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Executive Summary

This deliverable summarizes our efforts to validate and communicate the results of task 4.3.2 (*Impacts of increased fish consumption*) by means of a submission to a peer-reviewed scientific journal. That specific task belongs itself to a group of quantitative studies (task 4.3) in work package 4 (*Products, consumers and seafood market trends*). The intended audience of the journal article is primarily the scientific community, but the executive summary is written in plain language and is therefore understandable to other stakeholder groups. We reproduce that summary here as it reports the main conclusions and a strong policy message (last sentence):

“While the adverse climate and health impacts of the Western diet have been demonstrated, the place of fish/seafood in climate-friendly and healthy diets is unclear. We tackle that question with a model simulating how a rational consumer urged to consume more fish would modify his diet. Those adjustments are translated into health outcomes by an epidemiological model and climate outcomes using life-cycle analysis coefficients. The application to France and Finland compares the impacts of promoting fish consumption to those of urging consumers to decrease their consumption of meat. For the same relative change, raising fish consumption generates more health benefits than decreasing meat consumption, and produces climate benefits as well. Promoting fish consumption is also highly cost-effective and should be prioritized over measures targeting meat consumption. Rather than stigmatizing meat consumers, climate-friendly and healthy diet recommendations may more effectively send a positive message urging citizens to consume more fish.”

Given the strong microeconomic foundations of the model used in this analysis and the focus on fish consumption, *Marine Resource Economics* (2017 JCR Impact Factor: 1.851 | Ranked #15 out of 50 in Fisheries) was selected as the target journal. The article was first submitted to the journal in February 2018, and the editor gave us the possibility to revise and resubmit it in May 2018 on the basis of two positive anonymous referee reports. The revised manuscript was sent back at the beginning of July 2018 and accepted for publication by the editor within two weeks. Following a thorough proof-reading cycle, the online version was published on 21.8.2018 and the final version, including page numbers, on 21.9.2018.

The submission process improved the quality of the article as the referees and editor requested us to clarify important aspects of the approach, raise the rigour of the arguments and use more precise vocabulary – for instance by substituting “healthy and climate-friendly” to the much more vague “sustainability” throughout the manuscript, including the title. Publication of the article also enhances the scientific credibility of the approach and will increase opportunities to disseminate conclusions and results.

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Introduction

Due to their negative impacts on public health and the environment, food consumption patterns currently observed in developed countries are considered fundamentally unsustainable. As a result, various bodies, including international organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), have called for the development of policies promoting sustainable diets, defined as nutritionally-adequate diets with limited environmental impacts, in particular in relation to the climate, and which are culturally acceptable and affordable to all, including low-income groups (FAO, 2012). Knowledge about the composition of such sustainable diets has also made much progress in recent years.

Considering the environmental dimension first, it has been established in the context of the EU that food accounts for around 30% of the total impact of final consumption (Tukker et al., 2011). Animal products, particularly meat from ruminants that produce methane, are responsible for relatively more greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE) than plant-based products,

and also impact food security negatively due to the heavy land and water requirements that their production entails (Steinfeld et al., 2006; Gonzalez et al., 2011; Nijdam et al., 2012). Consequently, the consensus in environmental science is that switching to diets containing less animal-products would preserve the environment and reduce GHGE.

On the health side, current dietary patterns in developed countries are strongly associated with adverse outcomes. In addition to excess intakes of fatty, salty and sugary foods and beverages, high consumption of animal-based products is considered a risk factor for diet-related chronic diseases such as type-2 diabetes, some cancers, and cardiovascular diseases (CVD). As a result, nutritional guidelines promoted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) include recommendations to limit intakes of foods with high contents in fat, salt and sugar, as well as to reduce consumption of fresh and processed meats (IARC, 2015).

If the literature on sustainable diets strongly supports a move away from animal-based diets towards plant-based diets, it is much less explicit about the place that fish and seafood consumption should have in sustainable diets, even if some studies suggest that raising fish and seafood consumption may have positive effects on both health and the environment.

At a nutritional level, it has been established that fish is a good source of omega-3 (n-3) fatty acids that protect against risks of cardiovascular diseases (Raatz et al., 2013). Further, diets rich in fish appear to be particularly healthy, as is the case of the Mediterranean diet, which includes at least two portions of fish per week. Such diets have been found to be associated with superior health outcomes, both in terms of mortality and morbidity. Hence, Sofi et al. (2013) showed that a two-point increase in the score of adherence to the Mediterranean diet resulted in an 8% reduction in overall mortality and 10% reduction in the risk of CVD.

From an environmental point of view, diets rich in fish also seem preferable to diets rich in

meat. Recently, Scarborough et al. (2014) compared the climate impact of different self-selected dietary patterns in the UK, finding that daily age-and-sex-adjusted mean GHGE were worth 7.19 kg of CO₂ equivalent (CO₂e) for high meat-eaters, as compared to 5.63 kg for medium meat-eaters, 4.67 kg for low meat-eaters, 3.91 kg for fish-eaters, 3.81 kg for vegetarians and 2.89 kg for vegans. In Norway, Abadie et al. (2016) analysed a similar issue from a different angle by deriving the optimal price policy that would favour the adoption of sustainable diets (i.e., nutritionally adequate diets with lower GHGE). The results showed that nearly all food categories should be taxed except poultry, fish, milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits, which instead should be subsidized in order to encourage consumption.

Despite those recent investigations, knowledge about the place of fish and seafood in sustainable diets remains very partial, with a paucity of studies considering different sustainability dimensions (e.g., health, environment) simultaneously in their analysis. This raises the possibility of generating inconsistent conclusions and recommendations, depending on which angle is taken as the primary focus. Further, by and large studies seeking to identify diets with superior properties, and the place of fish in those diets, do not take account of consumers' preferences and the related notions of cultural acceptability and affordability that nevertheless appear explicitly in the FAO's definition of sustainable diets. This is problematic because diets will only be more sustainable if, first, they are better from a health and environmental point of view, but also, second, if they are compatible with consumers' preferences and therefore adopted - that is to say, if they are culturally acceptable to consumers and do not generate excessively high costs of adoption.

