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Subject:	Fishing effort management schemes related to recovery an management plans in the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, to the Wester waters, to the deep sea fisheries and review of fisheries located i the Celtic Sea.		

#### Message:

Following a similar approach as has been implemented for the last five years, the Commission will consult the STECF/SG-MOS working group during its next meetings (14.06-18.06.2010 and 27.09-01.10.2010), on a review of fisheries regulated through fishing effort management schemes adopted in application of

- ✓ the long term plan for cod stocks [R(EC) No 1342/2008],
- ✓ the recovery plan for Southern hake and Norway lobster stocks in the Cantabrian Sea and Western Iberian peninsula [R(EC) No 2166/2005],
- ✓ the multi-annual plan for the North Sea plaice and sole stocks [R(EC) No 676/2007],
- ✓ the multi-annual plan of Western Channel sole stock [R(EC) No 509/2007], and
- ✓ the multi-annual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea [R(EC) No 1098/2007].

Similarly to last year, the Commission will consult the SG-MOS working group on an analysis of fisheries located in the Celtic Sea which would be affected by a possible extension of effort management related to cod stocks.

Within the current year, the Commission will also ask STECF working groups to complete the evaluations carried out on effort regimes linked to the following regulations:

- ✓ R(EC) No 2347/2002 establishing specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep sea stocks, and
- ✓ R(EC) No 1954/2003 on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources so called Western Waters regime.

In addition to such plans, the Commission will also request STECF to take into account the fishing effort management scheme adopted in application of the

✓ multi-annual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Bay of Biscay [R(EC) No 388/2006].

These reviews and analysis will be based on data as collected according to R(EC) No 1639/2001 and to R(EC) No 199/2008 establishing a Community framework for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy, supplemented by Commission Decision 2008/949/EC, as well as other scientific information collected at national level which would allow Member States to fulfil their cooperation obligation laid down in article 4 (3) of the Treaty on European Union. They will include:

- ✓ A synopsis of the biological status of the relevant resources;
- ✓ Details of historic effort deployed by all fishing vessels, even those of less than 10 m. Loa included, in each fishery, segregated by gear type and by Member State, for the 2000-2009 time period;
- ✓ Details of historic catches (landings and discards) made by all fishing vessels, those of less than 10 m. Loa included, in each fishery, segregated by age, by gear type and by Member State, for the 2003-2009 time period.

These data should characterise landings and discards structured by age for the period 2003-2009 and effort for the period 2000-2009.

However, if a Member State considers that data already received by the JRC and handled by the STECF for the 2000-2008 or 2003-2008 time periods do not have to be updated, the Member State is invited to limit the answer to the data call to data for the year 2009.

In the specific case of the multi-annual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Bay of Biscay and for data corresponding to other multi-annual plans where an update would be needed e.g. due to a previous submission of a partial set of data, Member States will have to submit data covering the overall periods of time (2003-2009 for catches and 2000-2009 for effort). In addition, Member States will be requested to provide relevant information explaining the need for update and the discrepancies possibly observed between the set of data submitted as answer to the last call and the set of data to be sent as answer to the current call.

To enable the STECF/SG-MOS Working Group both to review such fishing effort management schemes and to analyse the fishing effort deployed in the Celtic Sea fisheries, Member States are invited to provide, as soon as possible and no later than 25 May 2010, data to the Commission and to the scientists who would attend the meeting.

The data format to be used, which has been discussed with the STECF secretariat, is described in the annex joined to this facsimile. Such completed data sets should be uploaded on the **JRC share** point and put at the disposition of the STECF/SG-MOS Working Group by the intermediation of scientists who will form part of it.

Requests for complementary information related to this upload process may be requested to Hans Joachim Raetz and to Patrick Daniel through the following e-mail boxes:

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In addition, STECF highlighted several times that it had been unable to comment on the quality of the fleet specific estimates of total catches and discards, mainly due to lack of requested data quality parameters, i.e. number of discards samples, fish measured and aged.

The Commission requests Member States to provide all available information on number of discards samples, fish measured and aged which were implemented during the time-series beforehand specified and either for each metier or for each stock covered by the current call for data.

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Director

#### Annex I.

# Format adapted from the latest fleet specific fishing effort and catch data call issued by the European Commission, DG Mare.

Data reports can be provided in simple comma separated text files, Microsoft EXCEL or ACCESS formats. All missing values (empty data cells) must be indicated by a -1.

In contrast to last year's data formats, which were sequential, you are kindly requested to stick this year to a simple table format which makes im- and exporting much more easily.

# A. Catch data for 2009 (and the 2003-2008 time period if appropriate – see cover letter), aggregated (sum) by ID except for mean weight and length in landings and discards at age (arithmetic mean). Please ensure that data entries are fully consistent with coding given in Appendixes.

