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Danish National Programme for  
collection of fisheries data in 2008**

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## **1. Introduction**

In accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) N° 1543/2000 and in the framework of Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1639/2001 (DCR) establishing the Minimum and Extended Community Programmes for the collection of data in the fisheries sector, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1581/2004, this report details the results of the Danish sampling for 2008 as proposed in “Danish National Programme for collection of fisheries data for 2008”.

This report gives a technical report of activity of the work carried out in 2008 with reference to the aims described in the proposal and the requirements listed in the DCR.

### **General remark**

By March 2007 a new national fisheries management system was implemented in Denmark. The former national system was based on national quotas and these quotas were managed by weekly, monthly or other maximum vessels allowed landing limits. The new system is based on FKA (Fartøjs Kvote Andele) (in English; Vessels Quota Shares) on a number of main demersal fish and shell fish species. The whole catching sector has undergone a significant change. Since the beginning of 2007 the Danish fishing fleet has been reduced by 1/3 in numbers of active vessels. This reduction in number of active vessels has decreased even more during 2008. The system is different from the ITQ's in the sense that it is not possible to buy and sell quotas without selling FKA's including the associated vessels. It is though possible to exchange e.g. a FKA on plaice on a FKA on sole. Furthermore, it is also possible to rent FKA's. Therefore, it has been very difficult to daily plan and carry out the sampling programme in Denmark.

The introduction of this new national fisheries management system has changed the whole Danish catching sector and the way the catching sector is utilizing its catch options. This change has had significant influence on the planning and the execution of the Danish data collection programme in 2008. In many cases it has not been possible to plan the data collection as it was not predictable how the individual vessel or the whole catching sector would react to the new management system. This has caused some deficiencies compared to the planned programme.

## **2. Participating institutes**

### **2.1 National correspondent**

Denmark has assigned the National institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua), Technical University of Denmark as the coordinating institute in Denmark. Fishery Adviser Jørgen Dalskov, DTU Aqua has been assigned as the National Correspondent.

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### **2.2 Participating institutes**

The work in Denmark was carried out by 3 partners:

1. National institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua) is an institute under the Technical University of Denmark. The institute carries out research, investigations and provides advice concerning sustainable exploitation of live marine and fresh water resources. Moreover, processing and improvement of fish products as well as quality assurance in the fish industry are important parts of the research areas of the institution. The institute is having an authority attendance contract with the Danish Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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3. The Danish Food and Resource Economics Institute (FOI) is an institute under KU Life, a faculty of life science a part of the University of Copenhagen. The Researchers and academic staff of the Institute have backgrounds and experience in economics, agricultural and resource economics, agronomy, as well as a wide range of statistical methods and applied research tools.

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It should be mentioned that the Danish Liaison Agency Office, which was previously a division at the Institute of Food and Resource Economics at the Biological Faculty at the University of Copenhagen, has become a part of Statistics Denmark as of 1 January 2009.

### **3. Precision levels**

#### **3.1 Required and achieved precision levels**

In table 3.1 an overview is given of the required and achieved precision levels for each Module of the DCR.

#### **3.2 Methods used to calculate precision levels**

The information on landings by species, catch areas, fishing effort and fishing capacity is given on level 3. All information concerning landing figures (tonnes by species) is given as census data, with 100% coverage as all landings or all fish sold in Denmark is reported to FD. Data on capacity and effort can be given for all Danish fishing vessels. Level of fuel consumption is collected under '12. Module J - Economic data on fishing vessels'. For the calculation of

precision levels there are at the moment no agreed methods for calculating the precision levels for these parameters.

DTU Aqua plans to use the common tool COST for calculating precision levels. Some temporary solutions have been developed for calculating precision until the COST tool can be used.

### **Module H**

Relative precision of sampled age distribution:

Assuming no reader error in assignment of individual age to a fish a given sample of ages is assumed to follow a multinomial distribution, with marginal probability distributions following the binomial distribution for each age class. An approximation to the non symmetric upper and lower confidence limits (CLU and CLL) of the binomial distribution may be found in Clopper and Pearson 1934 and expressed as:

$$CLL_i = x_i / (x_i + (n - x_i + 1) * f_1) \quad \text{where } f_1 = F^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2, 2 * n - 2 * x_i + 2, 2 * x_i)$$

$$CLU_i = (x_i + 1) * f_2 / (n - x_i + (x_i + 1) * f_2) \quad \text{where } f_2 = F^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2, 2 * x_i + 2, 2 * n - 2 * x_i)$$

$x_i$  is the number of individuals of a given age  $i$  out of a total of  $n$  individuals in the sample.  $F^{-1}$  is the F-value according to a given one-tailed confidence level and set of degrees of freedom ( $1 - \alpha/2$ ,  $df_1$ ,  $df_2$ ).

In the present case, for each area, a proxy for the relative precision was estimated as half of the width of the 95% confidence band, summed over all ages  $i$  divided by  $n$ .

$$0.5 \times (\sum CLU_i - CLL_i) / \sum x_i$$

### **Module I**

#### **Growth at age**

The precision of growth at age for species that can be aged is calculated as a weighted average of the confidence interval ( $p=0.05$ ) and expressed as a percentage of the mean assuming a t-distribution. The confidence interval ( $p=0.05$ ) of the mean length is calculated for each age group per quarter (strata). The error is then expressed as a percentage of the mean per strata and the precision per stock is calculated as the mean of errors weighted by numbers in strata.

The precision of growth at age for species that cannot be aged hasn't been calculated...

#### **Sex ratios at age**

Data on sex ratios is collected at international coordinated survey. Therefore, the precision of sex ratios at age is not calculated since it makes no sense to do it country by country.

#### **Maturity at length**

Data on maturity is collected at international coordinated survey. Therefore, the precision of sex ratios at age is not calculated since it makes no sense to do it country by country.

The precision of maturity at length for nephrops is not calculated because it is only registered if they are ovigerous or not. No maturity index is used for males. Maturity can be inferred from the ovigerous data but a precision estimate would be questionable. For example some longer females do not carry eggs, so they would be classified as juvenile.

## **4. Data transmission**

### **4.1 Data transmitted**

In table 4.1 an overview is given of the data that were transmitted to ICES working groups. All data requested by STECF, STECF sub-groups and Regional Coordination Meetings (RCM's) have been delivered

### **4.2 Reasons for non-transmission of data**

All data requested by the working groups have been transmitted if data have been collected according to the DCR.

## **5. Module C – Fishing capacities**

### **5.1 MP – Required and achieved sampling**

The Danish Directorate of Fisheries operates a complete register of Danish vessels, containing all dimensional information from all fishing vessels flying the Danish flag (including vessels less than 10 m (loa). This database contains, among others, data about:

- Vessel name, vessel number
- Vessel type
- Age of the hull
- Dimensions of the vessel; GT, length, width, draught
- Engine power

The database allows extracting the information required on fishing capacity as specified in Annex III of the DCR.

### **5.2 MP – Deviations from aim**

There are no deviations from aim

### **5.3 EP – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

## **6. Module D – Fishing effort**

### **6.1 MP – Required and achieved sampling**

The required data in Denmark have been collected through the EU logbook system and comprise the information for all vessels and all activities. The data are available in the Danish Directorate of Fisheries logbook database.

The database contains data on landings by:

- Species
- Vessel
- Day
- Fishing ground, area and square
- Duration of trips in fishing days
- Gear type employed

At any time, data on fishing effort, aggregated as required in Annex V, VI and VII of the DCR can be provided by FD. Costs for fuel and the cost price are not available in the database. Whenever needed, these data can be estimated based on the economic data provided by the FOI.

It is possible to estimate the fishing effort, defined as fishing days, for vessels less than 10 m (loa) as sales slips for these vessels are recorded. Therefore, if a sales slip is recorded for a vessel less than 10 m (loa) one fishing day can be recorded. This will give a census of effort for all vessels less than 10 m.

Regarding species specific effort, it can be calculated for the species mentioned in annex VI of the DCR, as census data are collected. For vessels less than 10 m it can also be calculated, as data from the vessel register can be combined with data from the sales slip database.

## **6.2 MP – Deviations from aim**

No precision level is calculated for fuel consumption (table 3.1). Cost for fuel consumption is not available in national database as data is collected as a part of the economic data. These data can be estimated based on the economic data provided by FOI, '12. Module J - Economic data on fishing vessels'. Besides, as mentioned in chapter 3.1, there are at the moment no agreed methods for calculating the precision levels for these parameters.

## **6.3 EP – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

# **7. Module E – Catches and landings**

## **7.1 MP – Landings – Required and achieved sampling**

From the FD database total annual commercial landings can be provided by all species and areas, according to level 2, level 3 or level 4 (depending on species), of geographical disaggregation of Appendix I in the DCR. The figures are based on all recorded landings in this database. The recorded landings in this database are census data.

For stocks mentioned in Appendix XII in the DCR, commercial landings can be disaggregated as indicated in that Appendix. Landings by weight of each segment identified in Appendix III in the regulation can be provided by species and quarter and, as regards the geographical origin of the catches, at the level of geographical disaggregation 2 according to Appendix I in the DCR. The value of the landings is also available in the FD database from the first sales registration. Landings from vessels less than 10 m are included in the sales slips database.

## **7.2 MP – Landings – Deviations from aim**

There are no deviations from aim.

## **7.3 EP – Landings – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

## **7.5 MP & EP – Discards – Required and achieved sampling**

The discard sampling in 2008 has been performed according to the policy laid down in the contract "Danish National Programme for collection of fisheries data for 2008". Discard is sampled for demersal trawlers, Danish seiners and pelagic trawlers. Based on sampling made from 1995 to 2000 it is verified that the discard rates obtained in the Danish gillnet fishery, the fishery using hooks and the small mesh size fishery are insignificant compared to the demersal trawlers and Danish seiners, and discard is therefore not sampled for these fisheries.

In the sampling protocol all fish species are analyzed.

In table 7.1 an overview is given of the planned and achieved numbers of sea-going observer trips per fleet segment, the achieved number of hauls analysed for discards and the proportions of fishing trips sampled. The number of observer trips is planned but the number of hauls sampled is not planned, as it depends on the fishery, the trip duration and the weather. In the National programme for 2008 table '5.3. – Planned discard sampling' Demersal trawl in IV appears twice, which is an error. The second entry should have been Nephrops trawl in IV.

## **7.6 MP & EP – Discards – Deviations from aim**

The deviations from aim can be seen in table 7.1. There are a number of reasons that the achieved number of trips/hauls is lower than planned in some areas:

As described in section 1 (General remarks) the number of active fishing vessels have been reduced significantly. Therefore, the aim has not been reached for all fisheries partly because the plan has been based on number of trips (fishing days), which has been reduced in some fisheries by more than 1/3, and partly because the fishermen have changed in the way they have planned their fishing activity.

The Danish seine fishery in Division IIIaS has, due to the reasons mentioned above, also been reduced as only very few vessels are conducting this fishery in this area.

Nephrops trawl fishery has not been sampled in the North Sea as there has been a shift to the metier "Demersal trawl" where most of the nephrops has been caught.

The sampling level of the herring and mackerel fishery has been reduced as the total effort for these fisheries has been reduced significantly. This reduction in total effort is caused by the total ITQ's has been concentrated on very few large vessels with significant catching capacity. Furthermore, the TAC especially for herring in the North Sea and division IIIa has been reduced from 2007 to 2008 by app. 31 %.

As no discard sampling has been conducted in the sprat fishery. It was decided to change some sampling effort from the mackerel fishery to the sprat fishery, with the aim of verify whether discard occurs in this fishery. Very limited amounts of discards occur and it is of no significance.

## **7.7 MP – Recreational – Required and achieved sampling**

The Danish recreational fishery for salmon is increasing in popularity, as catches have been good in some recent years and the activity is further promoted by popular fishing contests. It is especially popular around the island Bornholm, but fishing also takes place further to the west in the Baltic Sea. The fishery is primarily done by trolling; i.e. dragging lures at different depths after small vessels. The area to the north, east and south of the island Bornholm is very popular and some small harbours on the north of the island have specialised on servicing the trolling fishery.

