Collaborative discard sampling in the Dutch flatfish fisheries.

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Who are we?

- Institute for marine resources and ecosystem studies (IMARES)
Our Partner: Dutch Fish Product Board

- A public-law industrial organisation of and for the entire fish industry (fisheries, aquaculture, processing and trade).
Think tank discards

- Fishers make their own discards reduction plan

- Important themes
  - Survival of discards
  - Implication of discards – ban
  - Possibilities of RTC
Aim(s)

- Increase knowledge on patterns of variation in discards in the Dutch flatfish fisheries.
- More acceptance of collaborative data collection methods
Self-sampling programs discards

- Program of the Dutch Fish Product Board (2004 – 2008)
- IMARES program (started 2009)
Goal: increase of sampling size for DCR
Fishers take 2 samples of 2 hauls

Sample Analyses at the laboratory
Questions are?

(How) can we use this data?
Questions are?

What’s in it for me?
More information:

Spatial & Temporal
Questions are?

(How) can we use this data?

What’s in it for me?

GAP2
Methodology to capture knowledge

- Self monitoring of discards by fishers
- Consultation of Think Tank
- Knowledge on patterns of variation in discards
  - Analyses of monitoring data
  - One to one interviews with fishers
- Use of the program for management
Methods for combining knowledge

- Plenary workshops where the knowledge of fishers is combined with scientific analyses of the data collected in discards monitoring programs.
- Analyses of the IMARES experience of working together with the industry and use of collaboratively collected data.
Working together for a sustainable future