

Total FIGG (EU + Member State Contributions)

€237million

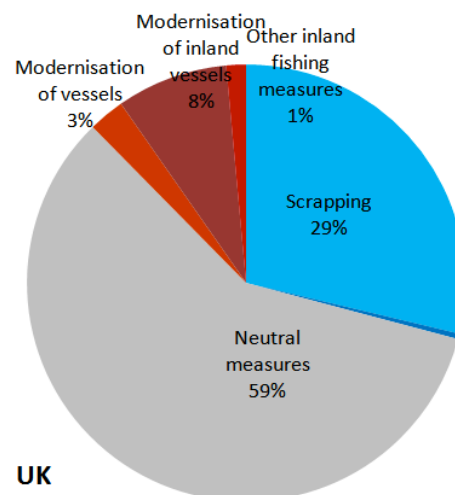
5% of total FIGG in the EU

Ranked 5 out of 24 MS

Summary of total FIGG

The UK did not support any vessel construction with FIGG funding. One-third of vessels scrapped under FIGG were bottom trawlers targeting a mixed fishery including cod. Beam trawlers and mid-water trawlers were also decommissioned.

Most vessel modernisation was aimed at improving catch quality (refrigeration, etc.) but some engine replacement was supported, which would result in an effective increase in fishing capacity.



Overcapacity and Overfishing

The removal of bottom and beam trawlers has reduced fishing capacity in these fleets and this reduced fishing pressure will have benefited the recovery plans for cod and plaice. Evaluations of the UK modernisation schemes appear to have identified the ability to use funds for increases to fishing efficiency, and these measures were subsequently removed or tightened.

Environmental Impacts

29% of total FIGG funding on positive measures (vessel scrapping, resource protection, etc)

12% of total FIGG funding on negative measures (vessel construction, modernisation, etc)

Main Gear Types	Built (No.)	Scrapped (No.)	Net change	Stocks	Status (2007)	Trend
Bottom trawlers	0	83	-83	Hake Mullet	☹️ 😊	↑ ↑
Beam trawlers	0	15	-15	Plaice	😊	⇒
Midwater trawlers	0	11	-11	Herring	😊	⇒
'Other'	0	55	-55			

Social Impacts

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

2.5%

Average annual total FIGG funding per catching sector employee

€6,247.00

Much of the FIGG funding was implemented through the Objective 1 programmes targeting fisheries dependent communities in SW England, and the Scottish Highlands and Islands. During the programme an additional €1 million was used to target support for small-scale coastal fisheries.

Social Contract

Annual funding for control as % of sector value

2.3%

Annual funding for control relative to average annual FIGG funding

105%

The UK spent more on control and enforcement than on FIGG subsidies, given the size of its fisheries sector. No connection was made between infringements of CFP rules and awarding FIGG funding. There was also no attempt to recoup FIGG awards from those who infringed CFP rules.

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