# "The suitability of European policies for archipelagic artisanal fisheries"

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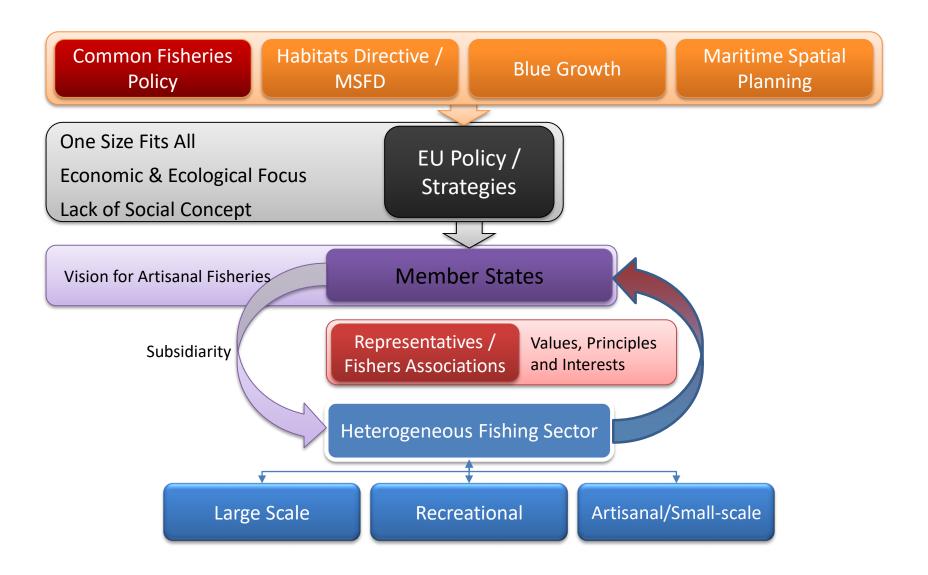
### **Artisanal Fisheries in Archipelagos**

- Importance of fishing communities:
  - Provision of fresh fish
  - Socio-cultural contributions
  - Local economies, tourism
  - Social cohesion
- Challenges (resilience):
  - Vulnerability of small islands
  - Exposure to global shocks
  - Supranational policy forces



EU Policies and artisanal fisheries???

#### **EU Policies and Artisanal fisheries**



# A snapshot from the Mediterranean archipelago of Malta







#### Marine and Fisheries Policies

Policy	Rationale	Outcome
Bluefin tuna Conservation	Recovery of stocks	Neoliberal dispossession, reduced viability of sector
Marine Protected Areas	Conservation of protected habitats	Further spatial conflict, squeezing out?
Restructuration of the fleet	Economic growth	Intensification of recreational fishing