The fishing season starts in September and ends in May. Both Danish nationals and visitors from abroad attend the fishery, either for short fishing trips or as participants in angling competitions. In addition to trolling, a number of fixed hook lines with only a few hooks is operated part of the year by local inhabitants around the island Bornholm.

In the North Sea there is no recreational fishery for salmon.

The total Danish recreational catch of Salmon in the Baltic Sea in 2008 was estimated to be on the same level as in previous years, i.e. approx. 3000 salmon, corresponding to less than 4% of the total Danish quota in 2008, but 79% of the commercial catch as the quota was very little utilised in 2008.

The catch by the recreational fishery is not officially registered and the estimate is based on information from

- Boat rental companies,
- Information from local anglers,
- Results from an angling competition with several hundred participants, where catches are registered by the convenors,
- Information from the ferry company servicing Bornholm, on the number of cars with trolling boats visiting the island.

In 2006 and the first quarter of 2007 a pilot study on the magnitude of catches of cod by recreational fishermen was carried out. The results from this pilot study have been verified again in 2007. Furthermore, surveys on the magnitude of recreational fishery for cod in other areas than the Sound have started. Preliminary gained experiences indicates significant challenges in setting up a national survey for estimating cod catches by recreational fishermen as the Danish coast line is app. 7300 Km long.

The majority of recreational fishermen in Denmark are occasional anglers using private boats or fishing from piers or using waders along the Danish coasts. According to a recent poll (Gallup, 2008) there are around 650 000 occasional fishermen. Of these 650,000 at least 350,000 persons (between the age of 18 – 65) are having a fishing license). In 1997 an estimated total of 33000 recreational fishermen were using gillnets or trap-nets (fyke-nets) along the coast, generally using small boats to get to their gear. This number is believed to be more or less the same today. The vast majority are males. A survey conducted by Bohn & Roth (1997) showed that around 13% of all recreational fishermen were members of an association. In Denmark there are several associations for recreational fishermen, with three dominant associations active in advisory committees to the government. These are the Sports Fishermen's Association, the Danish Amateur Fishermen's Association and the Danish Recreational Fishermen's Organization. Recreational fishermen are not allowed to sell their catches. Angler fishermen between 18 and 65 years need a licence to fish. This costs DKr. 140 for one year, DKr. 100 for one week and DKr 35 for one day. Recreational fishermen above 12 years of age using gillnets or trapnets also need a licence, which costs DKr 275 per year.

The work with collection of data from the recreational fishermen using trap-nets and gillnets continues over the next two years, this project commencing in 2008. In 2008 a major effort was made to bring in more fishermen into the project and cover a larger geographic area. As shown in Fig. 1 this was successful and about 75 fishermen are now part of this new project. The low coverage on the west coast reflects the low interest in this type of fishery along this rather exposed coastline, and the fishermen fish in the fjords along that coast. Fishermen engaged in the project will as a minimum perform fishery with either three gillnets 1-3 times a month and/or three traps 5 times a month. Fishing takes place on a fixed position chosen by the fishermen prior to the first registration and will not be change during the reporting period. As in the previous project, the gears are provided by DTU-Aqua to ensure that the same gears are used in all areas. All fish caught are identified to species, counted and length measured. In cases of a high catch an average and maximum length might be reported instead of individual length.

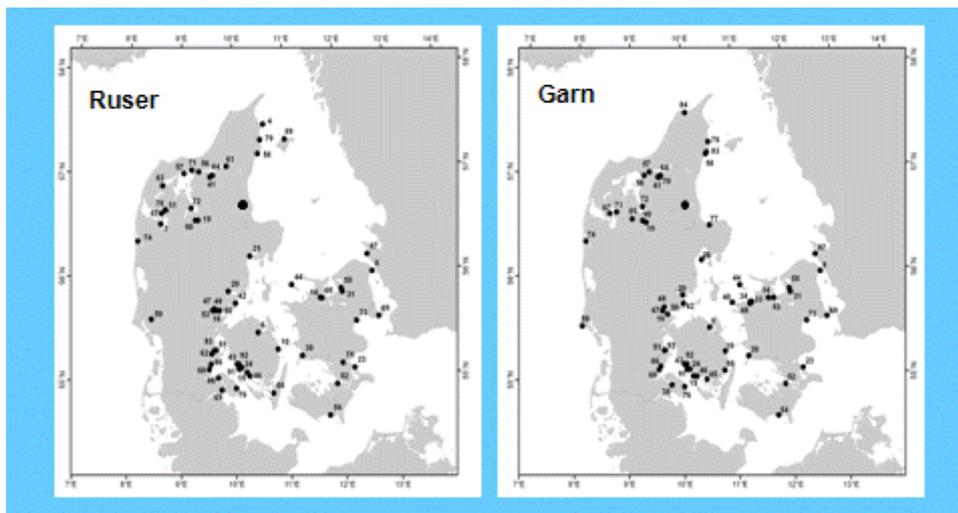


Fig. 1. Maps showing distribution of fishermen and their fishing position during 2008 for gill-net (left map) and trap-net (right map) fishermen.

## **7.8 MP – Recreational – Deviations from aim**

### **7.9 EP – Recreational – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **7.10 EP – Recreational – Deviations from aim**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **7.11 Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

Based on the experience gained in 2007 and the increased difficulties in 2008 in planning the sea observer programme, it was in 2007 agreed that staff from DTU Aqua can get direct online access to the Danish VMS data in order to facilitate the day to day planning. Furthermore, within a non DCR project possibilities for establishing reference fleets and/or self-sampling are examined. Unfortunately, some legal aspects on access to data and technical difficulties have delayed the process. Now it is planned that DTU Aqua will have full access by the end of June 2009.

## **8. Module F – Catches per unit effort**

### **8.1 MP – Required and achieved sampling**

In table 8.1 the CPUE data series are specified. All CPUE series have been provided as requested by the ICES working groups.

### **8.2 MP – Deviations from aim**

It was planned to calculate CPUE data series for *Salmo salar* using catches by driftnets and longlines in subdivision 24-32. Since it is not allowed to use driftnets in the Danish Salmon fishery CPUE data is only based on catches by longlines. Furthermore, it was planned to calculate CPUE data series for Argentine silus using catches by trawlers in division IIIa. As this fishery does not exist anymore CPUE data for this metier could not be made.

### **8.3 EP – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **8.4 EP – Deviations from aim**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **8.5 Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

No shortfalls

## **9. Module G – Scientific evaluation surveys**

### **9.1 MP – Required and achieved Priority 1 surveys**

In table 9.1 an overview is given of the planned and achieved numbers of days at sea and the number of fishing hauls/echo nm.

The biological data from surveys are stored in the national biological database “Babelfisk” (see section 14.1). The acoustic data are stored in a national acoustic database. MIK data are stored in a national MIK database. CTD data are stored in a national CTD database.

The IBTS and BITS survey data have been submitted to ICES and are stored in the ICES DATRAS database.

#### **IBTS first quarter and IBTS fourth quarter**

The purpose of the survey is to estimate abundance of commercial (cod, haddock, whiting, Norway pout, saithe, herring, sprat, and mackerel) and non-commercial fish species by means of bottom trawling and to collect otoliths of commercial species to assess abundance by age, in particular for the recruiting year classes in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat. It is a trawl survey using GOV-trawl. The IBTS survey is coordinated by the ICES International Bottom Trawl Survey Working Group.

Types of data collected:

- Species composition
- Length and age measurements
- MIK: plankton, fish larvae (only first quarter)
- CTD: temperature and salinity at fishing stations

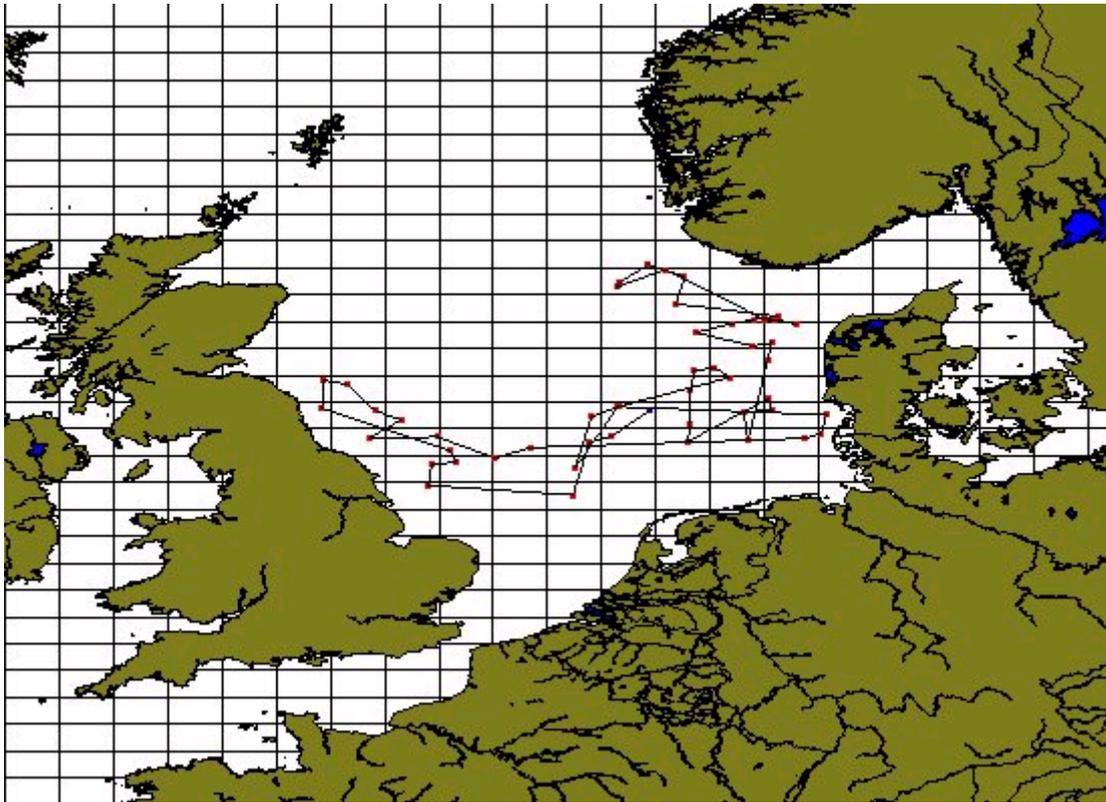


Figure 9. 1 Map showing IBTS first quarter 2008

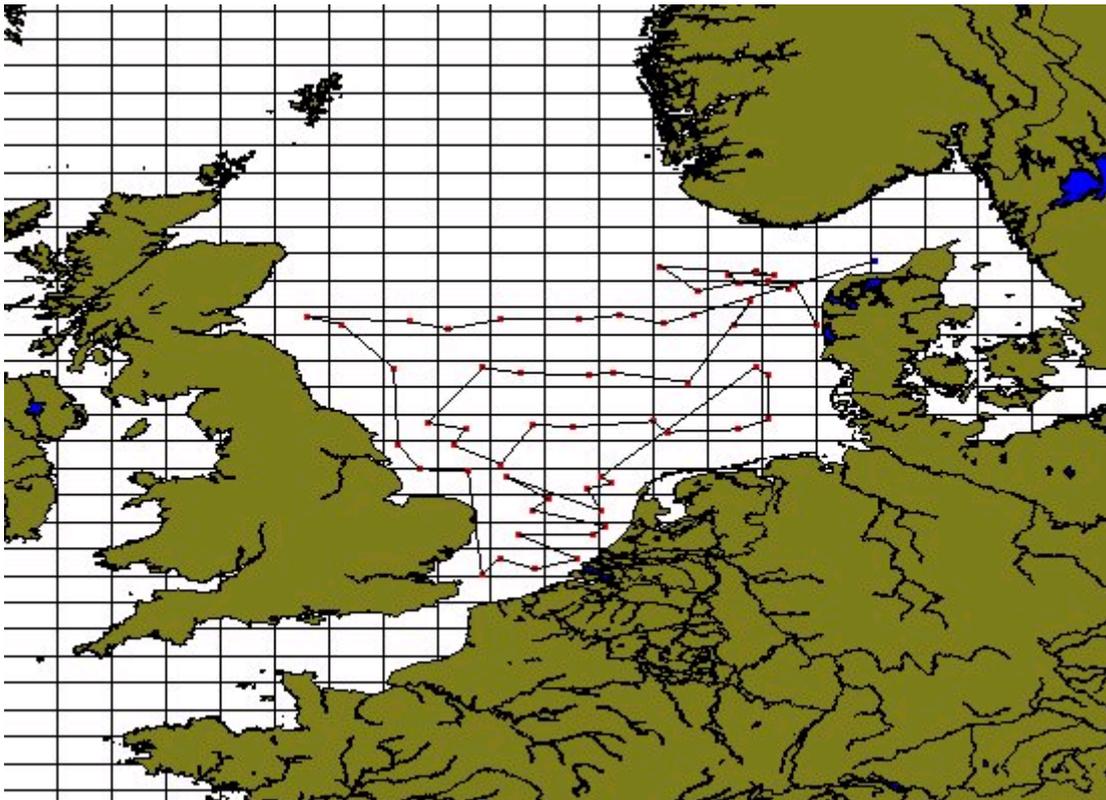


Figure 9. 2 Map showing IBTS fourth quarter 2008

### **BITS 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarter**

The survey is carried out in both the first and fourth quarters with participation of the research vessel R/V DANA and the smaller research vessel R/V HAVFISKEN. The primary purpose of the part undertaken by R/V DANA is to estimate abundance indices for recruitment and stock

abundance of the Baltic cod stocks. The second part undertaken by R/V HAVFISKEN provides in addition to cod also abundance indices for flatfish. The BITS survey is coordinated by the ICES Baltic International Fish Survey Working Group.

