

Social license for multi-use offshore installations

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What is social license and why is it relevant?

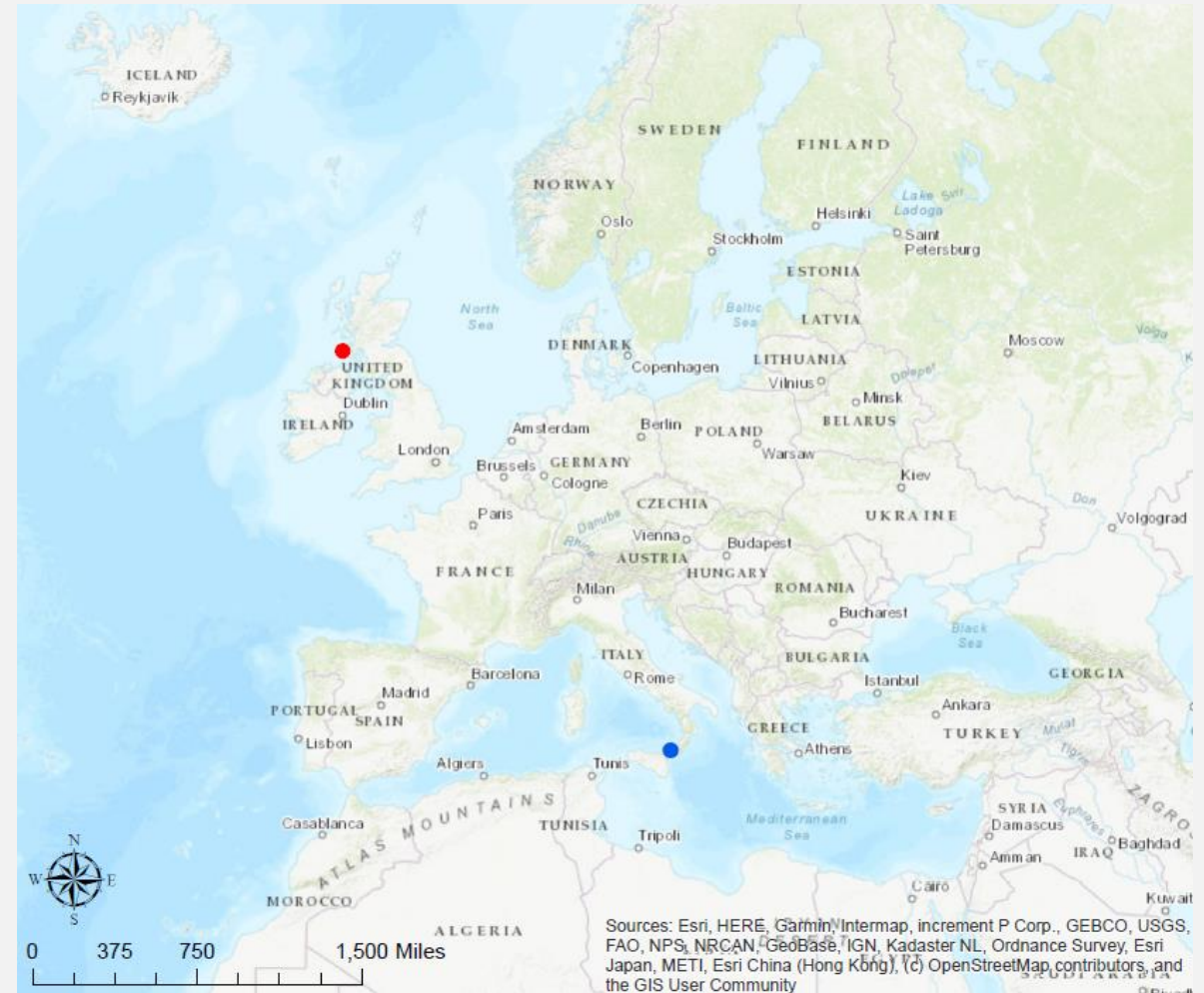
Social license is the acceptance of an activity and its operator by local communities and communities of interest in return for certain terms and conditions (Moffat et al 2016).