Policy fits Wellbeing

**Governance Systems** Institutional

Fragmentation

complexity

Equity

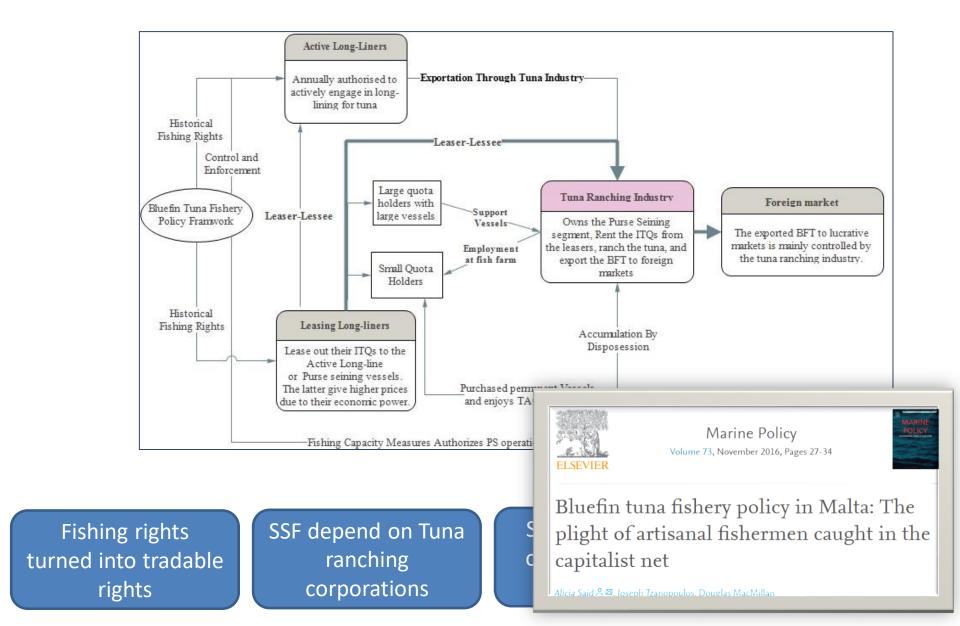
Political economy

Values

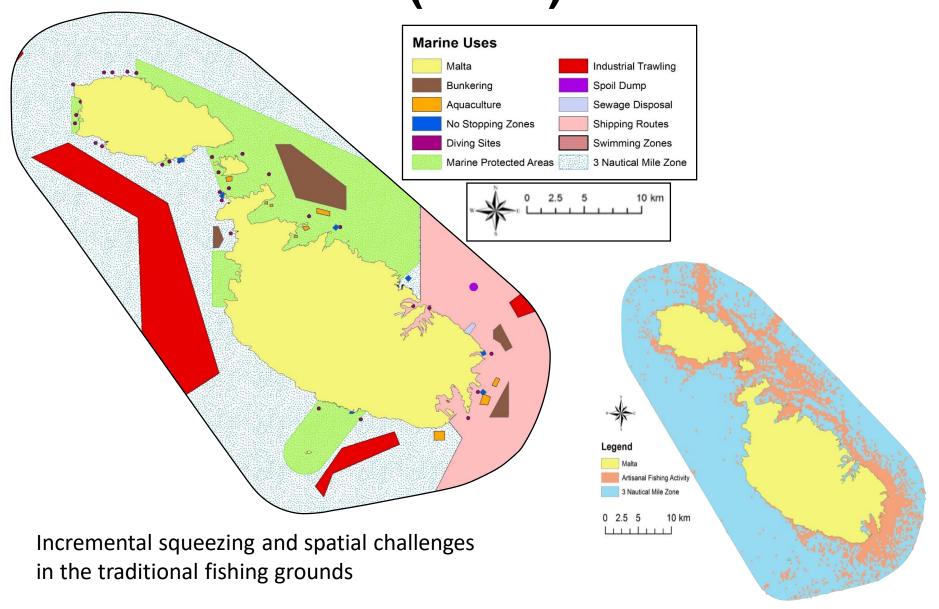
# The demise of Bluefin tuna



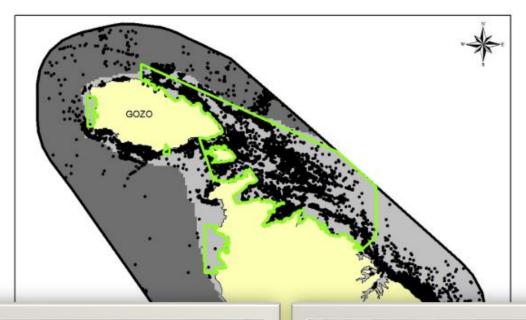
### Implications of 'quotas' as a solution....

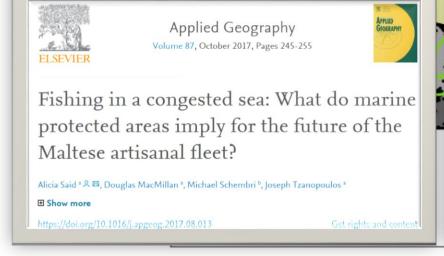


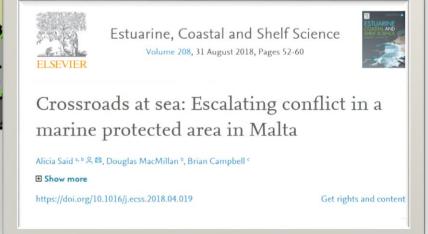
# The advent of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)