Types of data collected:

- Species composition
- Length and age measurements
- Samples of cod for estimating age composition, sex ratios, maturity and growth parameters
- CTD: temperature, salinity and oxygen level

In the summary table below the planned and achieved days at sea and fish hauls on R/V DANA and on R/V HAVFISKEN are listed.

Survey	Vessel	Planned days at sea	Achieved days at sea	Planned fish hauls	Achieved fish hauls
BITS 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	Dana	18	18	49	49
BITS 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter (KASU)	Havfisken	20	18	49	49
BITS 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	Dana	18	17	50	32
BITS 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter (KASU)	Havfisken	20	18	48	48

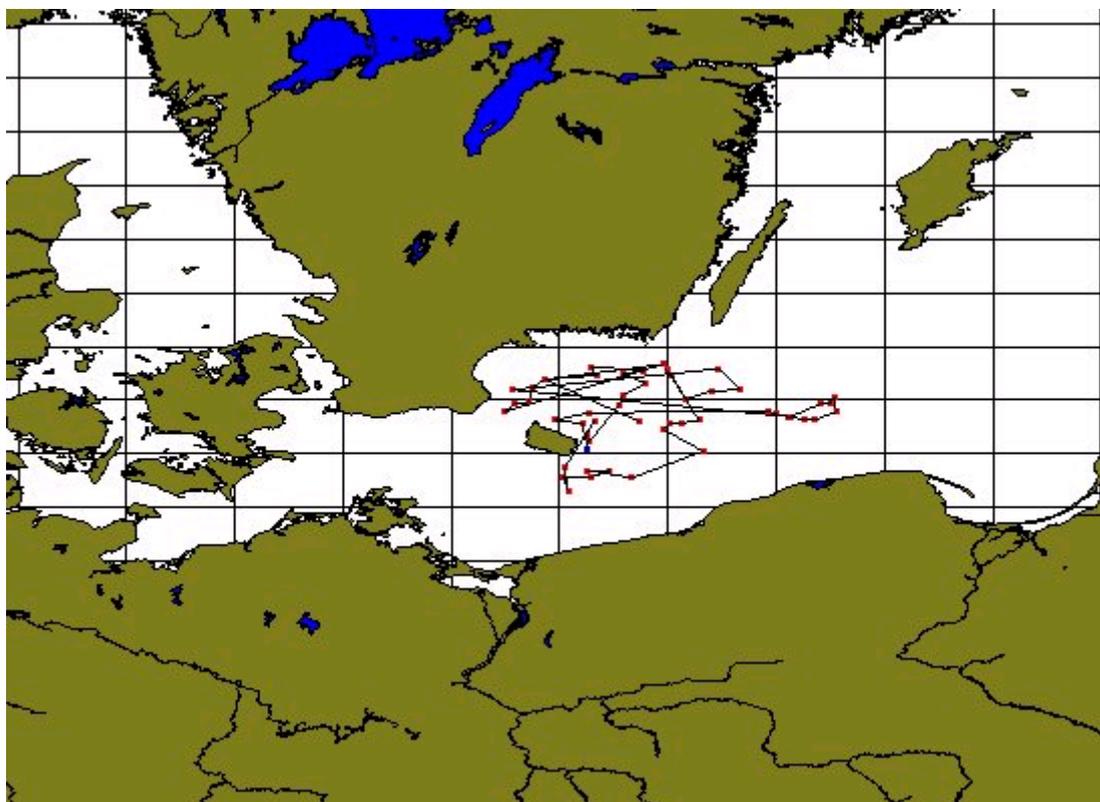


Figure 9. 3 Map showing BITS first quarter 2008

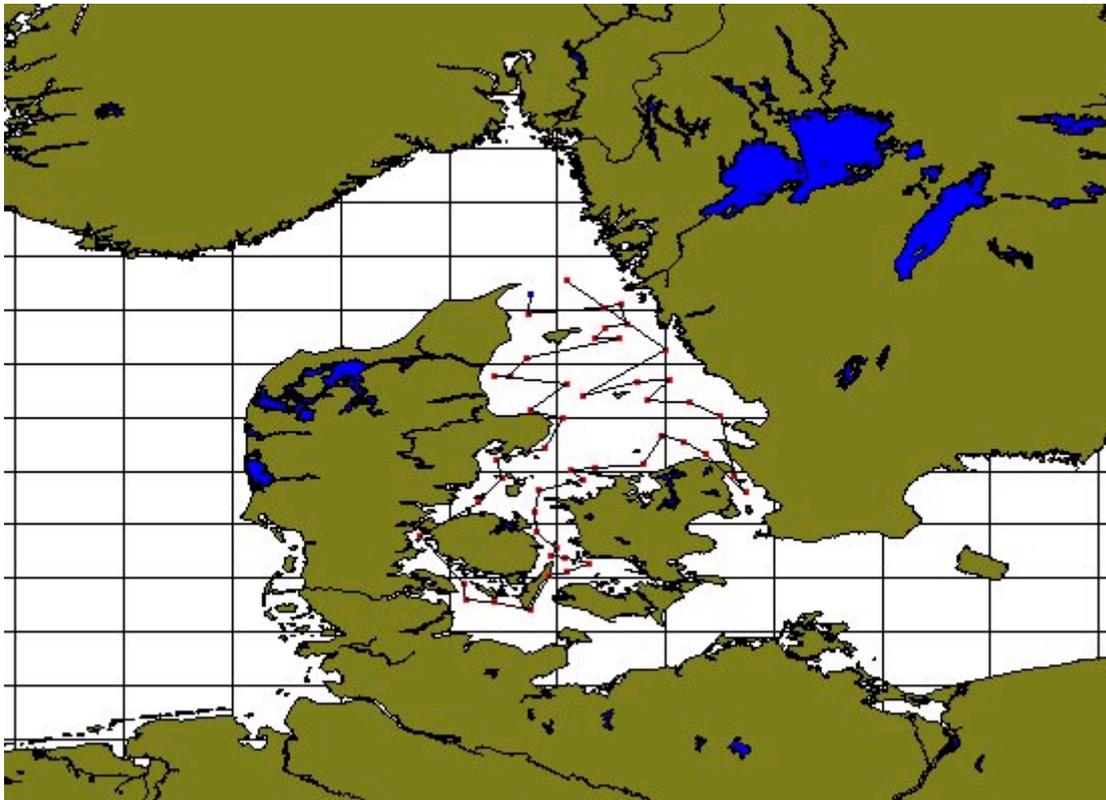


Figure 9. 4 Supplementary map showing BITs first quarter 2008 (KASU)

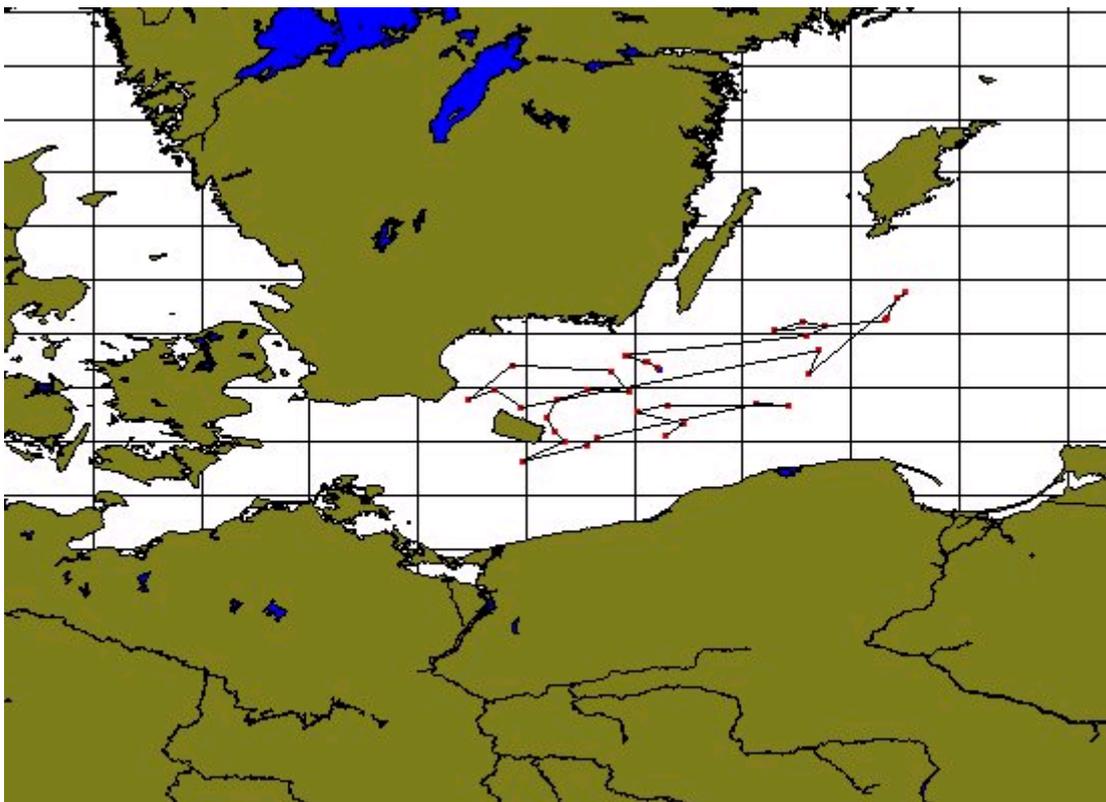
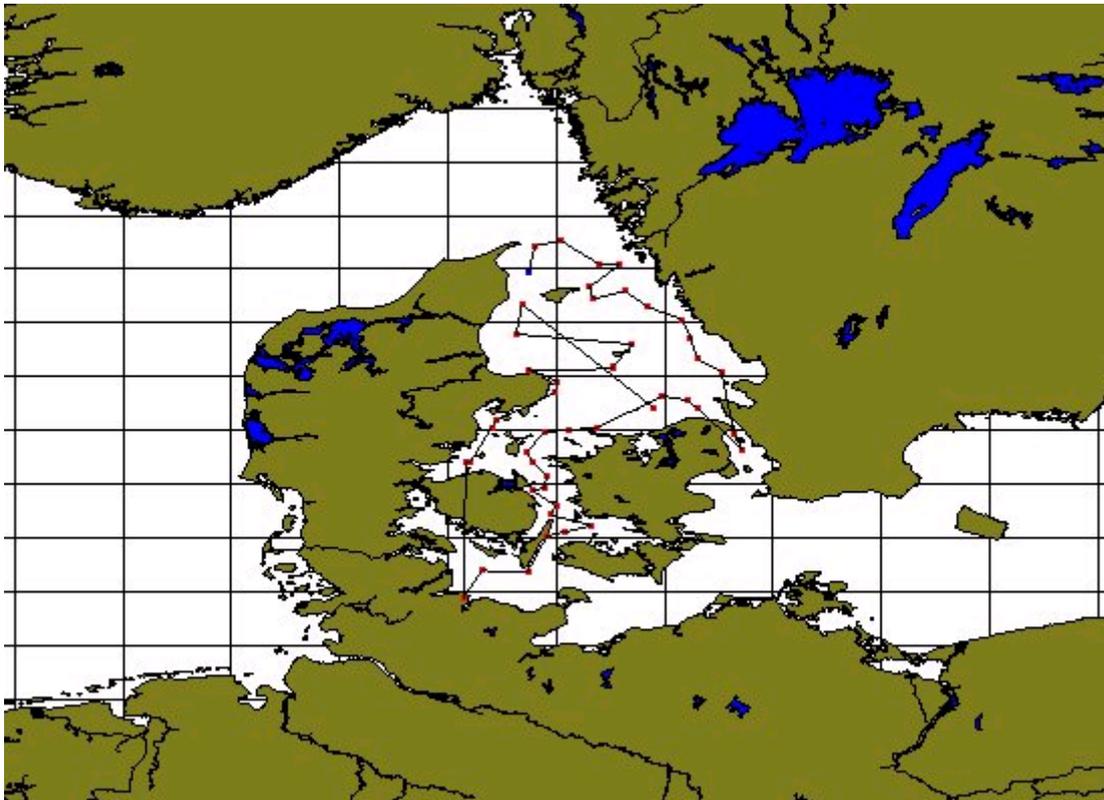


