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Dear Mr Fotiadis,

The Pelagic RAC has become aware that DG MARE is in the process of embarking on a Socio-economic impact study as part of the up-coming reform of the CFP. The Pelagic RAC welcomes this socio-economic impact study and requests that pelagic dominated fishing communities are well-represented in the case-studies under selection. The Pelagic RAC is most willing to be actively involved in any way it can to support the process concerning this important impact assessment. We look forward to be informed about the results of the impact studies.

Yours sincerely,

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