Against this background, the primary goal of this article is to assess the sustainability effects of raising consumption of fish and seafood, giving due consideration to consumers'

preferences and associated costs of dietary adjustment. More specifically, in a first step we characterise the economic, climate and health impacts of a recommendation to increase fish consumption and, in a second step, we balance the health and climate benefits of the change against consumers' cost of compliance. This allows us to judge the social desirability of raising fish consumption, considering simultaneously its economic, climate and health effects. Using a similar approach but to give us a broader perspective, we also compare the sustainability effect of promoting fish consumption to that of decreasing consumption of meat. Our novel analytical approach relies on an economic behavioural model of adjustments to dietary constraints that captures that foods in diets are intricately linked through complex relationships of substitutability and complementarity. Finally, because dietary patterns and preferences vary significantly across countries, we carry out a similar analysis in two countries, namely France and Finland, to investigate the generality or country-specificity of our conclusions.

The paper is organised as follows. In the next section, we present the model used to simulate dietary adjustments and induced impact on public health and the climate. The second section describes the data used to calibrate the model, as well the scenarios analysed in the two countries. In the third section, we present the results, and the last section offers some conclusions and directions for future work.

The model

Overview

The overall approach is presented in Figure 1. At its core is a behavioural model using empirically estimated preferences to simulate how a representative consumer complying

with one or multiple dietary constraints would adjust his/her diet from observed level, considering all possible substitutions among foods. Thus, on the basis of data on actual food purchases, the model calculates a path of least resistance that consumers are most likely to follow in order to comply with an exogenously given dietary constraint. This path of least resistance minimizes the short-term utility loss due to compliance, and the short-term utility loss is in turn attributable to the inferior properties of the complying diet in terms of taste, convenience, and any other attributes. For simplicity, we henceforth refer to the utility loss as a taste cost.

[Figure 1 here]

This behavioural model can be used to analyse the effect of any dietary constraint expressed as a linear function of the quantities of the foods consumed. Recent applications to France (Irz et al., 2015, 2016a, 2016b) have focused on food-based constraints (e.g., increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables), nutrient-based constraints (e.g., reduction in consumption of salt), and environmental constraints (e.g., decrease in GHGE from food consumption). Here, we present a different application considering primarily the dietary changes that would take place if consumers decided to increase their consumption of fish, which we envision as resulting from generic advertising or social marketing efforts.

The dietary adjustments are then linked to an epidemiological model to calculate health effects, and a life-cycle analysis (LCA) model to simulate environmental effects. Monetization of the health and environmental effects allows calculation of the benefit from compliance, which can be compared to the private taste cost and public/industry cost of developing measures (e.g., generic advertising) to ensure compliance in an integrated efficiency

analysis. The analysis can be carried out for any number of subpopulations for which data and parameters are available, hence allowing for the analysis of the equity effects of dietary constraints (e.g., is compliance more difficult for low-income groups? Which groups derive the largest health benefit from compliance? Etc.).

Although our model starts from an “as if” assumption in the sense that it assumes compliance with a given constraint (or set of constraints), the analysis delivers useful information to compare the sustainability effects of dietary changes and their impacts on social welfare. With reference to an increase in fish consumption, the model provides a tool to answer some complex questions: what effect would it have on mortality due to chronic diseases and diet-related greenhouse gas emissions? Would that increase be socially desirable in the sense that its benefits would outweigh its costs? And how does it compare to other changes (e.g., reduction in meat consumption) commonly proposed in order to raise the sustainability of diets? We now describe each sub-component of the model in greater detail.

The behavioural model

The starting point is a model of whole diet adjustment to nutritional and/or environmental constraints (i.e., “dietary constraints”) presented in more details in Irz et al. (2015) and based on the generalised rationing theory of Jackson (1991). We assume that an individual chooses the consumption of H goods in quantities $\mathbf{x}=(x_1,\dots,x_H)$ to maximize a strictly increasing, strictly quasi-concave, twice differentiable utility function $U(x_1,\dots,x_H)$, subject to a linear budget constraint $\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x} \leq M$, where \mathbf{p} is a price vector and M denotes income. We further assume that the consumer operates under N additional linear dietary constraints,

imposing, for instance, a minimum consumption of fish, or a maximum consumption of meat. Denoting by a_i^n the constant technical coefficient for any food i and target n , the value of which is known from food composition tables, the dietary constraints are expressed by:⁴

$$\sum_{i=1}^H a_i^n x_i \leq r_n \quad \forall n = 1, \dots, N \quad (1)$$

The utility maximization problem is solved first in a Hicksian framework (i.e., maintaining utility constant). We denote the compensated (Hicksian) demand functions of the non-constrained problem by $h_i(p, U)$, and those of the constrained model by $\tilde{h}_i(p, U, A, r)$, where A is the $(N \times H)$ matrix of technical coefficients, and r the N -vector of levels of the constraints. The solution requires the derivation of shadow prices \tilde{p} , defined as the prices that would have to prevail for the unconstrained individual to choose the same bundle of goods as the constrained individual: $\tilde{h}_i(p, U, A, r) = h_i(\tilde{p}, U)$. Our empirical application only considers the introduction of a single constraint at a time and, in that simplified framework, the marginal change in shadow prices derived by Irz et al. (2015) are:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}_i}{\partial r_1} = a_i^1 / \left(\sum_{i=1}^H \sum_{j=1}^H s_{ij} a_i^1 a_j^1 \right) \quad i = 1, \dots, H \quad (2)$$

Where $s_{ij} = \partial h_i / \partial p_j$ denotes the Slutsky coefficient of good i relative to price j . The corresponding adjustments in Hicksian demand induced by compliance with the constraint

⁴ For instance, in the case of a constraint imposing a minimum level of fish consumption, those coefficients are the fish contents of the food aggregates.

follow:

$$\frac{\partial h_k}{\partial r_1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^H s_{ki} a_i^1}{\sum_{i=1}^H \sum_{j=1}^H s_{ij} a_i^1 a_j^1} \quad k=1, \dots, H \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) expresses the changes in compensated demands as functions of two sets of parameters only: first, the Slutsky coefficients, which describe consumers' preferences and the relative difficulty of substituting foods for one another; and, second, matrix A , which gathers technical coefficients measuring the content of each food aggregate in terms of the target quantities (e.g., fish, meat). Given that the Slutsky matrix is typically estimated empirically from observations on actual purchase behaviours, we claim that the model is based on realistic food preferences, unlike virtually all programming-based models of diet optimization that make arbitrary assumptions about food preferences, either explicitly (i.e., by imposing "palatability constraints", as for instance in Henson, 1991) or implicitly (through the choice of an arbitrary objective function, as in Shankar et al., 2008 or Darmon et al., 2008).

