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THIS REPORT WAS REVIEWED DURING THE PLENARY MEETING HELD IN COPENHAGEN 11-15 JULY 2011

Request to the STECF

STECF is requested to review the report of the STECF-EWG-11-08 Working Group of June 27 – July 1, 2011 (Helsinki, Finland) meeting, evaluate the findings and make any appropriate comments and recommendations.

Introduction

The report of the Expert Working Group on Analysis of the DCF Annual Reports for 2010 (EWG -11-08) was reviewed by the STECF during its 37th plenary meeting held from 11-15 July, 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The following observations, conclusions and recommendations represent the outcomes of that review.

STECF comments

STECF acknowledges the progress achieved by EWG 11-08 in making the evaluation of DCF Annual Reports more efficient, especially through the pre-screening of Annual Reports by ad-hoc contracted experts. STECF notes that overall MS compliance with the DCF and National Programmes has been good and EWG 11-08 has provided sufficient information for bilateral follow-up by MS and the Commission in cases of non-compliance.

STECF notes that the April 2011 Plenary recommendations have been duly considered by EWG 11-08 and mostly fulfilled.

Regarding the end-user feedback on data transmission, STECF welcomes the proposal by EWG 11-08 for future formal data calls and the increasing use of Regional Databases in the case of ICES, but notes that similar mechanisms would have to be implemented for other regional fisheries bodies. STECF acknowledges that EWG 11-08 has suggested an ambitious roadmap for the revision of the DCF during 2011-2013. STECF notes, however, that the implementation of the proposed steps will depend on the framework given in the legislative acts of the CFP reform (e.g. Article 37 "Data requirements for fisheries management" of Document COM(2011) 425 final).

STECF conclusion and recommendations

As the Annual Report pre-screening was regarded as very helpful preparatory work for EWG 11-08, STECF recommends applying a similar procedure to future evaluations of Annual Reports, and in addition, expanding this procedure to the review of National Programme proposals.

STECF endorses the EWG 11-08 recommendations regarding the improvements of the pre-screening procedure (working by DCF modules instead of by MS, implementation of pre-screening guidelines, distribution of pre-screening results before EWG). To improve consistency in the review process, EWG 11-08 recommends that the pre-screening guidelines should be prepared within an ad-hoc contract during September-October 2011. STECF endorses this recommendation and recommends that this work is considered and finalised at EWG 11-19 (Nov./Dec. 2011). In addition, STECF

recommends that the revision of Annual Report submission guidelines, based on the improvements recommended by SGRN 10-02 and EWG 11-08, is also included into the Terms of Reference of EWG 11-19.

With regard to the proposed formal data calls, STECF supports the proposal by EWG 11-08. STECF, however, recommends that ICES and the Commission carefully check the legal basis for such requests, in order to prevent that MS can refuse data delivery to ICES.

STECF notes that metier-based DCF data are still in many cases underutilised by ICES stock assessment working groups, as data are often provided by country only but not by metier, and in such cases the raising methodology does not make appropriate use of DCF sampling strata; furthermore, STECF notes also that there is sometimes insufficient knowledge about basic data processes within ICES assessment expert groups, as was reflected by the unequal quality of the filling of the so-called ICES “Data Tables” this year. STECF recommends therefore that the provision of metier-based data, including a description of the raising methodology used, will be prepared by the data collectors. STECF suggests that a pilot data set for the mixed demersal gadoid fisheries in the North Sea be prepared by the Regional Co-ordination Meeting (RCM) for the North Sea & Eastern Arctic in September 2011, in collaboration with relevant end-users, including scientists involved in ICES WGNSSK and ICES WGMIXFISH.

EWG 11-08 recommends that STECF compile a filtered list of recommendations by region (from the previous year). STECF regards the compilation of regional recommendations as integral part of the RCMs and will compile the STECF recommendations as laid out in the April 2011 Plenary report.

Regarding the roadmap for DCF revision proposed by EWG 11-08, STECF recommends that EWG 11-19 reconsiders the proposal in the light of the recent developments and timelines in the legislative framework of the CFP reform.

EXPERT WORKING GROUP REPORT

REPORT TO THE STECF

**EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON Analysis of the DCF Annual
Reports for 2010 (EWG-11-08)**

Helsinki, Finland; 27th June to 1st July 2011

This report does not necessarily reflect the view of the STECF and the European Commission and in no way anticipates the Commission's future policy in this area

“ A man’s errors are his portals of discovery “

James Joyce

(Irish Playwright, 1882 – 1941)

*This report contains an Executive Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations.
All three should be read to gain an overview of the discussions and outputs from
Expert Working Group 11-08.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The STECF Expert Working Group (EWG) on Evaluation of the 2010 DCF Annual Reports (EWG 11-08) met at the Metsätalö, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland from 27th June to 1st July 2011. The terms of reference for the EWG are given in annex 1 and the agenda is given in annex 2. The expert group worked through a series of Sub Groups, presentations and plenary discussions. EWG 11-08 also had the results of a “pre screening exercise” conducted on the Annual Reports by a panel of 5 independent experts. The main conclusions and recommendations from the meeting are given in the section that immediately follows this executive summary.

The Commission considered this an important meeting in the DCF process as it evaluates Member States compliance with the DCF guidelines on submission of the Annual Reports. The Commission is relying on the outcome of this work for the assessment of DCF implementation in the 22 Member States carrying out fishing activities, to check for the correct implementation of EU policies and to assure a sustainable management of biological resources.

EWG 11-08 would like to acknowledge the work that has been carried out by Member States in compiling their 2010 Annual Reports.

Following the recommendations of STECF (April 2011), a pre screening exercise was carried out on the Annual Reports by 5 independent experts under an EU Commission contract. The pre screening was carried out on a country by country basis. The pre screening Group recommends that a pre-screening exercise should be a feature of the review of the DCF Annual Reports. The view was that this can help to make the whole evaluation process of the Annual Reports more efficient and effective. Furthermore, the consistency of the evaluation process could be improved if one person evaluates one or more modules for all countries or at least a bundle of countries. The chair of the pre screening group presented the results to EWG 11-08.

EWG 11-08 also concluded that the pre screening exercise had been a very useful exercise and that it had saved the group a considerable amount of time in the

evaluations. There were some inconsistencies between pre screening evaluators and the results could have been available earlier. The pre screening process would benefit from the development of clear guidelines which would improve consistency between pre screening evaluators. Overall however, the exercise was a success and EWG 11-08 recommended that it should be an integral part of the Annual Report evaluations (Addressing TOR 3).

EWG 11-08 also considered progress on the pilot project to conduct an electronic pre screening of the Annual Reports (Addressing TOR 3). The R script for the electronic pre screening had been written but it had not been tested. EWG 11-08 concluded that the Commission should establish a contract to test the tool and that the results of this project should be available for EWG 11-19 in November 2011 (Addressing TOR 3).

In order to conduct the evaluation of the Annual Reports at EWG 11-08, four Sub Groups were formed (Addressing TOR 1). These Sub Groups carried out the evaluations on a Module basis (i.e. not by country). In the past, SGRN has carried out the Annual Report evaluations on a country by country basis and this has caused major consistency problems for the Commission. Evaluation by modules removed this inconsistency to a large extent.

The first Sub Group dealt with the economic modules (Module IIIB, and IV), the second Sub Group dealt with Modules I, II, IIIC, (Biological Metier Related Variables) IIID (Recreational Fisheries). Sub Group 3 dealt with Modules IIIE (Stock Variables) and IIIF (Transversal Variables) while Sub Group 4 considered Module IIIG (Research Vessels), VI (Data Management). A Special Sub Group considered Module VII (follow up of STECF Recommendations). The remaining Modules (VIII, IX, X and XI) were considered well covered by the pre screening exercise.

In order to ensure consistency, the Sub Group chairs presented their groups evaluation results (by module) by addressing the following 6 questions,

- (1) Overall comments on the pre screening exercise – was it helpful? was it thorough? How could it be improved – Provide Recommendations
- (2) Overall performance of Member States on your Modules. Overview - of the 20 MS, How many were YES, Mostly, Partially, NO?
- (3) Overall what were the four major issues that arose in your evaluation across MS. How would you resolve these? – Provide recommendations.
- (4) Any specific issues (max 4) that arose that you would like to highlight. How would you resolve these? Provide recommendations?
- (5) What MS would you cite as good examples of how to complete these modules?
- (6) What did you think of the evaluation forms? How would you improve them?. Provide recommendations.

In general EWG 11-08 found the evaluation form was very useful and it gives a good overview when evaluating the general, overall and section wise compliance of the annual reporting. Some confusion may occur as there is positive/negative YES/NO eg. the question: “Are there deviation from the NP”? If it is a “NO” it is positive. The questions should be changes in the way that a “NO” always is negative and a “YES” always is positive.

EWG 11-08 discussed this issue of data transmission against the background of the recent fines imposed on Member States for non conformity. The Group agreed that it would not be a useful exercise to look into the details of the ICES Tables at this meeting. This would be better served in a joint Commission - ICES dialogue, especially in the light of the new MoU. EWG 11-08 considered that the new Regional Data Bases would be a very important tool in determining data transmission and data quality issues in relation to ICES stock assessments. However, these data bases would not be fully operational until at least 2013. EWG 11-08 developed a broad high level proposal for consideration by the Commission which entails a formal data call by ICES. EWG 11-08 also Two JRC reports were available to the Group (DCF Economic Data Call 2011 and the DCF Call for Catch and Effort data 2011). The summaries from these two reports are given in this section. EWG 11-08 did not consider them in detail nor did they discuss the Mediterranean as that data call had just been launched (June 2011).

EWG 11-08 examined the comments of STECF from the April 2011 plenary. EWG 11-08 note that data co-ordination at ICES has improved and have developed a proposal for ICES and the Commission in relation to a formal data calls. EWG 11-08 consider that the Regional Data Base will be a considerable help in data co-ordination issues. EWG 11-08 is pleased to advise STECF that overall, the timelines in relation to the pre screening exercise were followed and that the exercise led to a more efficient and effective review of the DCR Annual Reports. EWG 11-08 recognise that given the changes in the Commission, more internal discussion needs to take place before the high level DCF revision roadmap can be developed by STECF. EWG 11-08 developed a roadmap of jobs that need to be done in relation to the DCF over the period July 2011 and May 2013. EWG 11-08 considered that STECF recommendations should be compiled and put on the JRC DCF website. ICES have already developed an ICES recommendationsData Base and the Liaison Meeting report already compiles the recommendations of the RCM's.

During the meeting of EWG 11-08, participants were critical that relevant information needed for the production of the Annual Report was not available on the DCF website (<https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu>). The Chair asked the JRC to present a short overview of the website. This presentation indicated that most information was available on the website but it was difficult to find. EWH 11-08 asked one participant

(Frans van Beek) to examine the website and to circulate a proposal with suggestions to make the website more user friendly.

EWG 11-08 also discussed a roadmap schedule for the DCF over the period July 2011 to May 2013. This roadmap schedule is shown in Annex 9. It highlights key dates for submission of National Programmes and Annual Reports.

The results of the EWG 11-08 review of Member States 2010 Annual Reports are given in the following table.

STECF EWG 11-08 - Review of Member States 2010 DCF Annual Reports - Compliance with DCF Guidelines

MODULE	BEL	BUL	CYP	DEN	EST	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE*	IRL	ITA	LAT	LIT	MAL	NET	POL	POR	ROM	SLO	SPA*	SWE	UK
OVERALL COMPLIANCE	P	M	M	Y	M	M	M	Y		Y	M	Y	M	Y	M	M	M	M	M		Y	M
MODULE I	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	M
MODULE II	M	M	P	Y	M	M	M	Y		M	M	M	M	M	Y	M	M	M	M		Y	M
MODULE III																						
IIIC	P	P	Y	M	M	M	M	M		Y	M	M	M	Y	P	M	M	M	P		Y	M
IIID	N	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M		Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	M	Y	M	N		Y	N
IIIE	N	P	P	Y	Y	Y	P*	Y		Y	M*	Y	P*	M	P*	M*	M*	Y	P		Y	Y
IIIF	N	Y	M	M	Y	M	Y	Y		M	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	M*	Y	Y		Y	Y
IIIG	M	M	Y	Y	M	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	M	Y	Y	Y	M	M	Y		P	Y
MODULE V	M	Y	N	Y	N	M	Y	Y		M	M	Y	Y	Y	M	P	M	Y	Y		Y	Y
MODULE VI	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	N		Y	M
MODULE IV+III (econ)	P	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	M	Y	Y	M	M	M	Y		Y	M

Note; * No Annual Reports from Greece or Spain were reviewed by EWG 11-08

Compliance Level	
NO < 10%	N
PARTLY 10 - 50 %	P
MOSTLY 50 - 90 %	M
YES > 90 %	Y
Not Applicable	NA

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions from TOR 1 (Evaluation of MS Annual Reports)

Many of the answers provided by the pre-evaluators were in agreement with the sub group evaluations. A suggestion is related to the “harmonization” between pre-evaluators on the presentations of the works done (e.g. comments more detailed than others; agreement on the use of partly or mostly; no remarks are required if ‘YES’ evaluations are given....). This issue could be related to the lack of time availability given to the prescreening group to conduct their work.

Moreover, the new approach to the evaluation, where evaluations were made by Modules (in subgroups) and not per country proved to be much more efficient and comparable than the old approach (country by country).

The Evaluation form could be improved in a number of ways. Some points for improvements:

- A general question could be included in the Evaluation form on derogations; ‘Were the relevant derogations listed’?
- For III.G.2 question ‘Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?’ It is not possible for the evaluators to assess this point.
- The III.G.3. title ‘Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations’ should be changed to ‘Follow-up of Liaison meeting recommendations’ (to amend guidelines too)
- For Module VI, separate questions should be present in the Evaluation form; a set of questions for the ‘Management of the data’ (to be defined) and other sets of questions on the ‘Use of the data’.
- In the Evaluation Form, a ‘YES’ implies a good result while a ‘NO’ implies a negative result. However, for the question found in a number of sections: ‘Are there deviations from the NP Proposal?’ a ‘YES’ would actually mean that the MS was NOT compliant with the NP and vice versa. This question can be changed to ‘Was it compliant with the NP?’. This also allows a more efficient general evaluation of the overall compliance by a MS.

It should be absolutely clear which Guidelines have to be applied and which derogations have been accepted.

Definitions and calculations of Statistical Indicators must be clear. The Salerno meeting was very helpful, but further clarification is needed, e.g. coverage rate and the topic of representativeness should be addressed. Also guidelines for data quality assessment methods for Non-Probability sampling is needed. (Coverage rate for Census – registers -, exhaustive sampling if answering is not mandatory and response can be measured.

MS are obliged (by DCF regulation) to set-up a website on their data collection. No MS mentioned or referenced such websites. To be taken into account in guidelines for 2011 – 2013 as was not mentioned in present guidelines.

Some MS gave very little detail for parts of the modules, usually stating that action was not relevant to them. It is felt that these MS tend to be given a better overall outcome in the scrutiny than MS who provide a lot of relevant information.

Conclusions from TOR 2 (Data Deficiencies)

EWG 11-08 discussed the issue of data transmission and data availability specifically in relation to ICES. ICES outlined the new processes that had been put in place to ensure that data tables were completed in 2011. However, due to the workload in May and June, when these tables became available, it was not possible for ICES to check the consistency for all tables.

EWG 11-08 discussed this issue against the background of the recent fines imposed on Member States for non conformity in relation to data transmission. The Group agreed that it would not be a useful exercise to look into the details of the ICES Tables at this meeting. This would be better served in joint Commission ICES dialogue, especially in the light of the new MoU. EWG 11-08 considered that the new Regional Data Bases would be a very important tool in determining data transmission and data quality issues in relation to ICES stock assessments. However, these data bases would not be fully operational until at least 2013. EWG 11-08 developed a broad high level proposal for consideration by the Commission.

Proposal - In 2011, the Commission would, on the basis of the ICES data tables, hold a series of bilateral meetings with Member States to discuss the issue of non compliance in relation to data transmission to ICES. For 2012, ICES would issue a formal data call to Member States. This call would include clear guidelines on the data required for each stock. The ICES data tables, completed under the formal call would then be used by the Commission in their bilateral with Member States. In 2013, the process would be repeated, but the Regional Data Base and Data Tables could be used in their bilaterals with Member States. EWG 11-08 envisaged that by 2014, the Regional Data Base would be an integral part of the data transmission compliance process used by the Commission. The details of this proposal will be further discussed by ICES and the Commission.

Conclusions from TOR 3 (The Pre Screening Exercise)

The pre screening group strongly recommends the permanent installation of a pre-screening process in the review of the DCF Annual Reports. In the view of the group it is a very useful exercise which can help to make the whole evaluation process of the

Annual Reports more efficient and effective. Furthermore, the consistency of the evaluation process could be approved if one person evaluates one or more modules for all countries or at least a bundle of countries.

EWG 11-08 also concluded that the pre screening exercise was a major benefit to the review of the DCF Annual Reports as it significantly reduces the workload of the expert meeting participants as it gave a good head-start to the work for the group.

Conclusions from TOR 4 (STECF Comments from April 2011 Plenary)

EWG 11-08 examined the comments of STECF in relation to the DCF from the April 2011 plenary. EWG 11-08 note that data co-ordination at ICES has improved and the Group has developed a proposal for ICES and the Commission in relation to a formal data calls. EWG 11-08 consider that the Regional Data Base will be a considerable help in data co-ordination issues. EWG 11-08 is pleased to advise STECF that overall, the timelines in relation to the pre screening exercise were followed and that the exercise led to a more efficient and effective review of the DCF Annual Reports. EWG 11-08 recognise that given the changes in the Commission, more internal discussion needs to take place before the high level DCF revision roadmap can be developed by STECF. EWG 11-08 developed a roadmap of jobs that need to be done in relation to the DCF over the period July 2011 and May 2013. EWG 11-08 considered that STECF recommendations should be compiled and put on the JRC DCF website. ICES have already developed an ICES recommendations Data Base and the Liaison Meeting report already compiles the recommendations of the RCM's.

Conclusions on the JRC DCF Website

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EWG 11-02 has identified the following Member states as providing very thorough and benchmark examples of various modules presented in their respective Annual Reports

MODULE	COUNTRY
I (General Framework)	GER, LITH, DEN, CYP
II (National data Collection Organisation)	SWE, GER, NETH, DEN
III	
IIIA (Description of the Fishing Sector)	DEN, ITA, GER, NETH, EST, MAL, SLOV
IIIB (Economic Variables)	DEN, ITA, GER, NETH, EST, MAL, SLOV
IIIC (Biological Metier Related Variables)	CYP, IRL, MAL, SWE
IIID (Recreational Fisheries)	SWE, DEN
IIIE (Biological Stock Related Variables)	GER, UK
IIIF (Transversal Variables)	GER, UK
IIIG (Research Vessels at sea)	IRL
IV (Economics – Aquaculture and Processing)	DEN, ITA, GER, NETH, EST, MAL, SLOV
V (Ecosystem Indicators)	GER
VI (Management of Data)	IRL

RECOMMENDATIONS

SPECIAL NOTE: Many of these recommendations will be actioned in a revision of the guidelines for the submission of the DCF Annual Reports.