- 1. ID (this is a unique identifier; e.g. the combination of country, year, quarter, gear, mesh size range, fishery or metier, and area; this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space)
- 2. COUNTRY (this should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 1)
- 3. YEAR (this should be given in four digits), like 2004
- 4. QUARTER (this should be given as one digit), like 1, 2, 3, or 4
- 5. VESSEL\_LENGTH (vessel length should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 2)
- 6. GEAR (gear should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 3, which follows the EU data regulation 1639/2001)
- 7. MESH\_SIZE\_RANGE (the mesh size range should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 4, which largely follows the Council regulation 850/98)
- 8. FISHERY (species complex and gear) or métier (species complex, gear and vessel characteristics) (this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space; this specification may include e.g. target species, roundfish area or quarter) (a fishery can encompass, e.g. more than one mesh size range; in this case separate records have to be provided, e.g. one for each mesh size range, with the same fishery identification)
- 9. AREA (the ICES division or sub-area should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 5
- 10. SPECON to be specified in accordance with Appendix 6. All landings, discards and other biological parameters falling under the Deep Sea regulations should be aggregated separately, indicated with SPECON=DEEP and appended to the data base. This will allow separate analyses of Deep Sea effort, without conflicts with other effort management schemes.
- 11. SPECIES (the species should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 7, which follows the Council Regulation EC 2287/2003)
- 12. LANDINGS (estimated landings in tonnes should be given; if age based information is present, this quantity should correspond to the sum of products)
- 13. DISCARDS (estimated discards in tonnes should be given; if age based information is present, this quantity should correspond to the sum of products)
- 14. NO\_SAMPLES\_LANDINGS (the number of TRIPS should be given that relate to landings only; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 15. NO\_LENGTH\_MEASUREMENTS\_LANDINGS (the number of length measurements should be given that relate to landings only, a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 16. NO\_AGE\_MEASUREMENTS\_LANDINGS (the number of age measurements should be given that relate to landings only; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 17. NO\_SAMPLES\_DISCARDS (the number of TRIPS should be given that relate to discards only; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 18. NO\_LENGTH\_MEASUREMENTS\_DISCARDS (the number of length measurements should be given that relate to discards only, a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only, otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 19. NO\_AGE\_MEASUREMENTS\_DISCARDS (the number of age measurements should be given that relate to discards only; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 20. NO\_SAMPLES\_CATCH (the number of TRIPS should be given that relate to catches only; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)

- 21. NO\_LENGTH\_MEASUREMENTS\_CATCH (a number of length measurements should be given here if it relates to catch, i.e. landings and discards; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 22. NO\_AGE\_MEASUREMENTS\_CATCH (a number of age measurements should be given here if it relates to catch, i.e. landings and discards; a number should be given only if it relates to this fishery only; otherwise "-1" should be given)
- 23. MIN\_AGE (this is the minimum age in the data section; if minimum age and maximum age are both "-1", no age based data are given; otherwise age data must follow in the data section for each age in the age range MIN\_AGE to MAX\_AGE; minimum age and maximum age must either both be "-1" or both be not "-1")
- 24. MAX\_AGE (this is the true maximum age in the data section (no plus group is allowed); if minimum age and maximum age are both "-1", no age based data are given; otherwise age data must follow in the data section for each age in the age range MIN\_AGE to MAX\_AGE; minimum age and maximum age must either both be "-1" or both be not "-1")
- 25. Age 0 (years)=0
- Age 0 No. Landed (thousands)
- 27. Age 0 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 28. Age 0 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 29. Age 0 No. Discard (thousands)
- 30. Age 0 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 31. Age 0 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 32. Age 1 (years)=1
- 33. Age 1 No. Landed (thousands)
- 34. Age 1 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 35. Age 1 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 36. Age 1 No. Discard (thousands)
- 37. Age 1 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 38. Age 1 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 39. Age 2 (years)=2
- 40. Age 2 No. Landed (thousands)
- 41. Age 2 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 42. Age 2 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 43. Age 2 No. Discard (thousands)
- 44. Age 2 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 45. Age 2 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 46. Age 3 (years)=3
- 47. Age 3 No. Landed (thousands)
- 48. Age 3 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 49. Age 3 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- Age 3 No. Discard (thousands)
- 51. Age 3 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 52. Age 3 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 53. Age 4 (years)=4
- 54. Age 4 No. Landed (thousands)
- 55. Age 4 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 56. Age 4 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 57. Age 4 No. Discard (thousands)
- 58. Age 4 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 59. Age 4 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 60. Age 5 (years)=5
- 61. Age 5 No. Landed (thousands)
- 62. Age 5 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 63. Age 5 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 64. Age 5 No. Discard (thousands)
- 65. Age 5 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 66. Age 5 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 67. Age 6 (years)=6
- 68. Age 6 No. Landed (thousands)
- 69. Age 6 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 70. Age 6 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 71. Age 6 No. Discard (thousands)
- 72. Age 6 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 73. Age 6 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)

