

## **Report for PEER 7: ECOPROFISH – Economic profitability of fisheries and aquaculture in Europe**

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The MASTS PEER funding supported a trip to Brussels to engage in preparatory activities and negotiations for the H2020 call of sustainable fisheries aquaculture activities and communities. The project was called: ECOPROFISH - **Economic profitability of fisheries and aquaculture in Europe**. The 1 day workshop facilitated the engagement of Scottish partners (SAMS and U. Aberdeen) into the consortium with Dr Potts (SAMS) negotiating the leadership of a work package on ecolabelling and certification. PEER funding also facilitated further work on the proposal post Brussels meeting including meeting with research participants and partners. The proposal successfully passed the 1<sup>st</sup> stage assessment but unfortunately did not pass the second stage and was not funded despite scoring relatively high. Several elements of the proposal and the team have committed to explore further funding opportunities, particularly in the eco-labelling component led by Dr Potts.