- ✓ Many uses and users of the marine environment
- ✓ Lack of social license can:
 - Increase conflict between industry and communities
 - Reduce space for activities through planning and legal mechanisms
 - Cause reputational damage to the operator
- ✓ Negotiating social license can:
 - Increase benefits to local communities
 - Increase opportunities for shared use
 - Reduce the risk and cost of conflicts



Studying social license in the BGF project

- ✓ Two case studies: Reggio Calabria, Italy and Islay, Scotland
- ✓ Surveys asking for views on;
 1. Wind energy
 2. Fish farming
 3. Combining both on an MOI
 4. Trust and regulations
- ✓ Reggio – 127 participants, 90% local
- ✓ Islay – 108 participants, 80% local
- ✓ Stakeholder workshop – Reggio Calabria



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Workshop results: Reggio Calabria

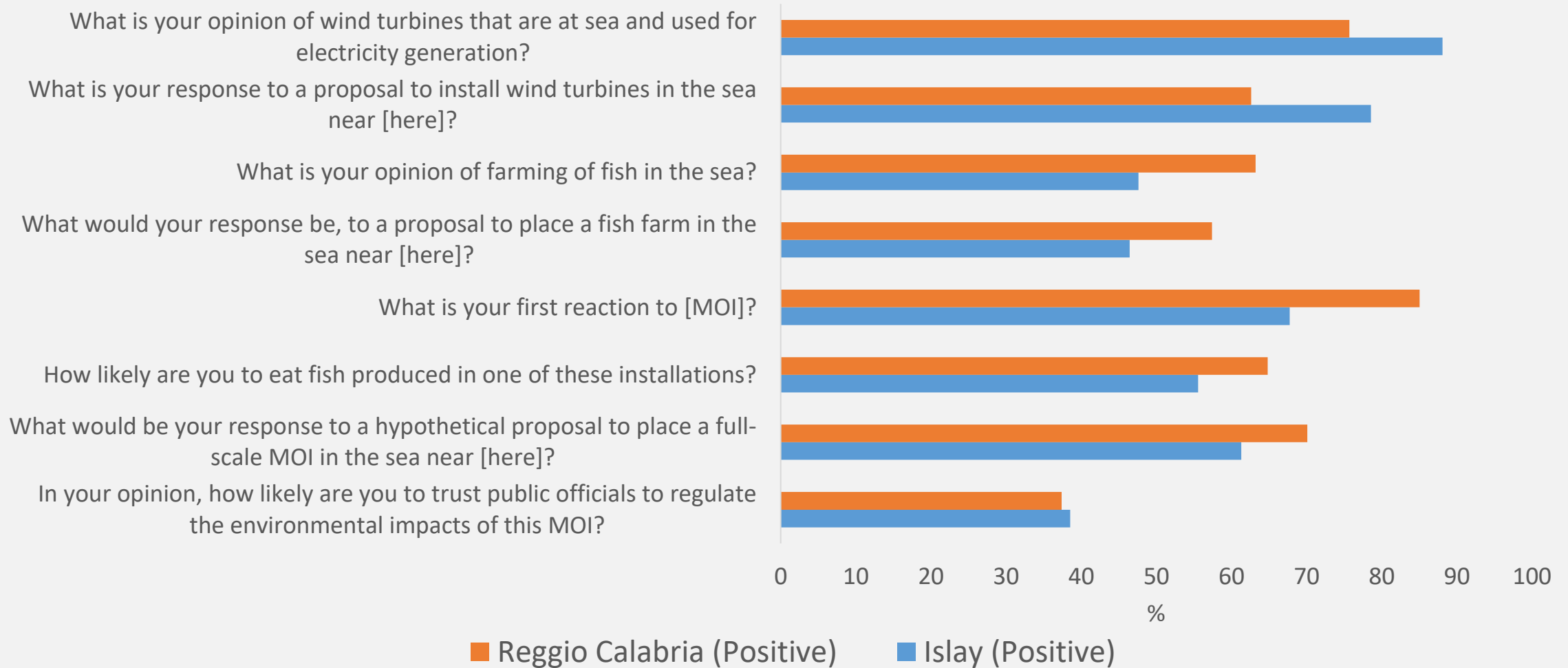


- Perspective on benefits:
 - ✓ Creation of new jobs
 - ✓ Keep young people in the area
 - ✓ Encourage confidence of people in their local area
- Perspectives on concerns:
 - Management of waste
 - Impact on other users of the sea
 - Negative environmental issues