Figure 9. 5 Map showing BITs fourth quarter 2008



**Figure 9. 6 Supplementary map showing BITS fourth quarter 2008 (KASU)**

### **NS herring acoustic survey**

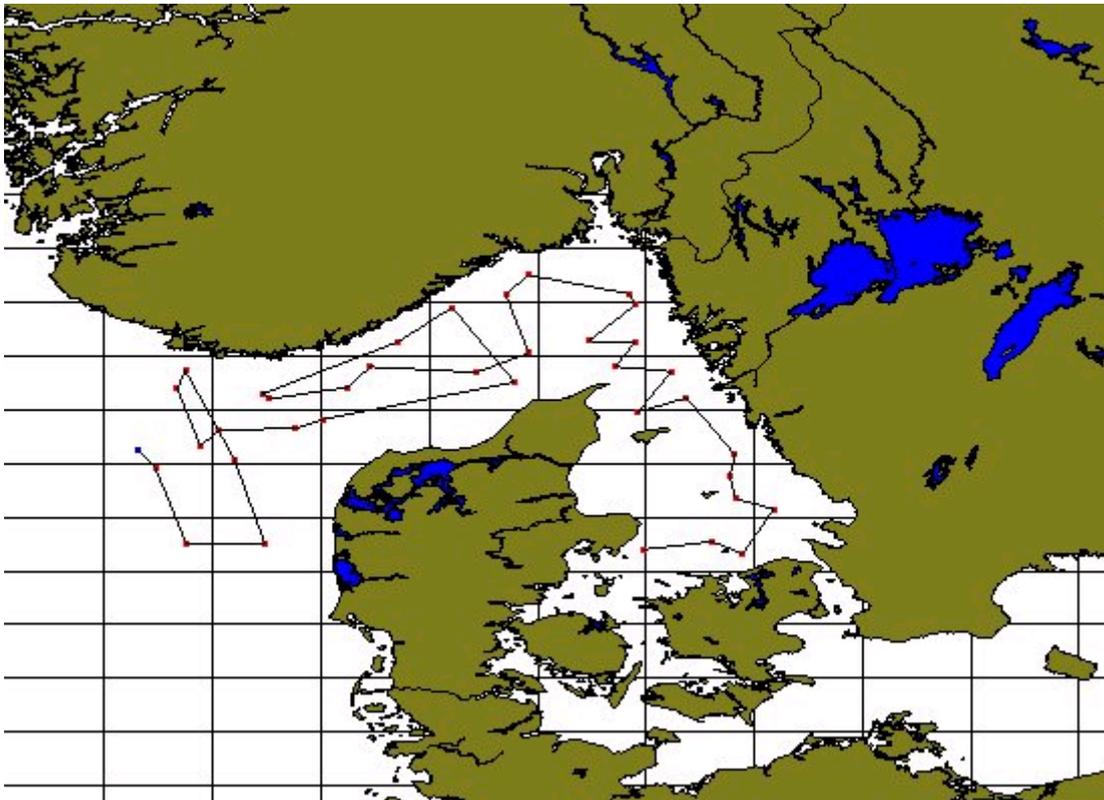
The purpose is to provide acoustic abundance estimates of herring and sprat in the North Sea (eastern part), Skagerrak and Kattegat. The survey is coordinated by the ICES Planning Group for Herring Surveys.

Types of data collected:

- Acoustic data
- Biological data: species composition, length measurements
- For herring age and maturity measurements
- Hydrographical data using CTD

Achievements in 2008:

- 37 trawl hauls conducted
- 39 CTD stations
- 2310 Nm acoustic integration



**Figure 9. 7** Map showing NS herring acoustic survey 2008

#### **Atlan/Scand. Herring survey**

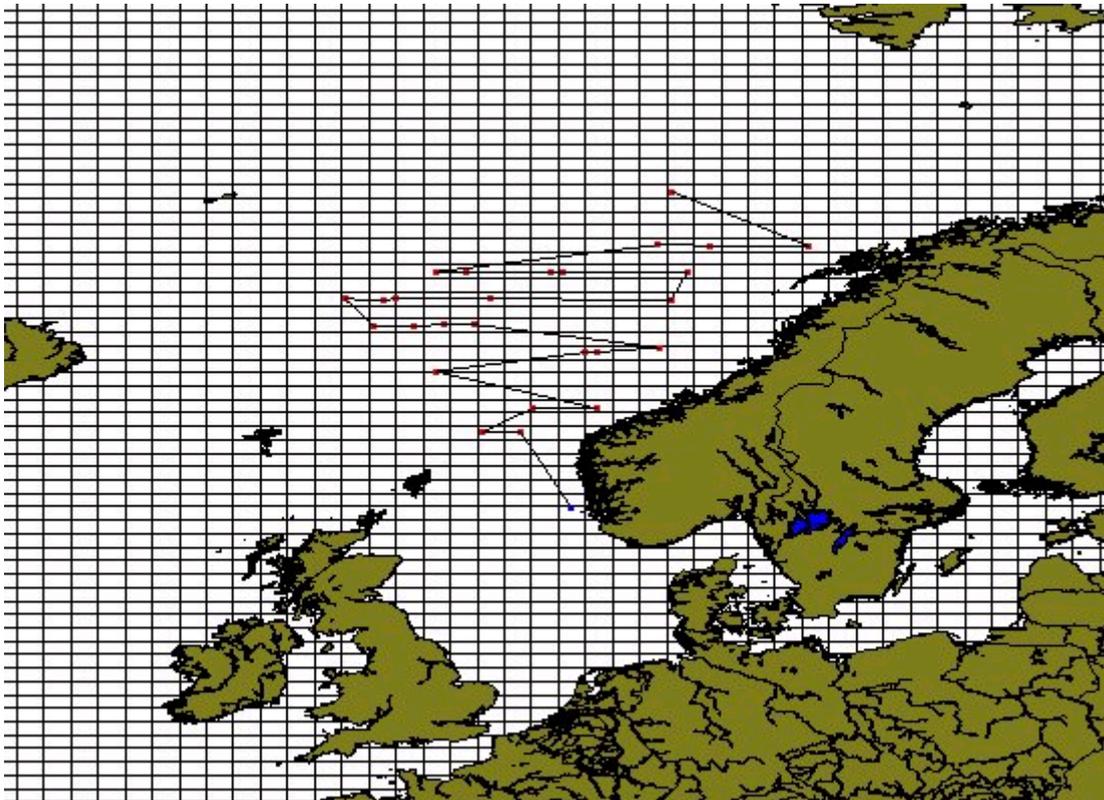
The main objectives of this survey are to map the distribution and migrations of herring, blue whiting and other pelagic fish and to assess their biomass. Furthermore to monitor the hydrographical and plankton conditions of the Norwegian Sea and adjacent waters and describe how feeding and migration of herring and other pelagic fish are influenced by this. During the survey fishery was carried out regularly on acoustic registrations to verify the species detected and to give information about the size composition to be used in the biomass estimation. The survey is coordinated by the ICES Planning Group on North East Atlantic Pelagic Ecosystem Surveys. The survey is carried out as a joint EU survey with participation of UK, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden and Denmark.

Types of data collected:

- Acoustic data
- Biological data: species composition, length measurements
- For herring and blue whiting samples following parameters was measured on 50 individuals from each haul: length, weight, sex, maturity and age (from scales of herring and otoliths of blue whiting)
- Zooplankton using a WP2 net
- CTD: hydrographical data

Achievements in 2008:

- 30 days was planned and 30 days was achieved
- 27 trawl hauls conducted
- 56 CTD stations
- 112 WP2 casts
- 3223 Nm acoustic integration



**Figure 9. 8 Map showing Atlan/Scand. Herring survey 2008**

### **Herring Acoustic Survey in areas IIIa and IIIb-d**

Denmark is participating with one scientific staff member on the German R/V Solea.

### **Blue Whiting Survey in area VI and VII**

Denmark is participating with one scientific staff members on the Dutch R/V Tridens and one on the Irish R/V Celtic Explorer.

## **9.2 MP – Deviations from aim**

Except from BITS 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on Dana the surveys went according to plan

BITS 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on Dana - Only 32 of the planned 50 hauls were achieved. The departure was delayed, because the second officer did not show up at departure time. There was afraid of that he had fallen into the harbour because some of his luggage was found at the dock side. App. A month later he was found drowned as feared. Furthermore the weather were quite rough during the hole survey with average wind at more than 16 m/s and some days with wind speed at more than 25 m/s. Lastly the rough weather resulted in 4 torn trawls. The combination of these unfortunate circumstances caused the low samplings level at this year quarter 4. BITS..

## **9.3 EP – Required and achieved Priority 2 surveys**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

## **9.5 Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

No major shortfalls. Se section 9.2.

## 10. Module H – Length and age sampling

### 10.1 MP – Landings – Required and achieved sampling

DTU Aqua has been responsible for carrying out the age- and length measurements of the landings. These include landings by other member states vessels landed in Denmark.

Human consumption species are landed and sold at the fish markets, where samples are taken by DTU Aqua. In most human consumption sampling schemes the length measured individuals are age determined and hence no age-length key is applied. This implies for these species that the number of age readings is equal to the number of length measurements, while the DCR is generally requiring a larger number of length measurements than age readings. For human consumption species that are sold in size grade categories, the sampling is stratified on size grades. In general, whole boxes are sampled from the market.

Landings for reduction purposes are sampled by inspectors in the landing harbours. Since it is not known in advance, which areas are visited and which species are targeted, DTU Aqua has limited control on the origin and species composition of these samples. Therefore some areas may be sampled less than required and others may be sampled in excess of what is required according to the Danish National Programme. All the fish in these samples are length measured and a sub-sample is aged. This way of sampling for age and length results in some cases in a much higher number of length measurements than required the DCR.

In table 10.1 an overview is given of length and age measurements required, planned and achieved. The number of measurements achieved in table 10.1 is only from the harbour sampling, as these measurements are used to calculate length distribution. The length measurements from sea-going observer trips are not included as they are not size graded, and for calculating length distributions on landings, DTU Aqua is using the size grades on the samples and on the landings.

An exception to this is that for Norway lobster the number of length samples in table 10.1 is from sea going observer trips, harbour sampling and surveys. The nephrops working groups is using data from sea going observer trips and surveys because a high proportion of the catch is discarded due to the minimum landing size regulations.

