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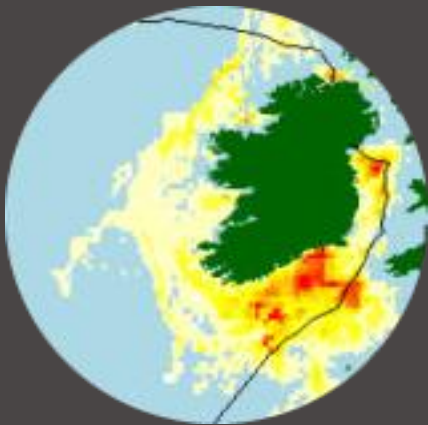
Working Together: Irish Science- Stakeholder Collaborations

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What we know

Fishing industry stakeholders have unique and important contributions to make to fisheries research



Source: BIM



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What we know

Co-operation and collaboration are critical to access fishers' knowledge and improve scientific understanding.



Open Communication



Trust

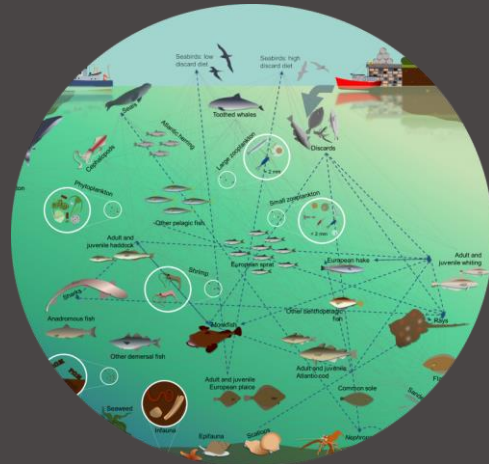


Social Capital

Our Projects & Initiatives



RTI Fisheries Management



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Observer Program
At-Sea Self Sampling



Irish Fisheries Science
Research Partnership

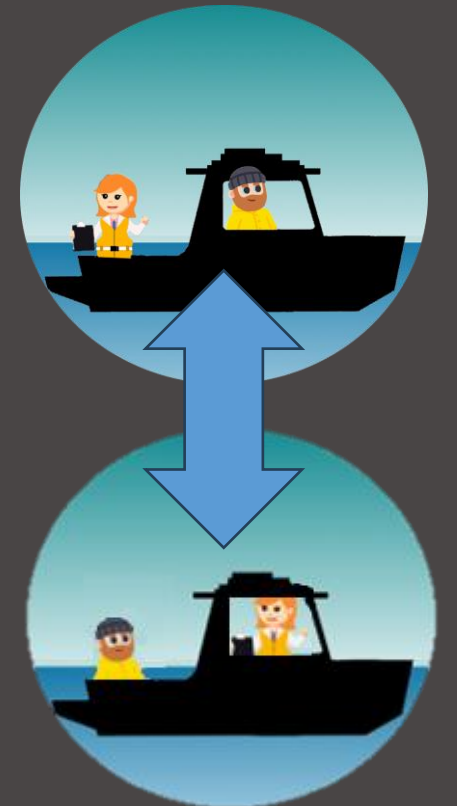
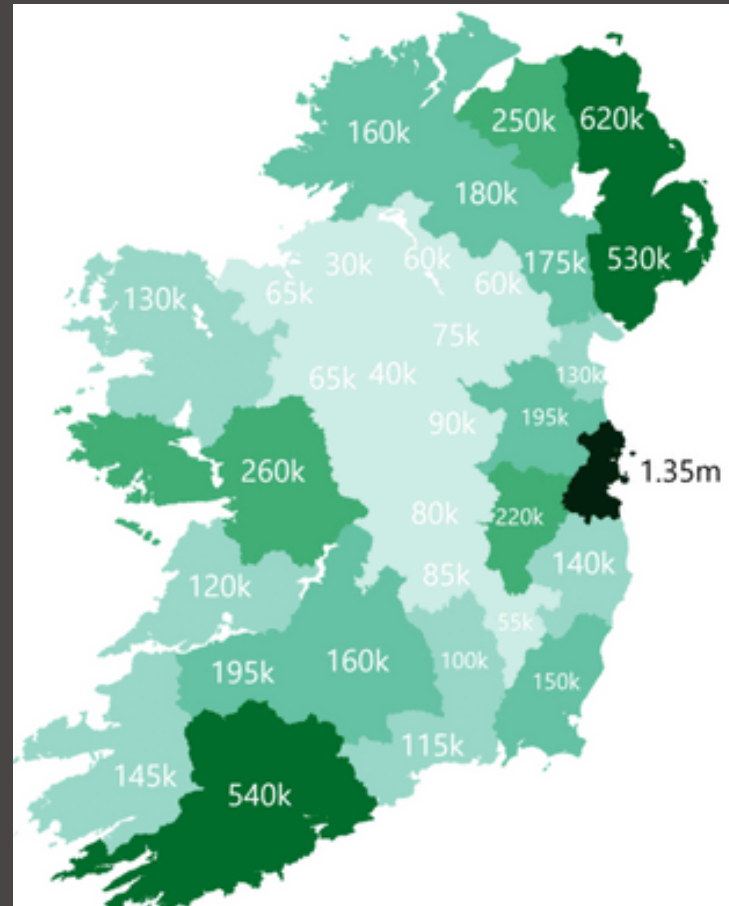
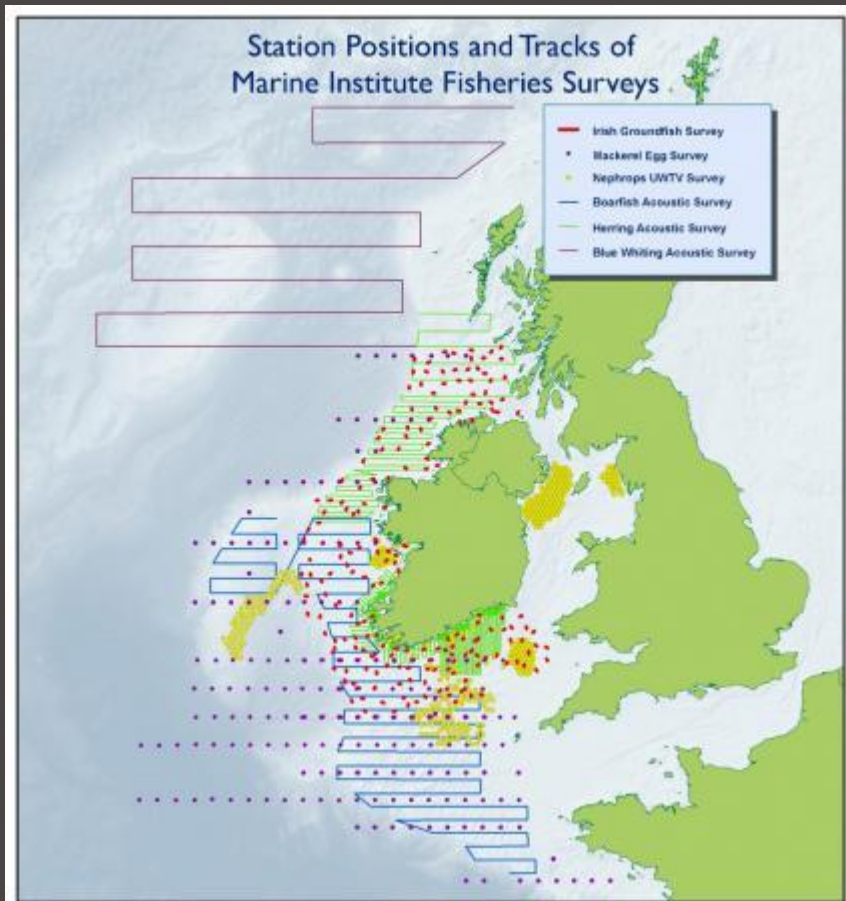