Expression (3) shows that a change in the constraint level r_1 has an impact on the entire diet. This is true even for the foods that do not enter the constraint directly, as long as they entertain some relationship of substitutability or complementarity with any of the foods entering the constraint (i.e., as long as at least one Slutsky term s_{ki} is different from zero). Thus, when imposing an exogenous increase in fish consumption, consumption of other foods, either substitutes or complements of fish, will be affected. Further, the model indicates that the magnitude and sign of any change in demand for any given food is unknown *a-priori* but depends in a complex way on its technical coefficients (i.e., its composition) and its substitutability with other foods.

Real-world consumers operating under a budget rather than utility constraint, we infer the changes in uncompensated demands by first calculating the compensating variation (CV), which measures the loss of utility due to the imposition of the new dietary constraint. For a change in the constraint level r_1 , we have: $CV = \sum_{i=1}^H p_i \partial \tilde{h}_i / \partial r_1 < 0$. An approximate solution to the change in Marshallian demand Δx is then calculated by adding to Δh the income effect associated with the removal of the compensation: $\Delta x = \Delta h + \tilde{h} \cdot \varepsilon^R CV / p \cdot \tilde{h}$, where ε^R denotes the vector of income (or expenditure) elasticities, which is empirically estimable.

The epidemiological model

Simulation of health effects first requires that changes in food consumption at household level, as described by the behavioural model, be translated into changes in individual intakes. This is accomplished under the assumption that (i) the percentage changes in intakes are the same for all the members of a given household, and (ii) the percentage changes are the same for at-home and out-of-home consumption. Changes in food intakes are then converted into changes in nutrients using food composition tables. Variations in nutrient intakes are finally translated into changes in mortality due to diet-related chronic diseases using the DIETRON epidemiological model of Scarborough et al. (2012). Based on relative risk ratios derived from world-wide meta-analyses, the model converts variations in ten nutritional inputs (fruits, vegetables, fibres, total fat, mono-unsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), poly-unsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), saturated fatty acids (SFA), trans-fatty acids (TFA), cholesterol, salt, energy) to estimate changes in diet-related chronic diseases (heart disease, strokes, and ten types of cancer) and related deaths. The exact disease pathways may be direct, as in the case of the intake of fruits and vegetables (F&V) that lowers the risk

of coronary heart disease, or indirect through an intermediate risk factor, as with the intake of saturated fat, which impacts the risk of strokes via its influence on blood cholesterol. An important indirect pathway operates through the total energy intake and resulting effect on obesity of dietary changes.

We must acknowledge limitations of the DIETRON model to analyse the health effects of a dietary change centred on fish consumption. In particular, there are concerns over potential harm to human health from mercury, dioxins, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) present in some fish species (Mozaffarian and Rimm, 2006 and references therein), but this is not taken into account by DIETRON.

The environmental assessment

The environmental effects are limited to an analysis of climate impact, which is estimated by applying life-cycle analysis coefficients to each intake category. For both countries, the LCA coefficients measuring the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from consumption of each type of food derive from a systematic review of the grey and academic literature, as explained in detail in Hartikainen and Pulkkinen (2016). Table 1 presents the LCA coefficients of the meat and fish groups. Our results use, in a first step, the average values of GHGE reported in the 4th column of Table 1. However, to account for uncertainty in those coefficients, we also perform a sensitivity analysis using the upper-bound estimates of those coefficients, which are reported in the last column of Table 1.

[Table 1 here]

Efficiency analysis

The behavioural model simply assumes compliance with an exogenously-given dietary constraint without considering the collective measures that would be necessary to bring about compliance. Although that simplification precludes carrying out a full cost-benefit analysis, we nonetheless derive important insights regarding the relative efficiency of various recommendations through calculation of an efficiency threshold, defined as the maximum amount that could be invested by public authorities or industry in order to ensure compliance with a given constraint. Formally, promotion of a recommendation generates health benefits (denoted B_h) in the form of deaths avoided (DA) and reduced climate externalities (denoted B_e), which can be calculated by valuing the health and climate effects estimated by the model. In the short-run, there are however costs imposed on consumers (i.e., the taste cost as measured by $-CV$ and capturing a loss of hedonic rewards), as well as (unknown) costs to the public sector or industry (i.e., cost of interventions such as social marketing campaigns or generic advertising, denoted C_p). The cost effectiveness threshold of each constraint is hence calculated as $C_p = B_e + B_h + CV$, giving us a means of comparing the relative efficiency of all the selected constraints.

Calibration of the behavioural and epidemiological models

The French model's calibration is explained in Irz et al. (2015) so that we only give a brief overview here. Food consumption data originates from a representative panel of French households (KANTAR Worldpanel), which was used previously to estimate a matrix of price and expenditure elasticities of demand for food by Allais et al. (2010). We have used those behavioural parameters and related product aggregation scheme as reported in the supplementary material of that article. The intake and food composition data come from the

French dietary intake survey INCA2, and are freely available from the open data platform of the French government at: <https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/datasets/donnees-de-consommations-et-habitudesalimentaires-de-letude-inca-2-3/>.

For Finland, the consumption data originate from the year 2012 Household Budget Survey (HBS), which used diary records of all food purchases destined for at-home consumption in a nationally representative sample of Finnish consumers (n=3495). This data supported the estimation of an approximate Exact Affine Stone Index (EASI) demand system (Lewbel and Pendakur, 2009), which presents several advantages over more common functional forms (e.g., AIDS). The product aggregation scheme was defined so as to allow both a nutritional assessment and an assessment in terms of climate change impact. The elasticities, average intakes and other technical coefficients for those aggregates are presented in more detail in Irz (2017).

