

STECF EWG 15-10

Evaluation of MS 2014 Annual Reports for Data Collection and data transmission to end users in 2014

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Terms of Reference (ToR)

Note that for items 1 and 2 below, a pre-screening exercise will take place to facilitate the work of the EWG.

1. Evaluate Member States Annual Reports for 2014 in accordance with Article 7.2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, taking into account;
 - a. The execution of the National Programmes for 2014
 - b. The quality of the data collected by the Member States
2. Evaluate Member States transmission of DCF data to end users in 2014 based on information from end users and Member States' clarifications & explanations in response to the end-user feedback.

Particular attention will be paid to:

- a. Response by MS to calls for data launched by the Commission in order to feed into scientific advice provided by STECF:

- Aquaculture data call,
- Annual Effort data call,
- Fleet economic data call,
- Processing industry data call,
- Mediterranean & Black Sea data call,

As well as the Seabass data call launched by DG MARE.

- b. Data transmission to other end-users in 2014 with a focus on feedback on data availability, quality, gaps and the data used in the scientific advisory process provided by RCMs, ICES, GFCM, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC, WCPFC and other RFMO to which scientific fishery data is mandatorily submitted by MS;

The EWG should produce for every Member State a) an evaluation of the annual report in the (excel) template provided by the Commission which already included the result of the pre-screening exercise; b) an evaluation of the data transmission to end users, via the new online platform for exchanges on data transmission. In their feedback, the EWG should identify the comments that require a reaction by the MS (resubmission of the annual report or clarification to the Commission) and those that are 'for information' only. The EWG evaluation should be developed as a second level assessment, focusing on topics where the pre-screeners have raised a problem/or where the pre-screeners final assessment of a particular point has revealed to be contentious; and additionally to this the EWG should focus on further analysing the quality of the AR outcomes.

3. Carry out an analysis of the Annual Report and data transmission exercises in view of identifying:

-Feedback to be provided to end-users in order to improve the way in which they provide data transmission feedback to the Commission in future.

-identify recurring issues arising in several Member States, relating to data collection or transmission, which should be addressed to ensure that end users receive the data they need and

make suggestions for addressing these in future ((e.g. amending the EU MAP, developing joint/agreed methodologies, changes to data calls...)

-Identify Member State-specific issues relating to data collection or transmission, which should be addressed to ensure that end users receive the data they need (e.g. amending National Programmes, re-evaluating derogations)

4. Comment on how the new Annual Report & STECF evaluation templates, the data transmission IT platform, derogations lists, and other tools provided by the Commission have facilitated (or not) the evaluation exercise by STECF. Comment on the pilot project that took place in the context of the 2015 data call for fleet economic data, to reuse data from the data call to produce tables for the 2014 Annual Report. Make recommendations on how the process can further be improved in future.