- 74. Age 7 (years)=7
- 75. Age 7 No. Landed (thousands)
- 76. Age 7 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 77. Age 7 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 78. Age 7 No. Discard (thousands)
- 79. Age 7 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 80. Age 7 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 81. Age 8 (years)=8
- 82. Age 8 No. Landed (thousands)
- 83. Age 8 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 84. Age 8 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 85. Age 8 No. Discard (thousands)
- 86. Age 8 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 87. Age 8 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 88. Age 9 (years)=9
- 89. Age 9 No. Landed (thousands)
- 90. Age 9 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 91. Age 9 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 92. Age 9 No. Discard (thousands)
- 93. Age 9 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 94. Age 9 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 95. Age 10 (years)=10
- 96. Age 10 No. Landed (thousands)
- 97. Age 10 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 98. Age 10 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 99. Age 10 No. Discard (thousands)
- 100. Age 10 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 101. Age 10 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 102. Age 11 (years)=11
- 103. Age 11 No. Landed (thousands)
- 104. Age 11 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 105. Age 11 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 106. Age 11 No. Discard (thousands)
- 107. Age 11 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 108. Age 11 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 109. Age 12 (years)=12
- 110. Age 12 No. Landed (thousands)
- 111. Age 12 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 112. Age 12 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 113. Age 12 No. Discard (thousands)
- 114. Age 12 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 115. Age 12 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 116. Age 13 (years)=13
- 117. Age 13 No. Landed (thousands)
- 118. Age 13 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 119. Age 13 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 120. Age 13 No. Discard (thousands)
- 121. Age 13 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 122. Age 13 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 123. Age 14 (years)=14
- 124. Age 14 No. Landed (thousands)
- 125. Age 14 MEAN Weight Landed (kg; precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 126. Age 14 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 127. Age 14 No. Discard (thousands)
- 128. Age 14 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 129. Age 14 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 130. Age 15 (years)=15
- 131. Age 15 No. Landed (thousands)
- Age 15 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 133. Age 15 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 134. Age 15 No. Discard (thousands)
- 135. Age 15 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 136. Age 15 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)

- 137. Age 16 (years)=16
- 138. Age 16 No. Landed (thousands)
- 139. Age 16 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 140. Age 16 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 141. Age 16 No. Discard (thousands)
- 142. Age 16 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 143. Age 16 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 144. Age 17 (years)=17
- 145. Age 17 No. Landed (thousands)
- 146. Age 17 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 147. Age 17 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 148. Age 17 No. Discard (thousands)
- 149. Age 17 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 150. Age 17 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 151. Age 18 (years)=18
- 152. Age 18 No. Landed (thousands)
- 153. Age 18 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 154. Age 18 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 155. Age 18 No. Discard (thousands)
- 156. Age 18 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 157. Age 18 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 158. Age 19 (years)=19
- 159. Age 19 No. Landed (thousands)
- 160. Age 19 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 161. Age 19 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 162. Age 19 No. Discard (thousands)
- 163. Age 19 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 164. Age 19 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 165. Age 20 (years)=20
- 166. Age 20 No. Landed (thousands)
- 167. Age 20 MEAN Weight Landed (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 168. Age 20 MEAN Length Landed (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)
- 169. Age 20 No. Discard (thousands)
- 170. Age 20 MEAN Weight Discard (kg, precision in gram=3 digits after the comma)
- 171. Age 20 MEAN Length Discard (cm, precision in mm=1 digits after the comma)

# B. Effort data for 2009 (and the 2000-2008 time period if appropriate – see cover letter), aggregated (sum) by ID

- 1. ID (this is a unique identifier; e.g. the combination of country, year, quarter, gear, mesh size range, fishery or metier, and area; this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space)
- 2. COUNTRY (this should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 1)
- YEAR (this should be given in four digits)
- QUARTER (this should be given as one digit)
- 5. VESSEL\_LENGTH (vessel length should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 2)
- 6. GEAR (this identifies gear, and should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 3, which follows largely the EU data regulation 1639/2001)
- MESH\_SIZE\_RANGE (the mesh size range should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 4, which follows largely the Council regulation 850/98)
- 8. FISHERY (species complex and gear) or métier (species complex, gear and vessel characteristics) (this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space; this specification may include e.g. target species, roundfish area or quarter)
- 9. AREA (the ICES division or sub-area should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 5)
- 10. SPECON to be specified in accordance with Appendix 6, text string of maximum 10 characters. All landings, discards and other biological parameters falling under the Deep Sea regulations should be aggregated separately, indicated with SPECON=DEEP and appended to the data base. This will allow separate analyses of Deep Sea effort, without conflicts with other effort management schemes.
- 11. ALLOWED\_ACTIVITY (mandatory only for effort belonging to the Baltic Sea cod plan, the Western Channel sole plan, and the Southern hake and *Nephrops* plan, for other plans e.g. North Sea sole and plaice plan or parameters this filed is optional; the allowed fishing activity should be given in days at sea or days absent from port in the specific case of the Baltic Sea cod plan; if allowed fishing activity is not available, "-1" should be given)