The parameters of DIETRON are not country specific, so that adapting the epidemiological model to France and Finland only requires calibration of the initial mortality levels, by relevant causes, in those two countries. This was achieved by using, for the French model, the INSERM data on mortality attributable to major diet-related diseases. The corresponding mortality data to calibrate the Finnish model was downloaded directly from the website of the Finnish Statistical Institute. In the two countries, the study focuses on individuals between the age of 25 and 74 and therefore investigates the effects of dietary changes on premature deaths (i.e., occurring before the age of 75).

Valuation of costs and benefits

The starting point of the valuation of the health benefit is the threshold value of a Quality

Adjusted Life Year (QALY) that is applied in the UK to investigate the cost-effectiveness of medical care (e.g., drugs, procedures). That threshold, discussed in McCabe et al. (2008) and still recommended by the UK National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE), lies within the £20-30k range, which translates roughly into €24-36k at the current exchange rate. Given that epidemiological data show that the average number of Life Years Saved (LYS) per DA is larger than 10 for most causes of mortality covered by DIETRON, we make the conservative assumption of 10 QALYs per DA, which implies a value of a DA in the €240-360k range. Leaning on the side of caution, we select the lowest value in this range, and the monetized health benefits should therefore be treated as lower bounds. In fact, that valuation of DA is much lower than the values of a statistical life (VSL) typically used in the cost-benefit analysis of public projects (e.g., road improvement), as reviewed in Treich (2015).

On the environmental side, there is much debate regarding the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions. To address this uncertainty, we rely on the meta-analysis of the social cost of carbon developed by Tol (2012). That author, after fitting a distribution of 232 published estimates, derived a median of €32/ton, a value which we adopt due to its rigour and objectivity.

Choice of constraints

Our analysis is primarily concerned with the effects of raising fish consumption on the sustainability of diets in the two selected countries. Given that the parameters of the model (e.g., elasticities) are only valid at the margin, that is, for small changes from observed consumption levels, we consider the effect of an arbitrarily-chosen 5% increase in fish consumption. Interpretation of the model results, however, is easier by comparison and we

therefore also investigate the effects of other exogenously dietary constraints, which are unrelated to fish but hotly debated in relation to the sustainability of diets.

Our specific choice is to compare the sustainability effects of an increase in fish consumption to those generated by a decrease in meat consumption, distinguishing between all meat and meat from ruminants (henceforth referred to as “red meat”). This choice is justified first by the recognition that foods vary widely in terms of their environmental and climate impacts, with greenhouse gas emissions per unit of consumption of animal products far exceeding those of plant-based products, and meat from ruminants imposing a particularly large climate burden due to methane production from enteric fermentation (Abadie et al., 2016; Nijdam et al., 2012).

On the health side, recent meta-analyses have documented a probable link between consumption of different types of meat and negative health outcomes, although much discussion over the issue is ongoing. For instance, Larsson and Orsini (2013) reviewed prospective studies to conclude that high consumption of red meat, especially processed meat, may increase all-cause mortality. Another study by Abete et al. (2014) found that processed meat consumption could increase the risk of mortality from any cause and cardiovascular diseases (CVD), while red meat consumption was positively but weakly associated with CVD mortality. In 2015, the evidence was deemed sufficiently strong for the World Health Organisation (WHO) to classify the consumption of red meat *as probably carcinogenic to humans* and the consumption of processed meat as *carcinogenic to humans*. The associated press release (IARC, 2015) also stated that the review of the evidence gave, overall, support for current public health recommendations to limit intake of meat.

Thus, our analysis also presents the assessment of the sustainability effects of reducing consumption of all meat and consumption of red meat by the same arbitrarily chosen level of 5%.

Results

Changes in food consumption

Table 2 describes the simulated behavioural adjustments corresponding to the imposition of the three constraints on French and Finnish consumers, in each case considering a 5% variation from current levels. For each country and each constraint, the table presents two columns: the left one reports the contribution of each food group to the constrained quantity (e.g., total consumption of fish), hence giving a depiction of current diets in relation to the targeted foods. Thus, in the case of France, the consumption aggregate “fish” unsurprisingly accounts for 96% of total fish consumption, but the table also shows that 4% of fish consumption originates from other consumption aggregates (ready meals). Meanwhile, for each constraint, the right column reports the change in consumption resulting from the imposition of the constraint. Thus, in the French case, requiring a 5% increase in consumption of fish results in a slightly more than proportional increase (+5.3%) in consumption of the aggregate fish because, at the same time, product categories containing some fish decrease (e.g., ready meals -2.9%).

The simulations reported in Table 2 allow us to highlight several characteristics of the dietary adjustments that would take place if consumers were encouraged to increase their consumption of fish in France and Finland. Starting with France, we note that consumption

of most of the non-fish categories respond to the imposition of the fish constraint. Conform to intuition, some substitutions occur with other animal products such as meat (-0.3%), particularly from ruminants (-0.9%) and eggs (-1.0%), while consumption of dairy products is not affected. The adjustments with plant-based products reflect substitutions with starchy foods but complementarity with fruits and vegetables (+0.4%), although the disaggregated results for the F&V categories reveal that the adjustments are not uniform across types of fruits and vegetables – for instance consumption of fresh fruits increases with the 5% increase in fish consumption, while that of processed fruits actually declines (by 0.5%). Among the remaining food products (i.e., “Other” aggregate), we note the particularly large decrease in consumption of ready meals (-2.9%).

This first set of French results demonstrates complex behavioural responses involving significant substitutions among product groups, implying that simulating the effect of an increase in fish consumption under a *ceteris paribus* assumption (i.e., holding constant all other components of the diet) would be inappropriate. The results also cast doubts over the ability of researchers to devise “reasonable” substitutions ex-ante, for instance by imposing ad-hoc palatability constraints as is often done in diet modelling.

[Table 2 here]

The French simulations of the effects of decreases in meat consumption confirm the substitutability of meat and fish, but the relationship appears quantitatively stronger in that direction. Thus, according to the simulations, French consumers would compensate a 5% reduction in all meat consumption by raising their consumption of fish more than proportionally (7.5%). In the case of a 5% reduction in red meat, the response of fish

consumption is still positive but quantitatively much smaller (+1.7%), as consumers would also offset the decrease in red meat consumption by raising their consumption of other meats (+0.7%).