#### MPAs - an encroachment too far?





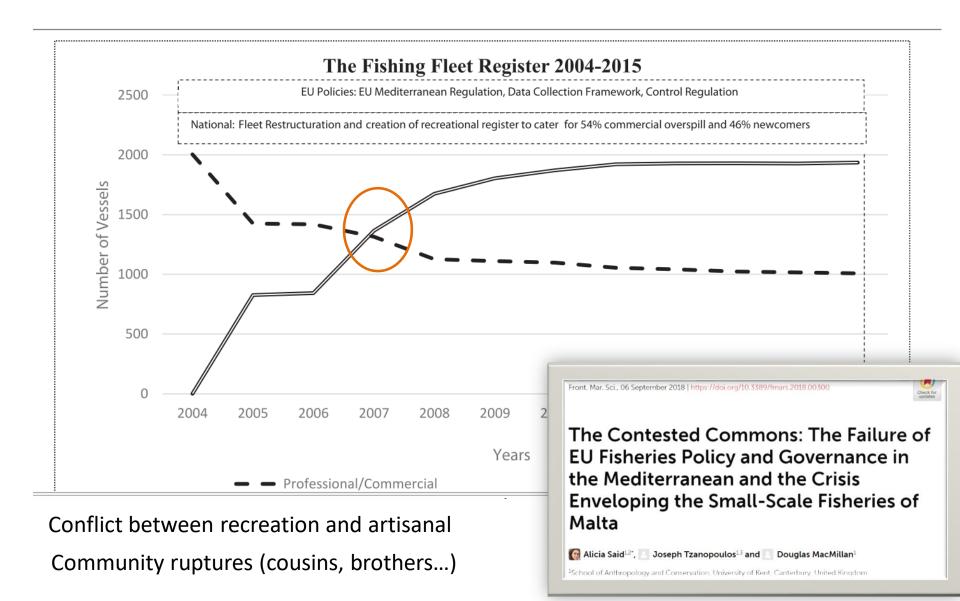


#### **The Contested Coastal Commons**



- Moving towards Growth in the fishery (fleet restructuration/rationalization)
- Creation of a Recreation Fleet back in 2004
- EU Mediterranean Regulation: mostly focused on large-scale fisheries mangement – no similar provisions for artisanal fisheries in the regulation
- Policy blindpots leading to governance challenges

### Intensification of recreational fishing



# Artisanal and Small-scale Fisheries Governance Concerns

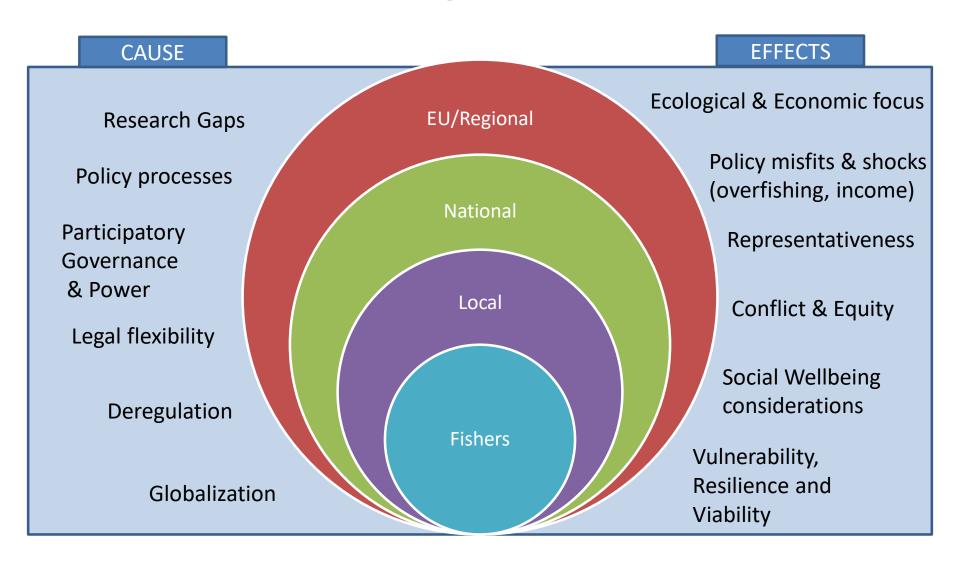
Social vs Natural
Research in
understanding and
governing SSF

Lack of research leads to erroneous policy-making, prolonging the problem.

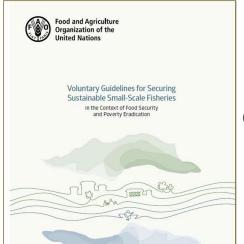
Erroneous policies
trigger policy misfits,
adding <u>further problems</u>
to fishing communities



# Suitability of EU policies: Interconnected governance sytems



### A way forward: **Transforming Governance of Artisanal Fisheries**



**FAO Voluntary Guidelines for SSF** 

































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3. Challenges facing small-scale fisheries in the EU

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Research Data

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Aligning the sustainable development goals to the small-scale fisheries guidelines: A case for EU fisheries governance

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# Thank You