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(Mis)Trust & Misunderstanding

- Misunderstanding of scientific sampling methods



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- Mismatch between advice, quotas and fish on the ground

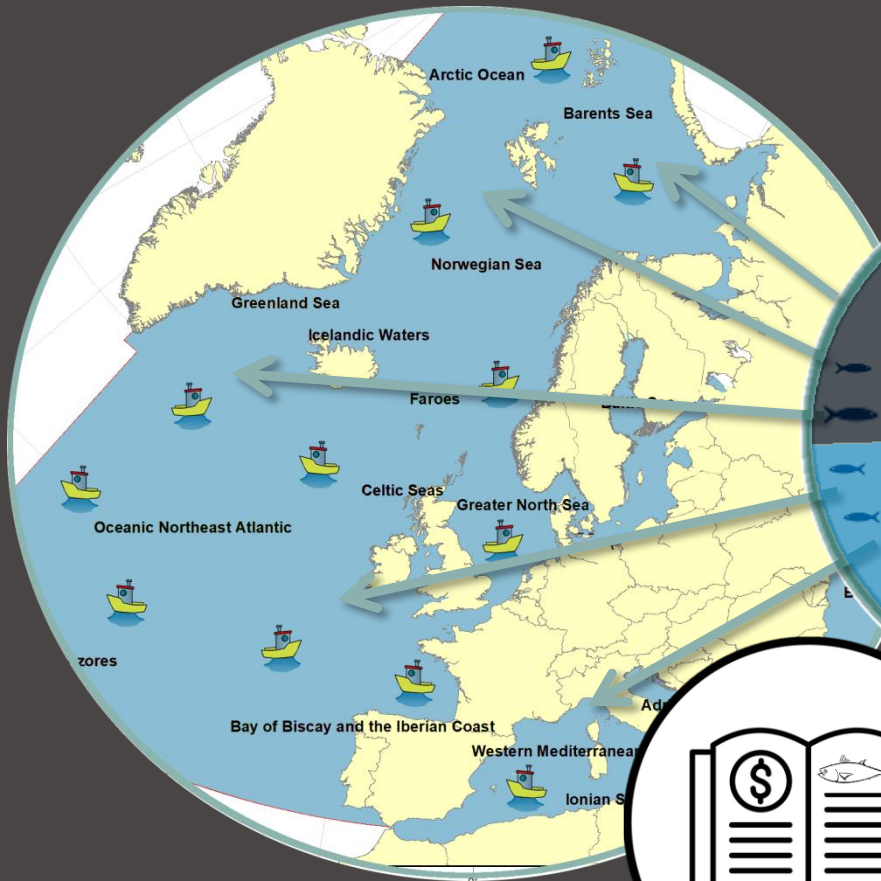


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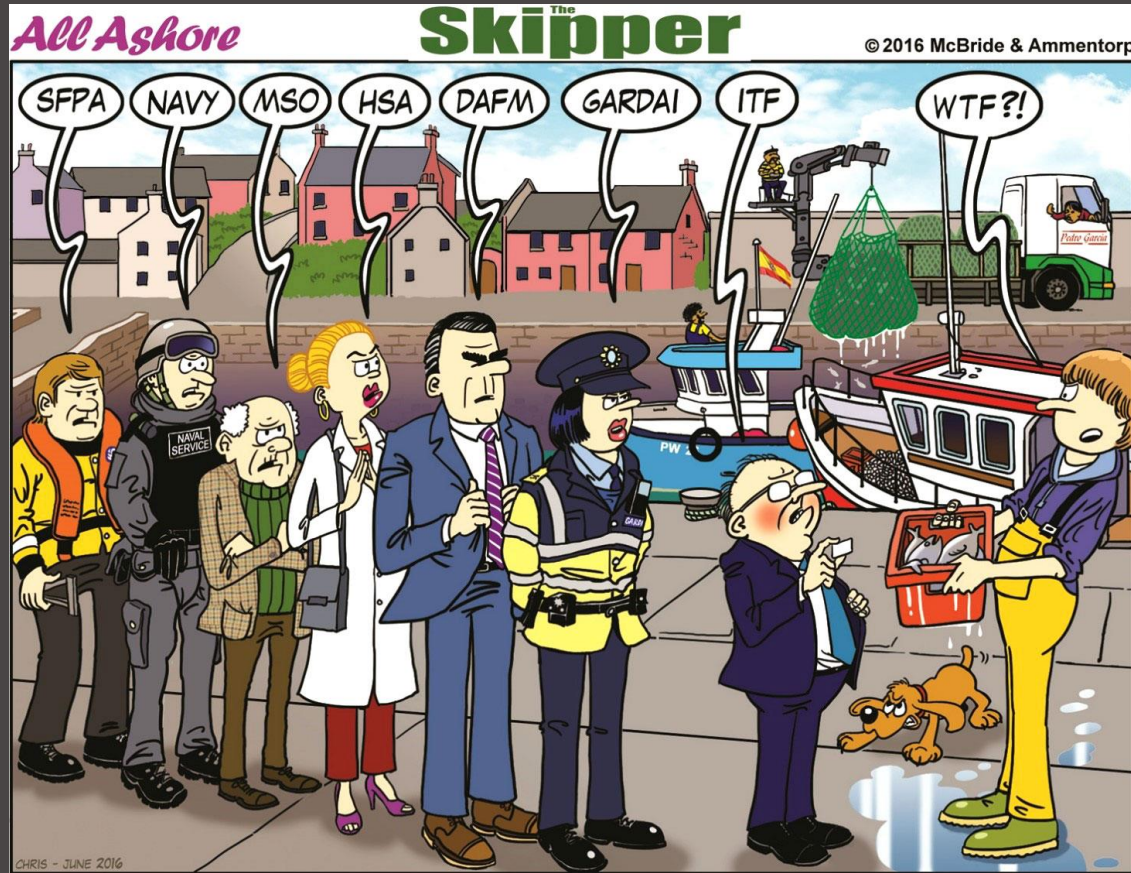
- Fear of negative impacts of data provision

“it’s just the way the scientists look at the information ... we could improve it and get more information, but it almost always has a negative impact on the industry, that’s the perception”

Legacy and Contextual Challenges



Institutional & Legislative Complexity



Breaking Down Barriers



Open Communication:
listening, taking time, learning



Building Trust:
responding to industry needs, being
transparent, sharing knowledge,
managing expectations



Ensuring two-way dialogue,
moving away from top-down
approaches, co-development
and collaboration

The Challenges

- A suite of legacy issues impacts upon our work with the fishing industry today
- The fisheries landscape in Ireland is complex
- Trust can be very low and hard to regain and build
- Multi-disciplinary teams are required to build effective collaborative relationships with industry

Addressing The Challenges



- Create opportunities to work alongside industry
- Take time to listen
- Foster relationships, and consider remuneration for fisher's contributions
- Employ social scientists

Thanks For Listening



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Reflecting on the importance of open communication and social capital for the co-creation of knowledge in Irish fisheries

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Fishing industry stakeholders have unique and important contributions to make to fisheries research. Co-operative and collaborative research approaches between science and industry are important to facilitate the documentation of fishers' knowledge and the co-creation of common understandings.