European Commission

VALDUVIS
(Belgium)

The VALDUVIS project uses Belgian fishing vessels' electronic logbook data to rank the sustainability of every fishing trip on a scale of 0-100 based on 14 different sustainability indicators.

The vessels' electronic logbook captures all necessary data for the rating, including information on the vessel, the fishing gear used, the catch area, the catch composition, and other data on the catch.

The VALDUVIS methodology assesses each fishing trip's ecological, economic and social sustainability based on local scientific knowledge about the fishery.

WHY IS VALDUVIS INNOVATIVE?

- Assesses fishing activities based on three pillars of sustainability
- Tailored to small-scale fisheries
- Provides scoring for each individual fishing trip
- Scientifically sound
- Active stakeholder participation
- The use of existing data streams makes it fairly cheap and easy to implement
- Possibility to automate the whole process and score fishing trips real time

OBJECTIVES

- **MONITORING TOOL**
  Provides time series data of the fleet's sustainability for policy and scientific purposes
- **LEARNING TOOL**
  Fishermen discuss about and learn how to improve their scores in focus groups
- **INFORMATION TOOL**
  Communicating sustainability to important industry and policy stakeholders
- **ULTIMATE GOAL**
  To reward efforts towards more sustainable fishing practices through improvements in market access and/or a better price

Total cost of project: 244 400 EUR
EMFF: 122 200 EUR
Funding from: 122 200 EUR

FAMENET

VALDUVIS

ILVO
Instituut voor Landbouw- en Visserijonderzoek

Europees Visserijfonds
duurzame ontwikkeling visserijgebied

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de gedreven provincie