

depending on expected availability. Fleet segment level data and national totals are requested for all parameters.³

Landings and effort data at the GFCM-GSA level for fleet segments operating in the Mediterranean & Black Sea region are requested.

The theoretical maximum number of days at sea is again requested at the fleet segment level by supra region. This parameter is required to estimate the technical indicator *Vessel Use*, as described in the Commission Services Guidelines for the assessment of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities. Additionally, three new effort variables (Hours at sea, GT hours at sea and kW hours at sea) are requested to allow for more regional analyses. Please note that the submission of these data is not compulsory under the DCF but is highly recommended on a voluntary basis.

In addition to the data to be used in the preparation of the Annual Economic Report on the EU fishing fleet, and in line with what has been proposed by the STEC Expert Working Group EWG 14-17 and subsequently endorsed by the STECF Plenary⁴, this data call requests four additional variables: Frame Population and Survey Name in the Capacity Template, and Response Rate and Data Source for all other variables estimated at the fleet segment level. The provision of these data is non-mandatory and only Member States that wish to participate in the exercise of using data from the data calls to support the preparation of their Annual Reports on the implementation of the 2014 National programme are requested to provide this information. Member States that decide to adhere to this exercise will be able to download the datasets prepared by the JRC to support the filling in of Standard tables III.B.1, III.B.2 and III.B.3.

Member States should follow the agreed procedure for transmission of data (by uploading data onto the JRC server) and abide to the data handling procedures for STECF Expert Working Groups (Ref. Ares(2015)498884 - 06/02/2015).

Full details of all the parameters, aggregation levels and uploading instructions for this call can be found on the JRC data collection website: <https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/data-calls>

Data templates, with an updated version of the Data Validation Tool (DV tool), are available on the JRC data collection website for downloading and should be used to submit the data requested under the current data call. Each Member State requires a password in order to submit data. These passwords remain unchanged from the previous call for economic data. Member States who no longer have a record of their password, should contact the JRC data submission team by emailing datasubmission@jrc.ec.europa.eu.

In addition, the JRC data submission team can be contacted for guidance by emailing datasubmission@jrc.ec.europa.eu

³ With the exception of Fishing enterprises (national totals only) and recreational catches (by region).

⁴ STECF endorses the proposal of EWG 14-17 to test the feasibility of using the Fleet Economic Data Call for filling Annual Report tables and suggests that this test be implemented in the next Fleet economic Data call to be launched in January 2015. Taking into account that the participation of MS is proposed to be voluntary, STECF considers that the necessary information for MS to decide if they participate in this test or not should be given in the official letter sent to DCF national correspondents when announcing the data call.

In order to improve the effectiveness of this data call, and on voluntary basis, MS will be able to:

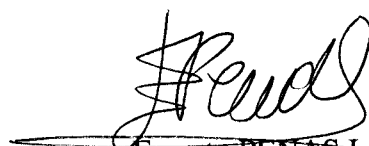
- Authorise the JRC to re-use datasets submitted in last year's economic data call provided that they are complete. In this case, the MS will not need to submit again the same datasets.
- Provide data for fleet segments operating in outermost regions and fleets operating exclusively in non-EU waters, distinguishing these from mainland fleet segments by using the newly devised 'Geographical Indicator'.
- Provide clustered data for those fleet segments with a low number of fishing vessels that would prevent the submission of data by fleet segment.

Time schedule

As per Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, Member States are kindly requested to supply the data as specified within **1 month** from receipt of this request for data.

We look forward to your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX
DCF data requirements (2008-2015)

Variable group	Variable	Years	Aggregation level
Fishing Enterprises	Enterprises consisting of 1 vessel	2008 - 2015	Yearly, by 1) National totals
	Enterprises consisting of 2-5 vessels	2008 - 2015	
	Enterprises consisting of > 5 vessels	2008 - 2015	
Employment	Number of engaged crew	2008 - 2014	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	FTE national	2008 - 2014	
	FTE harmonised	2008 - 2014	
Income	Value of landings	2008 - 2015*	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	Income from fishing rights	2008 - 2014	
	Direct subsidies	2008 - 2014	
	Other income	2008 - 2014	
Costs	Crew wages	2008 - 2014	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	Value of unpaid labour	2008 - 2014	
	Energy costs	2008 - 2014	
	Repair and maintenance costs	2008 - 2014	
	Other variable costs	2008 - 2014	
	Other non-variable costs	2008 - 2014	
	Rights costs	2008 - 2014	
	Annual depreciation costs	2008 - 2014	
Capital and Investments	Vessel replacement value	2008 - 2015	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	Value of fishing rights	2008 - 2014	
	In-year investments	2008 - 2014	
	Financial position	2008 - 2014	
	Vessel historical value**	2008 - 2014	
Capacity	Number of vessels	2008 - 2015	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	Mean length overall	2008 - 2015	
	Total GT	2008 - 2015	
	Total kW	2008 - 2015	
	Mean age	2008 - 2015	
	Number of vessels by region	2008-2015*	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, Region (level 2)

Variable group	Variable	Years	Aggregation level
Effort	Fishing days	2008 – 2015*	Yearly, by 1) National Totals, 2) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 3) (2) + FAO Area level 4 (Baltic), GFCM-GSA (Mediterranean & Black Sea), FAO Area level 3 (All other regions), and 4) (3) + gear type
	kW fishing days	2008 – 2015*	
	GT fishing days	2008 – 2015*	
	Hours at sea***	2008 – 2015*	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, FAO Area level 4 (Baltic), GFCM-GSA (Mediterranean & Black Sea), FAO Area level 3 (All other regions)
	GT hours at sea***	2008 – 2015*	
	kW hours at sea***	2008 – 2015*	
	Days at sea	2008 – 2015*	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) (1) + FAO Area level 4 (Baltic), GFCM-GSA (Mediterranean & Black Sea), FAO Area level 3 (All other regions) 3) National Totals
	Number of trips	2008 – 2014	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, 2) National totals
	Energy Consumption	2008 - 2014	
Maximum days at sea ***	2008-2014	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region	
Landings	Weight of landings per species	2008 – 2015*	Yearly, by 1) Fleet segment, Supra-region, FAO Area level 4 (Baltic), GFCM-GSA (Mediterranean & Black Sea), FAO Area level 3 (All other regions), and gear type 2) National Totals
	Value of landings per species	2008 – 2015*	
Recreational Catches	Weight of catch	2008-2015	Yearly, by Region (level 2)

* 2015 data not mandatory but requested from MS wherever possible in order to estimate economic projections for 2015. These data, where provided, will be flagged as preliminary in the 2016 Annual Fleet Economic Report and corresponding data tables.

** Optional

***Non-mandatory under the DCF