### 10.2 MP – Landings – Deviations from aim

#### **Ammodytidae (Sandeel)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for Sandeel.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIa, IIIa, IV	Length	521%
	Age	97%

According to the EU TAC and Quota regulation a real-time monitoring programme on the sandeel fishery has to be conducted.

In addition to this monitoring DTU Aqua is conducting a data collection on haul to haul basis where 15-20 Danish vessels collect samples. In 2008 19,857 sandeel have been length measured and 10,259 sandeel have been aged outside the DCR. All samples of sandeels has been reported and used by ICES and STECF.

## Anguilla anguilla (Eel)

Summary table of deviations from aim for Eel.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
All areas	Length	85%
	Age	9%

The otoliths have been sampled for age reading, but have not been read yet. Therefore precision can not be calculated.

## Clupea harengus (Herring)

Summary table of deviations from aim for herring.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
I, II	Length	135%
	Age	46%
IIIa	Length	121%
	Age	71%
22-24	Length	566%
	Age	200%
25-32	Length	418%
	Age	282%
IV, VIId	Length	206%
	Age	104%

The reasons for sampling in excess of the requirements of herring are that the stratifications have to be covered and that a sample is a full box of herring. Following strata have to be covered:

- Time: quarter or month depending on area and period.
- Areas
- Landings for human consumption and landings for reduction purposes.
- Different herring spawning stocks

In the eastern North Sea and in division IIIa more samples have to be taken and more fish has to be analysed than required according to annex XV in the DCR because the composition of the different herring stocks have to be estimated. Furthermore the sampling in the North Sea reflects the actual fishery and misreporting from div IIIaN is known.

In area 22-24 there is a significant oversampling according to the official landing of herring in that area. When recording industrial landings only the main species have to be recorded and not the by-catches of other species. When catching sprat in the Baltic, a by-catch of 0-30% of herring occurs. This by-catch has been sampled.

## Gadus morhua (Cod)

Summary table of deviations from aim for cod.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation from planned	Deviation from required
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IIIaN	Length	71%	223%
	Age	71%	446%
IIIaS	Length	54%	712%
	Age	54%	712%
25-32	Length	83%	161%
	Age	83%	322%
IIa, IV	Length	75%	196%
	Age	75%	393%

The cod stocks in the North Sea, IIIa and the Baltic Sea are all managed under recovery regime, and therefore the deviation is the actual measurements compared to the planned. It should be mentioned that the planned level has been set as the extended programme guidelines. The Danish harbour sampling of cod is based on the size grades. Again in 2008 the landings on the smallest size grade (size grade 5) have been less than expected. Therefore the numbers planned has not been achieved. Still all the cod stocks are oversampled in regard to the minimum programme, since all the strata – subdivision, quarter and size grade – have to be covered.

The required precision level for two of the cod stocks were not reached. At the time of writing only 27% of the sampled otoliths have been read for ‘cod-2532’, which explain the acquired precision level for that stock.

### **Melanogrammus aeglefinus (Haddock)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for haddock.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
IIIa, IIIbcd	Length	212%
	Age	212%
IIa, IV	Length	727%
	Age	1443%

The reason for the sampling in excess of the requirements is that all strata have to be covered: areas, time (quarters) and size grade, besides a sample is a full box.

### **Merlangius merlangus (Whiting)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for whiting.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
IIIa	Length	723%
	Age	723%
IIa, IV	Length	1150%
	Age	360%

The reason for the sampling in excess of the requirements is that the numbers required are very small. According to the sampling plan for landings for reduction purposes, all by-catches of cod, haddock, whiting and herring are aged.

### **Merluccius (Hake)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for hake.

Area	Type of	Deviation
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	measurement	
IIIa, IIIbcd	Length	77%
	Age	77%
IIa, IV	Length	131%
	Age	131%

The reason for the length sampling in excess of the requirements is that all strata have to be covered: areas, time (quarters) and size grade, besides a sample is a full box.

When carrying out at sea sampling the retained part is also sampled. This sampling is not included in the above calculated figure. Therefore, the aim for hake in Div. IIIa is reached. The otoliths have been sampled for age reading, but have not been read yet. Therefore precision cannot be calculated.

### **Micromesistius poutassou (Blue whiting)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for blue whiting.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
I, II, III, IV, V, VII, VIabde, XII	Length	159%
	Age	159%
Vb	Length	0%
	Age	0%

The blue whiting landings are difficult to sample as the numbers of landings are few and large. Furthermore compare remarks in 10.1 it is difficult to plan the sampling of landings for reduction and hence the “undersampling” of blue whiting caught in the Faroes waters and the “oversampling” of catches taken in other areas.

### **Microstomus kitt (Lemon sole) and glyptocephalus cynoglossus (which flounder)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for lemon sole and which flounder.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
Lemon sole (IIa – IV)	Length	194%
	Age	194%
Which flounder Ia, IV	Length	107%
	Age	107%

### **Nephrops norvegicus (Norway lobster)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for Norway lobster.

Area	Type of measurement	Deviation
IIIa, IIIbcd	Length	466%
IV	Length	132%

The reasons for the deviations for Norway lobsters are that the figures are primarily based on samples from sea going observers (see section 10.1). The number of samples taken depends on the number of hauls on monitored trips and the time constraint for the observer onboard.

### **Pandalus spp. (Shrimp)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for shrimp.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIIaN	Length	35%
IV	Length	1190%

For area IV the landings of Pandalus has been below the 5% threshold. For area IIIaN the fishery has been very limited and see cooperation contract with Sweden.

### **Pleuronectes platessa (Plaice)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for plaice.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIIaS	Length	436%
	Age	436%
IIIb-d	Length	414%
	Age	414%
IV	Length	219%
	Age	438%

The sampling in excess of the requirements is caused by the number of strata that need to be covered: areas, time (quarters) and size grade and that a sample is a full box of.

### **Pollachius virens (Saithe)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for saithe.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIa, IIIa, IIIbcd, IV	Length	133%
	Age	267%

The sampling in excess of the requirements in area IV is caused by the strata that have to be covered: areas, time (quarters) and size grade and that when taking a sample, a full box is taken.

### **Salmo salar (Salmon) in area IIIb-d**

The species has not been sampled in 2008. The required number (10) shows that the salmon fishery has been very limited.

### **Scomber scombrus (Mackerel)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for mackerel.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIa, IIIa, IIIbcd, IV	Length	66%
	Age	130%

In area Vb length and age measurements were required on no individuals.

The reason for sampling in excess of the requirements in area IIa, IIIa, IIIbcd, IV is that a number of strata needed to be covered: areas, time (quarters) and size grade and that when taking a sample, a full box is taken.

### **Solea solea (Sole)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for sole.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIIa, IIIbcd	Length	190%
	Age	190%
II, IV	Length	15%
	Age	59%

### **Sprattus sprattus (Sprat)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for sprat.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIIa	Length	184%
	Age	47%
IIIb-d	Length	292%
	Age	135%
IIa, IV	Length	162%
	Age	44%

The reason for sampling in excess of the requirements is the number of strata that need to be covered: areas and time (month).

The reason that the number of age measurements in area IIIa and IV, VIId was lower than required is that the samples taken were of poor quality, so the dissection of the otoliths could not be performed.

### **Trachurus spp. (Horse mackerel)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for horse mackerel.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
IIa, IV	Length	0%
	Age	0%
Vb, VI, VII, VIIIabde, XII, XIV	Length	0%
	Age	0%

In area IIa, IV length and age measurements were required on no individuals. The quality of the samples is very poor.

### **Trisopterus esmarki (Norway pout)**

Summary table of deviations from aim for norway pout.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Type of measurement</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
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IV	Length	32%
	Age	30%

### **10.3 EP – Landings – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **10.5 MP & EP – Discards – Required and achieved sampling**

In table 10.3 the length and age sampling of catches and discards from observer trips are summarized. Age sampling of the landed part of the catches recorded on observer trips has not been done because according to the Danish National Programme, harbour sampling of human consumption landings is used. Samples of all other species than listed in table 10.3 are counted and length measured.

### **10.6 MP & EP – Discards – Deviations from aim**

There are no deviations from aim.

### **10.7 Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

Initiatives for improving the sampling in order to ensure adequate sampling and to avoid shortfalls are constantly in focus. Better cooperation between DTU Aqua staff dealing with sampling and Fishery control staff has been initiated.

Online access to VMS data for DTU Aqua staff is about to be established (medio 2008). This access to VMS data will facilitate the daily planning and improve the collection of samples.

## **11. Module I – Other biological sampling**

### **11.1 MP – Required and achieved sampling**

In table 11.1 an overview is given of the long-term sampling strategy of other biological parameters. In tables 11.2 and 11.3 an overview is given of achieved sampling for length at age, sex ratios, sexual maturity and fecundity. The numbers achieved are based on the data sources listed in the table.

### **11.2 MP – Deviations from aim**

Fecundity is not sampled for mackerel and horse mackerel in area IV as required. Denmark has not participated in surveys where collection of fecundity data on mackerel and horse mackerel were possible due to the time of year the surveys take place. Furthermore, it is not possible to sample mackerel and horse mackerel as not fishery takes place during the spawning season.

### **11.3 EP – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark did not apply for an extended programme.

### **11.5 Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

Denmark has worked actively in the ICES PGCCDBS, the ICES IBTSWG and the ICES WGBIFS for organize coordination and co-operation of sampling of other biological parameters. It is the intension that the closer co-operation and coordination during conduction of the surveys will avoid the possibility of shortfalls.

Furthermore, it should be mentioned that Denmark hosted an ICES workshop on maturity data collection on cod, haddock, saithe and whiting in the autumn of 2007. After the workshop

Denmark has made maturity staging manuals for the four species. The manuals are made available internationally.

## **12. Module J - Economic data on fishing vessels.**

The Danish programme 2008 for collection of economic data by groups of vessels (for 2007) is a continuation of the programmes implemented over the previous years.

### **12.1. MP – Required and achieved sampling.**

As shown in table 12.1 the achieved samples for the different fleet segments are more or less the same as the required samples. Of the 279 fishery units drawn in the ordinary sample selection only about a dozen were cancelled, all of which were replaced with a supplementary unit.

#### ***What data is being collected.***

All data on the accounting form refers to a “fishery unit” defined as a Fisherman or Fishing firm with one separately operating vessel that is a vessel which is active in fishery and has its own separate crew. When a Fishermen or Fishing firm owns more than one separately operating vessel, the account for that economic agent is split into separate accounts for each fishery unit.

The variables or “economic indicators” in the DCR report are aggregates of several detailed variables in the Danish fishery account system. All variables are collected in the individual accounts and can easily be aggregated to the specifications in the DCR.

Data collected for the DCR (Appendix XVII):

*Income (turnover):* The total revenue or Gross output for the year includes both value of landings, subsidies and other sources.

#### *Production costs:*

- *Crew (include social cost):* wages and salaries to all employees including owners/partners.
- *Fuel:* fuel costs excl. duties and bonus/discount, fuel quantity in litres.
- *Repair and maintenance:* maintenance of all physical fishing assets, various articles/stores.
- *Other operational costs:* landing and sales costs, rent of equipment, purchase of fishing rights, insurance, service, administration.

*Fixed costs (average cost calculated from investment):* depreciation and net interest expenditure.

*Financial position (share of own/foreign capital):* debt as a percentage of total assets (end of year).

*Investment (asset):* total value of physical capital beginning of the year including fishing rights.

*Prices/species:* Live weight quantities and first hand value per species.

*Employment (full time/part time/FTE):* number of men, number of days and hours worked.

*Fleet*: data from the Register of Fishing Vessels.

- *No*: number of fishery units (vessels).
- *GT*: Gross tonnage (for main operating period if GT is changed during the year).
- *kW*: kilowatt engine power (for main operating period if kW is changed during the year).
- *Age*: number of years from year of construction of vessel to operating year.
- *Gear used*: Main gears from the vessel register.

*Effort (relevant unit accounting for technology and time)*: Vessel days at sea.

