

Data call for commercial fisheries landing and sample data for the 2017

Regional Coordination Meetings

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Background

The Regional Coordination Meetings (RCM) for the different regions have the task of coordinating the data collection activities in their respective regions. In order to provide some coherence between the RCM's the chairs Katja Ringdahl & Marie Storr-Paulsen (RCM NS&EA), Leonie O'Dowd & Jon Elson (RCMNA) and Uwe Krumme (Baltic) have coordinated the work required for this year's RCMs. The meetings will be held:

- RCM Baltic: 4-8th Sep, Finland (*venue to be confirmed*). Chair: Uwe Krumme.
- RCM North Atlantic: 4-8th Sep, Eire (*Galway*). Chairs: Leonie O'Dowd & Jon Elson.
- RCM North Sea Eastern Arctic: 11-15th Sep, France (*Port-en-Basin/ Bayeux – to be confirmed*). Chairs: Katja Ringdahl & Marie Storr-Paulsen

In preparation for:

- reviews of the sampling activity carried out in each region,
- for quality checks and evaluation,
- analysis for regional sampling design,

this data call for the **2016 data** is launched. Member states (MS) are asked to ensure **all data** for **all species** and **all metiers for 2016** (not only the major species and major metiers) are uploaded to the Regional Database (RDB) hosted by ICES.

This data call is primarily for 2016 data but if data for previous years has changed substantially or your earlier years are incomplete then please upload these as well. If you do upload or amend any historic data please record it in the **Upload log** and keep the chairs informed.

The aim of this data call is threefold:

- To facilitate analyses for regional sampling strategies under the DC-MAP at the RCMs and by interessional groups.
- To resolve problems relating to the upload procedures and improve and develop the RDB as an invaluable tool for regional coordination.
- To have an ongoing time series for RCM NS&EA, RCM Baltic and RCM NA of data 2009 - 2016 that provides the base data for the planning of the collection of commercial catch data for 2017-2020.

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 and recast regulation (10 July 2017), supplemented by Commission Decision 2010/93/EU of 18 December 2009, and Commission Decision 2010/1251/EU of 12 July 2016), the RCM chairs herewith ask MS to provide 2016 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 and recast regulation (10 July 2017), these data shall be provided to the RCMs, via the RDB and the Upload logs submitted **within one month from the receipt of this request for data**. The deadline for uploading the 2016 data is set at **30th July 2017**.

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

Data year = 2016.

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

- **TR** = Trip (encrypted unique number code for the VesselIdentifier field, the same as provided in the Excel file)
- **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 (aggregated 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 (aggregated 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 2016.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Key differences between this data call and the data call last year include the **Area codes** in all tables; the **Upload logs**; and the data required in the **CA table** – please see below.

If any codes are missing from your reference lists please download the latest code lists from the RDB interface rather than rely on the attached reference lists.

1. **Harbour code:** For the “harbours” field in the TR table of the CS data, and the “harbour” field in the landings CL table and effort CE table use the attached or download the latest code lists from the RDB. The RDB version is based on the EU LOCODE list (1.9). Source: the EC Master Data Register.

If the landing site is not in the LOCODE list, the following should be done (in consultation with ICES):

- *Code missing from the EU version* – the EU version sometimes lacks sites outside EU, if so in consultation with ICES suggest a suitable code from the UN list of harbours codes (<http://www.unece.org/cefact/locode/service/location.html>).
 - *Code missing from both the EU and the UN version* – in consultation with ICES suggest the use of a suitable generic code for an unknown port in that country e.g. DK999 and refer to it in the **Upload log**.
 - *Landings at sea* - In the RDB there are codes for landings at sea for example to factory ships. For these use the code HS – and associated country, e.g. HSNLD
2. **Areas:** The area codes in the RDB have been updated and are now prefixed by the FAO area code using separation dots - for example 27.4.c instead of 4c. Please use this format in all Area fields in all tables. The attached reference list is the one supplied in the notification e-mail from ICES to all RDB users 16/12/2016. Include the divisions not just the sub area - for example: 27.7.g instead of just 27.7.
Reminder - Herring caught or sampled in the Baltic, area 28, need to be allocated to 28.1 or 28.2 for the Gulf of Riga Herring stock and Central Baltic Herring stock.
 3. **Metiers:** The level 6 metier uses the standard list of Metiers by fishing ground (see attached *AreaCodeFACCodeRegion* or download latest list from the RDB). The reference list uses the new FAO area codes. Any discrepancies in metiers and areas needs to be added to the **Upload Log** and referred to the RCM chairs.
 4. **Species:** For reasons of clarity and consistency the RDB species codes are based on the WoRMS Alpha codes (<http://www.marinespecies.org/index.php>). Attached are a list of WoRMS codes, accepted WoRMS names and corresponding FAO codes. The accepted scientific name for a species can also be checked and the AphiaID obtained from the WoRMS site. The scientific name is no longer used for uploads to the RDB.
 5. **Trip code:** Trip Code (Trip Number – the unique identifier for the fishing trip) refers to one fishing trip. In exceptional circumstances in the historic data this has covered multiple trips and part trips. If this is the case for any of your data, this must be recorded in the **Upload log**.
 6. **Landing obligation:** To account for all categories of catch, other catch category codes are available to accompany LAN and DIS in the CS data, SL table, HL table and CA table.
 - LAN - Landings
 - DIS - Unregistered Discards (sampled but either not seen, registered nor recorded by the vessel)
 - REGDIS - Samples of registered discards recorded by the vessel
 - BMS - Classified unwanted, below minimum size landings
 In the CL data as an interim measure the landing category will include:
 - I - industrial
 - H - human consumption
 - BMS - landed BMS fraction of the catch

7. **Upload log:** Upload logs must be submitted by all participating countries. This is an important part of the process and needs to be completed to ensure that data users know what the data on the RDB represent and the RDB administrators can manage any improvements. The upload log should summarise the MS upload experience and issues summarising what data was not uploaded and why. These spreadsheets should be submitted with a 'null' return even if there were no issues. See the attached example and file. This is to be completed and sent to accessions@ices.dk and the chairs of the RCM.
 - Please complete all fields. Use "NA" if no action or reference required.
 - Where issues relate to specific reference lists e.g. metiers, species or harbours please list the species names, the harbour names etc.
8. **CA data:** All age data needs to be uploaded to the CA table including otoliths or other age structures which were collected but not read. "99" should be entered in the Age field for any age structure that was collected but not read.
9. **CL and CE data:** All CL and CE data must be aggregated by statistical rectangle, month, harbour, species and metier level.

Please upload the data into the RDB and submit the **Upload logs** prior to the deadline.

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 MS within the specified deadline. Therefore, the MS are encouraged to respect the above mentioned deadline and to provide all requested data.

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 with uploading the data is available at ICES and until further notice, please contact ICES Secretariat at RDBsupport@ices.dk.

We look forward to your cooperation.

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