1 Issue: <i>Pre-screening guidelines</i>	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommendsthat pre-screening guidelines including traffic light indicator marks are implemented in order to ensure equal and consistent evaluation.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Short Contract in Sept Oct Discuss at LM
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

2 Issue: <i>The outcome of the pre-screening</i>	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends thatthe outcome of the pre-screening is provided to the EWG participants together with the AR text and tables before the EWG meeting.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Scheduling issue
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

3 Issue: <i>Calculation of CV</i>	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends.that information and descr the method/software used for calculation of CV's sh included (or referred to) in the AR if not provided in N
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July

Responsible For	DG MARE
Follow Up Action :	MEMBER STATES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

4 Issue: List of Meetings Attended	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends for the AR tables, Table II.B.1 (list of eligible meetings) that is provided by the Commission should be used and all meetings and not only the meetings attended should be provided.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For	DG MARE
Follow Up Action :	Member States
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary. Action in 2012

5 Issue: Recommendations from LM, STECF	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that STECF compiles the filtered LIST of recommendations by region (from the previous year) for use by Member States in compiling AR and NP. This list should be available on the DCF website. MS put in a filtered list of Recommendations and show what actions that have been taken to follow up recs. Amend the current guidelines to say only previous year recs. should be followed. (EWG 11-08 would point out that a recurring recommendation should be a guideline).
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For	DG MARE STECF
Follow Up Action :	MEMBER STATES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

6 Issue: Derogations Table	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that A table including derogations asked for and if granted or rejected to be included in the AR tables. Adjust Guidelines for AR to include this.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Member States
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

7 Issue: Tables from NP included in AR	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends . Table III.C.1 and III.C.2 III E 1 should not to be deleted from the AR. Maintaining the tables is what is expected. This should be included in the revision of the AR guidelines.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Member States
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

8 Issue: UPDATE AR Guidelines	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that STECF updates the AR guidelines
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE STECF
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Needed for early 2012

9 Issue: UPDATEAR Guidelines	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends to revise the guidelines for the AR to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduce a standard naming convention for table VI.1 "Transmission of data" MS gave different names to the expert WGs or data calls. Therefore it was difficult to compare the tables of countries in the same region. The naming convention should clearly identify the data users • IF YOU WANT TO COLLAPSE THE NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATION YOU CAN ADD BULLETS HERE ADDRESSED TO THE REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES (and renumber the recommendations) • include a paragraph on the websites established by the MS to comply by the DCF. • include rec 7 • rec 13 • resolve the inconsistency between the NP and AR columns in Table III.C.5
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

10 Issue: MS Website	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that MS set-up a website on their data collection. They are obliged (by DCF regulation) to do so. No MS mentioned or referenced in the AR to such websites.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For	DG MARE

Follow Up Action :	MEMBER STATES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

11 Issue: MS unable to conduct a Survey	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that in cases that a research vessels is not available for carrying out a contribution to a DCF survey, that MS in question should demonstrate that it made all necessary efforts to carry out the survey. MS must make provisions so that such problems do not happen e.g. seek assistance from other MS or charter a vessel).
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Member State
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

12 Issue: ICES and Data Transmission	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that ICES establish a pilot for a formal data call in 2011 for data used in stock assessment. The detail of the data call will be worked out between ICES and the Commission. EWG 11-08 recognise this is a part of the MOU and will help the Commission in their bilateral contacts with MS on non conformities.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE ICES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Prepare and Action in 2012

13 Issue: Economic Indicators	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that. Definitions and calculations of Statistical Indicators must be clear., e.g. coverage rate and the topic of representativeness should be addressed in TOR's of EWG 11-18) Also guidelines for data quality assessment methods for Non-Probability sampling is needed. (Coverage rate for Census – registers -, exhaustive sampling if answering is not mandatory and response can be measured.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE STECF
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

14 Issue: Capital Value Calculation	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that for the calculation of Capital value, all MS shall use PIM (Perpetual Inventory Method) in the future. A Workshop has already explained the method (DCF Workshop on Capital Valuation, Naples June 2011). MS should use this report in next AR . Also explore the need for a Training Workshop. This Report should be made available on the on DCF WEB site.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE Member States
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

15 Issue: CV for biological parameters at regional Level	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that biological parameters and their CVs should be calculated for shared stocks at a regional level. CVs on national data could still be provided but not evaluated.

	Commission to consider.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

16 Issue: AR TEMPLATE	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that files with filters, hidden cells, track changes, coloured cells etc. should not be submitted in AR
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE MEMBER STATES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

17 Issue: Guide Line Review	
EWG 11-08 Recommendation :	EWG 11-08 recommends that non conformities in the tables of the AR needs to be explained in the text.
Follow Up Action Needed :	Await Review by STECF Plenary in July
Responsible For Follow Up Action :	DG MARE MEMBER STATES
Time Frame	After STECF July Plenary Address in 2012

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

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The STECF Expert Working Group (EWG) on Evaluation of the 2010 DCF Annual Reports (EWG 11-08) met at the Metsatalo, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland from 27th June to 1st July 2011. The terms of reference for the EWG are given in annex 1 and the agenda is given in annex 2. The expert group worked through a series of Sub Groups, presentations and plenary discussions. EWG 11-08 also had the results of a “pre screening exercise” conducted on the Annual Reports by a panel of 5 independent experts.

PARTICIPANTS

The list of participants is given below. The contact details are given in annex 4.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission considers this an important meeting in the DCF process as it evaluates Member States compliance with the DCF guidelines on submission of the Annual Reports. The meeting of the expert working group analysing the annual reports 2010 of 22 Member States is a crucial part of the evaluation process of the EU data collection framework (DCF). The pre-screening that has been carried out by a small group for the first time this year should allow for an even better structuring and streamlining of the work. The Commission is relying on the outcome of the work of the group for the assessment of DCF implementation in the 22 Member States carrying out fishing activities to check for the correct implementation of EU policies and to assure a sustainable management of biological resources.

PRE SCREENING

A pre screening exercise was conducted on the Annual Reports by a group of 5 independent experts who worked by correspondence over a 7 day period in June. The pre screening group used the evaluation template developed by EWG 11-02 (see annex 8). The final pre screening files for each country were available on day 1 of the EWG

11-08 meeting. A more detailed description of the pre screening is given in Section 2 of this report.

EWG 11-08 SUB GROUP WORK

EWG 11-08 worked in four Sub Groups. These Sub Groups were NOT based on a regional approach as in past evaluations. They worked on a range of modules across all countries in order to improve consistency of the evaluations.

Sub Group 1 Module IIIB (Economic Variables) ,
 Module IV (Economics Aquaculture, Processing industry)

Sub Group 2 Module I (General Framework)
 Module II (National Data Collection Organisations)
 Module IIIC (Biological Metier Related Variables)
 Module IIID (Recreational Fisheries)

Sub Group 3 Module IIIE (Biological Stock Related Variables)
 Module IIIF (Transversal Variables)

Sub Group 4 Module IIIG (Research Surveys at Sea)
 Module V (Effects of Fishing on Ecosystems)
 Module VI (Management and Use of Data)
 Module VII (Follow up STECF Recommendations)

Module VIII to Module XI were evaluated by the pre screening exercise and not considered any further by EWG 11-08.

General and specific comments in relation to the pre screening exercise are given in Section 2 of this report.

SECTION 2

EVALUATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS – THE PRE SCREENING EXERCISE

TOR 3 - Evaluate this year's manual pre screening of the Annual Reports and also any progress made with the pilot project for the electronic pre screening of the annual reports.

A pre-screening of the Annual Reports had been requested EWG 11-02 and endorsed by the STECF April 2011 Plenary meeting. The Commission established a pre screening group in May 2011 to conduct a pre screening of the 2010 Annual Reports. Five experts, all experienced with the DCF, were appointed to the pre screening group. Four experts pre-screened the biological parts including the transversal variables of the annual reports of specific countries as follows;

- Grainne Nichonchuir: Germany, UK, Latvia, Denmark, Estonia
- Paolo Carpentieri: Romania, Bulgaria, Malta, France, Slovenia
- Christian Dintheer: Ireland, Cyprus, Portugal, Italy, Belgium
- Christoph Stransky: Netherlands, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Lithuania
- Michael Ebeling assessed the economic parts related to fleet, aquaculture and processing industry for all countries. Michael Ebling chaired the group and was also responsible for coordination issues.

The group started its work on Wednesday, the 15th of June when Annual Reports were available and delivered its result on Friday, the 24th of June to a ftp-server of JRC. All results were available on Monday the 27th of June before noon, in time for EWG 11-08. The whole process was managed by electronic correspondence, no physical meeting took place.

EWG 11-08 had all results of the pre-screening process ready at the start of the meeting.

The pre screening was based on an evaluation form provided by the Commission with specific questions and aspects to be addressed. The template used was that developed during the EWG 11-02 meeting in March 2011. While the pre screening exercise had a

tight time frame, the group managed to finalise the pre-screening in time for EWG-11-08.

The prescreening group agreed on the following comments and recommendations:

General Comments:

- (1) Some more time for the pre-screening in order to give space for better self-organisation would be appreciated. This does not mean more days to be paid, but about a week more in total to allocate the work around the daily tasks and private/family requirements.
- (2) The evaluation form may be improved by putting in some more space for comments.
- (3) The facts that specific quality indicators were not mandatory this year lead to no in deep check. The presence of indicators was enough.
- (4) Future pre-screening groups would surely appreciate if they will have latest AR and NP without any filters or similar issues.
- (5) Very few countries still do not make use of SBS (Structural Business Statistics).
- (6) Inactive vessels are sometimes included in NP, sometimes in AR table. MS should be aware that they have to be reported.
- (7) Different European regulations targeting the same issue (e.g. aquaculture) may be harmonised in order to avoid problems in delivering data that are not mandatory to collect.
- (8) The provision of a list with accepted derogations of the member states would ease the work.
- (9) A list of recommendations from Liaison meetings would also be an improvement

Specific Comments

- (1) Almost no country gave specification of aquaculture species, Table IV.A.1 should be left in AR.
- (2) File Tables III.C.1 and III.C.2 (those where the métier selected by the ranking systems are listed and then planned to be sampled), and mainly III.E.2 should not be deleted from AR.
- (3) In general, Tables should not be deleted from NP to AR.
- (4) Concerning accuracy indicators, especially CV's, the question came up for whom it is produced and that if almost none country achieves the targets it has to be discussed.
- (5) Some MS still use old references and decisions and guidelines. Maybe a handbook of exercising DCF is valuable?
- (6) Table II.B.1: There is no interest to check a table where MS listed only meetings with attendance without knowing in what meetings MS planned to participate.
- (7) Table III.E.3 - May be MS could only add some relevant relationships only when CVs are good. Otherwise what is the MS interest to report a not planned and not

good work? Maybe incentives are given to MS to report as little as possible in order to avoid negative comments?

As these are more or less minor issues, the group in total strongly recommends the permanent installation of a pre-screening group. In the view of the group it is a very helpful exercise which can help to make the whole evaluation process of the Annual Reports more efficient and effective. Furthermore, the consistency of the evaluation process could be approved if one person evaluates one or more modules for all countries or at least a bundle of countries.

Of course, the quality of this pre-screening evaluation should be assessed by EWG 11-08. If the group come to the same conclusion as the pre-screening group, the recommendation for a permanent pre-screening group, applied also to the NP evaluation process, becomes even stronger.

SECTION 3

EVALUATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS BY EWG 11- 08

TOR 1 - Evaluate Member States 2010 Annual Reports in accordance with Article 7.2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, taking into account;

a. The execution of the 2010 National Programmes

b. The quality of the data collected by the Member States

c. Information from end users on data transmission in 2010

EWG 11-08 would like to acknowledge the work that has been carried out by Member States in compiling their 2010 Annual Reports.

The following section outlines the compliance of Member States with regards to reporting of 2010 data in the DCF Annual Reports. The first sections give a brief report of the four evaluation Sub Groups. The evaluation questions are given in the template in Annex 6. The criteria used to evaluate the reports is given in the Table below and a summary table of the results for each Member States is given in Annex 7. This section of the report gives the detailed spreadsheets for each Member State in alphabetical order. Annual Reports for Spain or Greece were not reviewed at EWG-11-08

Compliance class	Compliance level
No	<10%
Partly	10-50%
Mostly	50-90%
Yes	>90%
NA	not applicable

In order to ensure consistency, the Sub Group chairs presented their groups evaluation results (by module) by addressing the following 6 questions in their report;

1. Overall comments on the pre screening exercise – was it helpful ? was it thorough? How could it be improved – Provide Recommendations
2. Overall performance of Member States on your Modules. Overview - of the 20 MS, How many were YES, Mostly, Partially, NO?
3. Overall what were the four major issues that arose in your evaluation across MS. How would you resolve these? – Provide recommendations.
4. Any specific issues (max 4) that arose that you would like to highlight. How would you resolve these? Provide recommendations?
5. What MS would you cite as good examples of how to complete these modules ?
6. What did you think of the evaluation forms? How would you improve them ?. Provide recommendations.

Sub Group 1 Report – Evaluation of Economic Modules

The Group agreed on the pre-screening to be very helpful. It saved more than 2 working days of the whole group. The quality was good, as there were only some expertise comments to be added. Recommendation: The pre-screening should be a permanent part of the evaluation process at SGRN.

In total 13 countries were given a judgement of yes for overall compliance in the economic part. 5 countries received a mostly, one a partly and only one country a no.

Major Issues

The group wants to highlight the following;:

(1) It should be absolutely clear which Guidelines have to be applied, as especially in the economic parts it was not absolutely clear which guidelines were mandatory to apply for the execution of the NP and the report in the AR in the year 2010. Hence, the rules to apply for the evaluation was not clear at the beginning.

Recommendation: Guidelines shall have a remark when they are mandatory to be followed by for which subject (NP, AR, Evaluation, other)

(2) It should be absolutely clear which derogations have been asked for and which have been accepted by the European Commission.

Recommendation: Commission may provide a list for the evaluation groups.

(3) Definitions and calculations of Statistical Indicators must be absolutely clear. The Salerno meeting was very helpful, but further clarification is needed, e.g. on coverage rate and the topic of representativeness. This should be addressed and clear definitions and methods to calculate shall be given, whenever possible harmonized.

Recommendation: To be addressed at next data collection harmonization or similar meeting.

(4) Guidelines on data quality assesment methods for Non-Probability sampling are needed, especially how to asses representativeness in such a case, as it is mandatory according the guidelines.

Recommendation: To be addressed at next data collection harmonization or similar meeting.

(5) In the case of a Census e.g. from official registers coverage rate may be the right term for bias indicator. In the case of a sampling strategy on a voluntarily basis with e.g. questionnaires send out to 100% of the population the term exhaustive sampling should be used and the bias indicator then is response rate. These two types should not be merged under the term census (A).

Recommendation: To be addressed at next data collection harmonization or similar meeting.

(6) For the calculation of Capital value all MS shall use PIM – Method in the future.

Recommendation: Problems of applying the method should be addressed at next data collection harmonization or similar meeting.

(7) Inactive vessels have to be reported separately and by lenght class, even if clustering by length remains possible, of course.

Recommendation: Clear guideline to be integrated in updated guidelines and to be followed by MS.

Specific Issues

(1) Aquaculture variables may be reported according segments, table IV.A.1. shall not be deleted in AR.

Recommendation: To be addressed at aquaculture meeting.

(2) It is not necessary to copy all standard in the AR text, 174 annexes are also too much – but: Romania applies DCF only since 2 years and applied a lot effort. So the group is sure it will adapt its AR in the next years accordingly.

(3) AR of Bulgaria is not consistent as the tables contradict with the text.

Comment: MS is asked to follow the guidelines and resubmit a consistent AR. This AR should have one reference year.

(4) If accounting years and calendar years differ, a harmonised guideline to assign it to respective reference years is needed.

Recommendation: To be addressed at next data collection harmonization or similar meeting.

(5) After 10 years of data collection Belgium is still not able to give its fish processing population or even to execute data collection in this module. They obviously need assistance.

Comment: The Commission may think about an appropriate way to assist Belgium to avoid further shortfalls.

Benchmark countries

The group discussed which countries could serve as a good example of best practice in the economic part of the Annual Reports. This does not mean that they are perfect but that in the case of problems for MS to fulfil the obligations of the DCF their example can be taken as good and their National Correspondents may be contacted for assistance. The group agreed on the following countries, a mix of countries with large, medium and small sized fishery economy.

- Denmark
- Italy
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Estonia
- Malta
- Slovenia

SGRN-Subgroup Economists – Comments on the Evaluation Form

(1) The evaluation is very much concentrated on the tables. The evaluation of the text may be addressed more specifically, e.g. a cell asking “Does the AR give all necessary information as required?”

Recommendation: The evaluation form update group may add a cell asking “Does the AR give all necessary information as required?”

(2) A cell asking for the provision of information regarding data quality is missing for the fleet.

Recommendation: The evaluation form update group may add a respective cell.

(3) More space is needed for comments.maybe a word document as template would solve the problem.

Recommendation: Maybe a word-document as template would solve the problem.

(4) The form of the template is maybe an incentive to provide as little information as possible in order to get a positive evaluation.

Recommendation: Evaluation reform group to think about.

Sub Group 2 Report – Biological Metier Related Variables

The group reviewed the following modules:

- I. General framework
- II. National Data Collection organisation
 - A. National correspondent and participating institutes
 - B. Regional and International coordination
- III. Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector
 - C. Biological metier related variables
 - D. Recreational fisheries

General Comments, Suggestions and Recommendation

The overall comments on the pre-screening exercise were very positive and the group found the prescreening very helpful and highlighted which modules and sections to be checked or reviewed more thoroughly. In order to ensure equal evaluation it is suggested that better consistency among the “pre-screener” would help to improve the evaluation and ease the tasks to be carried out by the STECF EWG. The group

suggests that the "Pre-screeners" before the prescreening agree on common prescreening detail levels/guideline.

Even though the prescreening was very helpful the group needed to revisit the AR text and tables for more detailed check. Some of AR tables are very extensive especially Table III.C.3, III.C.% and III.C.6 and a total overview is difficult therefore indicators that can be used to validate fulfilment of the ARs would improve the consistency and the quality of the evaluations.

In order to ease and improve the efficiency at the EWG meeting the group suggests that the outcome of the pre-screening could be provided to the EWG participants together with the AR – text and table before the EWG meeting.

Therefore, the group recommends that:

Pre-screening guidelines including indicator marks is implemented in order to ensure equal and consistent evaluation.

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The overall performance of the MS for the Modules and Section evaluated by Sub-groups was found to be good. The table below shows the evaluation by MS and module/section. Two Annual Reports (AR) were not available to the group.

MODULE	Yes	Mostly	Partly	No	NA	No AR
MODULE I	16	1	1	2	0	2
MODULE II	4	15	1	0	0	2
MODULE III						
IIC	4	12	4	0	0	2
IID	11	4	1	3	1	2

Some major issues arose during the evaluation. Most MS's are having difficulties in providing CV's for volumes of discards and some MS for CVs for length (landings, discards or both). How the CVs have been calculated is not required in the AR. The group found it relevant to include this information as more qualitative evaluation could be carried out.

Therefore, the group recommends that:

Information and description on the method/software used for calculation should be included in the AR.

Some MS do not follow the RCM agreed naming convention for métiers, regions and fishing grounds. Furthermore, new métiers names/codes are developed and even level 7 is used. Some MSs are having the métiers “Misc” as the most important métiers. This creates a great deal of inconsistency among MS fishing for some regions.

Having the region “North Atlantic (ICES areas V-XIV and NAFO areas)” coordinated by the RCM NS&EA and not by the RCM NA creates confusion in the labeling in the tables and the text.

The group discussed specific issues to be highlighted and suggestion on how to be solved. The issues were:

- For the AR tables, Table II.B.1 (list of meetings) that is provided by the Commission should be used and all meeting and not only the meetings attended should be provided.
- A guideline on how to include the recommendations from eg. RCMs, LM, STECF in the AR and how detailed information on actions that have been taken should be provided.
- A table including derogation asked and if granted or rejected to be included in the AR tables.
- Table III.C.1 and III.C.2 to be copied from the NP into the AR in order easy to be able clarify deficiencies NP <-> AR.
- Update of the AR guidelines.

In order to improve the consistency of the AR and help or guide some MS when reporting the outcome of their NP in the AR it is suggested that some MSs AR could be used as “good” examples. The AR can be used for the following modules:

Module I: Germany/Lithuania/Denmark/Cyprus

Module II: Sweden/Germany/Netherlands/Denmark

Module III C: Cyprus/Ireland/Malta/Sweden

Module IIID: Sweden/Denmark

In general the groups found the evaluation form very useful and it gives a good overview when evaluating the general overall and section wise compliance of the annual reporting. Some confusion may occur as there is positive/negative YES/NO eg. the question: “Are there deviation from the NP”? If it is a “NO” it is positive. The

questions should be changes in the way that a “NO” always is negative and a “YES” always is positive.

Furthermore, a possibility to identify/classify the importance of a deviation eg. rating a deviation could improve the quality and the justification of the evaluation of the AR.

Sub Group 3 Report – Biological Stock Related Variables

The group reviewed the following modules:

III E Biological stock-related variables and

III F Transversal variables

Comments on the Pre Screening exercise

Overall, the Pre Screening evaluation was very helpful. It significantly decreased the workload made by the expert meeting participants as it gave a head-start to the work for the group. It resulted to be quite accurate.

Many of the answers provided by the pre-evaluators were in agreement with the sub group evaluations. A small suggestion is related to the “harmonization” between pre-evaluators on the presentations of the works done (e.g. comments more detailed than others; agreement on the use of partly or mostly; no remarks are required if ‘YES’ evaluations are given....). This issue could be related to the lack of time availability given to the prescreening group to conduct their work (as also mentioned by Michael during the first day).

Moreover, the new approach to the evaluation, where evaluations were made by Modules (in subgroups) and not per country proved to be much more efficient and comparable than the old approach (country by country).

Performance of Member States on the Modules

Module III G – Quality of the survey

Regarding the Module III.G “Surveys”, all the MS had a range between “acceptable” and “good” in the reports. The majority of answers were ‘YES’.

However, no MS (even if reported that changed in gear settings or insufficient geographical coverage or any other problems occurred) was able to report if the quality of the survey has been impaired by these inconvenience. As a result, it has been difficult to answer to this question during the evaluation process.

Module V – Ecosystem Indicators

For the Module V overall a good performance from all MS was registered.

However, in table V.1, the complete list of indicators was not always reported. It was thus difficult for the evaluators to assess the completeness of the table.

Module VI – Management and use of data:

The Module VI can be split in two evaluations:

- the first one regards the “Management of data”, where a large difference in quality, and detail between MSs in explanations and descriptions has been found.
- the second part concerns the “Transmission of data”. In this case MSs were mostly compliant

All MS gave different names to the expert WGs or data calls made by STECF, SGECA... or calls made by International Organizations, RFMO etc etc. It was also difficult to compare the tables of countries in the same region and so it was very difficult to give a precise answer (like “Is it the tables VI 1 complete??”) during the evaluation of this module.