Table 2 further reveals that the patterns of adjustment are specific to each country both qualitatively and quantitatively. Hence, in the case of Finland, the simulations confirm the substitutability of fish and other animal products, in line with the French results, but the main effect now occurs through dairy products (-0.3%) rather than meat (no aggregate change). We note in particular a marginal increase in consumption of red meat as a result of the imposition of the fish constraint in Finland, a result to which we will return when discussing the climate impact of those dietary adjustments. The other consumption changes related to the rise in fish consumption in Finland are broadly consistent with those depicted for France: there is evidence of substitutability between fish and starchy foods (-0.5%) as well as composite dishes (-1%), but complementarity between fish and F&V (+0.1%). However, the overall adjustment in the entire food consumption basket appears relatively more limited in the case of Finland as compared to France.

The adjustments to variations in consumption of all meat and red meat in Finland confirm the limited substitutability between those two food categories and fish. In fact, the results suggest that fish consumption would actually decrease, albeit only marginally (-0.2%), if red meat consumption was curtailed by 5% in Finland.

Overall, the simulations reveal country-specific patterns of adjustments to the imposition of dietary constraints. This level of heterogeneity in response is, of course, not unexpected as it is known that current diets vary across EU countries (Slimani et al., 2002) and that there

are strong cultural influences on food preferences (Tiu Wright et al., 2001).

In order to better understand the functioning of the model, Table 3 reports the shadow prices calculated from application of formula (2). The column highlighted in yellow and to the left of the table shows that inducing French consumers to raise their purchases of fish by 5% would require a fairly small decrease in price (-3.3%). The shadow prices of the products that do not contain fish are equal to their market prices, which is a result that follows from the theory (i.e., for a product category i that does not contain any fish, the technical coefficient α^1_i in equation (2) is simply equal to zero). Ready meals containing a small amount of fish, their shadow prices differ from market prices but only by a small margin (-0.1%). The corresponding results for Finland indicate a wider gap between shadow and market prices for the fish constraint.

[Table 3 here]

Sustainability effects

Table 4 presents the simulated economic, health and climate effects resulting from the imposition of the three constraints in each country. The taste cost measuring the short-term loss in hedonic rewards represents in each case less than 0.1% of the food budget and thus appears small, although it is worth keeping in mind that we only test small/marginal changes in the constraint levels. More informative, the ranking of those taste costs captures the relative difficulty of adjusting diets to comply with the exogenous constraints. On that basis, Table 4 indicates that, in both countries, the difficulty of raising fish consumption by 5% is comparable to that of diminishing consumption of red meat by 5%. Both changes are much less difficult for consumers than a 5% decrease in consumption of all meat. The fact that, in

both countries, the taste cost of reducing consumption of all meat is significantly larger than the taste cost of only reducing consumption of red meat was expected, as it is intuitive that cross-category substitutions are more difficult for consumers to achieve than within-category substitutions (i.e., among relatively close substitutes).

Although the taste costs are small relative to the food budget, they still account for millions of euros when expressed annually for whole populations (e.g., €10 million for France and the fish constraint). Those costs are typically ignored when assessing the social desirability of measures aimed at promoting consumption changes (e.g., Rajgopal et al., 2002), but will be included in the efficiency analysis of the three recommendations below. However, the main insight from the calculation of the taste costs is that the barriers imposed by habits, tastes and preferences to increasing fish consumption appear relatively limited in both countries, which hints at the potential effectiveness of generic advertising and other informational measures to boost fish consumption.

The health effects are calculated as the annual number of deaths avoided due to the dietary changes induced by each constraint and vary from two to four hundred for France and from none to 29 for Finland. Those health effects are deemed small but significant as they account for up to 0.6% of the diet-related deaths captured by the epidemiological model DIETRON (keeping in mind the marginal 5% exogenous change in constraint levels). More importantly, when comparing the results for the different constraints, the analysis reveals that, in both countries, raising fish consumption by 5% would achieve significantly larger health benefits than a 5% decrease in meat consumption. The surprising finding that, in the case of Finland, a decrease in meat consumption would actually *raise* mortality from diet-

related chronic diseases (i.e., negative DA in Table 4) illustrates that the inclusion of whole-diet substitutions is paramount for the calculation of health effects, and that well-intended recommendations (“eat less meat”) may generate undesirable effects.

[Table 4 here]

Table 4 further documents the pathways to better dietary health, and we observe differences both across countries and constraints. In France, the fish constraint as compared to the meat constraints reduces mortality relatively more due to its effect on the incidence of cancers, although a similar result is not observed in the case of Finland.

Table 5 provides additional elements quantifying the relative contribution of the variation in energy intake (i.e., calories) to the reduction in mortality⁵. It turns out that, for France, the reduction in energy intake induced by the adoption of the three recommendations is the main driver of the health benefit. That statement is also true in Finland for the fish recommendation, but not in the case of the meat recommendations. Altogether, the simulations indicate that fish is typically included in less caloric meals than alternatives, and that this reduction in calories represents a key mechanism by which fish consumption improves dietary health.

[Table 5 here]

The climate impacts of the dietary adjustments simulated by the model are presented in the lower part of Table 4. In both countries, we find that increasing fish consumption would induce a reduction in GHGE, although the effect is quantitatively small (-0.6% in France and -

⁵ The other contribution is that of diet quality.

0.2% in Finland). The larger reduction simulated for France is in line with the greater substitutability of fish for red meat in France than in Finland, as mentioned above in relation to Table 2. In both countries, we also find that curtailing consumption of all meat and red meat would have a significantly larger climate impact than raising fish consumption.

Finally, Table 4 brings to light the more general point that while healthier diets tend to be more climate friendly, the ranking of the three recommendations depends on both country and type of impact. Hence, for health (i.e., number of DA):

- 'Fish' > 'All meat' > 'Red meat' in France
- 'Fish' > 'Red meat' > 'All meat' in Finland

However, for GHG emissions:

- 'All meat' > 'Red meat' > 'Fish' in France
- 'Red meat' > 'All meat' > 'Fish' in Finland

This implies that a careful account of substitutions and preferences in each country is necessary when assessing the sustainability effects of dietary adjustments and that aggregation of impacts across sustainability dimensions to establish an unambiguous ranking requires further analysis, which we present next.

