

Data call for commercial fisheries landing and sample data for the 2012 Regional Coordination Meeting.

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Background

This year the Regional Coordination Meeting (RCM) for the North Sea & Eastern Arctic will be held in Oostende, Belgium (3-7 September), RCM North Atlantic will be held in Galway, Ireland (10-14 September) and the RCM Baltic Sea will be held at the same time as the North Atlantic in Gdynia, Poland. The chairmen for these RCMs, Els Torreele (NS&EA), Sieto Verver (NA) and Jørgen Dalskov (Baltic) have coordinated the work to be done at this year RCMs. This data call requests data for the upcoming RCMs.

The aim of this data call is twofold:

- To facilitate analyses for regional sampling strategies at the upcoming 2012 RCMs.
- To gain experience in uploading data to FishFrame and to discuss these experiences at the RCMs

In order to give you the opportunity to prepare for the RCMs, we want to remind you about the data needed for coordination of the regional data collection programmes. At the 2010 and 2011 RCMs, it was agreed to upload catch statistics and sampling data into the Regional Data Base (RDB) called "FishFrame". This will enable the RCMs to carry out better and more efficient coordination of regional data collection. Furthermore, there has been a general agreement that the FishFrame is the tool for providing data overviews for the RCM and in some regions, also facilitates input data for some ICES assessment working groups and data deliveries to other data end users.

Furthermore, the International RDB Steering Group has on its meeting on 2nd of December 2011 decided to establish a number of ICES RDB-workshops to support the use of FishFrame. These workshops will deal with issues concerning data upload, data processing and output facilities. (Draft) ToRs for the workshops are given in annex 1. The workshops are eligible under the DCF coordination meetings 2012.

The first workshop was held from **February 29th to March 2nd at the ICES Head Quarter**, Copenhagen. The workshop was directed mainly to the Baltic colleagues, who normally are responsible for the national data compilation to WGBFAS. As the Baltic already have significant experience in data upload, the workshop will go to the next step and be about how data are processed in FishFrame using the raising

module, the extrapolating module and the stock splitting module. The second workshop was held at **ICES 29th May – 1st June** and the third again at **ICES 20th November – 23rd November**. The main purpose of the two latter workshops is to train the participants in uploading data and to carry out data handling.

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 2010 and 2011 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. FishFrame) **within one month from the receipt of this request for data**, at the latest at 1st July 2012.

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

Data year = 2010 & 2011.

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:

- **CL** = Commercial Landing statistics (by harbour, by quarter, by ICES division (e.g. VIIe))

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

- **CE** = Commercial Effort statistics

The data call includes all species caught and all species landed by all Métiers (level 6) in 2010 & 2011.

The following data should be provided for 2010 & 2011 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 FishFrame prior to the deadline. The FishFrame format specifications, upload facilities and contact details are available at www.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 DTU Aqua. Until further notice please contact Kirsten Birch Håkansson kih@aqua.dtu.dk or Henrik Degel hd@aqua.dtu.dk

We look forward to you cooperation.

Jørgen Dalskov, chair RCM Baltic
Els Torreele, chair RCM North Sea & Eastern Arctic
Sieto Verver, chair RCM North Atlantic

Annex 1

FishFrame Workshops in 2012

Workshop I

Terms of reference

A **Workshop on working with the Regional database FishFrame** (Co-chairs: Kirsten Birch Håkansson and Henrik Degel), will be established and will take place in ICES headquarter, Copenhagen, Denmark, during 29 Feb – 2 March 2012 to:

- a) Discuss the data processing module in the Regional Database FishFrame.
This will include:
 - i) Raising of data
 - ii) Extrapolation of data
 - iii) Stock splitting
 - iv) Data approval
- b) Assess to which extent the existing raising and extrapolation options fulfil future needs for data processing
- c) Discuss the experience gained by the participants during data processing.

Comments:

The workshop will be used as support for the Members States to process data from the EU 2012 data call.

Workshop II

Terms of reference

A **Workshop on introduction to use the Regional database FishFrame (WKRDB-2)** (Co-chairs: Kirsten Birch Håkansson and Henrik Degel), will be established and will take place in ICES headquarter, Copenhagen, Denmark, during 29 May - 1 June 2012 to:

- a) Clarify the structure and the individual variables in the FishFrame Exchange Format.
- b) Discuss the experience gained by the participants during pre-workshop data upload. This will include:
 - i. Assure consistent interpreting of variables
 - ii. Discuss the national ability to comply to the existing Exchange Format and identify shortfalls with that format
 - iii. Identify experienced technical obstructions causing failure in the upload of data

- iv. Identify needs for improvement in the documentation to support uploads of data into FishFrame
- c) Survey of methodologies used to produce the FishFrame exchange format from national databases, including potential future plans

Comments:

The workshop will be used as support for the Member States to upload data from the RCM 2012 data call. Participants need to convert data (sampling, effort and landings) into FishFrame format prior to the meeting. There will be time during the workshop to work with uploads of national data. Participants are however advised, in order to get the most out from the meeting, have tried to upload data into FishFrame prior to the workshop.

Workshop III

Draft terms of reference (to be discussed after WK II and RCMs)

A **Workshop on working with the Regional database FishFrame** (Co-chairs: Kirsten Birch Håkansson and Henrik Degel), will be established and will take place in ICES headquarter, Copenhagen, Denmark, during 20-23 November 2012 to:

- a) Demonstrate and briefly discuss and the data processing modules in the Regional Database FishFrame. This includes: The Raising Module, the Extrapolation Module, the Stock splitting Module and the Data Approval Module
- b) Discuss the output modules of FishFrame. This includes:
 - i) Fixed format tables
 - ii) Pivot tabulating of aggregated data
 - iii) Graphic presentation of data
 - iv) Export of data in fixed pre-defined formats
 - v) Export to EXCEL
 - vi) Geographical mapping
 - vii) Output library and searching facilities