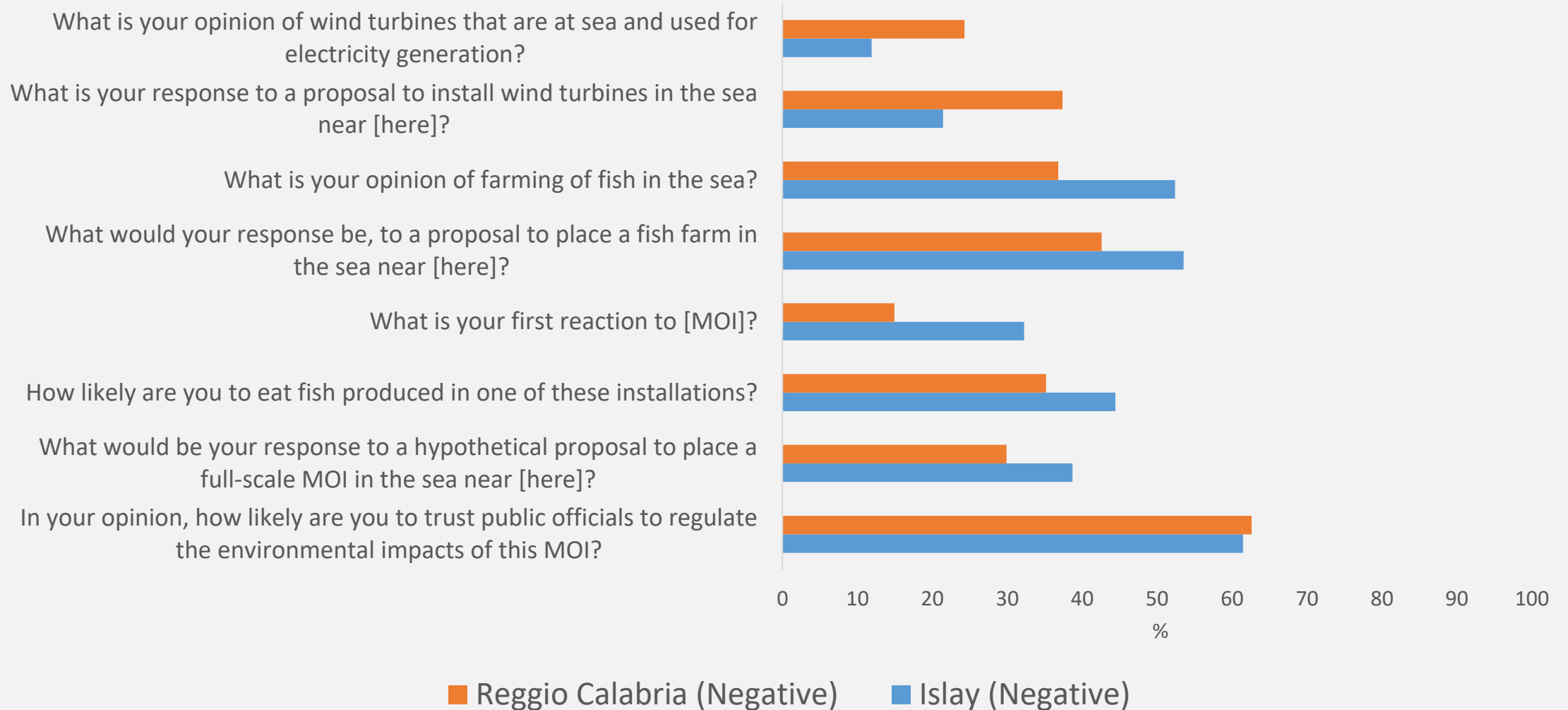
"[An MOI] would provide a strong contribution to the cultural and scientific growth of the local community"

"Attention has to be paid to the interaction between the BGF platform and the local companies working in the fishery field"

Survey results comparing positive opinions



Survey results comparing negative opinions




Summary

- ✓ There is a difference between opinions of the two technologies
- ✓ Social license is not guaranteed for MOI
- ✓ Further work needs to be conducted on the role of lack of trust in regulators and likelihood of social license for MOIs

Thank you to all of our participants!



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