***Who the data is being collected from.***

The population of fishery units is defined as fishing firms who owns one separately operating fishing vessel that has been registered for at least 6 month of the year. Fishing firms that owns more than one separately operating vessel are divided into units according to the number of separately operating vessels. By separately operating means that the vessels has it own crew, and that it is not only used as auxiliary vessel. The 2007 population consist of 848 ACTIVE fishery units in the commercial fishery together with 1,081 LESS\_ACTIVE fishery units.

The term production unit is used to make it clear that the vessel a fisherman uses at the beginning of the year might not be the same as the vessel used at the end of the year. Replacing one vessel with another vessel can be part of the economic activity in a year, and is reflected in the data on cost, investment and finance.

The term “commercial fishing fleet” is used in the national statistics for the fleet equal to the ACTIVE fleet in the DCR report. The separation of ACTIVE from LESS\_ACTIVE is done using well defined conditions, based on threshold level for activity in economic terms (revenue) and for period of operation.

Less Active fishery units (vessels) in the Danish fishery in 2007

Fleet segment	Number	Reason for Less Activity
[TBB] [VL1224] Beam trawlers: 12-24 m (Shrimp trawlers)	1	Short registration period
[TBB] [VL2440] Beam trawlers: 24-40 m	1	Short registration period
[SDN] [VL1224] Danish Seiners: 12-24 m	4	Short registration period
[DTS] [VL0012] Demersale trawlers: < 12 m	14	Short registration period
[DTS] [VL1224] Demersale trawlers: 12-24 m (Trawlers 12-18 m)	20	Short registration period
[PTS] [VL1824] Pelagic trawlers: 12-24 m (Trawlers 18-24 m)	6	Short registration period
[PTS] [VL2440] Pelagic trawlers: 24-40 m	7	Short registration period
[PTS] [VL40xx] Purse Seiners and pelagic trawlers: >= 40 m	0	Short registration period
[DRB] [VL0012] Dredges: < 12 m	0	Short registration period
[DRB] [VL1224] Dredges: 12-24 m	1	Short registration period
[PVG] [VL0012] Polyvalent mobile gears: < 12 m	68	Revenue below threshold
[PVG] [VL1224] Polyvalent mobile gears: 12-24 m	13	Short registration period
[PGP] [VL0012] Polyval. passive gears: Drift nets, fixed nets and traps: < 12m	929	Revenue below threshold
[PGP] [VL1224] Polyval. pass. gears: Drift nets, fixed nets and hooks: 12-24 m	17	Short registration period

The reason for less activity for more or less all vessels above 12 metres is short registration period. For instance the 7 entities in the PTS\_VL40xx group is in fact only five physical vessels that have been registered for a period of between 1 week and 3½ month. One of these vessels has been registered three times during 2007 with different owners, who each have had a small amount of fish caught during their period of ownership. There is no fishing activity excluded from the DCR report, but data from the LESS\_ACTIVE groups should be used with care, as these groups include vessel units which may only have been active for a few days or weeks.

The SGRN Evaluation Report notes that “the official fleet register holds about 3,000 vessels” at some point in time. To compare this figure with the units in the DCR report is misleading. The 3,000 entities in the register are owned by the owners of the 1,929 vessel units in the DCR report, and consequently included in the report. The entities on totally inactive vessels in the register shifts often hands during the year, and therefore the ownership depend on which date it relates to. Also some totally inactive vessels may be owned by a vessel owner who does not engage in active fishery, for instance a ship broker.

***How the data are being collected.***

The administrative and statistical registers in FD are the basic source to information about the Danish fishery. The registers relevant to the collection of economic information for groups of vessels are: the Register of Fishing Vessels, the Register of Fishermen/Vessel Owners, the Sales Note Register and the Logbook Register. These registers are fully comprehensive in the sense that all fisheries related activities are registered for all individuals, which means that statistical analysis based on the registers can cover all activities in the fishery and on the first-hand market for fish (e.g. the official fishery statistics).

Cost data, financial information and information on factor input like fuel consumption and labour input are not registered in the FD’s register. These data are collected by FOI on the yearly accounting forms. FOI obtains each year an extract from the FD registers containing information on all active vessels for the year before. This extract is used to analyse and stratify the population of fishery units before the sample for the year is drawn. The population is stratified according to the fleet segmentation laid out in the DCR together with additional national length groups and economic size groups.

The possibility of stratification on economic size groups is an important cornerstone for the statistical sampling. It can only be done because Denmark has a total registration by economic agent (and fishing vessel) of all landings of fish intended for the market, which includes landings from both commercial and non-commercial fishermen. Only own consumption of fish is not registered. The Danish Tax authorities set rules for calculating the use of own production which also includes fishery products, and these rules are also applied to the Account Statistics for Fishery whereas the estimated own consumption of fish is added to the production in the individual accounts.

Only authorized persons can legally buy and sell fish on the first hand market. The authorized first hand purchasers of fish report daily the registered landings of fish to the Directorate of Fisheries. The cost of having this exhaustive registration of all landings of fish is not a part of this national data collection program, and the data necessary for setting up the population of fishermen/fishing firms for the completion of the DCR has so far been delivered each year to FOI free of charge.

Having full knowledge of the yearly revenue (per species) of each individual vessel unit in the population makes it possible to stratify the entire population according to fleet segmentation and economic size groups and calculate an optimal sample size for each stratum. The optimal sample sizes are calculated in order to minimize the variances on the economic variables. Therefore the sample size varies from 17 per cent of the units with small revenue to 55 per cent of the units with high revenue.

For each stratum the sample is drawn randomly from a selection of fishermen/fishing firms who have beforehand agreed to participate. This method ensures that there are nearly no non-response in contrast to common random sampling, where non-response is a grave problem and

often causes bias in the sample. If for some reason an account from any of the sampled units cannot be collected, that unit is replaced with a substitute from the same stratum. Finally based on our knowledge of the production of each vessel unit in the population we improve the sample by including all units (100%) for some important strata like beam trawlers and purse seiners.

Full knowledge of many variables for the total population has the effect that the weighting system is able to rectify for most of the sample uncertainty. The calculation of the economic variables is done in a goal programming model with restrictions on the number of units and the known production of each species for each stratum, groups of strata and the entire population.

The method is similar to the method used for many years for the sampling of accounts for the FADN statistics to the DG Agriculture.

As every landing of fish is registered the population will include vessel units with landings of only a few fish like for instance sideline fishermen. These units have to be separated, because it is totally unrealistic to get solid information about costs from these part-time/leisure fishermen, as they are not setting up yearly accounts. Instead of using the accounting form in these cases, the exhaustive data on production, revenue, equipment and capacity are used to calculate a costs estimate based on the parameters for similar vessels/fishery.

The non-commercial or part-time fishermen are reported separately in the DCR reports submitted to JRC, as these “fleets” are marked LESS\_ACTIVE in the report. For 2007 vessels with total revenue for the year at less than EUR 33,900 has been grouped as LESS\_ACTIVE. Only vessels less than 12 metres using polyvalent gear or passive polyvalent gear (netters) are grouped as LESS\_ACTIVE according to the revenue. Bigger vessels with very short period of operation are also marked as LESS\_ACTIVE.

The coherent structure of economic data makes it necessary to be able to validate all variables for each individual economic agent both in detail and consistently combined with other variables. The best way to do that is by setting up a balanced account. Therefore FOI has constructed a harmonized accounting form for fishery, which ensures that the data is broken down to meet the requirements of the Account Statistic for Fishery as well as the specifications in Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001.

Specific information on the contents of the economic variables is listed below.

Income (turnover):

- Gross value of landings (total and per species).
- Additional payments regarding production from earlier years.
- Received/handed over amounts to cover landings by/for other vessels (pair-trawling).
- Other fishery income, for instance sale of self made gear.
- Leasing or hire out of vessels and other operative assets.
- Other sources, for instance salvage money.
- Subsidies, for instance for participation in research fishery.

Production costs - crew (include social costs):

- Salary to other partners/shareholders
- Salary to hired skipper
- Salary to hired crew (including pension)
- Paid/received salary from other vessels for instance when pair-trawling (+/-)
- Subsidies and repayments e.g. for trainees or long-term unemployed (-)
- Other personnel expenses (insurance, social expenses etc.)

- Salary to the owner/fisherman (skipper/owners share)

Production costs - fuel:

- Fuel costs excl. duties.
- Bonus and discount on fuel (-).
- Fuel quantity (Litres).

Production costs - repair and maintenance:

- Maintenance of vessel, hull etc.
- Maintenance of engines and winches.
- Maintenance of electronic equipment.
- Maintenance of fishing gear (purchase should be added to assets).
- Maintenance of land-based plants and equipment, e.g. truck or van.
- Stores, various articles for consumption.

Production costs - other operational costs:

- Other expenses on energy and lubrications excl. duties
- Tax and duties on energy
- Ice, salt and bait etc., used on the fishing vessel
- Provisions
- Harbour dues, pilot service and brokerage
- Collecting, sorting and auctioneering
- Packing, chilling and freight
- Other landing service costs (not hired crew)
- Landing service provided by own crew (not included in crew share/salary)
- Market regulation fees
- Subscription to fishermen's union, fishery duties
- Purchase of fishing rights or quotas (incl. quota in 3<sup>rd</sup> country fishing zones)
- Rent of equipment, incl. leasing for a period less than a year
- Rent of buildings (gear sheds), incl. leasing of less than a year
- Insurance of vessel, equipment and fishing gear etc.
- Other expenses on insurance (land-based plants, van, liability etc., excl. personnel insurance).
- Administration, accounting etc.
- Communication, telephone etc. (exclusive private use)
- Operating share of cost on private vehicles (exclusive depreciation)
- Other service costs
- Tax on real property (fishery assets)

Fixed costs:

- Depreciation on vessel, hull etc.
- Depreciation on engines and winches
- Depreciation on electronic equipment
- Depreciation on fishing gear
- Depreciation on van, truck etc.
- Depreciation on buildings (gear sheds etc.)
- Operating share of depreciation on private vehicles etc.
- Net interest expenditure (recorded by 10 variables)

Financial position:

- Financial (debt / assets) recorded by (7 + 14) variables both beginning and end of year

“Investment” (assets): Value at the beginning of the year.

- Value of vessel, hull etc.
- Value of engines and winches
- Value of electronic equipment
- Value of fishing gear
- Value of van, truck etc.
- Value of buildings (gear sheds etc.)
- Value of stocks, for instance storage of fuel
- Value of fishing rights (IQ, ITQ)

Complement to the value at the beginning of the year regulation due to price changes, investment (purchase minus sale) during the year and depreciation are entered the accounting form, whereas the value at the end of the year is calculated.

Prices (species):

- Value of landings by species
- Quantity measured as live weight quantity in accounting form.
- 51 main species/species groups in the accounting form.

Employment (FTE):

- Number of men (persons)
- Number of (men \* fishing trips)
- Number of (men \* days at sea)
- Average number of hours worked per day at sea
- Number of (men \* working days at land)

In order to ensure an adequate data quality FOI is collecting data from the fisherman’s professional accountants. Furthermore there are several steps taken to achieve the best possible measures for the economic data.

- A full balanced accounting form to ensure, that the data on the individual level is 100% correct.
- A beforehand obtained consent from the fishermen to allow their accountants to report all necessary data to avoid participation from a biased population of fishermen.
- Co-operation from professional accountants to achieve the best possible harmonized data.
- Full knowledge of the fishing activity of each individual vessel and fisherman.
- Make use of actual fishing activity in the selection process and the weighting scheme and thereby avoid miscalculation and vaporous estimates.
- Improving the calculations by using full scale survey for specific fleet segments like purse seiners and beam trawlers.
- Taking substitutes that match the categorization criteria when a selected fishery unit (vessel) has to be cancelled (less than 4% of the selected sample).
- Calculating statistical weights for each account in the sample by using known measures of vessel activity for row and column aggregates in the categorization matrix as targets in a quadratic goal programming model.

## 12.2. MP – Deviations from aim.

No derogations or non-conformities in 2008. The inclusion of LESS\_ACTIVE in the DCR report has already been implemented.

