# Total FIFG (EU + Member State Contributions)

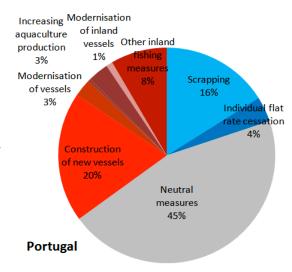
€236million

5% of total FIFG in the EU

Ranked 6 out of 24 MS

# Summary of total FIFG

Portugal spent more on the construction of new vessels (20% of total FIFG) than on scrapping (16%). It was second only to Spain in the proportion of FIFG allocated to vessel construction and in the proportion allocated to inland fishing. Over the programme period the Portuguese fleet only reduced by 9% in terms of GT and 4% in terms of engine power. It is unlikely that this will have off-set the technological improvements of the fleet.



### Overcapacity and Overfishing

The impact of FIFG funding on the Portuguese fleets is mixed, as significant reductions in set gillnet and longline fleet capacity have been funded, but there was a net capacity increase in the purse seine fleet with FIFG funding. These fleets target fisheries that continue to show acute signs of overfishing.

# **Environmental Impacts**

20% of total FIFG funding on positive measures (vessel scrapping, resource protection, etc)

35% of total FIFG funding on negative measures (vessel construction, modernisation, etc)

Main Gear Types	Built(No.)	Scrapped(No.)	Net change	Stocks			Status(07)			Trend		
Set gillnets	63	88	-25	BF Tuna			$\odot$			Û		
Bottom otter trawls	18	17	1	Hake	Megrim	Monks	(3)	<u>:</u>	(3)	Û	$\Rightarrow$	Û
Purse seiners	15	63	-48	Hake	Megrim	Monks	<u>:</u>	<u>:</u>	(S)	Û	$\Rightarrow$	Û
Set longlines	23	12	11	Ancho	vy BF	BF Tuna			(3)	$\Rightarrow$		Û

# **Social Impacts**

Average annual total FIFG funding as a % of catching sector value (in 2005)

12%

Average annual total FIFG funding per catching sector employee

€6,438.00

Portugal shows relatively low FIFG funding levels per fishing sector employee compared to the main other recipient Member States, but a high proportion of funding (12%) as a percentage of the catching sector value compared to the average (5%). The average amount of FIFG funding to processing and aquaculture measures represents a much smaller proportion of the annual value of these sectors (1% and 2%, respectively.)

### **Social Contract**

The Portuguese administration did not make a connection between infringement of the CFP rules and the award of FIFG funding, despite the Portuguese sector being identified as showing low levels of compliance. There was also no attempt to recoup FIFG awards from those who infringed CFP rules.