A more clear definition on what should be reported under the Column “Species or Fleet segment” should be found out (some countries used the species name, some other report the name of the group, some the target assemblage of a vessel fleet. Till now it resulted very different between MSs.

For all the three Modules evaluated, the list of derogations eventually proposed by MS and then accepted by SGRN/STECF (also with the reference year) was not reported in the AR.

How would you resolve some of the issues above mentioned?

For Table VI.1 “Transmission of data”, since all MS gave different names to the expert WGs or data calls made by STECF, SGECA, etc and as a result it was difficult to compare the tables of countries in the same region (and other reasons explained above), it has been suggested that the Commission/RCM/STECF prepare a predefined

table listing all the relevant data transmissions possibly per Region. MS should then use this table as reference.

There is a need for improvement in the structure of Module VI: Management and Use of data. (Group discussion) and eventually the guidelines need to be updated.

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Concerning the surveys, one MS didn't carry out a survey because the vessel was not available. When this happens, the MS in question should demonstrate that it made all necessary efforts to carry out the survey. MS must make provisions so that such problems do not happen.

What did you think of the Evaluation Form? How would you improve it?

The Evaluation form could be improved in a number of ways. Some points for improvements:

- A general question could be included in the Evaluation form on derogations; 'Were the relevant derogations listed'?
- For III.G.2 question 'Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?' It is not possible for the evaluators to assess this point.

- The III.G.3. title ‘Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations’ should be changed to ‘Follow-up of Liaison meeting recommendations’ (to amend guidelines too)
- For Module VI, separate questions should be present in the Evaluation form; a set of questions for the ‘Management of the data’ (to be defined) and other sets of questions on the ‘Use of the data’.
- In the Evaluation Form, a ‘YES’ implies a good result while a ‘NO’ implies a negative result. However, for the question found in a number of sections: ‘Are there deviations from the NP Proposal?’ a ‘YES’ would actually mean that the MS was NOT compliant with the NP and vice versa. This question can be changed to ‘Was it compliant with the NP?’. This also allows a more efficient general evaluation of the overall compliance by a MS.

Sub Group 4 Report – Research Vessel Surveys at Sea

Comments on the Pre Screening exercise

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The Evaluation form could be improved in a number of ways. Some points for improvements: A general question could be included in the Evaluation form on derogations; 'Were the relevant derogations listed'?

For III.G.2 question 'Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?' It is not possible for the evaluators to assess this point.

The III.G.3. title 'Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations' should be changed to 'Follow-up of Liaison meeting recommendations' (to amend guidelines too)

For Module VI, separate questions should be present in the Evaluation form; a set of questions for the 'Management of the data' (to be defined) and other sets of questions on the 'Use of the data'.

In the Evaluation Form, a 'YES' implies a good result while a 'NO' implies a negative result. However, for the question found in a number of sections: 'Are there deviations from the NP Proposal?' a 'YES' would actually mean that the MS was NOT compliant with the NP and vice versa. This question can be changed to 'Was it compliant with the NP?'. This also allows a more efficient general evaluation of the overall compliance by a MS.

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The following section outlines the compliance of Member States with regards to reporting of 2010 data in the DCF Annual Reports. The evaluation criteria used is outlined below, followed by a summary table for all Member States combined. Finally the detailed spreadsheets are presented for each Member State in alphabetical order.

* Annual Reports for Spain or Greece were not reviewed at EWG-11-08

Compliance class	Compliance level
No	<10%
Partly	10-50%
Mostly	50-90%
Yes	>90%
NA	not applicable

Member States in Alphabetical Order

- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

*Greece

*Spain

Member State:

Belgium

Reference year

2010

Version of the AR reviewed

Version of the NP proposal

Overall compliance

Answer SGRN COMMENTS

Partly

This is a very Low Partly compliance

I General framework

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?

Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

SUPRA-REGION: Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

REGION NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

No Reference to the DCF is missing

Yes

Mostly

No details are given.

Mostly

The table of 2010 eligible meetings prepared by EC is not strictly followed. Only meetings with attendance are reported, whereas some WK and WG could involve Belgium. Some WK are wrongly mentioned as eligible under the DCF (PGRFS, WGCRAN, ADGNS, ADGCSE)

No

Only meetings with attendance are reported in Belgian 2010 AR.

Yes

Yes

NA

Yes

Mostly

The term fixed gear is not in the regulation. MS is asked to use wording of Appendix III of Comm Reg. The asterisk should be deleted as well if there is no clustering. The segment Demersal Trawler needs length classes or it should be indicated if it is a cluster. The length class 12-24m in case of beam trawlers does not exist.

Yes

Mostly

MS is asked why in line 5,14,18 no response rate could be given. Also MS is asked to clarify data collection scheme for FTE. The column data collection scheme shall be filled in with A,B,C.

Yes

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

NA

Mostly

The table has been modified : columns C-year and D-region masked and in fact not filled, columns L-M-N-O-P wrongly in grey. Consequently table difficult to evaluate, and not making easier by the empty tables III.C.1 and III.C.2. The III.C section in the report is not split by region as required by the guidelines.

NA

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

		Partly	Table used is not the one included in the guidelines (length and age? ALKs are relating to section III.E). Lines 5 to 16 and 44 to 81 masked. Table not sorted. It is confusing to analyse the table, especially when many species are reported but without NP planned targets (columns I to K often empty, but detailed for some species in lines masked). Targets in number of fish give reference to an untraceable footnote (a). No CVs at all. Most of species "visible" appear undersampled or oversampled in length (the only parameter considered for metier stock variables), including for on-shore sampling. The NP planned objectives are not defined? No lemon sole measured in 2010.
		Mostly	What about sole line 5? Does the table include only the target species? What about other species listed in Appendix VII when sampling is carried out at sea? Crosschecking between table III.C.5 and III.C.6 is impossible considering the bad quality of the first one.
		Yes	1 of the 2 metiers planned in NS&EA region are highly oversampled and the other not sampled at all in terms of numbers of trips (see table III.C.3 and III.C.4). General oversampling in length of main target species and undersampling in age but... (see comments on tables III.C.5 and III.C.6). Inconsistencies with the AR text (no deviations for tables III.C.3 and III.C.4 but data on some trips are supposed yet missing or not uploaded in the database). One metier (TTB_CRU), with significant volume of trips but with no planned targets for 2010, was not sampled at all.
		Mostly	Yes. Explanations given mainly for metiers TBB_MCD_>=120 and TBB_CRU_16-31.
		NA	
		No	No CVs are provided, neither for length structures, nor for discards volumes.
		No	No deviations were identified. But see also comments section E.
		NA	
		Mostly	Section confusing. Only one of the 3 RCM recommendations reported is relevant with the section (cod discards data to be sent to ICES WGNSSK). See section E. for the two others.
		Yes	MS fulfilled the recommendation.
		NA	
		No	No, as no shortfall was identified by MS.
		NA	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?		
	Are the deviations explained?		
	Are the deviations justified?		
	Were CV targets met?		
	Are the deviations explained?		
	Are the deviations justified?		
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		
	Are the responsive actions described?		
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described?		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		

REGION NORTH ATLANTIC

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The table has been modified: columns C-year and D-region masked and in fact not filled, columns L-M-N-O-P wrongly in grey. Consequently table difficult to evaluate, and not making easier by the empty tables III.C.1 and III.C.2. The III.C section in the report is not split by region as required by the guidelines.
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	Table used is not the one included in the guidelines (length and age? ALKs are relating to section III.E). Lines 5 to 16 and 44 to 81 masked. Table not sorted. It is confusing to analyse the table, especially when many species are reported but without NP planned targets (columns I to K often empty, but detailed for some species in lines masked). Targets in number of fish give reference to an untraceable footnote (a). No CVs at all. Most of species "visible" appear undersampled or oversampled in length (the only parameter considered for metier stock variables), including for on-shore sampling. The NP planned objectives are not defined? No lemon sole measured in 2010.
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	What about sole line 5? Does the table include only the target species? What about other species listed in Appendix VII when sampling is carried out at sea? Crosschecking between table III.C.5 and III.C.6 is impossible considering the bad quality of the first one.

	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	2 of the 4 metiers*fishing grounds planned in North Atlantic region are undersampled in term of numbers of trips (see table III.C.3 and III.C.4). But an overall oversampling in length and undersampling in age of main target species is registered in table III.C.5. Inconsistencies with the AR text (no deviations for tables III.C.3 and III.C.4 but data on some trips are supposed yet missing or not uploaded in the database).
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	Yes. Explanations given mainly for metiers TBB_MCD_>=120 and TBB_CRU_16-31.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs are provided, neither for length structures, nor for discards volumes.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	No deviations were identified. But see also comments section E.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Mostly	Section confusing. Only one of the 3 RCM recommendations rreported is relevant with the section (cod discards data to be sent to ICES WGNSSK). See section E. for the two others.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	MS fulfilled the recommendation.
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No, as no shortfall was identified by MS.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC

D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	No	DCF regulation mentions cod and eel as the recreative targeted species to be sampled in the North sea region. No update for cod in 2010 was carried out by Belgium and only reference to year 2008 (without any action in marine as in inland waters) is reported for eel.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	No derogation are mentioned in Belgian 2010 AR, neither for cod nor eel.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	No deviations have been identified by MS.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	Not relevant, as no action in 2010.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	RCM-NA advice on eel in marine waters not listed.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No shortfall reported by MS.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

THE 2 REGIONS NA and NS&EA ARE NOT STATED AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY IN THE AR TEXT

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E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No	Table used in not the reference one given in the guidelines. References in the AR text to discards appendix XII and and species Appendix XIII seem to be dated and not relevant and cannot give help. All these facts confirm that Belgium did not use the good tools to prepare its 2010 AR (already underlined in section III.C). Some columns (B-C) and many lines in table III.E.3 are masked (why ?). Use of colors is not explained and so not helpful. As a consequence, analysing the table is difficult. Targets planned in tables III.E.3 are also not consistent with those mentioned in table III.C.5 (see for example plaice in IV for sole in north sea (IV), 888 fish sampled vs 800 planned in III.C.5 and 300 in III.E.3. Several columns not filled. No CVs reported. Agreement between BEL-UK-FRA on sole ALKs not reported.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Tables III.E.3 and III.C.5 are not consistent and AR text seems to be dated. As a consequence, deviations are difficult to assess. Some given explanations on deviations are relevant for metiers related variables (length structures) and not for stock related variables.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	Explained only for turbot and brill and rays.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	Explained only for turbot and brill and rays.
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs provided.

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

No	AR text mentions only "that for flatfish directed beam trawl fisheries the minimum targets were reached or exceeded", without quantitative estimates.
No	No explanations.

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Party	2008 RCM-NS&EA recommendation on Sole age reading task-sharing between BEL-FRA-UK and one bilateral agreement between BEL-DK on age reading for turbot are reported in section III.C but not in appropriate section III.E.
Yes	Relevant follow-up by MS reported.
NA	No relevant recommendations
Partly	Only for turbot and brill.
Partly	Only for turbot and brill.

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E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

No	Table used in not the reference one given in the guidelines. References in the AR text to discards appendix XII and and species Appendix XIII seem to be dated and not relevant and cannot give help. All these facts confirm that Belgium did not use the good tools to prepare its 2010 AR (already underlined in section III.C). Some columns (B-C) and many lines in table III.E.3 are masked (why ?). Use of colors is not explained and so not helpful. As a consequence, analysing the table is difficult. Targets planned in tables III.E.3 are also not consistent with those mentioned in table III.C.5 (see for example for sole in VIIIab, 413 fish sampled vs 250 planned in III.E.3 but 1400 in III.C.5). Several columns not filled. No CVs reported.
Yes	Tables III.E.3 and III.C.5 are not consistent and AR text seems to be dated. As a consequence, deviations are difficult to assess. Some given explanations on deviations are relevant for meters related variables (length structures) and not for stock related variables.
No	Only for rays.
No	Only for rays.

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

No	No CVs provided.
No	AR text mentions only "that for flatfish directed beam trawl fisheries the minimum targets were reached or exceeded", without quantitative estimates.
No	No explanations.

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	No recommendation relevant to Belgium.
NA	
NA	
No	Nothing reported by MS.
No	

REGIONS NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC AND NORTH ATLANTIC

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

No	In this section regions NA and NS&EA area not reported by the MS. Table in AR is in the old format and is missing all relevant information and therefore can't be evaluated. Table provided is the NP one without out new information included. Columns B-C and F-G-H masked. Use of the red color not explained. Nothing reported on the grey columns (filled systematic with NA) directly informing on 2010 NP achievement. All parameters relating to Appendix VIII of Decision 2008/949 are not listed (derogation ?).
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes	Not assessable in Table III.F.1 (relevant lines not filled). AR text gives more information on an exhaustive coverage of the Belgian fleet.
No	No deviations identified by MS.
No	

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

No	Impossible to evaluate because the data is missing form the table.
No	No deviations identified by MS.
No	

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

No	No deviations identified by MS.
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F2	Effort	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	
		F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Table is in old format and is missing the relevant data. Not assessable in Table III.F.1 (relevant lines and columns not filled). AR text does not give more information and is confusing with not really relevant reference to DCF Appendix VI on economic issues and on specific species targeted effort (old DCR ?)
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	No achievement indicators or CVs provided.
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	No	No achievement indicators or CVs provided, no deviations are reported.
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	No deviations identified by MS.
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	
		F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables addressed by 2009 RCM-NA and RCM-NS&EA to MS.
		Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	No deviations identified by MS
		NA		
F3	Landings	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Table in AR is in old format and is missing the relevant data. Table F.III.1 is missing in the NP. In addition not assessable in AR Table III.F.1 (relevant lines and columns not filled). AR text is more informative on the data available and used to calculate catch at the right DCF scales.
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	No achievement indicators or CVs provided.
		No		
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	No	No achievement indicators or CVs provided, no deviations are reported.
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	MS provided comments on the potential interest to implement a restricted list of species for which all information will be provided. This list would be a good picture of the main species targeted by the concerned metiers. Difficulties met with mixed landings are also discussed by MS..
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	No data available to enable the evaluation. MS is referring to an old SGRN statement from 2005.
		F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables addressed by 2009 RCM-NA and RCM-NS&EA to MS.
		Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
		NA		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	Relevance of the comments on "Belgian restricted list" is not fully clear.
No				
G	Research surveys at sea	G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Partly	No for BTS. Yes for DYFS (achievement in term of fish hauls 85%).
		Yes		
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Mostly	DYFS stations which cannot be sampled anymore, should be replaced by alternative stations
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	
		NA		
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
		NA		
		NA		
		NA		
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
		NA		
		NA		
		NA		

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry
A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

		No	Nothing was filled in. Also MS shall not give a long description of the sector, this is part of the NP
		No	Nothing was filled in
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Partly	The NP does not foresee any action in this sector
	<p>Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p> <p>Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p> <p>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</p> <p>Are the deviations explained?</p> <p>Are the deviations justified?</p>	No	Belgium stated, that it send out questionnaires end 2010. In the deviation section of the AR it stated, questionnaires have still to be send out. Furthermore it seems implausible, that it is a problem to receive accountancy data for the reference years 2008-09, as at the end of 2010 all accountancy years, even if not analogue to the calendar year, should have ended. Belgium also stated, that no respondent has an accountancy year as the calendar year. The results from this respondents should have been filled into the tables. Rewrite.
		No	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	No	
	<p>Were data quality information given?</p> <p>Are the deviations explained?</p> <p>Are the deviations justified?</p>	NA	
		NA	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	<p>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?</p> <p>Are the responsive actions described ?</p> <p>Are the responsive actions acceptable?</p>	NA	
		NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Yes	
	<p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</p> <p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</p>	No	If derogation was not permitted, no
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	<p>Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p> <p>Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p>	Partly	Reference years and collection scheme differs from IV.B.2. Segmentation makes no sense if it is not really applied
		No	Reference years and collection scheme differ from IV.B.2. Variable are not according Comm. Dec. 93/2010. Type of error and accuracy indicator are wrong.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	Belgium applied the wrong variables to be collected, the Annual report has a questionnaire attached from 2006!
	<p>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</p> <p>Are the deviations explained?</p> <p>Are the deviations justified?</p>	Mostly	
		Partly	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Unclear	The reference year is inconsistent between the tables.
	<p>Were data quality information given?</p> <p>Are the deviations explained?</p> <p>Are the deviations justified?</p>	Yes	
		Partly	It seems unclear why Belgium can not provide the data from the returned questionnaires
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	<p>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?</p> <p>Are the responsive actions described ?</p> <p>Are the responsive actions acceptable?</p>	NA	
		NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Yes	
	<p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</p> <p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</p>	No	Facing the problems of Belgiums since years now MS should be advised how to collect data properly. Obviously some assistance is necessary, using the right regulation and definitions. Also the use of SBS may be shown to MS.
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Mostly	Indicators 1 to 3 can be provided by surveys, nothing is reported also in table III.G.1 on indicator 4.
	<p>Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p> <p>2 Actions to avoid shortfalls</p> <p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</p> <p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</p>	Mostly	MS should complete the information on availability of the Indicator 4 and if data are not collected actions to avoid shortfalls should be provided.
		Mostly	MS should firstly specified and then report the actions to avoid shortfalls
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	
	<p>Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p> <p>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</p> <p>Are the deviations explained?</p> <p>Are the deviations justified?</p>	No	
		NA	
		NA	
	2 Actions to avoid shortfalls	NA	
	<p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</p> <p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</p>	NA	
		NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations	Yes	
	<p>Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?</p>		

Are the responsive actions described ?

No	
Partly	Only referring to DCF framework regulation. No reference on STECF and its subgroups SGRN and SGECA or on RCM and specific workshops.

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

NA	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

NA	
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

NA	
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

NA	
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Member State:	Bulgaria	
Reference year		2010
Version of the AR reviewed		
Version of the NP proposal		
	Overall compliance	Answer SGRN COMMENTS
	Mostly	For the Economics Modules the overall compliance is No - AR is not consistent and the tables are contradicting the text.
I General framework		
	Yes	
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes	Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?	Mostly MS should better specify the role of each partners
	Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	No There is no information on the National meeting. An annual meeting has been held between Romania and Bulgaria but no contents are reported.
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings	Is Table II.B.1 complete? Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Mostly Table is incomplete, MS should add all the reference list of the 2010 Meetings and clarify eventually the attendance or not
		No No explanation is given.
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations	Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes More explanation could be given.
		Mostly More explanation could be given.
		Yes
SUPRA-REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector	Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes
B Economic variables	Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly for fixed netters. The reference year in not correct in
		N.A.
		Mostly table III.B.1
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Partly Collection schemes differ from NP. Also the text explaining data collection is contradicting the table III.B.3.
		No
		No
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No Only response rate in case of administrative sources is given. Quality information on other sources is not given.
		No
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA
		NA
		NA
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No
		No
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Mostly GNS_DEF_400_0_ and OTM_MPD_13_0_0: are not present in the agreement reached at Regional Level for metier "level 6" (see RCMMed&BS report 2009). MS should adjust the table with the correct metier names. Low number of trips have been achieved for both metier. No trips at sea were achieved.
		NA If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
		Partly Sarda sarda is G2 and not G1. Information on CVs are not provided.
		Yes GNS_DEF_400_0_ and OTM_MPD_13_0_0: these metier are not present in the agreement reached at Regional Level for metier "level 6" (see RCMMed&BS report 2009). MS should adjust the table with the correct metier names. No length measurement of discards is given. Only target species information is given.
		Yes There is a low number of achieved number of trips for the two metiers considered and there is no description of the Metier sampling strategy (table III.C.4)
		Partly
		NA
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met?	No In the table is not reported the CV achieved

	Are the deviations explained?	No	MS refers to calculation made at national level during PGMed. Even if it has been calculated during PGMed 2011 (as reported in the text), MS could report these values in the table
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Partly	The only action to avoid future shortfalls is linked to financial aspects
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	NA	MS reported that the two species (i.e. Thunnus thynnus and Anguilla anguilla), for which is mandatory collect data in the Mediterranean under the module "D" Recreational Fishery, are not present in the area. There were no activities for data collection under this module
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	No	MS should present the accepted derogation, in the text is not mentioned
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	NA	
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Partly	Variables should be consistent with the request of the Guidelines (i.e. length@age; weight @length etc. etc.). Data sources are missing.
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	The achieved no of individuals at the regional level is missing. No CV are reported. Two additional stocks were sampled but were not listed in the proposal.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Partly	Deviation from the planned scheme seems linked to financial problems. No information for additional stocks are given.
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	No information for additional stocks.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	No information is given
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	No	
	Were CV targets met?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	No	Comparing the text and the tables it is not clear if there is an agreement at regional level (at least with Romania for the Black Sea). MS should clarify it
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	No	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F	Transversal variables	Yes	
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	No	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	No	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