- 12. FISHING\_ACTIVITY (mandatory only for effort belonging to the Baltic Sea cod plan, the Western Channel sole plan, and the Southern hake and *Nephrops* plan, for other plans e.g. North Sea sole and plaice plan or parameters this filed is optional; the nominal fishing activity should be given in days at sea or days absent from port in the specific case of the Baltic Sea cod plan; if nominal fishing activity is not available, "-1" should be given)
- 13. FISHING\_CAPACITY (mandatory for effort belonging to the sole in the Bay of Biscay plan, the Baltic sea cod plan and the North Sea sole and plaice plan, for other plans or parameters this filed is optional; the nominal fishing capacity should be given in gross tonnage, except for the Baltic Sea cod plan and the North Sea sole and plaice plan where the fishing capacity will have to be expressed in kW; if nominal fishing capacity is not available, "-1" should be given)
- 14. NOMINAL\_EFFORT (effort should be given in kW.days, i.e. engine power in kW times days at sea; if nominal effort is not available, "-1" should be given)
- 15. EFFECTIVE\_EFFORT (optionally, gear specific effort can be given in other units, to be specified in the next field, than the nominal effort; if effective effort is not available "-1" should be given)
- 16. EFFORT\_UNIT (this field should state the unit of effort used for the optional effective effort in the field above, this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space; if no effective effort is given, "-1" should be given)
- 17. GT\_DAYS\_AT\_SEA (effort should be given in gross tonnage \* days at sea; if the number is not available, "-1" should be given).
- 18. NO\_VESSELS (simple integer value of vessels, if the number is not available, "-1" should be given.

# C. Specific effort data by rectangle for 2009 (and the 2003-2008 time period if appropriate – see cover letter), in units of fishing hours

- 1. ID (this is a unique identifier; e.g. the combination of country, year, quarter, gear, mesh size range, fishery or metier, and area; this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space)
- 2. COUNTRY (this should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 1)
- 3. YEAR (this should be given in four digits)
- 4. QUARTER (this should be given as one digit)
- 5. VESSEL\_LENGTH (vessel length should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 2)
- 6. GEAR (this identifies gear, and should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 3, which follows largely the EU data regulation 1639/2001).
- 7. MESH\_SIZE\_RANGE (the mesh size range should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 4, which follows largely the Council regulation 850/98)
- 8. FISHERY (species complex and gear) or métier (species complex, gear and vessel characteristics) (this is free text with a maximum of 40 characters without space; this specification may include e.g. target species, roundfish area or quarter)
- 9. AREA (the ICES division or sub-area should be given according to the code list provided in Appendix 5).
- 10. SPECON to be specified in accordance with Appendix 6, text string of maximum 10 characters. All landings, discards and other biological parameters falling under the Deep Sea regulations should be aggregated separately, indicated with SPECON=DEEP and appended to the data base. This will allow separate analyses of Deep Sea effort, without conflicts with other effort management schemes.
- 11. RECTANGLE (text, 4 letters like 44F6)
- 12. EFFECTIVE\_EFFORT (hours fished, simple long numerical integer)

# Country coding

COUNTRY	CODE
Belgium	BEL
Denmark	DEN
Estonia	EST
Finland	FIN
France	FRA
Germany	GER
Ireland	IRL
Latvia	LAT
Lithuania	LIT
Netherlands	NED
Poland	POL
Portugal (mainland)	POR
Portugal (Azores)	PTA
Portugal (Madeira)	PTM
Spain (mainland)	SPN
Spain (Canaries islands)	SPC
Sweden	SWE
United Kingdom (Jersey)	GBJ
United Kingdom (Guernsey)	GBG
United Kingdom (Alderny/Sark/Herm)	GBC
United Kingdom (England and Wales)	ENG
United Kingdom (Isle of Man)	IOM
United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	NIR
United Kingdom (Scotland)	sco

#### Vessel length coding

According to the Data Collection Framework, Member States should be able to provide data characterising fisheries located in the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Western Waters and covering the year 2009 on the basis of the following segmentation of the fleet:

- Length over all shorter than 10 m.
- Length over all of 10 m. to shorter than 12 m.
- Length over all of 12 m. to shorter than 18 m.
- Length over all of 18 m. to shorter than 24 m.
- Length over all of 24 m. to shorter than 40 m
- Length over all of 40 m. or longer

However, to ensure consistency with the 2000-2008 or 2003-2008 time series already submitted last year and to ensure compliance with provisions adopted in legal texts supporting fishing effort regimes in the Baltic Sea, North Sea and Western Waters, Member States are requested to submit data according to the following segmentation:

