

Shared values and aims

The Invest in Fish South West steering group have been working closely with the project facilitator to define their overall values with respect to possible management scenarios for fisheries. The following can be taken as a list of the 'shared values' developed and agreed from these discussions. These will help guide the selection and assessment of the options being considered.

- Focus on a mix of options rather than relying on one single option
- Aim for flexible and efficient instruments based on regional assessments
- Search for options that help create a market for sustainable by-catch and reduce discards
- Emphasise the need for self-governance and self-regulation for regional players within the legal framework of national and international objectives and strategies
- Emphasise self-control and supervision of policing within an agreed legal and regulatory framework
- Aim to explore functional alternatives to existing TACs or quota allocation mechanisms
- Support local fishing communities to control their own destiny. They should design, implement and control the management options wherever possible (in line with national and supranational requirements)
- Aim for more inclusive management, including the fishing industry, recreational sea anglers, fishing communities, environmentalists, retailers and consumers
- Support a means of providing information on the best practice of relevant management regimes elsewhere in the world and provide useful advice.