

Inshore Fisheries Strategy Implementation – Inshore Census

Project Outline:

Development of a comprehensive, fit for purpose profile of the inshore sector that can be used to support it in its interactions with State and non-State actors in the inshore space, particularly in the areas of MSP and funding.

Project Objectives:

Following the development and launch of the Inshore Fisheries Strategy in 2019, BIM is leading its implementation. The primary focus for 2022 is proposed to be Theme 1 'Organisation and Profile'.

The specific aspect to be addressed in this project is the development of a comprehensive profile of the inshore sector which can then be kept current on an ongoing basis using data from the National Seafood Survey. To do this an initial gap analysis of available data on the sector will have to be undertaken, this will then be used to inform the development of a tender to collect the requisite data.

Expected Benefits:

- An accurate and current profile of the inshore sector that can be used to advocate for and promote the sector.
- Provide a baseline from which to monitor progress of Inshore Strategy.
- Improved sectoral capacity to engage with consultative and management fora.
- Improved capacity of the sector to represent itself and successfully advocate on its behalf.

Projected Cost: €103,000