	Were data quality targets met?	Mostly	In few cases, the values reported under the columns "Achieved variability" and "Value of the bias indicator" showed a low percentage. MS should clarify it.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	No	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	No	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		
F3	Landings		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	No	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	yes	
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	There were no regional recommendations directly addressed to the MS on this topic
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		
G	Research surveys at sea		
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	For the Black sea, surveys present in the Appendix IX of the Comm Dec 949/2008 are only two, in the table there are mentioned 4 surveys: even if the survey is conducted in a different period each survey should be reported in a single row.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Only 24% of the planned target hauls has been achieved for the pelagic trawls
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Reading the text and the achievement number of targets for the pelagic survey (24%), seems that some deviations from the planned surveys might be occurred. MS should better clarify this aspect.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	Country should better explain the reasons for the deviations.
	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	Mostly	This aspect is not very clear. In the text MS reported that: "Concerning the spring acoustic survey, it was conducted not how it was planned". If some modifications occurred MS should clarify it.
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	For the trawl survey EWG can assume that the quality has not been impaired since 100% of the targets have been achieved. On the other hand, for pelagic survey, MS should report if the quality of the survey has been impacted by the technical and weather problems.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	MS should better explain the reasons for the deviations.
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Mostly	MS to clarify whether the preparation of the contracts well in advance will resolve all the "technical" issues.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry		
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		
	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	If they are different values for different items in a segment, the range shall be given.
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Accuracy indicator should be response rate, if type of data collection is census. The reference year is not consistent with table IV.A.2.
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	It is unclear why data have not been processed, although it has been collected.
	Were data quality information given?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		

	Are the responsive actions described ?	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No
	The AR text should be more detailed and explain better the data collection and data quality issues.	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry	
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly
	Planned sampling with 50% sample rate is no census and there is no segmentation. In the AR text MS states no collection has been made, this is inconsistent with the information in the table.	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes
	MS states that no data have been collected in 2010. MS asked to clarify. Also part of the aquaculture text is written in the processing part. MS is asked to rewrite this chapter.	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA
	Are the deviations justified?	NA
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
	Were data quality information given?	Yes
	It remains unclear where the information comes from, if data have not been collected.	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA
	Are the deviations justified?	NA
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No
	Ms states that is has too little staff. Commission is asked to assist?	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem	
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA
VI	Module for management and use of the data	
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes
	No data have been sent to some expert groups (e.g. FAO and GFCM)	
	Are the deviations explained?	No
	MS should explain why the data have not been sent to some expert groups (e.g. FAO and GFCM)	
	Are the deviations justified?	No
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Partly
	MS should explain how it intends to integrate the database with the actions required to send the data to all expert groups	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Partly
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations	
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	No
	MS should list all the relevant recommendations and respond to those	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations	
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	NA
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections	
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	NA
X	X. References	
	Is there a complete list of references?	NA
XI	XI. Annexes	
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	NA

Member State:	Cyprus	
Reference year		2010
Version of the AR reviewed		Text and Tables 31 May 2011
Version of the NP proposal		
Overall compliance		Answer SGRN COMMENTS
		Mostly
I General framework		Yes
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes	Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described? Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	Yes No
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings	Is Table II.B.1 complete? Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Partly Partly
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations	Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Mostly Yes NA
SUPRA-REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector	Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes
B Economic variables	Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly Yes Mostly
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes Yes
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes
REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes NA Yes Mostly Yes Yes
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes

	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	For stocks documented, CV for length structures, no CV information on discards length structures, CV target generally achieved for discards volumes.
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Concerned species are reported, but no reasons are really given.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	Recommendations list too large. According to EWG-11-02 only follow up of 2009 RCMs recommendations were to include in 2010 AR
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Actions are proposed by MS for certain stocks and on methodological aspects.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	NA	DCF regulation mentions blue fin tuna and eel as the recreational targeted species to be sampled in the Mediterranean region. The pilot study on BFT was not carried out.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	Derogation request for eel is reported. It is not written in the 2010 AR if EC granted it.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Information provided for BFT the D2 section header..
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	Not relevant, as no action in 2010.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Yes for BFT.
	Are the deviations justified?		
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	Not relevant, because no RCM-Med&BS recommendation in 2009.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Yes for BFT.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table not complete with empty columns. Only 8 species for ALKs and relationships by length. No weight @ age results (not planned in the NP ?). RCM agreement objectives on LPF not mentioned (columns P and R). CVs provided only for Mullus (2 species).
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Bluefin Tuna undersampled for all biological parameters. Only 8 species for ALKs and relationships by length. No weight @ age results (not planned in the NP ?). RCM agreement objectives on LPF not mentioned. CVs provided only for Mullus (2 species).
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	MS provided explanations for Blue fin tuna undersampling, and also for oversampled species.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	CVs provided only for the 2 species of Mullus. Precision level (2.5%) not achieved.
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Only for Mullus surmuletus.
	Are the deviations justified?	Partly	MS says that the precision target was not achieved for any of the biological variables, however it's not clear if the MS actually calculated cv's or not. MS to clarify.
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Mostly	2009 RCM-Med&BS recommendation on blue fin tuna regional sampling plan listed. But nothing about the other LPF species agreements and on revisions by PGMed 2010.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	MS applied recommendations in its 2010 NP.
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Actions proposed for sampling of demersal species and for LPF species.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA			
F	Transversal variables		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Yes for capacity. To be examined for effort (only 2 parameters of 12 listed in appendix VIII of Decision 2008/949) and landings (price by species is missing). No information about possible bias (columns J and K) for parameters estimated by sampling. Table III.F.2 very short regarding the list of species targeted by Cypriot vessels. Are other species not reported in this table landed whole ?

F1	Capacity	F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	No	Data exhaustively collected. But Table III.F.1 missing from the NP 2009 - 2010 submission.	
			NA		
			NA		
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Were data quality targets met?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	Yes	Data exhaustively collected	
			NA		
			NA		
	F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</i> <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</i>	NA		
			NA		
	F2	Effort	F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	Yes	Table III.F.1 missing from the NP 2009 - 2010 submission. 10 missing parameters for effort and no explanation is provided. MS to clarify.
				No	No shortfalls mentioned for the 2 parameters provided. But for the 10 others ?
				No	
F12		Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Were data quality targets met?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	No	Supposed no as no information provided by MS in AR text and technical table.	
			No	No shortfalls identified by MS for the 2 parameters provided. But for the 10 others ?	
			No		
F13		Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations <i>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions described ?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions acceptable?</i>	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCM-Med&BS to MS in 2009.	
			NA		
			NA		
F14		Actions to avoid shortfalls <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</i> <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</i>	No	Nothing reported in the AR text , as no shortfalls were identified regarding the 2 parameters provided.	
			No		
F3	Landings	F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	Yes	Only 2 parameters of the 4 listed in appendix VIII of Decision 2008/949. Table III.F.2 very short (see above).	
			No	No shortfalls mentioned for the 2 parameters provided. But for the 2 others ?	
			No		
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Were data quality targets met?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	Partly	Table III.F.1 column H filled but one cell empty (value of landings total and by species for vessels <10m). Columns J and K empty.	
			No	No shortfalls mentioned for the 2 parameters provided. But for the 2 others ?	
			No		
	F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations <i>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions described ?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions acceptable?</i>	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.	
			NA		
			NA		
	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</i> <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</i>	No	Nothing reported in the AR text , as no shortfalls were identified regarding the 2 parameters provided.	
			No		

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G	Research surveys at sea	G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</i> <i>Are there deviations from the NP proposal?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i> <i>Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?</i>	Yes		
			No		
			NA		
			NA		
		G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal <i>Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?</i> <i>Are the deviations explained?</i> <i>Are the deviations justified?</i>	Yes	
				No	
				NA	
				NA	
		G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations <i>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions described ?</i> <i>Are the responsive actions acceptable?</i>	NA	
				NA	
				NA	
				NA	
		G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?</i> <i>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</i>	NA	
				NA	
				NA	
				NA	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Is the reference year actually 2009?
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table documented, except for indicator 9 - Fuel efficiency of fish capture. Indicators 1 to 4 provided in table III.G.1 for MEDITS.
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	Nothing reported for indicator 9.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	SGMOS data call missing ?
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Mostly	Some delays in developing the national database are reported.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Mostly	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	Four recommendations listed.
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	Informative list.
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	No comments provided by MS.
X	X. References		
	Is there a complete list of references?	Mostly	References provided on the general DCF framework (regulation, LM, RCM and PGMed reports, some DCF Wks). But no reference on STECF and its subgroups SGRN and SGECA.
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	Yes	Copy of the agreement between Cyprus and Malta on metier OTB_MDD given in Annex 1.

Member State: **Denmark**

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Overall compliance

Answer	SGRN COMMENTS
Yes	

I General framework

Yes	
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II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Yes	
Yes	

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Yes	
Yes	A Danish-Swedish intercalibration age-reading of plaice meeting was planned but not undertaken during 2010. Also did not attend WGNEW

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

SUPRA-REGION BALTIC SEA AND EASTERN ARTIC AND NORTH ATLANTIC

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes	
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B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Mostly	MS uses segments that are not in the regulation: polyvalent mobile, also vessels less than 12 m with passive gears are just passive gears. Some fleet segments are clustered, but it is not stated. Inactive vessels should be reported by length class.
Yes	
Mostly	Value of accuracy indicator should be provided.

Mostly	Engaged crew should be calculated.
Yes	
Mostly	If engaged crew is estimated, it should be also provided.

Mostly	The values of accuracy indicators should be stated in the tables!
Mostly	The values of accuracy indicators should be stated in the tables!

NA	
NA	
NA	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION The Baltic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Yes	
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Mostly	No CV's reported for length sampling of discards or for volume of discards. Planned no. at the National level is wrongly given in the Regional level column.
Yes	Species Group is not filled in
Yes	3 out of 9 metiers achieved the planned sampling trip targets. Undersampled for two out of a planned 12 stocks. Anguilla anguilla in 27.SD22-24 and Salmo salar in 27.SD22-24 & SD 25 - 32
Yes	
Yes	

Partly	CV's reported for 1 out of three parameters required.
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	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Denmark has during 2010 initiated a work to improve the designs of the metier sampling programmes on the basis of the outcome of the two ICES workshops WKACCU and WKPRECISE. The new designs will improve the possibilities to evaluate possible bias and thereby also accuracy.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	Did not calculate CV's for discards because this was not developed within COST yet.
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
		Yes	
		Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	Revision of sampling design
		Yes	

REGION North Sea and Eastern Arctic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No CV's reported for length sampling of discards or for volume of discards. Planned no. at the National level is wrongly given in the Regional level column.
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Species Group is not filled in
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	17 out of 22 metiers achieved the planned sampling trip targets. Reached sampling targets for 44 out of 48 stocks planned. Undersampled for four stocks Micromesistius poutassou, Pandalus borealis, and Solea solea all in area 27.IV+VIId. And undersampled Scomber scombrus in 27 IIIaN
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were CV targets met? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Partly	CV's reported for 1 out of three parameters required.
		Yes	Denmark has during 2010 initiated a work to improve the designs of the metier sampling programmes on the basis of the outcome of the two ICES workshops WKACCU and WKPRECISE. The new designs will improve the possibilities to evaluate possible bias and thereby also accuracy.
		Yes	Did not calculate CV's for discards because this was not developed within COST yet.
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
		Yes	
		Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	Revision of sampling design
		Yes	

REGION North Atlantic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	6000 boarfish sampled but no cv reported. Planned no. at the National level is wrongly given in the Regional level column.
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Species Group is not filled in
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Boarfish was sampled
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Micromesistius poutassou planned to be sampled but the fishery did not take place in 2010
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were CV targets met? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	No CV's calculated for the 1 stock sampled
		Yes	Footnote in the table III.C.5 states that the data is not yet in the data base.
		Partly	Did not calculate CV's for discards because this was not developed within COST yet.
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
		NA	
		NA	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	Revision of sampling design
Yes	

REGION Baltic and The North Sea & Eastern Arctic

D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
 Are obtained derogations mentioned?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	Relating to trout as an additional species to be included in the surveys in 2010.
NA	

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

REGION The Baltic

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	Targets at the national level not coordinated yet at the regional level
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Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes	Over estimation of planned numbers in the 2010 NP means that some stocks appear to be undersampled in relation to planned targets. undersampled are: Anguilla anguilla for L@Age and W@Age. Salmo salar L@Age and W@Age. Clupea harengus/Gadus morhua and Sprattus sprattus for sex ratio@Age and Mat@Age. Finally Solea solea for Sex ratio @Age
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Are the deviations explained?

Yes	Most of the deviations from the proposal are caused by incorrect numbers of planned sampled maturity and sex-ratio data given in the Danish National Programme for 2010
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Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
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E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Partly	CV's not provided for mostly the smaller sample numbers and not for maturity and sex parameters
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Are the deviations explained?

Yes	CV's for maturity and Sex have not been calculated, since the data only are used at a regional level and therefore it makes no sense to calculate the CV's at a national level.
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Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
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E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes	DTU Aqua will make an effort to give better prognoses for collection of these data in the future.
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
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REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	Targets at the national level not coordinated yet at the regional level
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Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes	Over estimation of planned numbers in the 2010 NP means that some stocks appear to be undersampled in relation to planned targets. undersampled are: Sex Ratio@Age for L. piscatorius, Merluccius merluccius, Scomber scombrus, Microstomus kitt, Glyptocephalus cynoglossus and Pleuronectes platessa. For Mat@Age: L. piscatorius, M.kitt, G. cynoglossus, M. merluccius and Scomber scombrus. For Mat@Length: Pandalus borealis. And W@Age for Ammodytidae.
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Are the deviations explained?

Yes	Most of the deviations from the proposal are caused by incorrect numbers of planned sampled maturity and sex-ratio data given in the Danish National Programme for 2010
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Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
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E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Partly	CV's not provided for mostly the smaller sample numbers and not for maturity and sex parameters
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	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	CV's for maturity and Sex have not been calculated, since the data only are used at a regional level and therefore it makes no sense to calculate the CV's at a national level.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	DTU Aqua will make an effort to give better prognoses for collection of these data in the future.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

REGION North Atlantic

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Targets at the national level not coordinated yet at the regional level
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Virtually no Micromeistius poutassou sampling as no fishery was conducted by Danish vessels in this area. Carried out additional unplanned Capros aper sampling as this fishery developed in 2010.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	See above
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CV's provided for the 1200 measurements of L@Age or W@ Age collected for Capros aper
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

F	Transversal variables: All Areas		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No "Conversion factor per species" information is given. Although conversion factors are provided in Table III.F.2
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	No	No information provided for " Bias indicator" and "Value of the bias indicator". Also no details provided in the Text the MS merely says that there were no deviations
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No explanations or actions provided
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	
F2	Effort		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	No	No information provided for " Bias indicator" and "Value of the bias indicator". Also no details provided in the Text the MS merely says that there were no deviations
	Are the deviations explained?	No	No explanations or actions provided
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	
F3	Landings		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	

		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	No information provided for " Bias indicator" and "Value of the bias indicator". Also no details provided in the Text the MS merely says that there were no deviations
		Were data quality targets met?	No	No explanations or actions provided
		Are the deviations explained?	No	
		Are the deviations justified?	No	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Nephrops TV survey (FU 3&4) only completed 10 days of a planned 15 days at sea, and completed 78 out of a planned 101 TV stations. Also The BITS III d Q4 completed 43 of a planned 50 fish hauls, and the IBTS IV Q3 completed 40 of a planned 46 fish hauls in 17 out of 18 days planned at sea.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Mostly	BITS III d Q4 is not explained; IBTS IV Q3 is not clearly explained. MS refers to
		Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	Explain deviations BITS III d Q4 and specify technical reasons IBTS IV Q3
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?		
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		NA	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture			please specify species in IV.A.1
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Were data quality targets met?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		NA	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		Yes	
		Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Were data quality targets met?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		Yes	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes	MS is informed that : ICES WGNPBW and WGMHSA= WGWIDE in the last 4 yrs.
NA	
NA	
NA	

2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

No	
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

No	
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	
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Member State:

Estonia

Reference year

2010

Version of the AR reviewed

Version of the NP proposal

Answer SGRN COMMENTS

Overall compliance

Mostly

I General framework

Yes

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?

Yes

Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Yes

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Mostly

The list provided by the Commission has not been used as the basis.

No

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Partly

No recommendation from 2009 is listed.

Partly

Partly

SUPRA-REGION BALTIC SEA AND EASTERN ARTIC AND NORTH ATLANTIC

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Reference year seems to be wrong

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

Census instead of probability sampling

Yes

Yes

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

see B1

Yes

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

Yes

Yes

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

Yes

REGION The Baltic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

"Total No. of trips during the sampling year" are not provided.

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

NA

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

No information on discards is given.

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

No information on discards is given.

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes

All planned matiers are sampled to within the threshold (90%). Undersampling did occur for the following stocks: Anguilla anguilla, Gadhus morhua, Salmo salar, Coregonus lavaretus and Psetta maxima.

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

Undersampling is caused by decreased total catches and landings compared to the planned sampling.

Yes

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly

Metier related target are not always met.

Partly

The precision target is not 20%.

No

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Partly

No recommendation from 2009 is listed.

Partly

Partly

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

Agreements with trawler owners targeting Cod in the Western Baltic to take observers onboard have been reached. Also stocks at low levels will continue to be sampled by coastal test fisheries to supplement commercial catch sampling.

Yes

REGION North Atlantic (ICES areas V-XIV and NAFO areas)

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

"Total No. of trips during the sampling year" are not provided.

	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION The Baltic			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Partly	Recreational catch data is compiled annually however there is no recent catch data of anglers except for salmon and sea trout.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	NA	no derogations requested
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	A study for angling is planned for 2011 - 2012
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION The Baltic and North Atlantic			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Biological sampling targets achieved for 8 of a planned 17 stocks. Undersampling for: L/W/Mat and sex ratio @ age for: Sprattus sprattus, Perca fluviatilis, Stizostedion lucioperca, Psetta maxima and Salmo salar. Undersampling for w@length for Esox lucius, Corgonus lavaretus and Anguilla anguilla. Undersampling for Mat@age for Platichthys flesus.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Yes: due to the loss of two personnel in the case of sprattus sprattus. For Perca fluviatilis there was restricted age sampling because of t the simple stock structure with only a few age classes. Stizostedion lucioperca has seen the stock decrease and for Anguilla anguilla even though there is a directed fishery the catches are very low. For high value species there was no money to buy samples.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	Apart from the restriction in ageing Perca fluviatilis
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	precision reported for all parameters.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Better planning of NP proposal is needed in future. Increase of national funding will allow bigger samples of valuable commercial species with stock at low level. Observers (engaged in sampling in NAFO Area) need permanent training in maturity estimation of shrimp and fish, as well as for identification of rare by - catch species
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
F	Transversal variables		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	According to the MS: Data collection was exhaustive
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	

		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	According to the MS: Data collection was exhaustive for vessels greater than 10m. However, Table III.F.1 is missing some required parameters to be reported under effort for the Baltic and the North Atlantic..
		Are the deviations explained?	No	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Mostly	Need additional information on whether the missing parameters from Table III.F.1 have been collected.
		Are the deviations explained?	No	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	According to the MS: Data collection was exhaustive. However, 2 of the required landings parameters are not reported in Table III.F.1 and III.F.2 (only showing conversion factor for cod).
		Are the deviations explained?	No	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Partly	Need additional information on whether the missing parameters from Table III.F.1 have been collected.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture			
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	

	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Is reference year really 2008, as for aquaculture it is 2009 and it is not clear why this differs.
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Census instead of sampling
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	See B1
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	Indicator 9 is missing for the two regions in which MS is involved (as reported in the General description of the fishing sector). For north atlantic is reported only indicators 5 and 8. For the Baltic sea is missing also indicator 8
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	Nothing reported for all the missing indicators above mentioned. MS should specify how will be possible to determine these Indicators (requested by the EU Decision 949/2008) in the future.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	MS should firstly specified and then report the actions to avoid shortfalls
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections			
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
X. References			
	Is there a complete list of references?	No	
XI. Annexes			
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	No	

Member State:

Finland

Reference year

2010

revised
version of 16
June 2011
15-Oct-2008

Version of the AR reviewed
Version of the NP proposal

Answer SGRN COMMENTS

Overall compliance

Mostly

I General framework

Yes

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Mostly

The roles of the participating institutes are not given.

Yes

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Mostly

The list provided by the Commission has not been used. ICES WKEID is missing; no maturity or ageing workshops were attended

Yes

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Partly

No general recommendation is listed.

NA

NA

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III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Information on inactive vessels should be given in a separate segment, MS should use right supra region wording: Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic and North Atlantic

Mostly

Segments Pelagic trawlers : 18-24 m and Passive gears : < 10 m are mentioned but not clustered. So they should be deleted here. MS should use right supra region wording.

Yes

MS should use right supra region wording.

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes

NA

NA

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes

Yes

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA

NA

NA

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

Yes

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C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Wrong AR year inserted; 2009 sampling should be deleted.

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

NA

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should be in consistency with Table III.C.3.

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Wrong AR year inserted; 2009 sampling should be deleted.

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Wrong AR year inserted; 2009 sampling should be deleted.

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes

Pike, pike-perch and sprat were undersampled.

