Maritime culture and traditions

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Stakeholders Picture

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Maritime Activity: Description

Cultural heritage is defined as the legacy of material and intangible attributes of a group or society that is inherited from past generations, including buildings, monuments, traditions, language and natural heritage and landscapes.

Part of this cultural heritage is the maritime patrimony (traditional fishing, fishing neighbourhoods, markets, traditional gastronomy, handcraft and museum).

Vigo is a fishing city since ancient times. It has preserved the footprint of the maritime tradition in the city until today.

Nowadays Vigo is the European’s leader in fresh fish for human consumption.
Stakeholders’ Perspective about MSP

- **Antonio Suárez**: basket maker
  Indirectly connected to maritime activities as an artisan as baskets were used to catch and carry fish.
  He maintains his activity as an intangible cultural touristic capital.

- **Oyster restaurant**: waiter
  Apnea Speardiver

- **Mª Teresa González**: fishseller
  She represents the 4th generation of a family employed in fishing, as fishermen and fishsellers.

- **María Caldeiro**: Fundamar Manager
  She disseminate and share the cultural value of the sector, enhancing traditional values and modern technologies.

None of the interviewers knew about MSP concept (except María)
They all think that MSP is related to maintain a healthy sea.
Some are concern about the problems with plastics.
Suggestions to improve the link between the sector and MSP

Vigo pesqueiro foundation guided our visit. The organisation is raising awareness about cultural and traditional heritage in Vigo of maritime activities.

A good way to promote MSP among stakeholders is to include MSP in existing initiatives like Vigo pesqueiro.

Including cultural heritage contributes to justifying MSP in civil society and elevates the relevance of MSP to people with strong maritime heritage.

Cultural heritage could be a potential asset for regional economy, promoting cultural and ecotourism.

A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people (Gandhi).