

## BIM EMFAF Work Programme Project Report 2023

<b>BENEFICIARY:</b>	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
<b>PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	23/IFCS/STS-BG011-BR100
<b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>Inshore Fisheries Strategy Implementation – Inshore Census</b>
<b>IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Project Scope

Following the development and launch of the Inshore Fisheries Strategy in 2019, BIM led its implementation with the primary focus for 2023 being Theme 1 'Organisation and Profile'. The specific aspect to be addressed in this project was 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 (NSS). Due to the wide range of business models encountered in the inshore sector the NSS data shows a very wide spread in the performance of the sector making its full value very difficult to estimate, a complete census will allow the sector to be stratified by business model and thus permit the NSS data to be used to give an accurate estimation of the true value of the sector on an ongoing basis. In addition, there are many other social metrics which could be usefully collected through a census such as age, succession plan etc. that could also facilitate the development of a much more comprehensive picture of the sector.

An initial gap analysis of available data on the sector has been undertaken and was used, along with a needs analysis of users informed by direct consultation, to inform the development of a tender to collect the requisite data.

### Objectives

Development of a comprehensive, fit for purpose profile of the inshore sector, capable of being updated annually using the NSS and 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.

### Outcomes

The census questions were finalised following meetings of the Inshore Strategy Implementation Group which included representatives of DAFM, MI, NIFA and NIFF. Once finalised the census was developed into an online survey by Opinions, the contractor engaged to carry out the work. Completion of the census was made a condition of payment for the Brexit Inshore Business Adjustment Scheme which launched in June. The financial incentive provided by payments made under the scheme resulted in a high response rate with over 800 respondents completing the survey by October. An analysis of the data from the online responses is now underway with the aim of informing the development of the new Inshore Fisheries Strategy in 2024.



## Summary of Project Spend

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Total Approved Costs	€25,538
Total Eligible Expenditure	€25,538
EMFAF Eligible Expenditure	€12,769
Exchequer	€12,769

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