Are the deviations explained?

Yes

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Partly

Cvs were only met in 3 of 10 cases

Yes

NA

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

Yes

NA

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

Yes

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D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are obtained derogations mentioned?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	No survey in 2010, but in 2011 based on 2010 data. Estimates should be provided every year and not only biannually
Yes	Biannual strategy approved by SGRN/STECF for 2010.
NA	
NA	

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

NA	
NA	
NA	

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	One recommendation of RCM Baltic 2008
Yes	
Yes	

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

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E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	2009 sampling should be deleted (CVs for <i>Coregonus lavaretus</i> sampling in 2009 for the first time provided here, though)
Yes	Undersampling for herring in SD31 and salmon in SD32; minor undersampling for perch and salmon in SD22-31.
Yes	
Yes	

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	CVs were not met in 4 of 16 cases.
Yes	
Yes	

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	3 recommendations of RCM Baltic 2009 and 2008
Yes	
Yes	

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	
NA	

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	Several effort variables were missing (no. of trips etc.), landings variable 'Prices by commercial species' was missing
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	It is not clear from the text of AR if data are really collected or will be only in future. MS to clarify.
No	
No	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

NA	
NA	
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	It is not clear from the text of AR if data are really collected or will be only in future. MS to clarify.
No	
No	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

NA	
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	No relevant RCM recommendations
NA	
NA	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F3 Landings

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	It is not clear from the text of AR if data are really collected or will be only in future. MS to clarify.
No	
No	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

NA	
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	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	One recommendation of RCM Baltic 2009
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

G Research surveys at sea

G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Mostly	Baltic International Acoustic Survey (BIAS) in SD28(part),29,32: on a national level mostly, however on regional level survey is completed (covered by Latvia)
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	No	Missing Baltic International Acoustic Survey part covered by Latvia
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant RCM recommendations
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture	MS to specify species in table IV.A.1	
	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Please give response rate as bias indicator in case of Census.
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	But see comment on table IV.A.3.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Please give response rate as bias indicator in case of Census.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Census was made instead of sampling.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	See comment on table IV.B.2
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	No	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Effective time lag for availability' not provided for indicators 8 and 9: MS to provide it.
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	STECF working groups (e.g. those of SGMOS, SGECA) should be listed separately. WGEEL is missing
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No
X	X. References	Is there a complete list of references?	Yes
XI	XI. Annexes	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	Yes

Member State:	France	
	Reference year	2010
	Version of the AR reviewed	Text v8_avril 2010
	Version of the NP proposal	Text v8_avril2010 version 1 of 31 may 2011
	Overall compliance	Answer Mostly SGRN COMMENTS
I General framework		Yes
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes	Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described? Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	Yes Mostly
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings	Is Table II.B.1 complete? Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Yes Yes
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations	Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Partly NA
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector	Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes
B Economic variables	Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly Yes Mostly
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Mostly Yes Yes
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A. N.A. N.A.
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained?	Mostly NA Mostly Mostly Yes Yes

C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
		Were CV targets met?	Mostly	Only for two species (Sparus aurata and Sardina pilchardus) the CV showed high values. MS should explain why no CV has been calculated for the discarded fraction
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	
		Are the deviations justified?	No	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	The year of the RCM recommendation should be given.
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
C	Biological metier related variables	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

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C	Biological metier related variables	C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	For some metier the name reported at "level 6" does not correspond to the agreement reached at Regional level (e.g. "OT_SPF_32-54_0_0 (<18m) or OTB_DEF_>=100_0_0 seem not present in the regional agreement). Moreover, MS must delete the length vessel "< 18m" in the column of Metier LVL6. MS should adjust the table with the correct name of the metiers		
			Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.		
			Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	However, MS should explain why the CV for the discarded fraction has never been calculated. MS should check the scientific name of the species.		
			Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	The species group is missing. MS should generally used the naming convention adopted by the RCM.		
			Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes			
			Are the deviations explained?	Mostly			
			Are the deviations justified?	NA			
			C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met?	Partly	Only for two species, Dicentrarchus labrax and Mullus surmuletus (Table III.C.5), has been calculated the CV. No CVs for volume of discards
					Are the deviations explained?	Partly	In the AR France stated that " <i>does not wish to continue sea sampling at levels of intensity that do not permit satisfactory scientific use of the data collected. These points, which were cluded in the National Programme 2011-2013, were discussed at RCMs in 2010</i> ".
					Are the deviations justified?	No	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	The year of the RCM recommendation should be given.			
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes				
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA				
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes				
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA				

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C	Biological metier related variables	C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The metier naming is consistent within the NP and AR, but not in consistency with the RCM naming convention. For some metier the name reported at "level 6" (e.g. OT_CRU_70-79_0_0 or OT_MOL_80-99_0_0 etc.) does not correspond to the agreement reached at Regional level. Moreover, the vessel length "< 18m" must be deleted in the column of Metier LVL6. MS should adjust the table with the correct name of the metiers
			Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
			Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	MS should explain why the CV for the discarded fraction has never been calculated: some species (e.g. Aspitrigla cuculus, Melanogrammus aeglefinus etc etc) showed an high contribution in the discarded fraction. MS should check the scientific name of the species.

D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	For bluefin tuna, cod and seabass the methods used have guaranteed the "statistical quality".
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	The only deviation from the NP regards the missing sampling of eel in the inland waters
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	The recommendations are only cited but not reported. MS should report in this section all the relevant RCMs recommendations
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Mostly	The action performed by France, related to the sampling of eel in marine waters, is reported without the recommendations.
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

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E	Biological stock-related variables			
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	CV's have only been reported for one species.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	For some species and related variables the number of achieved specimens resulted lower than the planned ones.
		Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Only saithe is explained for age.
		Are the deviations justified?	Partly	No reference to the 0 sampling for hake and scallop in this region. MS to clarify
		Were CV targets met?	Partly	CV has been calculated only for <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> with high values achieved
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	MS should better explain this section
		Are the deviations justified?	Partly	Analysis of levels of precision has started for biological variables. This will help the teams in optimising the number of individuals to collect. MS is encouraged to report cv's for 2010 achieved sampling
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

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E	Biological stock-related variables			
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The column with the achieved CV has not been completely fulfilled
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	For many species and variables the number of achieved specimens resulted lower (i.e. <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> , <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> etc etc) than the planned ones.
		Are the deviations explained?	Partly	
		Are the deviations justified?	Partly	
		Were CV targets met?	Partly	CV has been calculated only for some variables and few species. Moreover the achieved CVs resulted higher than the planned ones.
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Analysis of levels of precision has started for biological variables. This will help the teams in optimising the number of individuals to collect. MS is encouraged to report cv's for 2010 achieved sampling
		Are the deviations justified?	Partly	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

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E	Biological stock-related variables			
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	However, MS should report if they have followed the agreement reached at regional level concerning the length sampling for large pelagic. In this case the regional intensity must be reported in the appropriate column.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			

	Were CV targets met?	Partly	The achieved CVs resulted higher than the requested ones. For some variables related to Merluccius merluccius and Octopus vulgaris the CV has not been calculated
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	The text states that the MS has not yet analysed it's biological data and yet cv's are reported in Table III.E.3 - this is confusing. MS should better explain this section
	Are the deviations justified?	Partly	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

OTHER REGIONS

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Very little to no sampling achieved for the biological parameters of Thunnus obesus.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	difficult to sample because of the small number of large individuals.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No Cv's reported.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	MS to clarify.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	These actions are reported in agreement with IOTC and ICCAT
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

Inland Waters - Eel and Salmon

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	No opportunity to report this data in Table III.E.3 in it's current format.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Data collected on Length/Weight and Date of capture for salmon. Also collect Length/Weight and Age for eels.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	For eels for the estimation of catches.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

F Transversal variables

F	Transversal variables		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Table III.F.1 is missing from the NP proposal. So we assume that the sampling for capacity is in line with what was planned
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
F2	Effort		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

		Yes	Table III.F.3 ,missing from the NP proposal so cannot match against what was planned. However the MS says they have a derogation: PN derogation - SACROIS and LOT2 Research Study ongoing
		No	
		No	Justified if the derogation and pilot study is acceptable
		Mostly	
		Yes	
		Yes	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	
F3	Landings		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	
G	Research surveys at sea		
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry		
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		Please specify species in IV.A.1
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality information given?	
		Are the deviations explained?	
		Are the deviations justified?	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	

	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Information at the end on some items are missing. Is the accuracy indicator response rate?
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Mostly	see IV.B.2
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	In the text they are explained, but not in the table IV.B.2.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
X	X. References		
	Is there a complete list of references?	No	
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	NA	

Member State:

Germany

Reference year

2010

Version of the AR reviewed

30th May
2011

Version of the NP proposal

15th Oct
2008

Overall compliance

Answer

Yes

SGRN COMMENTS

I General framework

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Yes

Yes

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Yes

Yes

Could not attend WKMSSEL & WGMIXFISH because of other commitments

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly

NA

NA

The list is not provided in the report.

SUPRA-REGION The Baltic, North Sea & Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic & Long distance fisheries
REGION The Baltic

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Yes

Data collection scheme for segment Demersal trawlers and/or demersal seiners: 24-40 m* should not be census if planned sample is lower than frame population number.

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Energy consumption should be included in the effort. For other regions, the energy costs are grouped under repair costs. If response rate is <70%, indicator of representativeness of the sample is required.

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes

Yes

Yes

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes

Yes

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA

NA

NA

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA

NA

III C

Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

NA

Mostly

Mostly

Yes

Yes

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

No CVs for volume of discards and wrong target of precision.

All species should be listed and not only the target species.

Sampling in excess of some planned targets and in some cases a redistribution of sampling effort from market to at sea sampling. Only 50% achievement of targets for GNS_FWS_0_0_0

Yes

Yes

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly

Yes

Yes

No cv's provided for "volume of discards" parameter

The R script for calculating cv's for volume of discards is currently being developed.

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly

Mostly

NA

The list is from 2010 and nnot for 2009.

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
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REGION North Sea and Eastern Arctic

III C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Mostly	No CVs for volume of discards.
Mostly	All species should be listed and not only the target species.
Yes	Reached target trips for 8 out of 12 metiers. Explanations provided for all under - sampling apart from SSC_DEF_>=120_0_0. Planned two trips and completed 0.
Mostly	Need explanation for non achievement of sampling targets for SSC_DEF_>=120_0_0.
Mostly	

Mostly	No cv's provided for "volume of discards" parameter
Yes	
Yes	The R script for calculating cv's for volume of discards is currently being developed.

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION North Atlantic

III C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Mostly	Merged metier not clear described.
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Mostly	No CVs for volume of discards.
Yes	
Yes	Reached target trips for 8 out of 12 metiers. Explanations provided for all under - sampling apart from SSC_DEF_>=120_0_0. Planned two trips and completed 0. No sampling for S. mantell and S.marinus and Reinhardtius hippoglossoides . Also low sampling for micromesistius poutassou and Reinhardtius hippoglossoides (NAFO SA1)
Yes	
Yes	

Mostly	No cv's provided for "volume of discards" parameter
Yes	
Yes	The R script for calculating cv's for volume of discards is currently being developed.

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION Long Distance Fisheries

III C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
NA	No sampling was planned.
NA	No sampling was carried out.
No	No trips were planned for CEECAF or the South Pacific on the German flag vessels. Subject to discussions at the LDF RCM - whos first meeting was in March 2010
NA	It is hoped that these vessels will be the subject of bi lateral agreements between Poland/Holland and Germany from 2012 onwards
NA	

NA	
NA	
NA	

C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION The Baltic				
III	D	Recreational fisheries		
	D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Mostly	Only preparatory work on salmon and eel was completed in 2010. The survey on salmon and eel will be carried out in early summer 2011.
		Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Planned 30 boat and/or trolling anglers would participate in a self sampling programme for Cod along the Baltic coast, however only 6 cooperated.
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	Mostly	Only data on cod.
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
	D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Completion of the pilot survey with results in 2012
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic				
III	D	Recreational fisheries		
	D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	No	Only preparatory work on cod was completed in 2010. The survey on cod will be carried out in early summer 2011.
		Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
	D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION Baltic, North Sea & Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic				
III	E	Biological stock-related variables		
	E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Undersampled 2 out of 5 planned stocks in the baltic and completed no sampling for S. marinus in the North Sea & Eastern Arctic. Very low sampling achieved for Pollachius virens. In the North Atlantic there was very low sampling achieved for Micromesistius poutassou for L@age for Reinhardtius hippoglossoides.
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were CV targets met?	Mostly	CV's provided for the majority of parameters. Although no cv is presented for w@length for Pollachius virens in I&II even though 11,251 measurements have been taken for this parameter.
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
	E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
III	F	Transversal variables		
	F1	Capacity		
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	

	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
		NA	

F2 Effort

F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	49% achievement rate from a questionnaire relating to no. of nets/lengths, no. of hooks, no. of pots for vessels <8m LOA, and also 49% achievement rate for soaking time for all vessels - also from a questionnaire.
		Yes	
		Yes	

F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
		Yes	
		Yes	

F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	MS says they had no shortfalls - however fishing days, no. of trips and soaking time had to be estimated as adequate results could not be achieved from the questionnaire.
		NA	None provided.

F3 Landings

F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	

F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	

F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
		Yes	
		Yes	

F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
		NA	

III G

Research surveys at sea

G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	BITS: due to bad weather and technical problems, target was not achieved. The Herring Larval Surveys in Sept was cut short by approx 50% due to technical difficulties with the ship. The herring larval Surveys in January: the target was changed by WGIPS
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	Explain technical problems for BITS
	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	

G2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	Partly	For the Herring larval Survey which achieved approx 50% of the planned days and sampling targets, the MS says that only the most important stations in Orkney and Shetland could be completed in September. It is not clear how this impacts the quality of the survey results.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	

G3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	

G4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A

Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Why some of the values of accuracy indicators are missing?

A1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

		Yes	No data collection in small segment with 1 respondent (including 4 plants)
		Yes	
		Yes	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	see table IV.A.3
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
IV B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	If the data collection scheme is census, use reponse rate for the accuracy indicator.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Collection of data from enterprises with no main activity in fish processing just started in 2010 and not in 2009.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Mostly	See table IV.B.2
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Enterprises with no main activity in fish processing are asked now.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
X	X. References		
	Is there a complete list of references?	Yes	
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	Yes	

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	CV target for length compositions of landings (12.5%) is achieved for 15 stocks on the 42 detailed in table III.C.5. CV is <20% for 6 other stocks. The CV target is never achieved for volumes of discards but MS effort to calculate and provide them for most of the stocks is to be outlined.
Yes	
Yes	

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly	Only recommendations of RCM-NA 2009 are listed. As Irish vessels are operating also in region NS&EA, recommendations of 2009 RCM-NS&EA should be also reported.
Yes	
Yes	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

REGION NORTH ATLANTIC

III D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are obtained derogations mentioned?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
No	No derogation mentioned for eel and sea bass.
Mostly	Justified by low importance of recreative fisheries targeting eel and sea bass and no monitoring systems actually in force for these species.
Mostly	

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	No deviation for salmon.
NA	

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	RCM-NA 2009 recommendation on how to prepare 2011-2013 NP on recreational fisheries listed. MS states also that the project on sea bass is including 2009 WKSMRF recommendations.
NA	Not rrelevant
NA	

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	Data collection on sea bass will be implemented in 2011.
NA	

Region header shall be in accordance to Appendix II of DCF Decision 2008/949. AR guidelines requested also to report by region separate. Ireland did not follow this recommenddation in its 2010 AR .So It is not possible to distinguish between North Atlantic and North Sea and Eastern Arctic in the text, as comments deal with the both regions.

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III E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Precision target is incorrectly reported at 2.5% for Crustaceans and Selacians instead of 12.5%.
Yes	
Yes	MS states inconsistencies between stocks spatial distribution and RCM fishing grounds. It states also that oversampling did not have consequences on the costs. Explanations for some specific stocks shortfalls are provided.
Yes	

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	Most of the CVs were provided by MS. CV target is met for around 25 combinations. General achievement for Nephrops at functional units level is to be outlined.
Yes	
Yes	

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly	Only recommendations of RCM-NA 2009 are listed. As Irish vessels are operating also in region NS&EA, recommendations of 2009 RCM-NS&EA should be also reported.
Yes	Response given for each recommendation listed.
Yes	

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	Some comments but not really towards an improvement of the quality of the biological parameters estimates.
Yes	MS intends to follow the recommendations from ICES workshops, but the effect is unknown at this point.

Supra region header as mentioned is not the right level for reporting on transversal variables. So it is not possible to distinguish in the report between North Atlantic and North Sea and Eastern Arctic regions, as comments deal with the both regions.

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III F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	All variables of Appendix VIII of DCF Decision 2008/949 are listed in the table for North Atlantic region, only some of them for NS&EA region. Columns on 2010 achievement are empty.
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	Data exhaustively collected (information given only in the text).
NA	Only LOA is reported in the text as a parameter from the national Fleet Register. What about tonnage, engine power, age of vessels?
NA	

Yes	Data exhaustively collected (information given only in the text)
NA	
NA	

NA	No deviation identified by MS.
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	MS provided information in the text on specific census carried out to estimate effort parameters for Crustaceans potters and Molluscs dredgers. Some explanations are also given how collected logbooks can be or not be used for calculating effort parameters at fleet segment or metiers levels.
Yes	MS describe the unpredictable shifting of vessels between the metiers.
Yes	

Yes	
NA	
NA	

NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
NA	
NA	

NA	No shortfall was identified by MS.
NA	

F3 Landings

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	Data sources are detailed (logbooks for vessels over 10m and port reports for vessels >10m). Data are considered by MMS as exhaustive (not reported in table III.F.1).
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NA	MS describe earlier in effort section the unpredictable shifting of vessels between the metiers, but they don't indicate the similar potential shift in landings.
NA	

Yes	Data exhaustively collected (information given only in the text)
NA	
NA	

NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
NA	
NA	

NA	No shortfall was identified by MS.
NA	

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III G Research surveys at sea

G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	According to Appendix IX of DCF Decision 2008/949, Ireland is in charge to participate in the 8 surveys abovementioned. Table III.G.1 is fully documented but some achievement rates are wrong (formula deleted). The only important consequence is the underestimated achievement in terms of TV tracks for Nephrops UMTV survey Aran (146% in place of 110%).
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	one of the surveys achieved targets by 90%
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	one of the surveys achieved targets by 90%
	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	Two relevant recommendations done by 2009 RCM-NA were listed by MS. Requests of ICES SGHERWAY and SGNEPH listed and implemented by Ireland during the concerned 2010 surveys.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

Please specify species in IV.A.1

	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Indicator for the variation should be specified (e.g. CV).
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Mostly	MS sampling targets were not fully achieved in 2010.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

IV B Collection of data concerning the processing industry

	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Type of data collection scheme should be A,B or C.
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Type of data collection scheme should be A,B or C. Indicator for the variation should be specified (e.g. CV).
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	MS has difficulties on collecting data on processing companies that do not have fish processing as their main activity.
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	It is assumed that availability of VMS data is also effective for vessels operating in NS&EA region? But not mentioned in the table. MS to clarify
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
No	
NA	
NA	

2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly	Only SGRN recommendations are listed. No SGECA ones and no formal STECF recommendations addressed to MS (according EWG-11-02 reference list).
Yes	
Yes	

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	More than a list. It is a glossary!
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

Yes	comments on the field "Fishing grounds" in tables III.C
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

Partly	Only 3 scientific references relevant with the AR text.
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	Maps of the surveys carried out by Ireland and copies of 2 bilateral agreements on metier related variables sampling.
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Member State:	Italy
Reference year	2010
Version of the AR reviewed	Text and tables 30 May 2011
Version of the NP proposal	Text and tables 27 Jan 2009
Overall compliance	Answer SGRN COMMENTS
	Mostly

I General framework

Partly	DCF regulations not mentioned.
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II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?

Mostly	1 NC + 10 partners. Administrative framework and role of the Scientific Committee well described. Some partners have geographical competence at GSA level but in general no details on their particular roles are given.
Yes	

Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Mostly	The table of 2010 eligible meetings prepared by EC is not used as basis for reporting, as recommended by SGRN -10-02. Only meetings with attendance are reported, whereas some WK and WG related to DCF could involve Italy (WGMEDIAS, GFCM transversal WK on fishing capacity, WK COST, WKEID...). Some ICCAT meetings are wrongly mentioned as eligible under the DCF. Attendance to RCM-Long distance fisheries omitted in the table (but specified p.14 of the report).
No	No justification in the AR text. No evaluation possible because no deviation could be identified with available table II.B.1.

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

Yes	2009 RCM-Med&BS recommendations are well listed. According to EWG-11-02 only follow up of 2009 RCMs recommendations were to include in 2010 AR.
Yes	
Yes	

Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

SUPRA-REGION: MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes	
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B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	Data collection scheme for other regions should be C.
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Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Yes	
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Are the deviations explained?

Yes	
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Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
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B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

NA	
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Are the deviations justified?

