



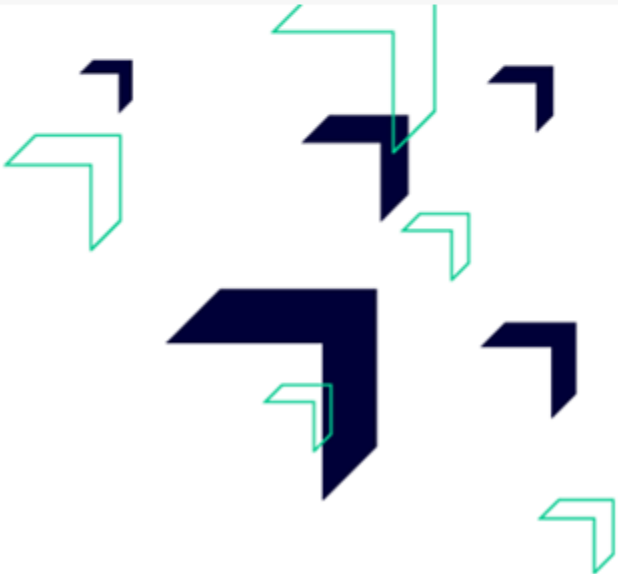
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# Overview of EMFAF for 2021 - 2027

12<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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# EMFAF Programme

- Policy Objective 2 of the CPR is targeted by the Programme.
- Total Budget: 31.2mn (EU+MT)
- 3 Priorities
- Adopted by the European Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Objective: Strengthen the resilience, sustainable development and management of the Maltese fisheries and aquaculture sectors within the scope of the EMFAF Regulation and with the objective of adapting to new and emerging needs, including climate change adaptation and the protection and restoration of the marine environment

*Fostering sustainable blue investment in Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture*

# Priority 1:

## Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

*SO 1.1 Strengthening economically, social and environmentally sustainable fishing activities*

### **Types of potential actions:**

- Investments directly targeting fishers:
  - Investments on board fishing vessels
  - Advisory/ consultancy services
  - Diversification of fishing activities
  - Promotion of skills & knowledge: training and/or collective interest/ pilot projects
- Improvement of key fishing port/ landing infrastructure
- Research studies aimed at improving the research base of the local fisheries sector with the aim of increasing sustainability and resilience

**Funding for SO1.1 amounts to € 7.4Mn**

# Priority 1:

## Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

*SO 1.2 Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels*

### **Types of potential actions:**

- Support for engine replacement and/or modernisation

**Funding for SO1.2 amounts to € 200,000**

# Priority 1:

## Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

*SO 1.3 Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities*

### Types of potential actions:

- Compensation for temporary cessation of fishing activities

**Funding for SO1.3 amounts to € 400,000**

# Priority 1:

## Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

*SO 1.4 Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making*

### Types of potential actions:

- Data Collection
- Control and enforcement activities

**Funding for SO1.4 amounts to € 9Mn**

# Priority 1:

## Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

*SO 1.6 Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems*

### **Types of potential actions:**

- Passive collection of marine litter
- Implementation of management measures linked with MPAs (Project of strategic importance)
- Engaging fishers in MPA management processes
- Restoration and Management of Seagrass Meadows

**Funding for SO1.6 amounts to € 7.8Mn**

## Priority 2: Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union

*SO2.1 Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term*

### Types of potential actions:

- Research & Innovation Actions through:
  - Research and development on domestication of aquaculture species to promote species diversification (Project of Strategic Importance)
  - Identification of alternative feeds including algae species
  - Actions aimed at valorising aquaculture by supporting decarbonisation of the sector, further minimising its carbon footprint and/or improving its environmental performance
  - Actions related to climate change impacts, adaptation, risk prevention and resilience of the sector
  - Transfer of knowledge, exchange and training actions

**Funding for SO2.1 amounts to € 3.1Mn**



## Priority 2:

**Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union**

*SO2.2 Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products*

### **Types of potential actions:**

- Marketing Measures & Awareness-Raising Campaign

**Funding for SO2.2 amounts to € 1.5Mn**

## Priority 2: Technical Assistance

### Types of potential actions:

- Actions pertaining to preparation, management, monitoring , evaluation, information and communication, networking, complaint resolution, as well as control and audit
- Actions for the reduction of the administrative burden on beneficiaries, including electronic data exchange systems
- Actions to reinforce the capacity of MS Authorities and beneficiaries to administer and use the fund
- Actions to support the strengthening of the institutional capacity of partners
- Reports and studies related to the sectors supported through this Programme
- Actions to support in the preparation of the Programme post-2027

