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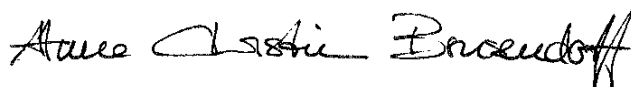
Dear DCF national correspondents,

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of this ICES data call on catches, biological samples, and survey data for the stock ane.27.9a (**anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in Division 9a (Atlantic Iberian waters)**).

The data will be used by the ICES benchmark workshop on pelagic stocks (WKPELA 2018). The data can also be used for other future ICES activities in relation to fisheries management advice.

The data requested will be analysed and used only for scientific evaluation of the stock status and advice. For countries which are also EU Members States this data call is under the DCF regulation ((EC) No 199/2008). For support concerning InterCatch issues please contact: InterCatchsupport@ices.dk. In case of questions please contact the ICES Secretariat ([advice@ices.dk](mailto:advice@ices.dk) and [Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk](mailto:Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk)) for clarification.

The data call will also be available from the ICES website on Monday at: <http://ices.dk/marine-data/tools/Pages/Data-calls.aspx>



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## Data call for ICES benchmark workshop for pelagic stocks (WKPELA 2018)

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### Scope

Landings and discards (catches), sample information and survey data should be provided for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in Division 9a.

### Rationale

This data call supports the work to be made during the ICES Benchmark Workshop for Pelagic Stocks (WKPELA 2018) on anchovy in Division 9a. The end product of the benchmark workshop will be an agreed set of data and assessment methodology to be used in future update assessments to provide advice for this stock. The data will be used for exploratory analyses and stock assessment.

### Legal framework

The legal framework for the data call is as follows:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2017/1004 concerning the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy
- Council Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations

### Deadline

The deadline to deliver the data is **1 December 2017**.

### How to report data

Data on landings and discards (catches), biological and maturity sample data should be uploaded to InterCatch, which is available at this link: <https://intercatch.ices.dk/Login.aspx>.

Please see the 'InterCatch Exchange Format Manual' on the ICES website for information on the required exchange format and used codes at <http://www.ices.dk/marine-data/data-portals/Pages/InterCatch.aspx>

An overview of the data fields used in the InterCatch exchange format are detailed in Annex 1.

For discard data, the data source should also be provided (e.g. "information from fishery", "expert judgment", "sampling", "self-sampling" etc.) using the SI comment field, field number 23 "InfoStockCoordinator" (see Annex 1).

Use the following link: <http://intercatch.ices.dk> for uploading to InterCatch.

Survey and additional data should be submitted to the ICES Secretariat via email ([accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk)). Survey data are requested as excel files without specific format, although explicit headers and an accompanying description of the data format or working documents are requested. Additional data are requested following the format outlined in annex 2 of the present data call.

### Data to be reported:

**Stock:** anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*) in Division 9a (ane.27.9a)

### **Geographical and temporal scope:**

Data from ICES Division 9a are expected to be disaggregated by subdivision (subdivisions 9a North, 9a Central-North, 9a Central-South, 9a South-Portugal and 9a South-Spain; see Figure 1 and Table 1)

The temporal scope for the catch, biological, maturity and additional data should be 1989 to 2017. The temporal scope for the survey data should be "as far back as possible" to 2017.

### **Catch and biological data**

1. **Spain, Portugal:** time series of landings and discards (biomass in tonnes) and age distributions (numbers, mean length and mean weight by age) in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision, métier and quarter following the InterCatch format.
2. **Spain, Portugal:** time series of landings and discards (biomass in tonnes) and length distributions (numbers and mean weight by 0.5cm length intervals) in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision, métier and quarter following the InterCatch format.
3. **Any other country participating in the fishery:** time series of landings and discards (biomass in tonnes) in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision, métier and quarter.

### **Maturity data**

1. **Spain, Portugal:** time series of maturity at age and maturity at length (ogives) data in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision and quarter.