#### Fishing efforts regimes of the North Sea and the Western Waters

Vessel length over all classes	Code
Length over all shorter than 10 m.	u10m
Length over all of 10 m. to shorter than 15 m.	o10t15m
Length over all of 15 m. and over	o15m

### Fishing efforts regimes of the Baltic Sea

Vessel length over all classes	Code
Length over all shorter than 8 m.	u8m
Length over all of 8 m. to shorter than 10 m.	o8t10m
Length over all of 10 m. to shorter than 12 m.	o10t12m
Length over all of 12 m. to shorter than 18 m.	o12t18m
Length over all of 18 m. to shorter than 24 m.	o18t24m
Length over all of 24 m. to shorter than 40 m	o24t40m
Length over all of 40 m. or longer	o40m

# Appendix 3 Gear coding

TYPES OF	FISHING TECHNIQUES		Gear code to be used when answering the data call	Gear code specified for métiers in App. IV of 2008//949/CE
Mobile	Beam trawls		BEAM	TBB
gears	Bottom trawls &	Bottom otter trawls,	OTTER	OTB, OTT, PTB
	demersal seines	Multi-rig otter trawls or		
		Bottom pair trawls		
		Fly shooting seines,	DEM_SEINE	SSC, SDN, SPR
		Anchored seines or		SPR
		Pair seines		
	Pelagic trawls &	Midwater otter trawls or	PEL_TRAWL	OTM, PTM
,	pelagic Seines	Midwater pair trawls		
		Purse seines,	PEL_SEINE	PS
-		Fly shooting seines or		
		Anchored seines		
	Dredges		DREDGE	DRB, HMD
Passive	Drifting longlines or		LONGLINE	LHP, LHM, LTL, LLD, LLS
gears	Set longlines			LTL, LLD, LLS
	Driftnets or		GILL	GNS, GND
	Set gillnets (except Trammel Nets)			
	Trammel Nets		TRAMMEL	GTR
	Pots & traps		POTS	FPO

#### Mesh size coding

Mesh sizes (and selective devices) to be taken into account when evaluating catches and effort made in relation to metiers described in Appendix IV of the Commission Decision 2008/949/CE should be as follows:

- in relation to R(EC) No 88/98 and R(EC) No 2187/2005 for metiers observed in the Baltic Sea;
- in relation to R(EEC) No 1888/85, R(EEC) No 1638/87, R(EC) No 850/98, R(EC) No 2056/2001, R(EC) No 494/2002 for metiers observed in the North Sea and Western Arctic;
- in relation to R(EC) No 850/98, R(EC) No 2549/2000, R(EC) No 2056/2001, R(EC) No 494/2002, R(EC) No 1386/2007 for metiers observed in the Northern Atlantic.

Nevertheless, to easy the process of submission of data linked to the current call, the Commission would suggest following the mesh size ranges specified in the table below:

Gear type	Mesh size range
Mobile gears	<16
	16-31
	32-54
	55-69
	70-79
	80-89
	90-99
	100-119
	>=1051
· 	>=120
Passive gears	10-30
	31-49
	50-59
	60-69
	70-79
	80-89
	90-99
	100-109
	110-149
	110-156 <sup>2</sup>
	150-219
	157-219 <sup>2</sup>
	>=220

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be used for mobile gears in the context the fishing effort management scheme applied in the Baltic Sea

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To be used for passive gears in the context the fishing effort management scheme applied in the Baltic Sea

Appendix 5

# Area coding by WG, ICES statistical areas and IBSFC areas for Baltic

#### Baltic Sea

IBSFC areas for Baltic	Codes in bold to be used in relation to the compulsory provisions of the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC	Codes to be used in relation to the gentlemen agreement reached between the DG Mare and the Member States about the evaluation of the fishing effort regimes
III.c.22	22	
III.c.23	23	
III.c.24	24	
III.c.25	25	ľ,
III.c.26	26	·
III.c.27	27	
III.c.28	28 <sup>3</sup>	
III.c.28.2		28.2
III.d.29	29	
III.d.30	30	
III.d.31	31	
III.d.32	32	

## North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat and Eastern Channel

ICES statistical areas	Codes in bold to be used in relation to the compulsory provisions of the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC	Codes to be used in relation to the gentlemen agreement reached between the DG Mare and the Member States about the evaluation of the fishing effort regimes
II EU waters	(2)	2 EU
III.a.N	(3a)	3an
III.a.S		3as
IV -	4	
VII.d	7d	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Area 28.2 included.