**Funding for TA amounts to € 1.8Mn**

# Issued Calls

Call number	Priority of Call	Type of Call	Date of call Issued	Date of closure of call	Application Received – Proposed Project Title	Amount as per application – Total Proposed Project Cost
1	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, more specifically under Specific Objective 1.6 – Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	Restricted – for ERA	08/01/2024	12/04/2024	Marine Conservation: An Inclusive Approach to Managing Marine Resources.	€ 2,562,848.00
2	Priority 2 – Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	Restricted – for Department of Fisheries (DFA)	26/01/2024	12/04/2024	Promotional campaign targeting sustainable fish consumption in Malta	€ 750,000
3	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, more specifically under Specific Objective 1.4 – Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data knowledge-based decision making	Aquatic Resources Malta (ARM)	27/09/2024	29/11/2024		

# Approved Projects

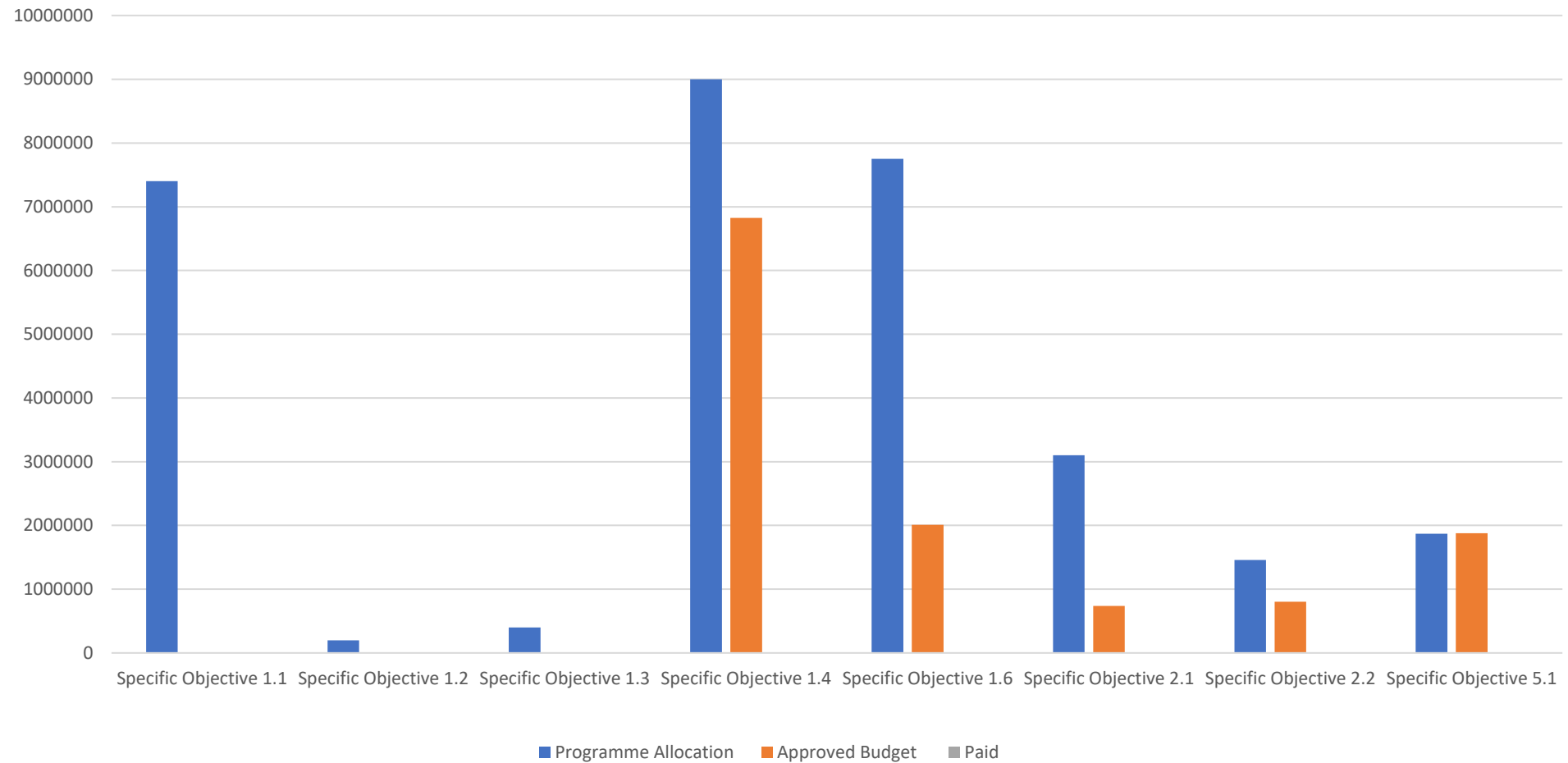
Call number	Priority of Call	Specific Objective	Title of the Project	Beneficiary	Start Date of Project	Approved Budget
1	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources.	SO 1.4 – Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fighting, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	Design, development, implementation and maintenance of a Fisheries Integrated Information system for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Malta	Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	01/10/2023	€ 4,708,000.00
2	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources.	SO 1.4 – Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fighting, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2022 - 2024	Aquatic Resources Malta	01/01/2022	€ 2,116,674.00
3	Priority 2 - Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	SO 2.1 – Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthen the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	Species diversification for Maltese aquaculture	Aquatic Resources Malta	01/01/2024	€ 738,835.00