Efficiency analysis

To carry out the efficiency analysis, we monetise the health benefit (deaths avoided) and environmental benefit (reduction in GHGE) described in Table 4, using appropriate valuation parameters described in the methodology section. The column labelled "Benefits" in Table 6 then displays the sum of the monetised health and environmental benefits, expressed in millions of euros, while the column labelled "% health" quantifies the share of the health

benefit in the total benefit from the dietary adjustment. Thus, in France, the simulations indicate that inducing consumers to raise their consumption of fish by 5% would generate a total benefit worth €107 million, 88% of which would accrue from better health, and the remaining 12% from a reduction in GHGE.

The column labelled “Cost” simply replicates the taste cost reported in Table 4 and therefore estimates the loss of rewards, mainly in terms of convenience and taste, which consumers would experience in the short run due to the dietary adjustment. In turn, the column before last presents the threshold values C_p measuring the maximum amount of resources that could be used by industry or government to bring about the assumed dietary change while ensuring that the benefits exceed the costs. Thus, still in the case of France, we estimate that it would be socially desirable to spend up to €98 million annually to boost fish consumption through generic advertising and/or social marketing, provided that it resulted in an increase in consumption worth 5% from currently observed levels. The last column simply provides the ranking of the different constraints based on the value of the threshold C_p .

The results indicate that, in both countries, the value of the efficiency threshold are relatively large (€98 million and €7 million respectively) and likely to exceed the cost of measures that could bring about the targeted dietary change (+5% in consumption of fish). Although it is difficult to anticipate the effectiveness of information provision in modifying dietary behaviours, some academic studies have been published on the subject, albeit not specifically about fish. For instance, Capacci and Mazzocchi (2011) reported that the ambitious “5-a-day” UK campaign to encourage consumption of fruits and vegetables, which was partially successful since it raised consumption by 8%, had a total budget of less than £3

million (roughly €4 million). On that basis, our results support the idea that the promotion of fish consumption in France and Finland through provision of information to consumers is likely to represent money well-spent (i.e., to raise social welfare).

[Table 6 here]

The difference in magnitude of the efficiency thresholds between the two countries is explained to a large extent by differences in population size, as France features about 11 times more adults than Finland. To facilitate the comparison, the efficiency threshold is also calculated for Finland assuming an adult population of the same size as the French one, resulting in the adjusted figures presented in parentheses in Table 6. This exercise reveals that, once accounting for population size, the values of the efficiency thresholds corresponding to the fish constraint in the two countries are of the same order of magnitude and large. In both cases, the bulk of the benefit derives from improvements in health rather than reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

The comparison of the efficiency results for the fish and meat constraints also generates valuable insights. Most importantly, in both countries we find that raising consumption of fish by 5% results in higher efficiency thresholds than decreases in meat consumption, with the exact same ranking of the three constraints. The least attractive option would be to seek to reduce consumption of all meat by 5% and, for both countries, the result is explained by the significant taste costs that this reduction would impose on consumers in the short run. This provides additional confirmation of the importance of including a realistic representation of consumer preferences when assessing measures to raise the sustainability of diets.

Sensitivity analysis

We now examine the robustness of the results presented in the previous sections in relation to the uncertainty surrounding the CO₂ coefficients derived from LCA. Table 7 depicts the variations in GHGE induced by the adoption of the three recommendations for two different levels of CO₂ coefficients for fish/seafood, corresponding to the average and upper-boundary values of those coefficients reported in Table 1. Overall, shifting from the average to the upper-boundary values results in 20% and 16% increases in the CO₂ coefficients of the 'fish basket' in France and Finland respectively. However, Table 7 shows that such an increase in CO₂ coefficients has a very low impact on the GHGE of the whole diet. This is explained first by the modest place that fish products occupy in the French and Finnish diets overall. A second reason is that, even with a 20% increase in the average CO₂ coefficient of the fish category, that category remains much less impacting than meat products. In fact the CO₂ coefficients of the fish group would have to be higher by several orders of magnitude to modify our conclusions, which are therefore deemed robust in that dimension.

Conclusion

In order to contribute to the scientific debate on sustainable diets, this study quantified the sustainability impacts of several food-based dietary recommendations, including that to raise fish consumption, by combining a model of rational behaviour under dietary constraints, an epidemiological model of diet-related mortality and a life-cycle-analysis model of environmental impact. The strength of this approach is, first, that it permits the *ex-ante* assessment of dietary recommendations related to fish and meat consumption in multiple dimensions: taste cost born by consumers, mortality avoided through reduction in diet-related chronic diseases and curtailment in greenhouse gas emissions. This contributes to improving the evaluation of the sustainability effects of those dietary recommendations

by actually considering possible convergence, or trade-offs, across sustainability dimensions. Second, the analytical approach takes into account consumers' preferences, as summarised by demand elasticities, and the complex relations of substitution and complementarity among foods in the whole diet. Third, theoretical foundations support an efficiency analysis of dietary recommendations, which can therefore be ranked on the basis of an objective, all-encompassing criterion. Finally, the analysis was conducted in a similar way for two different countries, France and Finland. This is important to interpret results and derive robust conclusions because consumption patterns vary widely across countries, as do tastes, preferences and diet-related disease burdens.

The empirical results indicate that the patterns of adjustments to those exogenous changes differ between the two countries, although the broad substitutability of fish for other animal products is confirmed and, in both cases, consumers respond through complex modifications of their diets. The taste cost of increasing fish consumption, which measures the loss in hedonic rewards (taste, convenience) experienced by consumers in the short run, is small, suggesting that the barriers imposed by habits and taste/preferences to increasing fish consumption are limited. In both countries, we estimate that raising fish consumption by 5% would generate larger health benefits than either of the two meat constraints (i.e., reductions of 5% of all meat and red meat), and that most of the health improvement would results from a lower energy intake of the modified diet, suggesting that fish naturally belongs to less caloric meals. The increase in fish consumption also delivers climate benefits which, although only limited in magnitude, confirm that raising fish consumption enhances sustainability in both its health and environmental dimensions.

Placing monetary values on the environmental and health benefits, and taking into account the costs imposed on consumers, industry (for generic advertising) and the public sector (for implementing policies), we find that promoting fish consumption is cost-efficient and socially desirable. That promotion should also be prioritised over measures aimed at reducing consumption of meat. Thus, rather than stigmatising meat consumers, we suggest that sustainable diet recommendations may more effectively send a more positive message urging consumers to raise their consumption of fish and seafood. Stakeholders of the fish supply chain may also want to insist collectively on the positive climate and health benefits associated with the promotion of fish consumption.

