

Terms of Reference EWG 22-10 Evaluation of Fisheries Dependent Information for European Fleets

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Background information

EWG 22-10 Evaluation of Fisheries Dependent Information for European Fleets to review the data transmitted by Member States under the 2022 FDI datacall to judge:

- a. If data submitted is complete in terms of areas of fishing, types of fleet segment and gear operated and species identified;
- b. If data submitted is complete in terms of type of data requested: capacity metrics, effort metrics, landings, discards and spatially disaggregated landings and effort.

In addition, the EWG is asked to map the data on fishing effort obtained from the call for spatially disaggregated data.

In considering the completeness of the data submitted the EWG is entitled to use external sources of data where necessary, as well as expert judgement.

The STECF EWG is requested to:

1 – Review and document completeness of the data set and feedback from Member States on approaches used and problems encountered in responding to the data call.

1.1 As a matter of priority, the EWG is requested to ensure that all unresolved data transmission (DT) issues encountered prior to and during the EWG meeting are reported online via the Data Transmission Monitoring Tool (DTMT) available at <https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/web/dcf/dtmt>. Such issues should be reported in full within 2 weeks of the end of the EWG.

1.2 Review outputs of ad hoc contract 1 that provides the catches, landings and discards, at a level of aggregation corresponding to the fleet, area and gear type as specified in each exemption of each delegated regulation specifying the details of implementation of the landing obligation for 2023.

1.3 Review data quality checks and produce National methodological chapters.

2 – Provide landings and discards data for exemptions in discard plans.

Based upon the previous work and method established in STECF EWG 20-10 and STECF EWG 21-12, and the output of ad hoc contract 1:

2.1 STECF is asked to provide figures for landings and discards in 2021, at a level of aggregation corresponding to the fleet, area and gear type as specified in each exemption of each of the delegated regulations specifying details of implementation of the landing obligation for 2023.

2.2 STECF is asked to assess and if possible, provide percentages of discards estimates below and above MCRS at a level of aggregation corresponding to the fleet, area and gear type as specified in each exemption of each of the delegated regulations specifying details of implementation of the landing obligation for 2023.

2.3 Where there is insufficient discard data for the above task, the STECF is asked to provide **estimated catches** (landings + discards¹) for 2021. Only if this is possible and sufficient data is available for such estimation.

3 – Review dissemination formats and produce dissemination tables and maps of spatial effort and landings by c-squares

3.1 Discuss results of ToR 2.1 and 2.2 of the EWG 21-10 and ToR 6.1 in EWG 21-12 and agree the format of the Table A and biological data (FDI Tables C, D, E and F) to be publicly disseminated in the future. Discuss the results of the ad-hoc contract 2 of the development for a script to support the dissemination of the data.

3.2 Agree on format of dissemination of refusal rate data

3.3 If GIS technical skills are available in the EWG, produce maps of effort and landings by c-square (to be inserted in the EWG report) for the following regions (as defined in COM-2016-134 for areas other than 'distant waters') and major gear types (as defined in appendix 4 of the data call):

a. Baltic; North Sea; North Western Waters; South Western Waters; Mediterranean and Black Seas; Distant waters

b. Trawls (except beam trawls) with mesh < 100mm; trawls (except beam trawls) with mesh ≥ 100mm; beam trawls with mesh < 120mm; beam trawls with mesh ≥ 120mm; seine nets; gillnets and entangling nets; dredges; hooks and lines; surrounding nets; pots and trap.

4. Discuss data submission results following recent changes in the data call and definitions, access feasibility to provide updated time series

4.1. If possible, to explore the possibilities for next years' datacall to request the whole time series with the new metier codes;

4.2 Inclusion of UK EEZ indicator for areas that have a borderline between EU and UK. The FDI data call requested this reporting with EEZ indicator for UK for 2021 in the 2022 data call. The UK EEZ indicator needs to be asked for the whole time series in next years' data call.

¹ 'Discards' are defined here as the fish/crustaceans thrown overboard back into the sea