# Approved Projects

Call number	Priority of Call	Specific Objective	Title of the Project	Beneficiary	Start Date of Project	Approved Budget
4	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources.	SO 1.6 – Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	Marine Conservation: An Inclusion Approach to Managing Marine Resources	Environment and Resources Authority	01/06/2024	€ 2,011,600.00
5	Priority 2 - Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	SO 2.2 – Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	Promotional campaign targeting sustainable fish consumption in Malta	Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	30/06/2024	€ 802,500.00

# Financial Information

Programme Allocation, Approved Budget & Paid Amounts



## CPR Article 42 – Transmission of Data

➤ Transmission of Data sent to Commission through SFC:

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

➤ Upcoming Transmission of Data:

30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

# CPR Article 42 – Transmission of Data as at September 2024

## Table 1: Financial information at Priority & Programme Level

Priority	Specific objective	Total financial allocation by fund and national contribution (EUR)	Co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible cost of selected operations (EUR)	Contribution from the funds to selected operations (EUR)	Proportion of the total financial allocation covered with selected operations (%)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of selected operations
1	1.1.1. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. All operations except those supported under Articles 17 and 19	7,400,000.00	70.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0
1	1.1.2. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. Operations supported under Articles 17 and 19			0.00	0.00		0.00	0
1	1.2. Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels	200,000.00	70.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0
1	1.3. Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	400,000.00	70.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0
1	1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	9,000,000.00	70.0%	6,824,674.00	4,777,272.00	75.83%	0.00	2
1	1.6. Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	7,750,000.00	70.0%	0.00	1,408,120.00	25.96%	0.00	1
2	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	3,100,000.00	70.0%	738,835.00	517,184.50	23.83%	0.00	1
2	2.2. Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	1,458,248.00	70.0%	802,500.00	561,750.00	55.03%	0.00	1
5.1	5.1. Technical assistance pursuant to Article 36(4) CPR	1,870,739.00	70.0%	1,179,491.80	825,644.26	63.05%	0.00	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,178,987.00</b>		<b>11,557,100.80</b>	<b>808,997.76</b>	<b>37.07%</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6</b>



# CPR Article 42 – Transmission of Data as at September 2024

## Table 4: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data

Priority	Specific objective	Type of intervention (Annex IV of the EMFAF Regulation)	Financial data		
			Total eligible cost of selected operations (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of selected operations
1	1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	11	2,116,674.00	0.00	1
1	1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	10	4,708,000.00	0.00	1
1	1.6. Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	06	2,011,600.00	0.00	1
2	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	02	738,835.00	0.00	1
2	2.2. Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	02	802,500.00	0.00	1
5.1	5.1. Technical assistance pursuant to Article 36(4) CPR	16	1,179,491.80	0.00	1

# CPR Article 42 – Transmission of Data as at June 2024

## Table 5: Common & Programme Specific Output Indicator

Priority	Specific objective	Fund	ID	Indicator name	Measurement unit	Milestone (2024)	Target 2029	Selected operations 30/06/2024	Implemented operation 30/06/2024
1	1.1. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	16.00	47.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.2. Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernization of engines of fishing vessels	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	1.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.3. Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	4.00	9.00	2.00	0.00
1	1.6. Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	2.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	3.00	7.00	1.00	0.00
2	2.2. Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
5.1	5.1. Technical assistance pursuant to Article 36(4) CPR	EMFAF	CO01	Number of operations	number	1.00	4.00	4.00	0.00

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## Table 9: Common & Programme Specific Result Indicator