NA	
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B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Yes	
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Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes	
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
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B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

NA	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
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REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

		Mostly	Table is filled completely, and informative footnotes are also provided. But it is impossible to evaluate if all the metier planned to be sampled in 2010 are present, because Italy updated its NP 2010 in October 2009 and the new tables III.C.1 and IIIC.2 are not included in the AR 2010 technical tables file and the NP 2010 is not available on JRC website. Table is not sorted (by GSA / metiers /strategies, see for example metier OTB_DWS in GSA 10 described in 2 distant lines 8 and 12), giving difficulties to evaluate the exact levels of sampling achievement (especially with the NP code, implicitly 0 in grey columns). 1 line per metier with columns at sea and on shore respectively filled up with concurrent sampling as strategy would have been easier to read. Metier OTB_DWS under two codes at level 6.
	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Table fully completed but total number of individuals measured are wrong (guidelines formula not applied).
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Table correctly filled and complete (according to AR guidelines) and including relevant footnotes. But inconsistencies with table III.C.5 in terms of total numbers of fish sampled (for categories unsorted catches, landings and discards): at all 795671 fish measured in III.C.5 vs 744286 in III.C.6. Discards species provided appear to be only those listed in Appendix VII of DCF Decision 2010/93/EU (covering years 2011-13 and including Elasmobranchs).
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	III.C.1: 29 metiers with good achievement ranges, plus 7 metiers (108 fishing days) sampled although not planned in the NP. PS_LPF not sampled in 2010 (fishing ban), LLS DEF GSA 11 and GNS_DEF GSA 17 seriously undersampled (under 50%), 9 other metiers undersampled between 50 and 90 % of the planned numbers of trips. Light general undersampling for GSA 11 (Sardinia). III.C.5: many stocks (species by GSA) appear oversampled or undersampled.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Only the no sampling of PS_LPF is explained (fishing ban). No comments on over or undersampled metiers and on the reasons for 200 sampled trips more than the total planned in the 2010 NP (of which 108 are related to 7 added metiers specified in a footnote in table III.C.3 but not in the AR text. No explanations on the poor consistency between targets planned for the different stocks and the effective numbers of fish measured. As a consequence many stocks are highly oversampled. No reasons given also for stocks undersampled (L, Lophius in general, Merluccius and Mullus in some GSAs). MS did not mention if the general oversampling had consequences on the costs.
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Detailed explanation covering all deviations is missing.
	Are the deviations justified?		
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Partly	Planned CVs are obtained for some stocks only, and often with an heavy oversampling compared to the planned NP targets. Targets in numbers of fish planned by GSA in the NP appear inconsistent to achieve DCF required precision levels for length structures at GFCM stock scale. Required precision on discards volume estimation (CV <20%) is obtained only for Parapenaeus GSA 19 but precision levels between 20-30% were reached for 9 other stocks (on the 166 identified in the NP).
	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Information is provided only for LPF (RCM regional agreement and CVs calculated for the 5 concerned species by PGMed). No explanation is given on why CVs were not provided for some stocks and on the values got for the others.
	Are the deviations justified?	Partly	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No action is proposed for a better achievement of DCF required precision levels.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION OTHER REGIONS (CECAF)			
C	Biological metier related variables		
C1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
 Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
 Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
 Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA

D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
 Are obtained derogations mentioned?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

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E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

NA	No information provided for that region
NA	No information provided for that region
NA	No information provided for that region
NA	No information provided for that region
NA	Italy stated in its 2010 AR (p14) that the sampling programme is coordinated by RCM-LDF and that Spain is clearly in charge of landings and discards sampling programmes. No formal agreement was made.
No	See Section C3
NA	

NA	No action by MS
NA	
NA	

Partly	Recommendation of RCM-LDF is reported "lightly" by MS. The complete RCM-LDF recommendation (p16 of its 2010 report) states "All MS involved in fishery to draft one agreement to share tasks. Responsible persons for follow-up actions : National Correspondents from all MS involved in fishery. The Netherlands will take initiative." It is not so clear that Spain was in 2010 the only MS entrusted by RCM-LDF to carry out sampling programmes in the CECAF region for bottom trawl metiers, even though this country is already implementing such programmes.
No	No information is given on the actual state of the multilateral agreement.
NA	

NA	
NA	

Yes	
NA	No derogation
NA	No deviation.
NA	

Yes	
NA	No discrepancies identified by MS
NA	

NA	The recommendation made by RCM-Med&BS 2010 provided by MS did not concern the 2010 NP implementation.
NA	
NA	

NA	No comments as no shortfall was identified by MS.
NA	

Yes	A total of 670 combinations of species and variables are provided by MS in this table. As tables III.E.1 and III.E.2 (may be updated for 2010 by MS in October 2009) are not included in the AR technical tables file, it is really impossible to check if all the planned works are achieved or not in terms of parameters and stocks to be updated. Table III.E.3 is fully documented, with also informative footnotes. Some mistakes (7) in the year reference (2009) and some empty cells, without consequences. Numbers of species and stocks present in the table are consistent with table III.C.5 and parameters provided are those expected in the guidelines. CVs are provided for most of the parameters studied. MS effort to sample completely Elasmobranchs is to be outlined (78 combinations documented concerning 19 species).
Yes	The sampling strategy provided in the text is not clear about how the fish are collected. MS to clarify
No	No explanation is given about oversampling or the less frequent undersampling cases (Lophius piscatorius, Micromesistius poutassou, Scomber japonicus, Scomber scombrus and Solea vulgaris).
NA	

E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were CV targets met?	Partly CV target is met for 109 combinations of the 670 provided in table III.E.3. 87 combinations (including important stocks) did not provide CV estimation, although planned targets were specified in 2010 NP and often significant numbers of fish have been sampled.
		Are the deviations explained?	No No explanations given by MS on missing CVs, reasons for not achieving precision levels, and no comments on possible consequences of the oversampling on the costs.
		Are the deviations justified?	No
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes Information is provided on the RCM agreement on large pelagics and CVs estimation done for the concerned species at regional level by PGMed.
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes Ms applied in 2010 the RCM and PGMed recommendations.
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No No comments provided by MS.
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA
INLAND WATERS - EEL - Specific section III.E.5			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes For the first time, Italy implemented collection of biological data on eel in inland waters. 800 eels sampled following a national representative sampling plan.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes Some specific problems were met in the execution of data collection for eel and in some regions and are outlined in the section III.E.5.
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were CV targets met?	No No CV provided, as collected data seem not yet processed (variables are not documented in table III.E.3).
		Are the deviations explained?	No No deviations are explained
		Are the deviations justified?	NA
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA No relevant recommendation in 2009 RCM-Med&BS report
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes MS had well identified the difficulties met during the eel study. It is supposed that actions will be implemented in NP.
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes
REGION OTHER REGIONS (CECAF)			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes No information provided for CECAF region, as no sampling activity carried out. MS states in its report that Spain was in charge to implement a sampling programme according to 2010 RCM-LDF recommendation.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes Italy requested a derogation for sampling in the CECAF region in 2009, but had intended to attend the RCM and implement sampling according to the RCM recommendations for 2010.
		Are the deviations explained?	No MS to clarify if a sampling methodology was agreed at the RCM for implementation in 2010.
		Are the deviations justified?	No
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were CV targets met?	No No action by MS.
		Are the deviations explained?	No
		Are the deviations justified?	NA
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA
REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA			
F	Transversal variables		
		Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes Table III.F.1 fully documented for all variables of Appendix VIII of DCF Decision 2008/949.
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No Data exhaustively collected.

		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	NA	Data exhaustively collected.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	MS provided information on data sources and on the survey carried out on a panel of 1577 vessels, and on methods used to raise collected data to fleet segments and metiers.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Mostly	Cvs are provided for some effort parameters. For others of secondary importance, data processing is under way.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	No deviation identified by MS.
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	No relevant RCM-Med&BS recommendation in 2009. Wish of Italy to have clarification on the 2010 RCM recommendation on the obligation to collect effort data of second importance for metiers not selected by the ranking system.
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	MS provided information on data sources and on the survey carried out on a panel of 1577 vessels, and on methods used to collect landings and prices data and raise collected data to fleet segments and metiers. A specific system is implemented to collect B
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	Cvs are available for the 3 parameters estimated from surveys data.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant RCM-Med&BS recommendation addressed to MS in 2009.
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND BLACK SEA

G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	NA	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No	Not filled in
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	No	MS is still in the phase of validation of data.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Mostly	Can MS ensure to give quality information on data issues in the next AR? MS to clarify.
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Partly	Value of the accuracy indicator does not seem valid/correct. MS should give the value of variability indicator.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	Why data on unpaid labour has not been collected? Restriction to capital enterprises may lead to biased results.
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	No	CV should be provided.
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A.	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No complete information on availability of VMS data (indicators 5, 6 and 7). MS should input the first two Column "MS" and "Region"
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Mostly	MS should complete the information on availability of the VMS data and if data are not collected actions to avoid shortfalls should be provided.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
2	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
2	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	No	MS only listed 2010 recommendation which are not relevant. MS should list relevant recommendations up to 2009
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Mostly	Short list with some current acronyms missing (RCM, SGRN, SGECA, ...)
X	X. References		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Is there a complete list of references?	Partly	Seems to be an old list: no references after 2008, no references on the DCF framework.

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

NA	No annexes provided
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Member State: **Latvia**

Reference year	2010
Version of the AR reviewed	31st May 2011
Version of the NP proposal	15th Oct 2008

Answer	SGRN COMMENTS
Yes	

I General framework

Yes	
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II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Yes	
Yes	

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

NA	
Mostly	In 2010 Latvia was able to attend more planned meetings compared to the previous years although there were still some financial constraints

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic; Other region (Central East Atlantic)

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes	
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B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	No inactive vessels? MS may change tables according to situation actual during the sampling year (see Guidelines).
Yes	

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	If achieved sample rate is not 100, the data collection scheme can not be census. According to "Financial position", an achieved sample of 0% can not result in a 100% response rate! Value of physical capital: depreciated historical value: a 100% response rate in case of a census with 19% achieved sample rate makes no sense. MS shall clarify
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B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Yes	
Yes	

Are the deviations justified?

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Partly	This paragraph does not mention the data quality issues.
No	

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

REGION The Baltic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	"Total No. of trips during the sampling year" are not provided.
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Mostly	Wrong target precision. Only one CV on volume of discards.
Yes	

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes	The metier (GNS_DEF_>=157_0_0) which was not displayed in NP has been sampled because it is a metier that is targeting turbot and although both effort and landings are low, it has local importance. 2 of the planned 7 metiers were undersampled - below the 90% threshold. FPN_SPF_28_0_0 (86%) and OTB_DEF_105_1_1_0 (66%). 2 of the 10 planned stocks were also undersampled. These were: Salmo trutta IIIb-d 47% and Anguilla anguilla IIIb-d 77%.
Yes	Shortened fishing seasons due to very cold winter and extended ice coverage, and the decrease in a directed OTB flounder fishery
Yes	

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Mostly	cv provided for "volume of discards" parameter for Gadus morhua IIIb-d only. CV's are reported for retained catches and/or landings and discards.
Yes	
Yes	

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NO	No recommendation for 2009 RCM is included.
NO	
NO	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	For 2011 the sampling scheme will be adapted to take into account the decrease of the number of fishing vessels or fishing activity and to ensure that the planned number of length/age measurements is achieved.
Yes	

REGION North Atlantic (ICES areas V-XIV and NAFO areas)

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Mostly	"Total No. of trips during the sampling year" are not provided.
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	2 metiers were planned to be sampled. OTB_CRU_40_0_0 . only 4 of a planned 10 trips were completed for this metier. However 2 additional trips were completed for OTM_DWS_110_0_0.
Yes	1 vessel operating in the OTB_CRU metier, and this vessel completed less trips in 2010 than was anticipated.
Yes	

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Mostly	Recommendations are addressed by the RCM NS&EA.
NA	
NA	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

REGION CECAF

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	"Total No. of trips during the sampling year" are not provided.
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Yes	
Yes	

- Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
- Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal**
Were CV targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations**
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?
- C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls**
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	Latvia started to collect data from this area in 2010 for the first time. There is one metier containing 8 vessels in CECAF area which is targeting small pelagic fishes with pelagic trawl. Because it is a long distance fishery it would be very expensive to send observer, therefore the length measurements were performed by crew members who were instructed before the fishing season. Length data about five species were collected during all year from two vessels.
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	For the 5 species sampled
NA	
NA	

NA	The first RCM on long distance fisheries took place in March 2010 and its recommendations were not applicable for NP in 2010.
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	

REGION The Baltic

- D Recreational fisheries**
- D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal**
Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are obtained derogations mentioned?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal**
Were data quality targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations**
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?
- D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls**
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
No	Derogation mentioned for cod due to low catches. Discussed at PGRFS who considered the derogation reasonable. So sample for eel and salmon in the Baltic.
NA	
NA	

Yes	
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	

REGION The Baltic

- E Biological stock-related variables**
- E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal**
Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal**
Were CV targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?
- E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations**
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?
- E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls**
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	Most biological sampling targets are achieved apart from the following: L@Age/W@Age/Sex Ratio@Age for Anguilla anguilla, Platichthys flesus, Salmo trutta and Sprattus sprattus. Also W@Age/Sea Ratio@Length/Mat@Age for Salmo salar.
Yes	Due to adverse weather conditions which reduced opportunities for on - board sampling, reduced catches and landings and for the reduced interest by the fleet in a directed founder fishery.
Yes	

Mostly	CV's provided for the majority of parameters. Although no cv is presented for w@length for Pollachius virens in I&II even though 11,251 measurements have been taken for this parameter.
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	For 2011 the sampling scheme will be adapted to take into account the decrease of the number of fishing vessels or fishing activity and to ensure that the planned number of biological variables is achieved.
Yes	

REGION North Atlantic (ICES areas V-XIV and NAFO areas) and CECAF

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
Yes	No planned targets for the CECAF region as this was a new sampling regime in 2010.
Yes	All targets reached with the addition of the 5 species sampled from the CECAF region. However lengths but no ages were collected for redfish due to a lack of age reading expertise. Ageing material can still be collected even if the MS does not currently have the expertise to read the otoliths for Sebastes. This could be subject to an agreement where another MS with the expertise could read the otoliths on behalf of Latvia.
Yes	

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	CV's provided for Pandalus in NAFO and for length for Sebastes in V-XIV.
Yes	The precision level estimation for sebastes in relation to age was not carried out. Due to not conducted age sampling of redfish the estimation of precision levels was not possible.
Yes	MS report that age samples (otoliths) were not taken due to lack of skills of observer.

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	Latvia has collected necessary information on collection of redfish otoliths and has started this work in 2011.
Yes	

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F3 Landings

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

G Research surveys at sea

G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes	5 Surveys planned for 2010. And all completed successfully apart from a shortfall of 5 hauls out of 25 planned for the BITS Q4 survey.
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Are the deviations explained?

Yes	The performed number of hauls for the BITS Q4 survey was lower than the planned due to very harsh weather conditions and because some hauls were not made in the positions where the oxygen concentration at the bottom was lower than 1ml/l.
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Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
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Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?

Yes	
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G2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?

No	
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Are the deviations explained?

NA	
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Are the deviations justified?

NA	
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G3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

NA	
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Are the responsive actions described ?

NA	
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
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G4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

NA	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
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IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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A1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

No	
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Are the deviations explained?

N.A.	
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Are the deviations justified?

N.A.	
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A2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality information given?

N.A.	
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Are the deviations explained?

N.A.	
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Are the deviations justified?

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A3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

N.A.	
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Are the responsive actions described ?

N.A.	
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

N.A.	
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A4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

N.A.	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

N.A.	
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B Collection of data concerning the processing industry

Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

No	
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Are the deviations explained?

N.A.	
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Are the deviations justified?

N.A.	
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B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality information given?

Yes	
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Are the deviations explained?

N.A.	
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Are the deviations justified?

N.A.	
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B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

N.A.	
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Are the responsive actions described ?

N.A.	
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

N.A.	
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B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

N.A.	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

N.A.	
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V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

NA	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
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VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
No	
NA	
NA	

2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

No	All old recommendations. The 2009 recommendations are missing and should be provided
Yes	
Yes	

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

No	
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

NA	
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	Survey maps 2010
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Member State:	LITHUANIA	
Reference year		2010
Version of the AR reviewed		
Version of the NP proposal		
	Overall compliance	Answer SGRN COMMENTS
		Mostly
I General framework		Yes
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes	Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described? Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	Yes Partly
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings	Is Table II.B.1 complete? Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Mostly No
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations	Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	No NA NA
SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic; other regions		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector	Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	No
B Economic variables	Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly Mostly Mostly
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes N.A. N.A.
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	N.A. N.A.
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes Yes
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A. N.A.
REGION BALTIC SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes NA Mostly Yes Yes Yes
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Mostly Yes NA
C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes NA
C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No NA

REGION NORTH SEA&EASTERN ARCTIC

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Partly	CVs for landings are missing.
Mostly	All species should be listed.
Yes	Only 1 out of 5 metiers sampled (2 metiers of these were not active in 2010); <i>Pandalus</i> in ICES I-II and NAFO, and <i>Sebastes mentella</i> landings not sampled (as no trips were achieved)
Yes	
NA	

No	No CVs provided
No	
NA	

Mostly	The year of the RCM is missing. Recommend to use the list provided by the relevant RCMs.
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION OTHER REGIONS

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Mostly	No CV's
Yes	
Yes	CECAF: 3 trips sampled (only 1 planned); SPRFMO: no trips sampled
Yes	
NA	

No	No CVs provided
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	
NA	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION BALTIC SEA

D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are obtained derogations mentioned?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Partly	Only cod (and negligible salmon) catches recorded
No	
NA	

NA	
NA	

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

NA	
NA	

REGION BALTIC SEA

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Yes	<i>Harengus membras</i> should be <i>Clupea harengus</i>
Yes	Moderate undersampling of sprat and eastern Baltic herring
No	No reasons for undersampling given, financial implications of oversampling cod and flounder not given
NA	

	Were CV targets met?	Yes	CVs are reported for all parameters. However, CV targets were not met.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	AR text wrongly states that CVs were achieved.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	MS states, that there are no stock related recommendations.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION NORTH SEA&EASTERN ARCTIC			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No CVs provided
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	<i>Pandalus borealis</i> and <i>Sebastes mentella</i> not sampled; Other species sampled in the NAFO area (not planned)
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs provided
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	One RCM-NA recommendation is given.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	MS seeks co-operation with other MS
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION OTHER AREAS			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No	No sampling were planned for CECAF and ICCAT in 2010 but in the text of the AR is information about some collected samples which are not listed in the table.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	No sampling were planned for CECAF and ICCAT in 2010 but some sampling were done
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	NA	Not reported in the table.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	MS states, that there are no stock related recommendations.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	MS seeks co-operation with other MS
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
F	Transversal variables		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	YES	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	YES	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	Two recommendations, from RCM Baltic 2010 and RCM NS&EA 2009
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	

	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	AR text in section III.F.2.4 should go to section III.F.2.3
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?			
	F3	Landings			
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Were data quality targets met?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		NA	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?			
	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?			
	G	Research surveys at sea			
	G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		No	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?		Yes	
	G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		No	
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		NA	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?			
	G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?			
	IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
	A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		N.A.	No data collection
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		N.A.	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?			
	A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		NA	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		NA	
		Were data quality targets met?		NA	
		Are the deviations explained?		NA	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		NA	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?			
	A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?		NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?			
	B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		Mostly	A sample scheme can not be named census! Or the sample rates must be 100%
		Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?		Mostly	More information on data quality is needed if response rate is lower 70%. In AR text (Data aggregation) MS states that data on employment and production will be collected in the future, so why is it mentioned already in IV.B.2?
		Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?			
	B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	MS is asked to clarify if reference is really 2008, because in NP a lag of only one year is mentioned.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?		No	
		Are the deviations explained?		No	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		Yes	
		Were data quality information given?		No	See B1, informations are given for a not applied data collection scheme
		Are the deviations explained?		No	
		Are the deviations justified?			
	B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		N.A.	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?		NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?			

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

N.A.	
NA	

V **Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem**

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VI **Module for management and use of the data**

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	Not all data calls are listed: STECF-SGMOS (effort regime, Baltic Sea) missing, WGEEL is missing. MS needs to complete the Table with the missing information
Partly	MS need to check the data transmission to CECAF and SPRFMO.
Partly	
Partly	MS claims that end-user of LDF data is not known. MS needs to take action to know who is end user (ex: EC)

2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	
NA	

VII **Follow-up of STECF recommendations**

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

VIII **List of acronyms and abbreviations**

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX **IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections**

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

No	
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X **X. References**

Is there a complete list of references?