## 12.3. EP – Required and achieved sampling

No extended program for 2008

## 12.4. EP – Deviation from aim

No extended program for 2008

## 13. Module K - Data concerning the processing industry.

### Collection of data concerning the fish processing industry in Denmark.

1. Examination and investigation of the existing collection of data by Statistics Denmark, the Directorate of Fisheries, and other relevant Authorities.
2. Examine the need for collection of complementary data.
3. On the basis of the investigations, if it's possible and there is a need for it, work out a plan for collecting more data on the processing industry in Denmark.
4. Collection, evaluation and adaptation of complementary data.
5. Evaluation and reporting to the Commission.

### Flowchart of study phases

	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005	2006	2007	2008
Pilot study investigating method and strategy for data collection	X									
Examining of existing data		X								
Collection and processing of existing data			X							
Investigation for collection of complementary data				X						
Collection and test of data					X					
Collection and processing of yearly data series						X				
Test and evaluation of data							X			
Reporting to the Commission								X	X	X

## 13.1. MP – Required and achieved sampling

In this investigation data from Statistics Denmark's Industrial Commodity-, Account- and Raw Materiel Statistics will be used. The purpose of this study is to investigate data from these statistics, and find out if they can provide the needed data to comply with the demands, that are listed in the Commission regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 of 25 July 2001 appendix XIX.

This investigation will include data from NACE 15.20

NACE 15.20.10 – Fish processing and preservation

NACE 15.20.20 – Smoking, curing and salting of fish etc.

The data from the Industrial Commodity Statistics have been examined to disclose the possibility to define homogenous sub branches in the sense of input of raw material and output of commodities from the existing branches in the Danish fish processing industry (NACE 15.20.10-30). The purpose of creating these new sub branches of enterprises is to provide yearly time series data of the processing industry, which reflect the physical and economic data from the primary sector.

FOI has examined the composition of commodities from each enterprise in the processing industry for the years 2000 until 2008. This investigation has provided the background for dividing the enterprises into 13 sub branches on the basis of the enterprise's commodity production (see table 13.1.). The first criteria for the division of the sub branches is the species that the enterprises processes and secondly the degree of processing. From these 13 sub branches it will probably be possible to evaluate the supply of raw material going into the processing industry from the Danish market and from abroad. The 13 sub branches also reflect the most important species in the Danish primary sector, and if there is a change in the supply of raw material, it will probably reflect on these groups. The 13 sub branches will probably also reflect the social and economic impact, on the processing industry of measures taken on behalf of the common fisheries policy.

The analysis of the Industrial Commodity Statistics for 2006 represent 73 Kind of Activity Units with a total sales of commodities of approximately EUR 1.2 billion, which covers 85 % of the total sales of commodities in the Account Statistics. The Account Statistics covers all enterprises in the Danish fish processing industry.

For the present the analysis of the “purity” of the processing industry suggest, that the “purity” is very high, which means that most, more than 90 %, of the commodities, which contain fish or fish products are produced in the branches defined by NACE 15.20.10-30.

### **13.1.1 Contents of the Account Statistics**

#### ***What data is being collected?***

The statistics are essentially aggregations of items of the annual accounts of business enterprises, notably items of the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the statement of fixed assets. Thus, a wide range of subjects are covered, e.g. turnover, purchases, expenses, profits, assets, liabilities and investment.

#### ***Who the data is being collected from?***

The accounts statistics are a reliable indicator of the activity level and of the structure of the Danish business sector. The highest data quality is achieved at the enterprise level, primarily because the enterprises prepare their annual accounts at that level. But also at the establishment level the published results for major activity groups and for counties are highly reliable.

Source: The Statistics are based on questionnaires, The Central Customs and Tax Administration (SLS-E data), and the business register. The population is defined on the basis of Statistics Denmark's Central Business Register covering all businesses in Denmark (ESR).

Complete set of accounts: The data collected from all sources are combined in such a way that a complete set of accounting items is computed for each business enterprise.

A. Direct surveying. The most thorough coverage is extended to the enterprises that are selected for direct surveying. They are given the choice of either filling in a lengthy questionnaire or submitting their annual accounts plus detailed specifications. The questionnaire is modelled on the list of items set out in the Danish annual accounts legislation, so as to facilitate responding. The data obtained by direct surveying are keyed into a data entry system which comprises error detection and verification procedures. Thus, the data are checked for accounting inconsistencies, and warning messages are written out if significant deviations are found when comparing with last year's data or with figures for enterprises in the same stratum (form of ownership / activity / size group). Frequently the respondents are contacted for clarification.

B. The SLS-E system of the Danish tax authorities does not comprise so many items as Statistics Denmark's questionnaire, but the quality of the data is regarded as high, because they are used for individual tax assessment. By stratified imputation the data aggregates of the SLS-E system are distributed among the more detailed items, and in the opinion of Statistics Denmark the resulting item values are reasonably reliable for profit and loss account as well as balance sheet. The SLS-E system does not include information about investment (spending on fixed capital).

C. The enterprises that are not covered by the sources A and B are mainly small enterprises, so the available information is limited. For these enterprises stratified imputation based on employment size groups is used to fill out the missing information.

***How the data are being collected?***

The reporting unit is the Kind of Activity Unit which is the total sum of workplaces engaged in the same economic activity (industry).

Industrial groupings: Kind of activity. This concept, which is sometimes termed branch or industry, refers to the 6-digit code numbers found in the Danish activity classification DB03, which is based on the European NACE nomenclature.

### **13.1.2 Contents of the Industrial Commodity Statistics**

***What data is being collected?***

The industrial commodity statistics describe manufacturers' sales of commodities measured in volume and value. In addition to this the statistics comprise a survey of the commodity sales distributed by industries.

***Who the data is being collected from?***

The Statistics are based on questionnaires. The population is defined on the basis of Statistics Denmark's Central Business Register covering all businesses in Denmark (ESR).

Survey population: The statistics cover industrial enterprises with at least 10 fulltime-employees as well as sales of enterprises registered as non-industrial enterprises, but with workplaces within manufacturing and with at least 10 fulltime-employees, are included in the statistics.

The reporting unit is the Kind of Activity Unit.

***How the data are being collected?***

The value is calculated as invoice sales ex factory or free delivery inside Denmark. Turnover taxes and production taxes are excluded from the sales value. Invoiced discounts are deducted. General packaging, freight charges and insurance costs are included if they can be distributed to individual commodities.

The total turnover is divided into different kinds of sales

- Sales of own commodities, i.e. commodities which are manufactured, processed or assembled by the enterprise itself.
- Construction work done for other enterprises, where the other enterprises own the machinery etc., which relates to the work involved in installation.
- Reconditioning and mending for other enterprises, where the other enterprises own the machinery.
- Paid work (contract work) performed for other enterprises, where the other enterprises own the raw materials etc.
- Commercial turnover or resale turnover
- Other turnover including income from licences, commissions, income from know how etc.

Information on quantities is declared as net weight, including the wrapping normally used when the commodity is sold in the retail trade. The transport packaging is not included.

Industrial groupings: Enterprises are grouped in the 4-digit NACE-classes and in the more detailed 6-digit DB03 national branch grouping based on NACE.

Commodity nomenclature: The commodities are grouped in a 10-digit nomenclature based on the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature (CN). The first 8 digits in the commodity nomenclature are always identical with the CN.

### **13.1.3 Contents of the Raw Material Statistics**

#### ***What data is being collected?***

The survey describes the use of raw materials, semi-manufactured- and intermediary products, purchase of services, packing costs and use of water in the production of industrial commodities.

#### ***Who the data is being collected from?***

The statistics contain a survey of the raw materials etc. distributed to groups of industries.

The Statistics are based on questionnaires. The population is defined on the basis of Statistic Denmark's Central Business Register covering all businesses in Denmark (ESR).

Survey population: The statistics cover industrial enterprises with at least 50 fulltime-employees.

The raw material statistics is primarily used for calculations of 3 items

1. Raw material fish contains fish and fish product auxiliaries.
2. Packaging purchased as raw material.
3. Resale commodities purchased as raw material for resale without transformation

In the Account Statistics these 3 items is covered in 1 item "Raw material". The total amount of raw material from all enterprises is divided into these 3 items based on the calculation from Raw Materiel Statistics.

#### ***How the data are being collected?***

Industrial groupings: The survey is based on the 6-digit Danish Branch nomenclature of which the 4 first digits are the NACE nomenclature.

Commodity groupings: The raw materials etc. are collected on basis on the 8-digit CN nomenclature also used in External Trade Statistics. The first 4 digits of the CN are used as basis in the raw material nomenclature.

### 13.1.4. Definitions of parameter

- **Raw material (volume)**

The data on volume for raw material is not yet available, but data can be calculated from the Commodity Sales Statistics. The Institute is looking into other methods of collecting this information, as an example it will be disclosed, if it is possible to get the information through the questionnaire already presented to the enterprises in the processing industry by Statistics Denmark or directly from the company accounts.

- **Income (turnover)**

- **Income (turnover)** represents the net sales. Included are capitalised work performed by the enterprise for own purposes and all charges (transport, packaging, etc.) passed on to the customer. Excluded is reduction in prices, rebates, discounts, VAT, and excise duties. Income classified as other operating income, financial income and extraordinary income in company accounts is also excluded from turnover.

- **Other income** is classified as other operating income exclusive of turnover, financial- and extraordinary income in company accounts.

- **Production costs**

- **Labour** cost is defined as the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by an employer to an employee (regular and temporary employees as well as home-workers) in return for work done by the latter during the reference period. Personnel costs also include taxes and employees' social security contributions retained by the unit as well as the employer's compulsory and voluntary social contributions. These include employer's social security contributions to schemes for retirement pensions, sickness, maternity, disability, unemployment, occupational accidents and diseases, family allowances as well as other schemes. These costs are included regardless of whether they are statutory, collectively agreed, contractual or voluntary in nature. Payments for agency workers are not included in personnel costs.

- **Energy** includes purchases of all energy products during the reference period for electricity, heating and production. Fuel for vehicles is not included.

- **Raw material** is divided into 3 subcategories

- **Raw material fish** contains fish and fish product auxiliaries.
- **Packaging** purchased as raw material.
- **Resale commodities** purchased as raw material for resale without transformation.

- **Other running costs** include payments for agency workers, subcontracts, rents, minor inventories, leasing expenditure, ordinary losses on debtors, and other and secondary expenses.

- **Fixed costs (Depreciations)** includes write offs and write downs.

- **Financial costs, net** includes income and expenses from interest and returns from capital assets

- **Extraordinary costs, net** include extraordinary income and expenses.

- **Tax** includes all taxes.

- **Financial position**

- **Financial position** is the share of Net capital calculated from the Total liabilities.

- **Investment (Assets)**

- **Assets** current prices. The Perpetual Inventory method is used. “The Perpetual Inventory Method” (PIM) generates an estimate of the capital stock by accumulating past purchases of assets over their estimated service lives. The standard, or traditional, procedure is to use the PIM to estimate the gross capital stock, to apply a depreciation function to calculate consumption of fixed capital and to obtain the net capital stock by subtracting accumulated capital consumption from the gross capital stock.”

- **Investment (Gross investment in tangible goods)**

- **Investment** during the reference period in all tangible goods. Included are new and existing tangible capital goods, whether bought from third parties or produced for own use (i.e. capitalised production of tangible capital goods), having a useful life of more than one year including non-produced tangible goods such as land. The threshold for the useful life of a good that can be capitalised may be increased according to company accounting practices where these practices require, a greater expected useful life than the one-year threshold indicated above.

All investments are valued prior to (i.e. gross of) value adjustments, and before the deduction of income from disposals. Purchased goods are valued at purchase price, i.e. transport and installation charges, fees, taxes and other costs of ownership transfer are included. Own produced tangible goods are valued at production cost. Goods acquired through restructuring (such as mergers, take-overs, break-ups, split-off) are excluded. Purchases of small tools which are not capitalised are included under current expenditure.

Also included are all additions, alterations, improvements and renovations which prolong the service life or increase the productive capacity of capital goods.

Current maintenance costs are excluded as is the value and current expenditure on capital goods used under rental and lease contracts. Investments in intangible and financial assets are excluded.

