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**OPINION OF THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF) BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

STECF COMMENTS ON THE REPORT OF THE STECF-SGRN-10-03 WG

**SURVEYS REVIEW GROUP REPORT: Review of Needs Related to Surveys Addendum Conducted
by Written Procedure**

FEBRUARY 2011

1. BACKGROUND

STECF is requested to review an addendum to the report of the STECF-SGRN-10-03 Review Group, evaluate the findings and make any appropriate comments and recommendations. The additional SGRN review, which was conducted by written procedure during January 2011, developed scores for one survey that the Review Group inadvertently failed to review during their meeting in October 2010.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference for the STECF-SGRN-10-03 Working Group are to be found in Annex I to STECF/SGRN 10-03.

3. STECF OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

STECF reviewed the addendum to the STECF-SGRN10-03 Working Group concerning the French Channel groundfish survey that was not reviewed in the report of the WG and endorses the findings. The report which was prepared by WG participants by correspondence is given in Section 4 below.

4. ANNEX – ADDENDUM REPORT OF THE STECF-SGRN 10-03 WORKING GROUP

SGRN-10-03 SURVEYS REVIEW GROUP REPORT: REVIEW OF NEEDS RELATED TO SURVEYS ADDENDUM

Conducted by Written Procedure. January 2011

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STECF-SGRN-10-03 SURVEYS REVIEW GROUP REPORT: REVIEW OF NEEDS RELATED TO SURVEYS ADDENDUM

BACKGROUND

The STECF Sub-Group on Research Needs (SGRN 10-03) met in Brussels during October 2010 to review and evaluate fisheries research surveys that had been proposed by Member States for funding under the Data Collection Framework (DCF). During this meeting the Review Group, working in regional sub-groups, evaluated information and produced scores for 92 different surveys. The report on the Review Group's activities (SGRN 10-03) was reviewed and approved by the STECF during its November 2010 Plenary meeting. Subsequently, in mid-January 2011, the Review Group learned that it had failed to review one candidate survey that had been included in the master list of candidate surveys and that should have been reviewed. At the request of the STECF Bureau, relevant individuals from the Review Group reviewed and scored the materials for the missing survey, conducting their review by written procedure.

THE EVALUATION PROCESS

The missed survey was a French Channel groundfish survey, with the acronym CGFS. On the master list of candidate surveys for the review the CGFS survey was in the set that surveys in the North Sea, eastern Arctic and NAFO regions. The invited expert reviewers for this regional sub-group were Christoph Stransky (chair), Ricardo Alpoim, Carl O'Brien and Andrés Uriarte. The SGRN 10-03 chair contacted these experts by email and asked them to review the materials for the CGFS and to evaluate this survey using the same criteria that they had used during the October Surveys Review meeting. The review criteria, the standard scores and the score weightings developed during the Surveys Review meeting are described in detail in the SGRN 10-03 report and not repeated here.

Contact information for the invited experts is provided in the Appendix.

RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION

When the CGF Survey was previously reviewed in 2007 (SGRN 07-01) it received a relatively poor score, primarily because it had been lacking international coordination. Consequently this survey was excluded from DCF funding. However, the sub-group conducting the current review gave the CGFS scores of 1 for all the evaluation criteria (Table 1), noting that the CGFS now receives international coordination via the International Bottom Trawl Survey Working Group (IBTSWG) (Table 3).

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- Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) – Review of list of surveys at sea (Appendix XIV of EU Commission Regulation N°1581/2004) with their priorities (SGRN 07-01). 2007. 31 pp.
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Table 1. List of surveys reviewed and evaluated by SGRN 10-03, Part A: evaluation scores .

ID	Name of the survey	Acronym	Area	Period	Current DCF	Evaluation criteria								Priority score
						(1a)	(1b)	(2a)	(2b)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
North Sea & Eastern Arctic														
93	French Channel groundfish survey	CGFS	Eastern Channel, VIId	Oct	No	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0

Table 2. List of surveys reviewed and evaluated by SGRN 10-03, Part B: auxiliary information.

ID	Name of the survey	Acronym	Main target species	Countries	Comments
93	French Channel groundfish survey	CGFS	Plaice, red mullet, sea bass, John Dory, gurnards, demersal elasmobranchs.	FRA	Missed during the SGRN 10-03 Surveys Review meeting

Table 3. Detailed comments on surveys evaluations, North Sea and Eastern Arctic surveys.

Criteria codes:

1a = International coordination; 1b = Harmonised; 2a = Fisheries mgt; 2b = Ecosystem mgt needs;
3 = Data access; 4 = Survey coverage; 5 = No duplication; 6 = History of use.

North Sea and Eastern Arctic Surveys			
ID	Acronym	Criterion	Comment
93	CGFS	1a	Coordinated by IBTSWG.
93	CGFS	1b	Uses IBTSWG protocols.
93	CGFS	2a	Data used by WGNSSK, especially for plaice in VIId.
93	CGFS	2b	DCF indicators plus benthos data etc.
93	CGFS	3	Data submitted to DATRAS
93	CGFS	4	Full coverage for plaice VIId; complementary coverage for many other IBTS species.
93	CGFS	5	CGFS is the only survey in VIId using GOV trawls.
93	CGFS	6	Series available since 1988; tuning series of 6 years used in the assessment.

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Abstract

SGRN-10-03, which was held during October 2010 in Brussels (Belgium), conducted a review and evaluation of research vessel surveys that had been proposed for partial funding under the Data Collection Framework. The Review Group inadvertently failed to review one survey during the meeting but did so subsequently by written procedure. STECF then reviewed the addendum report by written procedure.

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