### **Survey data**

1. **Spain:** Abundance (numbers) and biomass (tonnes) estimates including their age-length composition, weight at length and weight at age for anchovy in subdivision 9a North from the PELACUS acoustic survey series. If the above mentioned cannot be provided please report mean length at age, mean weight at length and mean weight at age. Relative (in number/trawling hour) or absolute indices of abundance (biomass in tonnes and numbers) including their length composition from the ARSA bottom trawl autumn survey series. One file per survey should be submitted to [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk) with the name "WKPELA2018\_ane27.9a\_ES\_[SURVEY\_NAME]"
2. **Portugal:** Abundance (numbers) and biomass (tonnes) estimates including their age-length composition, weight at length and weight at age for anchovy in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision from the surveys SAR (Spring and Autumn), JUVESAR (Autumn) and PELAGO (Spring). If the above mentioned cannot be provided please report mean length at age, mean weight at length and mean weight at age. One file per survey should be submitted to [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk) with the name "WKPELA2018\_ane27.9a\_ES\_[SURVEY\_NAME]"

### **Additional data**

1. **Spain:** time series (1989-2017) of age-length composition of catches in Division 9a disaggregated by subdivision, métier and quarter. The name of the file to be submitted to [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk) should be "WKPELA\_ane.27.9a\_ES\_age-length".

### **Contact points**

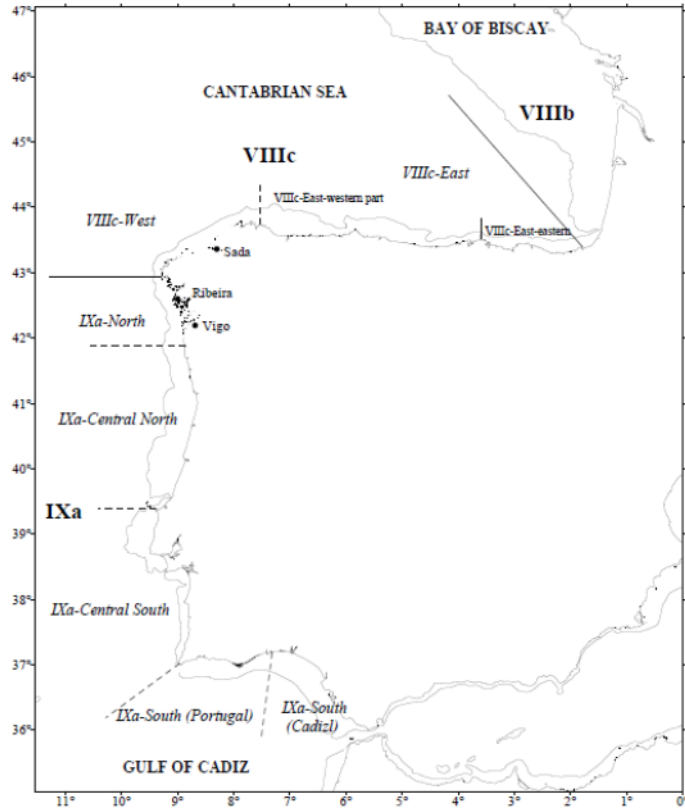
For support concerning the data call please contact: Ruth Fernández ([Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk](mailto:Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk)) and the Advisory Department ([advice@ices.dk](mailto:advice@ices.dk)).

For support concerning InterCatch issues please contact: [InterCatchSupport@ices.dk](mailto:InterCatchSupport@ices.dk)

For support concerning other data issues, please contact: [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk)

### **IMPORTANT:**

- If discard data are unavailable, there should be no entry for discards. A value of "zero" should only be entered when zero discards have been observed.
- If corrections are needed for data previously submitted please inform Ruth Fernández ([Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk](mailto:Ruth.Fernandez@ices.dk)) and the Advisory Department ([advice@ices.dk](mailto:advice@ices.dk)).



**Figure 1** Anchovy in Division 9.a. ICES divisions and subdivisions in southern Europe.

**Table 1** InterCatch Sub-divisions and codes.

InterCatch Code	Description
27.9.a.c.n	Portuguese Waters - Central north
27.9.a.c.s	Portuguese Waters - Central south
27.9.a.n	Spanish Waters - North
27.9.a.s.a	Portuguese Waters - South - Algame
27.9.a.s.c	Spanish Waters - South - Cadiz