The analytical approach also presents some limitations, which must be acknowledged and should be kept in mind when interpreting the results. Most significantly, important health and environmental impacts of dietary changes were not taken into account in the analysis, mainly because of the lack of data. For instance, we did not quantify the biological and ecological effects of wild fisheries and aquaculture, and did not address the issue of marine resource depletion. Food safety issues related to the possible presence of contaminants in fish and seafood products were also ignored. Thus, the proposed assessment is only partial and other sustainability dimensions will have to be integrated in the future, as the evidence base expands. At another level, it would be desirable to consider more disaggregation of the fish category so as to take account of substitutions between types of fish products and species.

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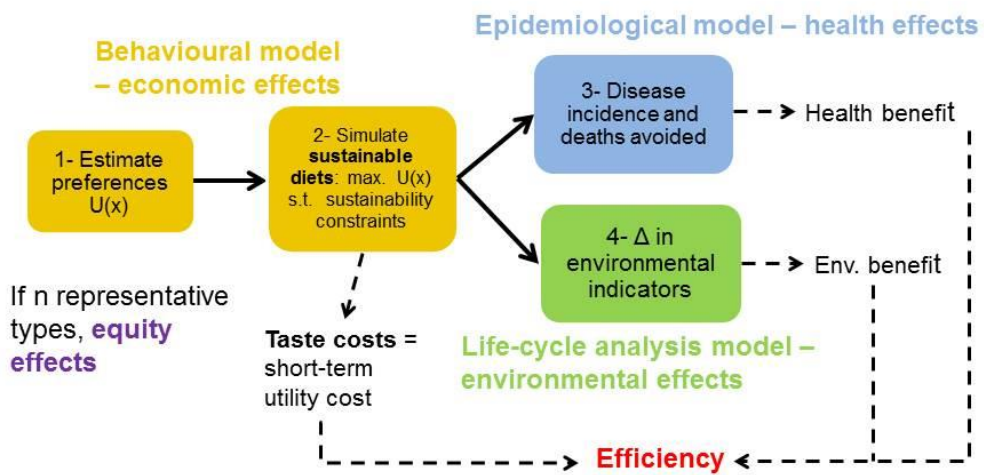


Figure 1: Overall structure of the simulation model

	Food category	Indicator Product	GHGE (kgCO ₂ eq./kg)		
			Best estimate (average)	Lower bound	Upper bound
Meat	Beef	Beef	42,5	36,1	52,9
	Pork	Pork	10,2	7,7	11,2
	Lamb	Lamb	34,3	33,7	67,7
	Livestock meat, other	Avg. Meat	22,2	18,5	27,5
	Poultry	Chicken	5,8	4,7	7,4
	Preserved meat	Ham, sausage	5,6	4,3	6,0
	Sausages	Ham, sausage	5,7	4,4	6,1
	Meat specialties	Ham, sausage	5,6	4,3	6,0
	Pastes, pâtés and terrines	Ham, sausage	5,6	4,3	6,0
	Meat imitates	Tofu	1,5	1,2	2,9
	Meat and meat products (unspecified)	Avg. Meat	22,2	18,5	27,5
	Game mammals	Avg. Meat	22,2	18,5	27,5
	Game birds	Chicken	5,8	4,7	7,4
	Mixed meat	Avg. Meat	22,2	18,5	27,5
	Edible offal, farmed animals	Avg. Meat	22,2	18,5	27,5
	Fish & seafood	Fish and other seafood (unspecified)	Avg. Fish	3,6	2,7
Fish products		Avg. Fish	3,6	2,7	4,5
Fish offal		Avg. Fish 5%	1,1	0,6	1,1
Crustaceans		Shrimps	9,6	7,2	12,1
Water mollusks		Mussels	6,7	5,0	8,4
Amphibians, reptiles, snails, insects		Avg. Fish	3,6	2,7	4,5
Tuna canned		Tuna canned	4,0	2,9	5,0
Tuna not canned		Tuna not canned	4,1	3,0	5,1
Salmon		Salmon	5,5	4,8	6,1
Cod		Cod	4,5	3,3	5,6
Other fatty fish		Small pelagics (herring, sardine)	2,1	1,6	2,6
Other non fatty fish		Ground fish (cod, sole)	2,9	2,1	3,6

Table 1: GHGE coefficients for meat and fish products. *Source: Hartikainen and Pulkkinen (2016)*

	France (2 nd income quartile)						Finland (whole population)									
	Constraints		Fish		All meat		Red meat		Constraints		Fish		All meat		Red meat	
		+5%	-5%							+5%	-5%					
All meat	0.0	-0.3	93.7	-5.2	89.7	-0.7	All meat	0.0	0.0	94.3	-4.9	76.1	-0.9			
Red meat	0.0	-0.9	22.7	-8.2	89.7	-5.5	Beef/lamb	0.0	0.1	4.9	-4.0	51.2	-8.5			
Other meats	0.0	-0.1	38.8	-6.4	0.0	0.7	Pork	0.0	-0.2	21.5	-6.2	0.0	1.2			
		0.0					Poultry/other	0.0	0.1	37.8	-2.8	0.0	-0.7			
Cooked meats	0.0	-0.2	32.2	-1.3	0.0	0.8	Processed	0.0	-0.2	30.0	-7.7	24.9	-1.6			
Dairy	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.6	Dairy	0.0	-0.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.4			
Milk products	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.7	Milk/other dairy	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4			
Cheese/butter	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.1	Cheese	0.0	-0.2	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.5			
		0.0					Animal fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.9			
Other animal prod.	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.7	Other animal prod.	97.6	5.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.2			
Fish	96.1	5.3	0.0	7.5	0.0	1.7	Fish	97.6	5.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.2			
Eggs	0.0	-1.0	0.0	-3.3	0.0	-0.8										
Starchy foods	0.0	-1.2	0.0	-2.2	0.0	-0.9	Starchy foods	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4			
Grains	0.0	-1.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-1.0	Grains	0.0	-0.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.9			
Potatoes	0.0	-1.0	0.0	-4.5	0.0	-0.8	Roots, tubers etc.	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-1.8	0.0	-0.8			
F&V	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	F&V	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.4			
F - Fresh	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	1.5	Fruits	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4			
F - Processed	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-3.2	0.0	0.2	Vegetables	0.0	-0.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.2			
F&V juices	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.8										
V - Fresh	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.5										
V - Processed	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-2.7	0.0	0.0										
F - Dry	0.0	1.5	0.0	11.7	0.0	1.4										
Other							Other									
Ready meals	3.8	-2.9	6.3	-3.6	10.1	-1.1	Composite dishes	2.4	-1.0	5.7	-1.5	23.9	-1.1			
Oil, margarine	0.0	0.1	0.0	-1.2	0.0	0.1	Plant based fats	0.0	-0.3	0.0	4.6	0.0	1.1			
Salt-fat prod.	0.0	-0.3	0.1	10.3	0.1	1.2	Snacks	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.7			
Sugar-fat prod.	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	Sugar	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0			
Soft drinks	0.0	-0.1	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.7	Soft drinks	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	-0.8			
Water	0.0	0.1	0.0	10.0	0.0	1.8	Tea/coffee/water	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	-0.1			
Alcohol	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.3	Residual category	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.1			