#### **Northern Shelf**

ICES statistical areas	Codes in bold to be used in relation to the compulsory provisions of the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC	Codes to be used in relation to the gentlemen agreement reached between the DG Mare and the Member States about the evaluation of the fishing effort regimes
	(1)	1 COAST
		1 RFMO <sup>8</sup>
II non EU waters	(2)	2 COAST
	·	2 RFMO
V.a	5a	
V.b EU waters	(5b)	5b EU <sup>9</sup>
V.b non EU waters		5b COAST
•		5b RFMO
VI.a	6a ·	·
VI.b EU waters	(6b)	6b EU
VI.b non EU waters		6b RFMO
VII.a	7a	
VII Biological Sensitive Area		BSA <sup>10</sup>
VII.b	7b⁴	BOA
VII.c EC Waters	(7c)	7c EU
		7c RFMO
VII.e	7e	/ C KEINIO
VII.f	7f	
VII.g	7g⁵	
VII.h	7h <sup>6</sup>	
VII.j EU waters	. (7j)	
VII.j non EU waters		7j EU <sup>11</sup>
VII.k EU waters	(7k)	7j RFMO
VII.k non EU waters	(10)	7k EU
XII	12	7k RFMO
XIV.a	14a	
XIV.b	(14b)	14a
	(140)	14b COAST
·		14b RFMO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICES statistical rectangles of ICES division VIIb and corresponding to the BSA shall be included.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ICES statistical rectangles of ICES division VIIg and corresponding to the BSA shall be included.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ICES statistical rectangles of ICES division VIIh and corresponding to the BSA shall be included.

OAST will refer to waters under jurisdiction of a non-EU coastal state.

#### Southern Shelf

ICES statistical areas	Codes in bold to be used in relation to the compulsory provisions of the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC	Codes to be used in relation to the gentlemen agreement reached between the DG Mare and the Member States about the evaluation of the fishing effort regimes
VIII.a	8a	
VIII.b	8b	
VIII.c	8c	,
VIII.d EU waters	(8d)	8d EU
VIII.d non EU waters		8d RFMO
VIII.e EU waters	(8e)	8e EU
VIII.e non EU waters	,	8e RFMO
IX.a	9a	
IX.b EU waters	(9b)	9b EU
IX.b non EU waters		9b RFMO
X EU waters	(10)	10 EU
X non EU waters		10 RFMO

#### CECAF ·

FAO statistical areas	Codes to be used in relation to the compulsory provisions of the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC	Codes to be used in relation to the gentlemen agreement reached between the DG Mare and the Member States about the evaluation of the fishing effort regimes
34.1.1 EU waters		34.1.1 EU
34.1.1 non EU waters		34.1.1 COAST
34.1.2 EU waters	<u> </u>	34.1.2 EU
34.1.2 non EU waters		34.1.2 COAST
		34.1.2 RFMO
34.1.3	· ·	34.1.3 COAST

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> RFMO will refer to waters where fisheries are managed through RFMOs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 5b EU will have to be considered as covering the following ICES statistical rectangles: 49D6, 49D7, 49D8, 49D9, 49E0, 49E1, 49E2, 49E3, 49E4, 50E5.

BSA (Biological Sensitive Area) will have to be considered as covering the following ICES statistical rectangles: 35D8, 35D9, 35E0, 35E1, 34D8, 34D9, 34E0, 34E1, 33D8, 33D9, 33E0, 33E2, 32D8, 32D9, 32E0, 32E1, 32E2, 31D8, 31D9, 31E0, 31E1, 31E2, 30D9, 30E0, 30E1, 30E2, 29D9, 29E0, 29E1, 29E2, 28D9, 28E0, 28E1, 28E2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> ICES statistical rectangles of ICES division VIIj and corresponding to the BSA shall be included.

	,	34.1.3 RFMO
34.2.0 EU waters		34.2.0 EU
34.2.0 non EU waters	`	34.2.0 COAST
		34.2.0 RFMO

Coding of specific conditions related to the Cod Plan, to Deep Sea regulations and of Baltic Technical conditions in Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005

### Specific conditions associated to fishing effort regimes

Condition	Code		
Cod Plan R(EC) No 43/2009			
Less than 1 % of cod in the catches	СР		
Equal to 1 % to less than 1,5 % of cod in the catches	CPart11		
Equal to 1,5 % to less than 5 % of cod in the catches	CPart13		
Annex IIB of R(EC) No 43/2009			
Less than 5 tons of hake and 2,5 tons of <i>Nephrops</i> in the catches	IIB72ab		
Baltic Technical Conditions			
Gear equipped with a BACOMA	BACOMA		
Gear equipped with a T90	Т90		
Effort Regime in Deep Sea fisheries			
Deep-water species	DEEP <sup>12</sup>		

Where the deep-sea species related effort is not identified by an métier-sampling exclusively for deep sea species under DCF, the effort should be identified as follows: (1) The gear used is exclusively used in deep-sea fisheries; or (2) the landings per fishing trip comprise at least 35% of deep-sea species as listed in Annex 1 to R 2347/2002.

