

Data call for commercial fisheries landing and sample data for the 2015 Regional Coordination Meetings

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Background

The Regional Coordination Meetings (RCM) for the different regions are having the tasks to coordinate the data collection activities for the respective regions. In order to coordinate the work to be carried out and some coherence between the RCM's the chairmen for these RCMs, Katja Ringdahl & Alastair Pout (NS&EA), Estanis Mugerza & Jose Rodriguez (NA) and Jørgen Dalskov (Baltic) have coordinated the work to be done at this year's RCMs. The meeting will be held:

- RCM Baltic: 24/8 -28/8, Latvia (Riga). Chair: Jorgen Dalskov.
- RCM North Sea & Eastern Arctic: 31/8 – 4/9, Holland (The Hague). Chairs: Katja Ringdahl & Alastair Pout
- RCM North Atlantic: 14/9 – 18/9, Germany (Hamburg). Chairs: Estanis Mugerza & Jose Rodriguez.

For the RCM's held in 2014 data calls were launched and all relevant Member States (MS) have uploaded their data for 2009 – 2013 to the RDB FishFrame hosted by ICES. In preparation for analysis of the sampling activity carried out in each region and for data quality check possibilities this data call for the 2014 data is launched. MS is asked to ensure upload of all data for all species and all metiers for 2014 and not only the major species and major matiers. In case data have been updated since last year's upload, please upload the updated data.

The aim of this data call is twofold:

- To facilitate analyses for regional sampling strategies under the DC-MAP at the upcoming 2015 RCMs.
- To have a time series of data 2009-2014 that could form the basis data for the planning of the collection of data for 2016-2020.

All relevant EU Member States have for last three year gained experience in uploading data to the RDB. Therefore, we expect that the work in uploading data for 2014 should not be a major problem for the MS.

DATA CALL:

In accordance with the EU framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries (Council Regulation (EC) No

199/2008 of 25 February 2008, supplemented by Commission Decision 2010/93/EU of 18 December 2009), the RCM chairs herewith ask Member States to provide 2009 - 2013 national landings data (CL), effort data (CE) and commercial sampling data (CS) at DCF level 6.

In line with Article 20.2 of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, these data shall be provided to the RCMs (i.e. RDB FishFrame) **within one month from the receipt of this request for data**, at the latest at 15th July 2015.

The following data should be uploaded to RDB FishFrame using the RDB FishFrame Exchange Format:

Data years = 2014.

CS (Commercial samplings) consisting of the following different record types:

- **TR** = Trip
- **HH** = Haul Header
- **SL** = Species List
- **HL** = Haul Length cell
- **CA** = Catch Aged = SMAWL (Sex-Maturity-Age-Weight-Length)

CL (Commercial Landing statistics) consisting of just one record type (unit: tonnes):

- **CL** = Commercial Landing statistics (by MS, harbour, metier, species, month, ICES rectangle)

CE (Commercial Effort statistics) consisting of just one record type (unit KW days):

- **CE** = Commercial Effort statistics (by MS, harbour, metier, month, ICES rectangle)

The data call includes all species caught (CS) and all species landed (CL) by all Métiers (level 6) in 2014.

Detailed statement

- **Metier level 6**
Metier names must follow naming conventions according to RCMs' agreements in the past. Upload will be restricted to those names. Data from not allowed metier names will be uploaded under a single metier code: MIS_MIS_0_0_0. If this code is used, MS are requested to present fleet description of these activities during RCM 2015 (example RCM NA 2014 report, Annex 10) to have RCM agreement on the metier naming. MIS_MIS_0_0 can not represent more than 10% of the metiers names in the data call.
- **Harbour**
Harbours must follow the reference list attached in this data call.

- **Upload log.**
MS are requested to complete a data upload log providing problems encountered and allow a correct understanding of the quality and completeness of the data. Data upload log example can be found at point 6.3 of RCM NA 2014 report.

The following data should be provided for 2014 to the RCM chair as Excel file:

- Vessel identifier (can be a unique number code)
- Year of construction
- Port of registration
- Country of registration
- Overall Length (m)
- Vessel type e.g. pelagic trawler, trawler, beam trawler, artisanal, dredger.

According to Article 8(4) and 8(5) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, reductions and suspensions of European Union financial assistance may be applied by the Commission in case of lack of transmission of the requested data by the Member States within the specified deadline. Therefore the Member States are encouraged to respect the above mentioned deadline and to provide all requested data.

Please upload the data into the RDB prior to the deadline. The RDB format specifications upload facilities and contact details are available at www.rdb-fishframe.org. You can request a password for the website through the contact form available.

Help during you work in uploading the data is available at ICES. Until further notice please contact Henrik Kjems-Nielsen henrik.kjems-nielsen@ices.dk

We look forward to you cooperation.

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