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The Sudoang project aims at fostering the joint and sustainable management of eels in southwestern Europe, establishing joint methodologies and reinforcing the cooperation of agents who are implied in the eel's governance and its habitat in the SUDOE's area. My role is to provide the point of view of the fishing sector, cooperate and share our knowledge on the specie and its ecosystem.

The main benefice of this project is to gain information of fishing in other countries and also, knowledge of the scientific work developed. I also contribute sharing knowledge on the fishery and the ecosystem in the Nalón's area where we practice fishery. I share the efforts we have been making since 30 years ago (our area has the oldest captures' registers) and the concern related to ensuring that the pressure on the specie from our side does not damage the resource. For this purpose, we developed measures of management jointly with scientists from the Fishing Experimentation Centre and the Autonomous Community administration. Unfortunately, the eel faces problems bigger than the fishing and on which we should work.

At professional level, thanks to Sudoang, I have deepened my knowledge on the specie, its management and the different aspects which have an impact on the fishery. At personal level, I had the opportunity to know different agent and see how they behave in other sectors. I could get closer to other points of view and I could share mine. In general, it has been really enriching both at personal and professional levels.

In another hand, the main challenge is to share with scientists and other entities which participate to the project, the value brought by fishermen to the ecosystems, the knowledge they own thanks to their experience and the interest they have for conserving the fisheries in which they are participating, within the safe biological limits.

It is also difficult that they understand that the main problems regarding the eels capture's levels depend on multiple factors, most of them with a worst impact on the specie than the artisan fishing.

Regarding the transnational cooperation, before taking part in Sudoang, I did not have any idea of those project's funding. I like very much this initiative as it allows me to gain more knowledge on the fishery's management and the ways to face those problematic in other countries. Furthermore, we can extract knowledge and applications of good practices and in another hand, there are common problems which can be solved more easily with a joint and coordinated action.

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Due to environmental and economic factors as well as the lack of coordination between actors involved in its conservation, the European eel is critically endangered. SUDOANG offers a solution built upon scientific evidences to provide precise information on eel's population and its evolution. Through an APP and a governance platform, SUDOANG ensures a wider coordination between sector's actors as well as the development of more efficient management models.