Yes	one reference
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XI **XI. Annexes**

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	Survey maps
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Member State:	Malta	
Reference year		2010
Version of the AR reviewed		version 1 of 31 may 2011
Version of the NP proposal		
Overall compliance		Answer SGRN COMMENTS
		Yes
I General framework		Yes
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes	Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described? Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	Yes NA
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings	Is Table II.B.1 complete? Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Yes Mostly
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations	Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes Yes
SUPRA-REGION Mediterranean and Black Sea		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector	Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes
B Economic variables	Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes Yes Yes
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes Yes
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes NA Mostly Mostly Yes Yes NA
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No Yes Yes
C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes Yes
C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls		

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA

D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Are obtained derogations mentioned?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	MS reported that the Recreational Fishery is conducted only for BFT. No Recreational Fishery for the species <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> , for which is mandatory collect data in the Mediterranean under the module "D", is conducted in the country. It is not explained if a derogation has been requested
No	MS should present the accepted derogation. This is not mentioned in the text
Yes	
NA	

No	Only two specimens of BFT have been caught
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	

Yes	
Yes	

REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Mostly	MS should clearly report the CV% obtained (the values) under column O: "Achieved precision target (CV)"
Yes	Undersampling for <i>Raja miraletus</i> , <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> , <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> and swordfish.
Yes	MS says they are still waiting to receive ICCAT observer data.
Yes	

Mostly	As mentioned above is not clear if the target precision has been reached for all the species. MS should adjust the table following the Guidelines
Yes	difficult to achieve precision target even with over-sampling.
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Yes	
Yes	

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Yes	
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No	
NA	
NA	

Yes	
NA	
NA	

NA	
NA	

No	
NA	
NA	

Yes	
NA	
NA	

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Where effort data was not available, a questionnaire was given to the vessel to provide the relevant information.
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
F3	Landings			
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No NA NA	
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality targets met? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes NA NA	
	F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes Yes NA	
	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
	G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified? Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes No NA NA Yes	
	G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No NA NA	
	G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA NA NA	
	G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA NA	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
	A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes	
	A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes N.A. N.A.	
	A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A. N.A. N.A.	
	A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes	
	B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
		Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes	
	B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes N.A. N.A.	
	B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A. N.A. N.A.	
	B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem			
	1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

		Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data			
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations			
		Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Mostly	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations			
		Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections			
		Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
X	X. References			
		Is there a complete list of references?	Yes	
XI	XI. Annexes			
		Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	Yes	

C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the deviations justified?	No	
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	MS mentions problem of time lag between reference years (2007-8) for metier ranking and NP 2011-13
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
			Yes	MS especially addresses problem of various gears used in the métier TBB_DEF_70_99_0_0
			Yes	

REGION North Atlantic

C Biological metier related variables

C1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted		
		Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.		
		Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No	grey cells not filled; MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text		
		Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted. All species sampled is not listed.		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	OTM_SPF_16-31_0_0: 9 of 12 observer trips were sampled, but more self-samples collected than planned		
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes	limited access to pelagic freezer trawlers; derogations for several metiers listed in Table III.C.2		
			Yes			
		C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs given
				Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes	MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text
					No	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	RCM NA 2008 recommendation of sampling small pelagics fisheries. Recommendations for 2009 are missing.		
		Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	MS reflects on sampling of Dutch-owned freezer trawlers flying different nations' flags		
			NA			
			Yes	MS addresses problem of sampling pelagic freezer trawlers		
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes			
			Yes			

REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

D Recreational fisheries

D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	MS provides preliminary catch estimates for eel, cod, sea bass and pikeperch		
		Are obtained derogations mentioned? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes	In the original NP proposal 2009-10, a derogation for sampling recreational fisheries for cod was requested, but not approved. Consequently, MS had set up a sampling programme for 2010.		
			Yes			
			Yes			
		D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	NA	only preliminary results available yet
				Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	NA	
					NA	
		D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
					Yes	
					NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA			
			NA			

REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

E Biological stock-related variables

E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; No CVs listed; Not clear what yellow cells and numbers in column A mean.		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	No CV's reported for biological parameters in 2010. No sampling at all for areas I, II and V for herring in Table III.E.3 however the text contradicts this saying that sampling was over shot at 125%. MS to clarify the achieved sampling. Undersampling for a small number of parameters.		
		Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes			
			Yes			
		E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			

	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs listed in Table III.E.3 Even though the text refers to cv's not reaching the target levels - does this text refer to work carried out in 2009?
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	MS refers to problems with calculating CVs and testing of COST tools to calculate cv's but the text refers to 2009 and not 2010 - MS to clarify what was actually achieved in 2010.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	MS is encouraged to attempt to calculate cv's and report them in future AR's
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation listed (RCM NS&EA 2009 report does not contain relevant recommendations)
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION North Atlantic			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; No CVs listed; Not clear what yellow cells and numbers in column A mean
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Herring sampling achieved to 89%
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs listed in Table III.E.3 for 2010.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	MS refers to CVs calculated for some parameters, but no CVs are listed in Table III.E.3
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation listed (RCM NA 2009 report does not contain relevant recommendations)
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION Other Regions (CECAF, NAFO, ICCAT, IOTC)			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	No sampling carried out by the MS. The Netherlands states in its NP proposal that through the RCM the Netherlands will enter into a bilateral with Spain to sample these catches. MS to clarify if this bilateral is now in place?
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F	Transversal variables		
	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	NP years are written as 2011 - 2013.
F1	Capacity		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	No quality targets set, bias indicator not specified (cells filled with zeros)
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort		
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

		<p>Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>No</td><td>Variables 'number of trips' and 'number of fishing operations' missing in Table III.F.1 But the MS has a derogation not to collect these.</td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> </table>	No	Variables 'number of trips' and 'number of fishing operations' missing in Table III.F.1 But the MS has a derogation not to collect these.	NA		NA					
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G	Research surveys at sea												
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	<p>Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified? Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>Less than 90% achievement in the Beam Trawl Survey, Herring Acoustic Survey, Blue Whiting Survey and Mackerel/Horse Mackerel Egg Survey pre-screening = partly, question to be answered by yes/no</td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>RV ISIS: poor weather conditions and technical problems vessel ISIS. Herring Acoustic Survey: achievement of the number of hauls is dependant on the occurrence of the herring at the moment of the survey and therefore numbers of planned hauls are indicative. Blue whiting: bad weather; Mackerel Egg Survey: number of planned hauls in tabel is an error.</td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes		Yes	Less than 90% achievement in the Beam Trawl Survey, Herring Acoustic Survey, Blue Whiting Survey and Mackerel/Horse Mackerel Egg Survey pre-screening = partly, question to be answered by yes/no	Yes	RV ISIS: poor weather conditions and technical problems vessel ISIS. Herring Acoustic Survey: achievement of the number of hauls is dependant on the occurrence of the herring at the moment of the survey and therefore numbers of planned hauls are indicative. Blue whiting: bad weather; Mackerel Egg Survey: number of planned hauls in tabel is an error.	Yes		Yes	
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G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	<p>Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Partly</td><td>Geographical coverage gaps in the blue whiting survey may affect the quality</td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Partly	Geographical coverage gaps in the blue whiting survey may affect the quality	NA		NA					
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G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	<p>Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> </table>	NA		NA		NA					
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G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	<p>Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>Section III.G.4 ends with 'Further actions are necessary', without specifying which shortfalls MS refers to.</td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	Section III.G.4 ends with 'Further actions are necessary', without specifying which shortfalls MS refers to.	Yes							
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IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry												
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture												
		<p>Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes									
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		<p>Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes									
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A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	<p>Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>Sampling strategy has changed: NSS instead of Census and probability sampling</td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	Sampling strategy has changed: NSS instead of Census and probability sampling	Yes		Yes					
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A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	<p>Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>N.A.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>N.A.</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes		N.A.		N.A.					
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N.A.													
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations												

	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	N.A.	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A.	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Table refers to 2007 and 2008, IV.B.1 only to 2008. To be clarified.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	N.A.	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A.	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Region 'North Atlantic' missing. MS should fulfill the table with all the information also of the North Atlantic part
	2 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	MS should better specify the actions done to avoid shortfalls for the NS&EA. If data for North Atlantic are not collected also in this case actions to avoid shortfalls should be provided.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	MS should firstly specified and then eventually report the actions to avoid shortfalls
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	2 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	Described shortfalls are no shortfalls and should be mentioned as comments in Module IX
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	Yes	All relevant STECF recommendations listed
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	Yes	Comments on financial forms and on problems with Tables III.C.5 and III.C.6
X	X. References		
	Is there a complete list of references?	Yes	
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	NA	

Member State:	Poland	
Reference year	2010	
Version of the AR reviewed	31/05/2011	
Version of the NP proposal	15/10/2008	
Overall compliance	Mostly	SGRN COMMENTS
I General framework	Yes	
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes		
Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?	Mostly	The role of the partners should be clearly described.
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	No	No national co-ordination meeting(s) mentioned in AR text; meeting with DG MARE outlined in Annex II
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings		
Is Table II.B.1 complete?	Mostly	No national co-ordination meeting listed; spelling error in WGBIFS
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	NA	No MS participation in ICES WKMERGE; MS participated in ICES SGBYC (eligible, not listed in Table II.B.1)
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations		
Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?	Mostly	Not clear which RCM years MS refers to
Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector		
Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes	
B Economic variables		
Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Deep sea trawler is not a term from the regulation, please only use segment names from appendix III of the regulation 93/2010. Inactive vessel should be reported by length class. Data collection for inactive vessels is unclear.
Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Please use wording of supra region according Comm. Reg. (more detailed information is welcome, but please put it in brackets behind the right wording). Are data for the inactive vessels not collected? Please clarify.
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
Are the deviations justified?	No	All data collection schemes were Census. None reached 70% response rate. Simply stating all was randomly is not sufficient, as this has to be shown according the guidelines or different methods for the case of non-probability sampling have to be applied.
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	MS is asked to adapt data collection scheme to realistic response rates or give information how to increase response rates. Data collection for inactive vessels is unclear.
REGION Baltic Sea		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	There is a reference to a Note in column 'Average total no. of trips in the reference years' means. No note is given.
Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	minor copy error in line 8, column 'Fishing ground' (should be 'SD22-24'); not clear what 'na/NA' means in cases where length samples exist
Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	In 6 of 20 metiers, the achieved number of trips is markedly lower than planned
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	
NA	

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; Gear 'TBS' is not consistent with Decision 2008/949/EC and the reference list, but explained in the AR text to be beam trawling on brown shrimp.
Yes	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; Gear 'TBS': see above
No	grey cells not filled; MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text
No	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; not clear which numbers are the final ones (yellow cells?)
No	TBS_CRU_16-31_0_0: 7 of 8 planned observer trips have been sampled; TBB_DEF_100_119_0_0: only 12 of 20 planned trips have been sampled at the market (MS fishing activity in metier has declined); High overall fraction of self-sampling
Yes	
Yes	

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

NA	No CVs given
Yes	MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text
Yes	

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	MS mentions problem of time lag between reference years (2007-8) for metier ranking and NP 2011-13
Yes	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	MS especially addresses problem of various gears used in the metier TBB_DEF_70_99_0_0
Yes	

REGION North Atlantic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted
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No	grey cells not filled; MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text
No	Lines for sampling in 2009 are included and may be deleted; not clear which numbers are the final ones (yellow cells?)
Mostly	OTM_SPF_16-31_0_0: 9 of 12 observer trips were sampled, but more self-samples collected than planned
Yes	limited access to pelagic freezer trawlers; derogations for several metiers listed in Table III.C.2
Yes	

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

NA	No CVs given
Yes	MS refers to comments in section IX of the AR text
Yes	

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	RCM NA 2008 recommendation of sampling small pelagics fisheries
Yes	MS reflects on sampling of Dutch-owned freezer trawlers flying different nations' flags
Yes	

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	MS addresses problem of sampling pelagic freezer trawlers
Yes	

REGION Baltic

D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
 Are obtained derogations mentioned?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	Sampling programme for recreational fisheries for cod and inland fisheries for eel implemented. No information on salmon is provided.
No	
Yes	
No	

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Were data quality targets met?	NA	No quality targets set; Section III.D.2 of the AR text provides details on the sampling methodology
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	WKSMMRF 2009 recommendation
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION Baltic

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Undersampling of plaice, turbot and Western Baltic herring
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	No explanation for undersampling of herring in SD 22-24
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	Required precision (CV) is 2.5%, i.e. 0.025, which was not reached with the exception of 4 cases
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	MS reports that most CVs are within required targets, which however is not correct.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	No information available.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No CVs for cod in areas I-II provided
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Undersampling of cod in areas I-II
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	No CVs calculated for cod. For saithe CV target was only met for sex ratio@age in area IV
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	Not listed
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	Not listed
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION North Atlantic

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	Vessel to be sampled moved to 'Other regions'
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION Other regions

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Sampling in 'Other regions' due to shift of vessel from region 'North Atlantic' to CECAF and SPRFMO areas
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	

E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	No CVs for <i>Scomber japonicus</i> (SPRFMO) provided			
		Are the deviations explained?	No	No explanations.			
		Are the deviations justified?	NA				
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	Not listed.			
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA				
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA				
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA				
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA				
F	Transversal variables	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Other regions missing			
F1	Capacity	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No			
			Are the deviations explained?	NA			
			Are the deviations justified?	NA			
		F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes		
				Are the deviations explained?	NA		
				Are the deviations justified?	NA		
		F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA		
				Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA		
		F2	Effort	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Assumptions about fishing time for vessels <8m
					Are the deviations explained?	NA	
					Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			Were data quality targets met?	Yes		
				Are the deviations explained?	NA		
				Are the deviations justified?	NA		
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	Listed recommendations refer to RCM Baltic (and not to 'Other regions')	
				Are the responsive actions described ?	Mostly	Responsive action on last recommendation missing	
				Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes		
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls			Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes		
				Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes		
F3	Landings	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No			
			Are the deviations explained?	NA			
			Are the deviations justified?	NA			
		F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes		
				Are the deviations explained?	NA		
				Are the deviations justified?	NA		
		F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA		
				Are the responsive actions described ?	NA		
				Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA		
		F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA		
				Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA		
G	Research surveys at sea						
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes				
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Baltic International Acoustic Survey (BIAS): 16 instead of 18 planned days at sea. MS should split the target for the acoustic surveys in "acoustic target" (nautical miles) and "biological target" (hauls)			
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes				
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes				
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes				
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	No				
		Are the deviations explained?	NA				
		Are the deviations justified?	NA				
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA				
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA				
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA				

G4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

IV Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry

A Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	According to the AR text no data collection has been done. This is inconsistent with the table. To be clarified.
Yes	According to the AR text no data collection has been done. This is inconsistent with the table. To be clarified. Due to low response rate additional information/indicator has to be provided.

Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

A1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	No data collection made.
Yes	Lack of money.
No	

A2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	But the source remains unclear, if no data collection has been done.
NA	
NA	

A3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
NA	
NA	

A4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	
No	

B Collection of data concerning the processing industry

Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
Yes	

Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

No	
No	
NA	

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
NA	
NA	

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Partly	only indicators for Baltic Sea are listed, NS&EA is missing; time lag ('year) should be checked (e.g. AR text mentions weekly collection of VMS data); Time interval for VMS data should be provided; MS should check and fulfill all the columns in the table
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Mostly	If data for NS&EA are not collected also in this case actions to avoid shortfalls should be provided.
No	MS should firstly specified and then eventually report the actions to avoid shortfalls

VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?

Mostly	EU data calls are missing. MS need to correct the Table with the missing information
Partly	Problems with data transmission to STECF-SGMOS. There is no information given regarding the progress of the database.
Yes	
NA	

2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

No	
NA	

VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Partly	only 2 SGRN recommendations listed without year reference. MS is asked to complete list of recommendations
Yes	
Yes	

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

X X. References

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

No	
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XI XI. Annexes

Is there a complete list of references?

No	
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Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

NA	
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Member State: Portugal

Reference year: 2010
 Version of the AR reviewed:
 Version of the NP proposal:

Answer	SGRN COMMENTS
Mostly	

Overall compliance (Economics)

I General framework

Yes	
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II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
 Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Mostly	Role of the different institutes is not explained
Yes	

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?
 Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Yes	
No	No justification in the AR text. No evaluation possible because no deviation could be identified with available table II.B.1.

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

No	No general recommendations.
NA	
NA	

SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic; Other region, Central East Atlantic, CECAF

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes	
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B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	Clustering has be shown in table III.B.2. It is unclear if there is no data collection for inactive vessels?
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Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	For Azores and Madeira no quality indicator values are given.
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B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	
Yes	
Yes	

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
Yes	

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
No	
No	

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

REGION NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	Table not completely fulfilled for this region (total number of trips in 2010 is empty).
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Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
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Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

No	
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Are the deviations explained?

NA	
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Are the deviations justified?

NA	
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C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Mostly	CVs are provided but target precision is achievement only for some stocks.
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Are the deviations explained?

No	Comments provided by MS did not deal with CV issues but with quality check of data before being stored in the database.
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Are the deviations justified?

NA	
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C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Yes	Two recommendations of RCM-NS&EA 2009 are listed.
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Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes	Response given by MS
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
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C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes	Relevant explanations is given by MS on the improvement of the at sea sampling programme
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
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REGION NORTH ATLANTIC

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	Despite of high sampling intensities implemented on shore, precision targets for planned species are not achieved. However Cvs are met or can be considered as acceptable (taking as reference DCF precision level 1) for 27 of the 31 GR3 species listed in table III.C.5.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	No comments provided by MS.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Contracting of external services is already effective for the implementation of the 2011 plan of observers on board.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION OTHER REGIONS - ICCAT			
C	Biological metier related variables		
C1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table not completely fulfilled for ICCAT region. Total number of trip in 2010 is missing.
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table not very complete for the ICCAT region. Empty cells is assumed no data available or not relevant (some code would be more informative than a blank). Why two names for the fishing grounds ? Could some lines be merged if only one correct name. Some CVs are provided. CV target is 12.5% for all species for metier related variables (MS gives 20% for certain species). No information on discards when 43% of ttrips sampled were sampled at sea. Is it due to the self sampling protocol applied (as precised in footnote) ?
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table complete but not consistent with tables III.C.3, III.C.4 and III.C.5, as 4 new metiers are listed only in this table (that could explain also the use of two naming conventions for fishing grounds - see comments on III.C.5). Empty cells is assumed no data available or not relevant (some code would be more informative than a blank). More fish are measured in table III.C.5 (34943 than in table III.C.6 (34912).
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Less trip were sampled than planned (32 vs 40). A change of sampling strategy occurred between trips sampled on shore and trips sampled at sea, in favor of the last ones but without effects on discards sampling (no information provided). It cannot be only the consequence of the self sampling strategy implemented for 9 trips on the 14 sampled at sea. Did the scientific sampling protocol included discards analysis ? Most of the species were oversampled, but without to achieve the precision target.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	Despite of higher sampling intensities., CV target is never achieved.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Portugal will try to increase both on-shore and at-sea sampling efforts.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGIONS NORTH ATLANTIC AND CECAF (Madeira)			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	DCF regulation mentions salmon, sea bass and eel as the recreative targeted species to be sampled in the North Atlantic region. No DCF requirement for CECAF region. Despite a derogation for recreational fisheries, Portugal carried out in 2010 a pilot study on sea bass in mainland. Data on blue fin tuna were also collected in Madeira. Note that results of a pilot study on eel (not mentioned in tis section III.D) carried out in 2009-2010 is given in Annex of the 2010 Portuguese AR. The study covers oonly commercial fisheries in most important areas known for eel catches.

	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	Yes	MS mentions an overall derogation for recreational fisheries sampling for years 2009 and 2010. No information whether derogation has been granted.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	No deviation if the derogation is effective. MS effort to improve knowledge on recreational fisheries have to be outlined.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	The pilot study will be improved in 2011.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

General remark: In addition to the DCF regions the MS uses its own area definitions because of its complex fishery, which makes the evaluation difficult.

REGION NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table mostly complete (columns about eventual regional approach empty). Some columns were masked. Table difficult to evaluate as tasks planned for 2010 (table III.E.2 of the NP) is not provided in the file. No CVs provided. Required precision target wrong (not 12.5 or 20% but 2.5% excepts for shellfish and selacians 12.5%). Several footnotes give information on difficulties met to carry out the sampling programme.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Achievement very contrasted between the species, the fishing grounds and the parameters.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Particularities of sea sampling and of processing of fish on board of large freezers, then difficulties to collect and store gonads are reasons given by MS to explain oversampling or no sampling for certain types of parameters. No CV calculated because of lack of human resources.
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	The lack of human resources is not really acceptable for missing CV calculations.
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	No	No CVs provided. MS encouraged to calculate CVs in future.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Misunderstanding of MS on the issue of this section, text in the AR is not related to CV calculation. Human resources constraints is also mentioned by MS to explain no calculation of CVs.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	The lack of human resources is not really acceptable for missing CV calculations.
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	Several RCMs 2008 listed by Portugal but not really addressed to MS and relevant for this type of fisheries.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	Opportunistic fishing patterns of vessels doing very long trips is a serious problem for sampling programmes. Portugal is always trying to improve the coverage of these vessels.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

REGION NORTH ATLANTIC

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table mostly complete (columns about eventual regional approach empty). Some columns were masked. Fishing grounds are not named according the regulation. Table difficult to evaluate as tasks planned for 2010 (table III.E.2 of the NP) is not provided in the file. Only some CVs provided. Required precision target wrong (not 12.5 or 20% but 2.5% excepts for shellfish and Selacians 12.5%). Several relevant footnotes give information on difficulties met to carry out the sampling programme. NAFO stocks wrongly reported in NA region, as NAFO is part of NS&EA region since 2009.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	170 combinations species*variables listed by MS for NA region. Achievement very contrasted between species, fishing grounds and studied parameters.