Table 2: Simulated impacts of an increase in fish consumption and decreases in consumption of meat and red meat on total food consumption in France and Finland.

	France (2 nd income quartile)			Finland (whole population)			
	Constraints			Constraints			
	Fish	All meat	Red meat		Fish	All meat	Red meat
	+5%	-5%	-5%		+5%	-5%	-5%
All meat				All meat			
Red meat	0.0	9.8	3.8	Beef/lamb	0.0	5.5	10.3
Other meats	0.0	13.3	0.0	Pork	0.0	7.4	0.0
				Poultry/other	0.0	7.8	0.0
Cooked meats	0.0	10.6	0.0	Processed	0.0	9.4	1.4
Dairy				Dairy			
Milk products	0.0	0.0	0.0	Milk/other dairy	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cheese/butter	0.0	0.0	0.0	Cheese	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Animal fats	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other animal prod.				Other animal prod.			
Fish	-3.3	0.0	0.0	Fish	-6.0	0.0	0.0
Eggs	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Starchy foods				Starchy foods			
Grains	0.0	0.0	0.0	Grains	0.0	0.0	0.0
Potatoes	0.0	0.0	0.0	Roots, tubers etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0
F&V				F&V			
F - Fresh	0.0	0.0	0.0	Fruits	0.0	0.0	0.0
F - Processed	0.0	0.0	0.0	Vegetables	0.0	0.0	0.0
F&V juices	0.0	0.0	0.0				
V - Fresh	0.0	0.0	0.0				
V - Processed	0.0	0.0	0.0				
F - Dry	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other				Other			
Ready meals	-0.1	3.3	0.5	Composite dishes	-0.2	2.2	1.6
Oil, margarine	0.0	0.0	0.0	Plant based fats	0.0	0.0	0.0
Salt-fat prod.	0.0	0.2	0.0	Snacks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugar-fat prod.	0.0	0.0	0.0	Sugar	0.0	0.0	0.0
Soft drinks	0.0	0.0	0.0	Soft drinks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tea/coffee/water	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	0.0	0.0	0.0	Residual category	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 3: Percentage difference between shadow and market prices.

	FRANCE			FINLAND		
	Fish +5%	All meat -5%	Red meat -5%	Fish +5%	All meat -5%	Red meat -5%
Taste Cost						
Total (€M)	10	76	10	0.3	9	-2
% food budget	0.01 %	0.10 %	0.01 %	0.002 %	0.07 %	-0.01 %
DA for DIETRON diseases						
Total	394	245	229	29	-4	10
% Dietron disease	0.6 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0.4 %	-0.1 %	0.1 %
% CHD	35 %	21 %	28 %	53 %	41 %	66 %
% Stroke	20 %	22 %	19 %	28 %	75 %	13 %
% Cancers	45 %	57 %	53 %	19 %	-15 %	21 %
CO2 equivalent						
Total (Kt)	-400	-1487	-892	-14	-36	-44
% change	-0.6 %	-2.1 %	-1.3 %	-0.2 %	-0.6 %	-0.8 %

Table 4: Economic, health and climate effects of the simulated dietary adjustments

	Red meat	All meat	Fish
	-5%	-5%	+5%
FRANCE			
DA - Total	229	245	394
DA - Energy	63	8	14
DA - Other	167	237	380
% Energy Effect	73 %	97 %	96 %
FINLAND			
DA - Total	10	-4	29
DA - Energy	11	20	-4
DA - Other	0	-24	33
% Energy Effect	-4 %	544 %	114 %

Table 5. Deaths avoided (DA) attributable to the change in dietary energy and other changes

	Benefits (M€)	% Health	Costs (M€)	Cp Max campaign (M€)	Ranking
FRANCE					
Fish +5%	107	88 %	10	98	1
All meat -5%	106	55 %	76	30	3
Red meat -5%	84	66 %	10	73	2
FINLAND					
Fish +5%	7	94 %	0	7 (77)	1
All meat -5%	0	-	9	-9 (-100)	3
Red meat -5%	4	63 %	-2*	4* (42)*	2

* Theoretically inconsistent negative cost not included in calculation.

Table 6: Efficiency analysis

	$\Delta\text{CO}_2\text{e (Kt)}$		$\Delta\text{CO}_2\text{e (\%)}$	
	LCA coef. -	LCA coef. -	LCA coef. -	LCA coef. -
	Best estimates	Upper bounds	Best estimates	Upper bounds
FRANCE				
Red meat - 5%	-892	-886	-1.3 %	-1.2 %
All meat -5%	-1487	-1460	-2.1 %	-2.0 %
Fish +5%	-400	-380	-0.6 %	-0.5 %
FINLAND				
Red meat - 5%	-45	-44	-0.8 %	-0.8 %
All meat -5%	-36	-35	-0.6 %	-0.6 %
Fish +5%	-14	-13	-0.2 %	-0.2 %

Table 7: Variations in GHG emissions (CO₂ equivalent, CO₂e) induced by the adoption of the three recommendations for two different sets of LCA coefficients for fish

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