## Species coding according to Council Regulation (EC) No. 2298/2003

Common name	Alpha-3 code	Scientific name
1. Albacore	ALB	Thunnus alalunga
2. Alfonsinos	ALF	Beryx spp.
3. American plaice	PLA	Hippoglossoides platessoides
4 Anchovy	ANE	Engraulis encrasicolus
5. Anglerfish	ANF	Lophiidae
6. Antarctic icefish	ANI	Champsocephalus gunnari
7. Arctic skate	RJG	Raja hyperborea
8. Atlantic catfish	CAT	Anarhichas lupus
9. Atlantic halibut	HAL	Hippoglossus hippoglossus
10. Atlantic salmon	SAL	Salmo salar
11. Atlantic thornyhead	TJX	Trachyscorpia cristulata
12. Baird's slickhead	ALC	Alepocephalus bairdii
13. Basking shark	BSK	Cetorhinus maximus
14. Bigeye tuna	BET	Thunnus obesus
15. Birdbeak dogfish	DCA	Deania calcea
16. Blackbelly rosefish	BRF	Helicolenus dactylopterus
17. Black cardinal fish	EPI	Epigonus telescopus
18. Black dogfish	CFB	Centroscyllium fabricii
19. Black scabbardfish	BSF	Aphanopus carbo
20. Blackfin icefish	SSI	Chaenocephalus aceratus
21. Blackmouth catshark	SHO	Galeus melastomus
22. Blue antimora	ANT	Antimora rostrata
23. Blue ling	BLI	Molva dypterigia
24. Blue marlin	BUM	Makaira nigricans
25. Blue whiting	WHB	Micromesistius poutassou
26. Bluefin tuna	BFT	Thunnus thynnus
27. Blutnose sixgill shark	SBL	Hexanchus griseus
28. Capelin	CAP	Mallotus villosus
29. Cod	COD	Gadus morhua
30. Common mora	RIB	Mora moro
31. Common sole	SOL	Solea solea

32. Common shrimp	CSH	Crangon crangon
33. Crab	PAI	Paralomis spp.
34. Dab	DAB	Limanda limanda
35. Deep-sea red crab	KEF	Chaceon affinis
36. Edible Crab	CRE	Cancer pagurus
37. Eelpouts	ELZ	Lycodes spp.
38.European conger	COE	Conger conger
39. European pearch	FPE	Perca fluviatilis
40.Flatfish, flounder	FLX	Pleuronectiformes, Platichthys flesu
41.Forkbeards	FOX	Phycis spp.
42. Frilled shark	HXC	Chlamydoselachus anguineus
43. Greater silver smelt	ARU	Argentina silus
44.Greenland halibut	GHL	Reinhardtius hippoglossoides
45. Grenadier	GRV	Macrourus spp.
46. Great Atlantic Scallop	SCE	Pecten maximus
47. Great lantern shark	ETR	Etmopterus princeps
48. Greenland shark	GSK	Somniosus microcephalus
49. Grey rockcod	NOS	Lepidonotothen squamifrons
50. Gulper shark	GUP	Centrophorus granulosus
51.Haddock	HAD	Melanogrammus aeglefinus
52.Hake	HKE	Merluccius merluccius
53. Herring	HER	Clupea harengus
54. Horse mackerel	JAX	Trachurus spp.
55. Humped rockcod	NOG	Gobionotothen gibberifrons
56 Iceland catshark	APQ	Apristurus laurussonii
57. Kitefin shark	SCK	Dalatias licha
58.Knifetooth dogfish	SYR	Scymnodon rigens
59. Krill	KRI	Euphausia superba
60. Lantern fish	LAC	Lampanyctus achirus
61. Large-eyed rabbitfish	CYH	Hydrolagus mirabilis
62. Leafscale gulper shark	GUQ	Centrophorus squamosus
63.Lemon sole	LEM	Microstomus kitt
64. Ling	LIN	Molva molva
65. Lumpsucker	LUM	Cyclopterus lumpus
66 Longnose velvet dogfish	CYP	Centroscymnus crepidater
67. Mackerel	MAC	Scomber scombrus