- **Price/Product**

- **Price/product** is calculated from the Industrial Commodity Statistics, which covers 85% of the total sales of commodities in the Danish fish processing industry.

- **Employment**

- **Employment** is equal to full-time equivalents (FTE). FTE calculation is done by Statistics Denmark according to EUROSTAT definitions.

- **Capacity utilisation**

- **Capacity utilisation** is not estimated for the Danish fish processing industry at present.

### **13.2 MP- Deviation from aims**

Raw material volume can be calculated from the output of the enterprises, presented in the Industrial Commodity Statistics, but FOI are still working to improve the calculation-model for the raw material volume.

Capacity utilisation is not estimated for the Danish fish processing industry at present. For the time being there is no meaningful way of measuring capacity utilisation in the Danish fish processing industry. Denmark suggests that this parameter is removed from section K.

### **13.3. EP – Required and achieved sampling**

Denmark has no extended program for 2008

### **13.4. EP – Deviation from aim**

Denmark has no extended program for 2008

### **13.5. Action taken to avoid shortfalls**

On the basis of the new 13 sub branches the data from the Industrial Commodity-, Account- and Raw Material Statistics will be distributed as shown in table 13.1. From the previous investigations FOI expect, that the existing data provided by Statistics Denmark will cover most of the needed data to comply with the demands listed in Commission regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 of 25 July 2001 appendix XIX.

The ongoing investigations of the 13 sub branches will focus on the need for collection of complementary data. When the existing data is collected it will be examined if there is a need for collection of complementary data. As an example it will be disclosed if there is a need for a larger spot test covering the Raw Material Statistics. At present only enterprises with more than 50 employees are covered in the Raw Material Statistics. In the tables 13.1 and 13.2 the sample rate are set to 100% because the basic data are retrieved from Company accounts which are exhaustive. The imputation of “missing information” for some small enterprises has only to do with the allocation of some of the cost items into more detailed variables like raw material, packaging and other running costs. The calculations that have been used to set up the allocation formulas have been based on the commodity statistics for processing industry from Statistics Denmark.

There will be a need for a more detailed investigation of the connection between “Kind of Activity Units” in the Industrial Commodity Statistics and “Enterprises” in the Account Statistics and have they are distributed into the 13 sub branches. There will also be a need for investigating how many fish processing enterprises there are placed into other branches than NACE 15.20.

It has also proved more difficult to calculate the raw material volume per species going into the processing industry than first expected. FOI will have to conduct further investigation on how to collect the needed data to comply with the demands listed in Commission regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 of 25 July 2001 appendix XIX.

If there is a need for complementary data, FOI will work out a plan in collaboration with Statistics Denmark to collect and process the needed data.

## 14 Databases

### 14.1 Database development and data management

#### **Danish Fisheries Analysis Database (DFAD)**

All data collected according to the provisions concerning logbooks, sales notes and registration of fishing vessels and the primary data collected under the Danish programme are stored in the following computerised databases:

- Vessel register. Data on fishing capacity. (FD)
- Logbook database. Data on origin of catches and on effort. (FD)
- Sales notes database. Data on quantities landed and prices. (FD)
- Species composition database. Data on species composition in landings for industrial purposes. (FD)
- Biological database. Data on discards and biological parameters. (DTU Aqua)
- Economic data. (FOI)

In order, for the three involved institutes, to use the same primary data on capacity, effort, and geographical distribution of the origin of the landings a common database is produced every year, the Danish Fisheries Analyses Database (DFAD). This database is a database where data from the register on Danish fishing vessels, data from the Danish logbooks and the catch area declarations database together with data from the Danish sales notes database are merged. It is therefore possible to categorise each landing in one fleet segment, in one fishery etc. This database contains most of the information requested in research projects and in relation to fisheries management. The DFAD database is yearly updated.

The design and development of the database has been made in a co-operation between the three above mentioned institutes.

Data from 1987-2008 are stored in the DFAD database.

#### **Babelfisk**

The data from biological sampling are stored in a MS SQL Server based database at DTU Aqua. This database contains data collected at surveys, harbour sampling and sea-going observer trips. It contains length and age measurements, discards information, sex and maturity of the individuals and also additional information regarding the sampling. Still further development of the data base takes place in order to conduct a better quality assurance of the collected and analyzed data and samples.

#### **FishFrame**

All Danish catch data sampled during discard sampling are included in the international data warehouse "FishFrame v 4.3". This data warehouse constitute the backbone in all international discard calculations made for the Baltic area and has shown its usefulness for further development and international cooperation concerning discard sampling.

All countries around the Baltic Sea submit data to the data warehouse and have full access to all data collected if the data are used for scientific purposes. The ICES Baltic Fish Assessment Working Group is using this database for compiling basic input data for their stock assessment work. Furthermore, the data warehouse can also be used to calculate total acoustic estimates for ICES PGHERS.

DTU Aqua is working on development of a new, extended and improved version of the “FishFrame”.

## 15. National and international co-ordination

### 15.1 National co-ordination

The National Institute for Aquatic Resources is acting as coordinator for the Danish Programme. A Steering Group has been established with members from the three Institutes involved in the programme:

1. National Institute for Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua)
2. Danish Directorate of Fisheries (FD)
3. Danish Food and Resource Economics Institute

The main objective of the Steering Group is to coordinate the work under the programme.

### 15.2 International co-ordination

Collection of information on fishing capacity, fishing effort, economic and landing statistics have been carried out entirely on a national basis. Biological information on catches, information collected by research vessels and information on discards have been co-ordinated internationally by several ICES working-, study- and planning groups and carried out in close co-operation with research institutes in Member States and third countries (see table 15.1).

Denmark participated at the RCM meetings for the Baltic, the North Sea and NEA and at the NE Atlantic.

### 15.3 Follow-up of RCM recommendations and initiatives

Recommendation	DTU Aqua status
RCM Baltic recommends that MS and the Commission consider possibilities for optimising timing in the entire DCR process.	Denmark has worked actively for the improvement of coordinations and cooperation of fisheries data sampling.
The RCM Baltic recommends that all MS submit data in the agreed format when requested. The compiled regional data should be distributed to the members of RCM Baltic well before the meeting.	Denmark has followed the recommendation
The RCM Baltic recommends that all MS upload data (effort, landings-all species, sea-sampling, sampling of landings) for the trawl fisheries targeting cod in the Baltic in order to allow analysis of the fisheries facilitating future task sharing of discard sampling	Denmark has followed the recommendation
The RCM is aware of FISH/2007/03 Lot 5: Development of tools for logbook data analysis, but will draw the attention to that some temporary solutions are needed until more permanent solutions are established based on the results of the outcome of this study. Until robust international guidelines for analysis of logbook data is available RCM Baltic recommends that: at a trip level, or at a fishing operation level when possible, the retained part of the catch should be classified by target assemblage (demersal, freshwater, anadromous) and sorted by weight. The	Denmark is member of the consortium that have been selected for carrying out the Tender on logbook analysis and VMS data analysis.

<p>target assemblage that comes up at the first position should be considered as the target assemblage to report in the matrix.</p> <p>when logbook data is incomplete regarding the number of rigs for demersal trawls the fishing trips/fishing operations should be allocated to OTB.</p> <p>the selectivity devices Bacoma and T90 should be treated as one strata until it is possible to distinguish between them in the logbooks.</p> <p>midwater otter trawls (OTM) are allocated to the OTM fishing activity even if they sometimes are operated very close to the bottom.</p>	
<p>The RCM recommends that a call for a project in support of the CFP should be issued with the task to further investigate the use and required resolution of VMS data for the estimation of fishing activity and distribution. Small scale project should include tools for scientific analysis of VMS data.</p> <p>The RCM reiterates the 2006 recommendation that the competent national authorities shall be approached by national scientists in order to ensure an open access of VMS data for scientific purposes. RCM recall access to VMS data is included in proposed framework regulation to support the ecosystem approach.</p>	See the comments above.
<p>The RCM Baltic recommends the description of the source of the information and when applying a sampling procedure a description of method and strategy has to be clearly described in the national programme to give useful information on quality of the obtained data. In the technical report there should then be a qualitative quality report containing a thorough description of the methods and strategies used and the characteristics of the gathered data.</p>	Denmark will follow the recommended guidelines when approved.
<p>The RCM NS&amp;EA recommends setting up a series of simple rules for merging fishing activity matrix cells for sampling purposes. Denmark and France volunteered to prepare a working document on these rules well before the next RCM NS&amp;EA.</p>	Denmark will followed the recommendation.
<p>The RCM NS&amp;EA recommends that all MS submit data in the agreed format when requested. The regional data should be compiled well before the meeting and be distributed to the RCM participants.</p>	Denmark has followed the recommendation.
<p>The RCM NS&amp;EA recommends that, at a trip level, or at a fishing operation level when possible, the retained part of the catch should be classified by target assemblage (crustaceans, cephalopods, demersal,...) and sorted by weight (by total value in the case of valuable crustacean species, e.g. <i>Nephrops</i>). The target assemblage that comes up at the first position should be considered as the target assemblage to report in the matrix. The RCM NS&amp;EA understands that this way of doing does</p>	Denmark has followed the recommendation.

not allocate any information to the métiers targeting mixed target assemblages.	
The RCM NS&EA recommends that in general if an area is covered by one dedicated trip per year only, the effort put into this single trip could better be allocated to other fleet segments ensuring better coverage of these segments. The RCM further recommends updating the list of onboard observer trips by fishing activity on level 6 before the next meeting.	Denmark has followed the recommendation.
The RCM NS&EA recommends that all MS take part in the case study on spatial aspects on growth patterns for North Sea cod by submitting data to France using the template in Annex 6.	All data has been submitted.

## 15.4 Follow-up of SGRN recommendations

In the SGRN report “Analysis of derogations and non-conformities of Member States’ data collection National Programme Proposals for 2008” there are no recommendations in the evaluation of the Danish National Programme Proposal 2008, only comments. There are no general recommendations of relevance to Denmark.

## 16. List of acronyms and abbreviations

Acronym/Abbreviation	Description
DCR	Commission Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 (Data Collection Regulation)
DTU Aqua	National Institute for Aquatic Resources
FD	Danish Directorate of Fisheries
FOI	Danish Food and Resource Economics Institute, Denmark
FTE	Full Time Employed
ICES HAWG	ICES Herring Assessment Working Group for the Area South of 62° N
ICES IBTSWG	ICES International Bottom Trawl Survey Working Group
ICES PGCCDBS	ICES Planning Group on Commercial Catch, Discards and Biological Sampling
ICES PGHERS	ICES Planning Group for Herring Surveys
ICES SGABC	ICES Study Group on Ageing Issues in Baltic Cod
ICES SGBYSAL	ICES Study Group on the Bycatch of Salmon in Pelagic Trawl Fisheries
ICES SGSIMUW	ICES Study Group on Stock Identity and Management Unit of Whiting
ICES WGBAST	ICES Baltic Salmon and Trout Working Group
ICES WGBIFS	ICES Baltic International Fish Survey Working Group
ICES WGBFAS	ICES Baltic Fisheries Assessment Working Group
ICES WGDEEP	ICES Working Group on the Biology and Assessment of Deep Sea Fisheries Resources
ICES WGEF	ICES Working Group on Elasmobranch Fishes
ICES WGHMM	ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Southern Shelf Stocks of Hake, Monk and Megrin
ICES WGMHSA	ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Mackerel, Horse Mackerel, Sardine and Anchovy
ICES WGNPH	ICES Working Group on Nephrops Stocks

ICES WGNSDS	ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Northern Shelf Demersal Stocks
ICES WGNPBW	ICES Northern Pelagic and Blue Whiting Fisheries Working Group
ICES WGNSSK	ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Demersal Stocks in the North Sea and Skagerrak
ICES WGPAND	ICES Pandalus Assessment Working Group
ICES WGSSDS	ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Southern Shelf Demersal Stocks
IQ/ITQ	Individual quota / Individual transferable quota.
SCV	Standard Catch Value = landings per species multiplied by 3-year average prices.
STECF	Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries
STECF SGRST	STECF Subgroup on the Review of Stocks

## **17. Comments, suggestions and reflections**

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