Priority	Specific objective	Fund	ID	Indicator name	Measurement unit	Baseline in the programme	Target (2029)	Selected operations 30/06/2024		Implemented operation 30/06/2024	
								Baseline	Planned achievements	Baseline	Achieved
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR03	Businesses created	entities	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR07	Jobs maintained	persons	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR08	Persons benefitting	persons	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, animal health and welfare	actions	0.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR11	Entities increasing social sustainability	entities	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR14	Innovations enabled (number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods)	number	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.1	EMFAF	CR21	Datasets and advice made available	number	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.2.	EMFAF	CR18.2	Energy consumption leading to CO2 emissions reduction	litres/h	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.3	EMFAF	CR08	Persons benefitting	persons	0.00	94.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.4	EMFAF	CR12	Effectiveness of the system for “collection, management and use of data” (scale: 3=high, 2=medium, 1=low)	scale	2.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.4	EMFAF	CR15	Control means installed or improved	means	0.00	952.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.4	EMFAF	CR19	Actions to improve governance capacity	actions	0.00	10.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.4	EMFAF	CR21	Datasets and advice made available	number	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.6	EMFAF	CR09.1	Area addressed by operations contributing to a good environmental status, protecting, conserving, and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems	km2	0.00	4,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	1.6	EMFAF	CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, animal health and welfare	actions	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1	EMFAF	CR08	Persons benefitting	persons	0.00	10.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1	EMFAF	CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, animal health and welfare	actions	0.00	3.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1	EMFAF	CR14	Innovations enabled (number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods)	number	0.00	5.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1	EMFAF	CR17	Entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or processing	entities	0.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.1	EMFAF	CR21	Datasets and advice made available	number	0.00	6.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.2	EMFAF	CR11	Entities increasing social sustainability	entities	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	2.2	EMFAF	CR16	Entities benefitting from promotion and information activities	Entities	0.00	1,530.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Operation of Strategic Importance - EMFAF.P2.180:Species diversification for Maltese aquaculture



- Contribution towards to research and development on domestication of aquaculture species to promote species diversification in line with Multiannual National Plan for the development of sustainable aquaculture 2022 -2030 implemented under SO2.1
- Operation aims to improve the sustainability and competitiveness of the sector
- Support will be given to research, innovation and investment in the introduction of new-culture species to decrease reliance on the limited national number of species currently available
- Approved in December 2023
- Total Budget: € 738,835.00

# Operation of Strategic Importance - EMFAF.P1.209: Marine Conservation: An Inclusive Approach to Managing Marine Resources

- Contribution towards conservation and restoration of Marine 2000 areas under SO1.6
- Operation seeks the synergetic implementation of management processes within existing MPAs.
- Enables Malta to progress in achieving a good status in the marine environment and conservation objectives
- Approved in July 2024
- Total Budget: € 2,011,600.00



# Administrative Capacity

## Training Courses in 2024:

- Anti-Fraud & Corruption
- Audit Findings
- Conflict of Interest
- Publicity Requirements
- Eligibility Rules
- Public Procurement
- VAT Principles
- Simplified Cost Option



# Administrative Capacity



Collaboration with DG MARE & FAMENET

Working Plans for 2025

# Overview of future Calls



## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Training & Exchange Programme for Fishers	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Restricted (DFA)	250,000	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Feb 2025

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Designated Port and Landing Infrastructure	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€5,500,000	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	March 2025

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Diversification	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€500,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Open-Rolling Call

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Investments on board fishing vessels beyond minimum requirements	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€250,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Open-Rolling Call

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Advisory Services for Fishers	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€100,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Open-Rolling Call

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels	SO 1.2 Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels	Open	€200,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Open-Rolling Call

## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Research Studies to enhance sustainability of sectors	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Restricted (DFA)	€800,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025



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Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Temporary Cessation	SO 1.3 Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	Restricted (DFA)	€400,000	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025



## Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Compensations to fishers for the collection of lost fishing gears and the passive collection of marine litter from the sea	SO 1.6 - Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	Open	€500,000	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025

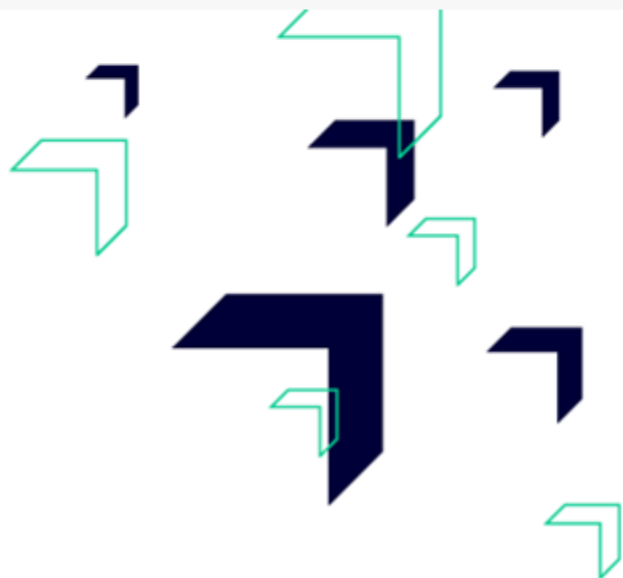


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