

Title: **Artisanal Fisheries in Palamós - Economic indicators - Marine Protected Areas**

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Abstract: Artisanal fishermen are the great unknown of fisheries. Being the more numerous segment, is the more abandoned community by managers. In a generalized context of overcapacity and taking into account the dwindling state of resources, the situation seems to be paradoxical since artisanal métiers are considered to be the less impact on ecosystems, considering the rules in force on fisheries and, on the other hand, it is the segment with less representative status and, consequently, the less influential in decision makers. Only in the frame of habitats protection is well represented. Artisanal fishermen in Palamós presented in 2007 a proposal of creation a Marine Protected Area of fisheries interest, which scope was pulling through the current situation and preserve its future.

Traditional fisheries management has been mainly under a biological point of view, in a poor data context. Notwithstanding, it seems to be logical that first studies in this case have socioeconomic content. Data available coming from sale notes and a rather field survey have been used to establish the socioeconomic reference situation of artisanal fishermen in Palamós, by indicators theory and trend analysis techniques. It deals with a preliminary approach in the discussion of the proposal, which will help on the monitoring of scopes of the marine reserve.