustainability of the platform. The major impact of this work package will be the insurance that the most efficient available methodologies to reach the objectives of the different work packages are used properly throughout the project in all different WPs. The MSG, composed of different level experts, will discuss the methodology to be used in workshops prior to general project meetings, so that up to date information is shared throughout the project. The dissemination of methodologies and further background information during the general project meetings will generate a common understanding of the concepts for the “Multi stakeholders’ platforms” and “sustainable mutual benefit” by the project participants. This is mandatory for the performance of a project in an adequate manner. provision of experts.