68. Marbled rockcod	NOR	Notothenia rossii
69. Mediterranean slimehead	HPR	Hoplostethus mediterraneus
70. Megrims	LEZ	Lepidorhombus spp.
71. Mouse catshark	GAM	Galeus murinus
72. Northern prawn	PRA	Pandalus borealis
73. Norway lobster	ÑEP	Nephrops norvegicus
74. Norway pout	NOP	Trisopterus esmarki
75. Norway redfish	SFV	Sebastes viviparus
76. Norwegian skate	JAD	Raja nidarosiensis
77. Orange roughy	ORY	Hoplostethus atlanticus
78. 'Penaeus' shrimps	PEN	Penaeus spp
79. Pike	FPI	Esox lucius
80. Pike pearch	FPP	Sander lucioperca
81.Plaice	PLE	Pleuronectes platessa
82. Polar cod	POC	Boreogadus saida
83. Pollack	POL	Pollachius pollachius
84. Porbeagle	POR	Lamna nasus
85. Portuguese dogfish	CYO	Centroscymnus coelolepis
86. Rabit fish	СМО	Chimaera monstrosa
87.Rays	RAJ	Rajidae
88. Redfish	RED	Sebastes spp.
89. Red Seabream	SBR	Pagellus bogaraveo
90. Risso's smooth-head	PHO	Alepocephalus rostratus
91. Roughead grenadier	RHG	Macrourus berglax
92. Roundnose grenadier	RNG	Coryphaenoides rupestris
93. Round ray	RJY	Raja fyllae
94. Sailfin roughshark	OXN	Oxynotus paradoxus
95. Saithe	POK	Pollachius virens
96. Sandeel	SAN	Ammodytidae
97. Scallop	KMV	Chlamys livida
98. Seabass	BSS	Dicentrarchus labrax
99. Short fin squid	SQI	Illex illecebrosus
100. Silver scabbardfish	SFS	Lepidopus caudatus
101. Skates	SRX	Rajidae
102. Smooth lantern shark	ETP	Etmopterus pusillus
103. Snow crab	PCR .	Chionoecetes spp.

104. South Georgian icefish	SGI	Pseudochaenichthys georgianus
105. Spanish ling	SLI	Molva macrophthalmus
106. Spinous spider crab	SCR	Maja squinado
107. Sprat	SPR	Sprattus sprattus
108. Spurdog	DGS	Squalus acanthias
109. Straightnose rabbitfish	RCT	Rhinochimaera atlantica
110. Swordfish	SWO	Xiphias gladius
111. Toothfish	TOP	Dissostichus eleginoides
112. Tope shark	GAG	Galeorhinus galeus
113. Turbot	TUR	Psetta maxima
114. Tusk	USK	Brosme brosme
115. Unicorn icefish	LIÇ	Channichthys rhinoceratus
116. Velvet belly	ETX	Etmopterus spinax
117. White marlin	WHM	Tetrapturus alba
118. Whiting	WHG	Merlangius merlangus
119. Witch flounder	WIT	Glyptocephalus cynoglossus
120. Wreckfish	WRF	Polyprion americanus
121. Yellowfin tuna	YFT	Thunnus albacares
122. Yellowtail flounder	YEL	Limanda ferruginea



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CORRIGENDUM

Fishing effort management schemes related to recovery and management plans in the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, to the Western waters, to the deep sea fisheries and review of fisheries located in the Celtic Sea.

#### Message:

On Thursday 27.04.2010, with the reference D(2010)04802, the DG Mare sent to all Member States' permanent representations a call for data preparing the analytical work of the STECF's next working group meetings on fishing effort management schemes.

With this CORRIGENDUM, we draw your attention to some changes that need to be made to the specifications given in the above data call.

It is important that the experts of the STECF are in the position to clearly identify the trips executed under special conditions, in order to prevent confusion and discussion about the quality of the results. To make that possible, appendix 6 of the data call on the coding of special conditions related to the Cod Plan, to Deep Sea regulation and to Baltic technical conditions should be revised as follows:

#### Deep sea fisheries

According to the format designed in Annex 1 of the data call, the code "DEEP" could be used to fill the field "SPECON" when fishing effort data and/or catch data would have to be related to deep-sea fisheries regulated through R(EC) No 2347/2002. In order to continue with the definition found last year between the fishing trips executed under DEEP, footnote number 12 should be read as:

Condition	Code	
Effort Regime in Deep Sea fisheries		
Deep-water species	DEEP12	

- 12 Where the deep-sea species related effort is not identified by an métier-sampling exclusively for deep sea species under DCF, the effort should be identified as follows:
  - (1) the gear is exclusively used in deep-sea fisheries;
  - (2) catch of Deep Sea species retained >100kg (as per the Regulation), or
  - (3) catch of Deep Sea species retained <100kg but the percentage of Deep Sea species >=35%.

#### Cod recovery plan

For the effort executed under the special conditions applying to article 11 and 13 of the cod recovery plan (COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1342/2008), the categorization is to be simplified and reads as follows. The special condition should only be mentioned when related to effort expended within administrative decisions/cod avoidance schemes:

Condition	Code
Cod Plan R(EC) No 43/2	2009
Effort deployed by those boats granted the <1.5% derogation excluding them from the effort regime	CPart11
effort deployed by vessels operating in MS schemes under Article 13	CPart13
all the remaining effort by vessels which do not belong to either of the above or when operating at times not covered by the schemes	CPother

For 2009 only data regarding such new special conditions are requested. Some of these new special conditions can be regarded as successor conditions of the previous cod plans, so time series will be reconstructed where possible.

I hope this clarification makes it possible to apply the categorizations mentioned above in order to improve the usefulness of the data provided by the Member States.

Your contributions to the data interface indicated in the call are now expected by May 28 at the latest (instead of May 25).

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