	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	Detailed explanations provided by MS for main species shortfalls.
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	For the deviations explained.
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Partly	CVs provided for 42 combinations on 170 listed in table III.E.3.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Misunderstanding of MS on the issue of this section. Explanations are not related to the CV calculations. Human resources constraints is reported by MS in table III.E.3 for 87 combinations as reason for not calculating CVs.
	Are the deviations justified?	No	The lack of human resources is not really acceptable for missing CV calculations.
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	Two 2009 RCM-NA recommendations listed by MS but not relevant for implementation of the 2010 NP.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	2009-2010 feed back experience will be use for relevant adjustments of next 2011-2013 NP. But difficulties to have open access for sampling are already identified.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	

REGION OTHER REGIONS - CECAF

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table mostly complete (columns about eventual regional approach empty). Some columns masked (to avoid when they are concerning region, RFMO...). Table difficult to evaluate as tasks planned for 2010 (table III.E.2 of the NP) is not provided in the file. CVs provided.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Only 11 combination on the 21 listed for CECAF region show acceptable achievement in terms of number of fish sampled or are oversampled (only mackerel concerned). Low rates occurred when combinations are referring to age.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	Lower size of samples taken for age relationships.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	CVs reported for all parameters and the target CV met for two parameters for Scombrus.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	Misunderstanding of MS on the issue of this section. Explanations are not related to the CV calculations.
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No recommendation as RCM-LDF was not formally set up.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	MS states that it is "not applicable for MS".
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION OTHER REGIONS - ICCAT

E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	No	No information on Other regions - ICCAT in table II.E.3. As no table III.E.2 was provide, it was impossible to see if works on stock rrelated variables were planned in 2010 in this region.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Sampling of Xiplias gladius was planned.
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No recommendation as RCM-LDF was not formally set up.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION NORTH ATLANTIC + NORTH SEA & EASTERN ARCTIC + ICCAT Region

Portugal made distinction only between this three regions merged and CECAF (Madeira)

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	Table mostly fulfilled. All variables of Appendix VIII of DCF Decision 2008/949 are listed in the table but column on achieved variability empty. Coverage rates and CVs are provided for most of the parameters depending of the size of the vessels. Column region coverage seems to be too large with North Sea, Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic and Mediterranean.
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

No	Data exhaustively collected.
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

NA	Data exhaustively collected.
NA	
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Data sources used by MS (logbooks, sale notes) and high coverage rates enable to comply with DCF regulation. Effort parameters of vessels <10m in Azores islands and some ones for small vessels in Mainland are collected by means of random surveys. The only difficulty mentioned by MS is to allocate trips to meters for vessels <10m. Works undertaken in 2009 were stopped in 2010 due to budget restrictions.
Yes	
Yes	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

No	No information provided on achieved variability.
Yes	Only for vessels <10m: Budget restrictions
Yes	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
NA	
NA	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	The work will resume when a future subcontract is made
Yes	

F3 Landings

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

No	Exhaustive collection of data on volumes and values of landings
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Data exhaustively collected
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
NA	
NA	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

REGION OTHER REGIONS - CEECAF

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Portugal made distinction only between this three regions merged and CEECAF (Madeira)

Yes	Table completely fulfilled. All variables of Appendix VIII of DCF Decision 2008/949 are listed in the table and most of the CVs provided when data are not collected exhaustively.
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

No	Data exhaustively collected.
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

NA	Data exhaustively collected.
NA	
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Data sources used by MS (logbooks, sale notes) are detailed. These data are also crosschecked with data collected by inquiries. All the system enables MS to comply with DCF regulation.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	Most of the CVs provided as required by DCF regulation. Decision 2008/949 did not define precision targets for transversal variables.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	Exhaustive collection of data on volumes and values of landings
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	Data exhaustively collected
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	No relevant recommendation on transversal variables was addressed by RCMs to MS in 2009.
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	

REGION NORTH ATLANTIC

G

Research surveys at sea

G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?

G2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

G3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

G4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	Achievement in days at sea are correct except for Nephrops UMTV survey (only 80%). Achievement in technical operations : acceptable (over 90% of targets planned) for SAHMAS and WIBTS-Q4. Under 90% for plankton hauls for MEGS (but 96% of the radials surveyed), 81% of fishing hauls for FCGS, 75% fishing hauls and 0% UMTV tracks for Nephrops UMTV survey.
Yes	
Mostly	Logistic reason cannot be accepted as justification, in the future this problem should be overcome
Yes	
Yes	No information given by MS for the 3 surveys with deviations. MS to clarify data quality impairments where deviations are present
No	MS should give clear explanation how the deviations affected the quality of the surveys.
No	MS should firstly explain the deviations
NA	
NA	
NA	
No	No comments by MS, even for Nephrops UMTV survey. MS should describe in details the actions to avoid shortfalls for all the surveys where deviations occurred
No	MS should firstly described the actions required

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A

Collection of data concerning the aquaculture

Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

A1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	Table is missing
No	Table is missing
Yes	No collection in 2010, collection in 2011
Yes	
Yes	

A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	
		No	No data collection
		No	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
		N.A.	
		N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	
		No	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	In case of Madeira it does not seem to be a Census (compare page 44).
		Mostly	no. of enterprises missing. Inconsistency between tables, coverage rates less 40% but achieved sample rate 100%. MS asked to clarify.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No	
		N.A.	
		N.A.	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
		N.A.	
		N.A.	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
		N.A.	
		N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	Partly placed in wrong section IV.B.1
		Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem 1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	No information provided on indicator 8. Derogation mentioned for indicators using VMS data (5, 6 and 7) but MS should provide if the derogation has been accepted or not by STECF or SGRN.
	2 Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
		Mostly	MS to provide that the derogations mentioned have been accepted
VI	Module for management and use of the data 1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
		No	
		NA	
	2 Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
		NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Mostly	Only 3 recommendations for 2009 are listed. MS is asked to complete list.
		Yes	
		Partly	MS should already have implemented the recommendations
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Partly	Very short list, without current acronyms such as DCF, RCM, SGRN, SGECA, ICES working groups...
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	No	
X	X. References Is there a complete list of references?	Partly	Some recent scientific references relevant with the AR text are provided. No references on the DCF framework.
XI	XI. Annexes Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	Yes	Report of the pilot study on eel (commercial fisheries) is provided in annex.

Member State:	Romania	
Reference year		2010
Version of the AR reviewed		
Version of the NP proposal		
	Answer	SGRN COMMENTS
Overall compliance	Mostly	
I General framework		
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes		
Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?	Yes	
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	No	An annual meeting has been held between Romania and Bulgaria but no contents are reported
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings		
Is Table II.B.1 complete?	Yes	Table is complete but MS did not participate in many meetings.
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	Partly	MS justify the non attendance due to financial problems. Majorities of the meeting are eligible under DCF and some of these are very important to discuss a common methodology (i.e. PGMed) at Regional level.
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations		
Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?	Partly	MS should complete the list with all the RCM and Liaison meeting recommendations
Are the responsive actions described ?	No	No responsive actions is described
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	No	
SUPRA-REGION Mediterranean and Black Sea		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector		
Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	Yes	
B Economic variables		
Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	MS describes 491 vessels in the text, but about only the half is in the table. Inactive vessels are missing. The wording of segments should strictly follow the Comm. Decision (e.g. no pund nets, SGRN appreciate more detailed information given by MS, but it should be given in the text), planned and archived sample rate reported in AR should be adopted to actual target population. Target population should be adopted to the actual population as well. Archived sample rate higher than population is not possible.
Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The exact response rate of 90% for all items remains unclear, if the archived sample rate is 100%, see table III.B.1. To be clarified.
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Census instead of sampling
Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	A bit more details what analytical analyze is is necessary.
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Partly	This issue must be related to MS actions and not to Comm. Actions.
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	OTM_MPD_14_0_0, GNS_MPD_24-400_0_0, and LHM_FIF_0_0_0: these metier are not present in the agreement reached at Regional Level for metier "level 6" (see RCMMed&BS report 2009). MS should adjust the table with the correct metier names. MS should aggregate all their miscellaneous gears under the activity "Misc" of the matrix. If the "Misc" category is selected during the ranking procedure, the miscellaneous gears should be clearly defined and included separately in the matrix.
Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The correct precision level required, following the EU decision 949/2008, is the level 2 (CV=12,5%) and not 5%. MS should adjust the values. MS should explain the over sampling performed for most of the mentioned species. MS should explain the presence of the GSA 30 in the sampling program also because this GSA is not mentioned in the next table III.C.6; Merlangus merlangus is not a species present in the App. VII of the Comm Dec. 949/2008, MS reports this species as G2 in the tables III.C.5 and III.C.6: this species could be insert as G3 following, eventually, a regional agreement. M.merlangus is the only discarded species?
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	OTM_MPD_14_0_0, GNS_MPD_24-400_0_0 and LHM_FIF_0_0_0 are not metier present in the agreement reached at Regional Level for metier "level 6" (see RCMMed&BS report 2009); Merlangus merlangus is not a species present in the App. VII of the Comm Dec. 949/2008, MS should aggregate all their miscellaneous gears under the activity "Misc" of the matrix. If the "Misc" category is selected during the ranking procedure, the miscellaneous gears should be clearly defined and included separately in the matrix (see RCMMed&BS report). All species sampled should be listed.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	The achieved no. of trips for pelagic trawlers is low and no actions to avoid this low sample for the future is described
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Mostly	Only recomenadations from 2010 are listed.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	No	The table with the recommendations should be included in the AR and the action taken should be described.
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No actions is described
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	MS reported that the two species (i.e. Thunnus thynnus and Anguilla anguilla), for which is mandatory collect data in the Mediterranean under the module "D" Recreational Fishery, are not present in the area.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	MS should present the accepted derogation, in the text is not mentioned
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?		
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	The majority of the variables for all the listed species met the requirements for the CV
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	the budget problems cannot explain the missing information on some variables (i.e. maturity)
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	

		Are the responsive actions described ?	No	MS did not mention if the recommendations of the RCMMed&BS have been followed (i.e. the bilateral agreement for sampling intensity with Bulgaria)
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F	Transversal variables	Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
F1	Capacity			
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	there are no deviations
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	there are no deviations
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	there are no shortfalls
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort			
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	there are no shortfalls
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
	F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
		Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
	F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	there were no Regional recommendations on this topic
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
	F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	there are no shortfalls
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	For the Black sea, surveys present in the Appendix IX of the Comm Dec 949/2008 are only two, in the table there are mentioned 4 surveys: even if the survey is conducted in a different period each survey should be reported in a single row. Ecosystem Indicator number 8 should be estimated by commercial fishery and not by survey. In the Mediterranean area, the relevant groups for both surveys are Medits and Medias WGs and not the PGMed.
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	only 3% of the planned targets (both for days and hauls) has been achieved for the pelagic trawls
		Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Is not clear why during the pelagic survey in autumn the vessel was not ready. What was the main technical reason?
		Are the deviations justified?	Partly	MS should better explain the reasons for the deviations.
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	Partly	This aspect is not very clear. Concerning the acoustic survey if some modifications occurred (e.g. days at sea, not all the area has been covered etc etc) MS should clarify if the quality of the surveys has been impaired.

	Are the deviations explained?	Partly	Reading the first paragraph and the achievement number of targets for the pelagic survey (3%), seems that some deviations from the planned surveys occurred (as reported by MS: "The common survey foreseen in May/June was not realised"). MS should eventually better clarify these deviations .
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	NA	
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Partly	MS to clarify whether the collaboration with Bulgarian part and the "financial actions" prepared well in advance will solve also all the "technical" issues.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry		
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		
	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Table IV.A.2-MS shall use standard table from the guideline and specify species. Census is stated, sampling provided (line 10 and 13).
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	If a response rate of zero was reached (in case of other income according the AR text, subsidies as well: no subsidies in 2010 (text), but reference year is 2009), this should be stated here. The wording should be livestock volume and fish feed volume according Comm. Dec 93/2010.
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	?	As the MS AR is to broaden for an AR, more like an NP, but nothing is said about deviations, this can not be assessed properly, especially when reading the section avoiding shortfalls. Which shortfalls shall be avoided is not clear.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	?	
	Are the deviations explained?	?	
	Are the deviations justified?	?	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	
	Were data quality information given?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Yes	But too much is written here that does not belong to the section.
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Partly	recommendation are mentioned, but no actions are described except "we have done it".
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Partly	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Mostly	Section should be rewritten by deleting mistakes, e.g. concerning α -error, with is given as too high. The concept of representativeness remains unclear. Assumptions about distribution shall be made explicit.
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?		
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Census with less than 100% planned sample is no census. MS has to adapt the collection scheme. If it is due to lower numbers of companies activ, MS should adapt tables. MS should be aware about the definition of NACE 10.20 for data submission.
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	It is unclear how the coverage rate has been calculated. Response rate should be reported in case of Census.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	Sampling scheme has changed from stratified sampling to census, even if not all units have been asked. In the processing sector aquaculture issues are described, senseless. Also repeating standard tables in the text makes no sense. MS to clarify.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Yes	Sampling scheme and methods are not consistent and complete. Only companies with fish processing as main activity are part of the population. To be done.
	Were data quality information given?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	No	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Mostly	Recommendations are listed, but not from LM.
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	But it makes no sense to describe a program in the AR.
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Mostly	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?		
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?		

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Partly	Adaption of collection scheme seems to be necessary, nothing is said about it. The statement that law must be changed will probably not lead to a change of it. What actions are undertaken, if no change of law happens?
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V Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
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VI Module for management and use of the data

1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

No	
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Are the deviations explained?

Na	
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Are the deviations justified?

Na	
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2 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes	
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Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Na	
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VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?

No	Recommendations listed are not relevant (comments of TR 2009). MS should respond to relevant SGRN recommendations
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Are the responsive actions described ?

NA	
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Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
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VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

Yes	
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

Yes	
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	The huge effort made by the MS to include all information relating to the DCF in the Annexes is appreciated, however, perhaps in future submissions Romania could review this section and only include relevant information required to support claims made in the text or tables. there is no need to include correspondence with the Commission etc..
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Member State:	Slovenia	
Reference year	2010	
Version of the AR reviewed		
Version of the NP proposal		
	Answer	SGRN COMMENTS
Overall compliance	Mostly	
I General framework	Yes	
II National data collection organisation		
A National correspondent and participating institutes		
Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?	Yes	
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?	Partly	An annual meeting has been held but no contents have been reported.
B Regional and International coordination		
B1 Attendance of international meetings		
Is Table II.B.1 complete?	Mostly	Table is incomplete, not all the meeting are present (e.g. PGMed is missing). MS should update the table with the complete list of meeting.
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?	No	MS should firstly update the list and than explain the non attendance to some meetings
B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations		
Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?	Partly	MS should complete the paragraph with the RCM concerned and Liaison meeting recommendations
Are the responsive actions described ?	No	No responsive actions is described
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
SUPRA-REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector		
A General description of the fishing sector		
Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?	N.A.	
B Economic variables		
Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	MS shall use exakt wording of fleet segmentation of Appendix III of the Comm. Dec. 93/2010.
Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	N.A.	
Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	In case of response rate below 70% representativeness has to be evaluated.
B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	But effort to increase response rate should be mentioned here III.B.4 and not in III.B.2.
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA		
C Biological metier related variables		
C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	MS should revised the column M "Total No. of trips during the Sampling year", the reported numbers seem wrong. GTR_DEF__0_0 (Metier level 6) does not exist in the agreement reached at regional level (RCMMed&BS 2009)
Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	No information on demersal stocks are provided.
Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Partly	No information on demersal stocks are provided.
Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	The number of trips achieved in the Tables "III.C.5" and "III.C.6" are lower than the planned ones.
Are the deviations explained?	Partly	MS should better clarify the low number of samples for each metier. Why is only sardines and achovys sampled??
Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
Were CV targets met?	Yes	CVs for discard volumes are missing.
Are the deviations explained?	NA	
Are the deviations justified?	NA	
C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	MS should complete the paragraph with the relevant RCM and Liaison meeting recommendations
Are the responsive actions described ?	No	No responsive actions is described
Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls		
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	No actions is described

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?
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NA	
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D Recreational fisheries

D1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

No	MS reported that no Recreational Fishery for the two species (i.e. Thunnus thynnus and Anguilla anguilla), for which is mandatory collect data in the Mediterranean under the module "D", is conducted in the country. It is not explained if a derogation has been requested
No	MS should present the accepted derogation, in the text is not mentioned
No	
NA	

Are obtained derogations mentioned?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

D2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

NA	
NA	
NA	

D3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	
NA	
NA	

D4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

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E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly	All the Columns: N "Planned minimum No of individuals to be measured at the regional level", P "Is target precision achieved at a regional level?", and R "Achieved No of individuals at the regional level" should be empty unless the MS has an agreement reached at Regional level. If there is an agreement MS should explain why the column T "% achievement regional (100*R/N)" is empty. On the contrary, if there is no agreement, the column S "% achievement at national (100*Q/M)" should be correctly filled.
Yes	Only minor undersampling has taken place
No	No explanations are given by the MS
NA	

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	The majority of the variables for all the listed species met the requirements CV
NA	No explanations are given by the MS
NA	

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

No	MS should complete the paragraph with all the RCM and Liaison meeting recommendations
No	no responsive actions is described
NA	

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	However, MS should better clarify this point
Yes	

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	there are no deviations
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	there are no deviations
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	there are no shortfalls
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?

Are the deviations explained?

Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Are the responsive actions described ?

No	Nothing listed by the MS
No	

		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	MS report that they don't plan any actions to avoid potential shortfalls
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	MS didn't plan and execute the sampling for vessels under 10 m LOA. MS needs to explained reason for this. No deviation to the NP though.
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Were data quality targets met?	Yes	How about vessels less than 10 m LOA ?
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	No	Nothing listed by the MS
		Are the responsive actions described ?	No	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	MS report that they don't plan any actions to avoid potential shortfalls.
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
		Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture			
		Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Were data quality information given?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
		Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	N.A.	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A.	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry			
		Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	MS should be aware of definition of basic population. It has to be according NACE 10.20.
		Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Were data quality information given?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
		Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			

	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	not all the expert groups or project are reported in the table. Moreover, the row reported Eurostat data is empty
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	No	MS should explain both the missing information sent to expert groups (e.g. Eurostat) and the missing presence of some end users (i.e. PGMed; GFCM WG) in the table
	Are the deviations justified?	No	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	MS to provide the necessary actions
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?	No	Recommendations listed are not relevant (comments of TR 2009). MS should respond to relevant SGRN recommendations
	Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations		
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections		
	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	Yes	
X	X. References		
	Is there a complete list of references?	Yes	
XI	XI. Annexes		
	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	NA	

Member State:

Sweden

Reference year

2010

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Answer SGRN COMMENTS

Overall compliance

Yes

I General framework

Yes

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?

Yes

Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Yes

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?

Yes

Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Yes

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

Yes

Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

No

No description

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

If segments have not been clustered, they should be deleted from this table

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?

Yes

Are the deviations explained?

Mostly

No sampling of inactive vessels, no data on income from fishing rights

Are the deviations justified?

Mostly

Fishing rights argument is valid for 2008, but should be adopted for 2009. See AR text.

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Yes

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Yes

Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

REGION Baltic Sea

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

NA

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

MS calculated mCVs for length frequencies (detailed in Annex Ia of the AR text); CVs of discards missing for some stocks

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes

For several metiers (sampling frames), markedly less trips were sampled than planned

Are the deviations explained?

Partly

MS mentions several derogations for sampling 'minor' metiers or fishing grounds that were not included in Tables III.C.3, III.C.4 and III.C.6

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

C2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?

Mostly

CVs met for length sampling, not for most discard estimates

Are the deviations explained?

Mostly

No explanations for discard volume estimates

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

C3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Yes

Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

C4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes

REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	For several meters (sampling frames), less trips were sampled than planned; in NSKS9/NSS9, the no. of trips in the fisheries more than doubled, but only 8 of 12 trips were sampled
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	CVs met for length sampling, not for most discard volume estimates
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	No explanations for discard volume estimates
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION Baltic Sea			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	sampling implemented for salmon and cod
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	Partly	Catches included in Table III.C.5 and III.E.3 for salmon and for cod volume estimate is given in the text.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Yes	Sampling implemented for cod in 2009. No sampling carried out in 2010.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	NA	
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
REGION Baltic Sea			
E	Biological stock-related variables		
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Half of the stocks undersampled
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Yes	CVs higher than required in one third of the cases (stock-variable combinations)
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	Recommendations from RCMs 2005-2010 listed
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

REGION North Sea & Eastern Arctic

E Biological stock-related variables

E1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
 Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
Yes	Half of the stocks undersampled
Yes	
Yes	

E2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were CV targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Mostly	CVs higher than required in 27 of 63 cases (stock-variable combinations)
Yes	
Yes	

E3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	Recommendations from RCMs 2005-2010 listed
Mostly	Responsive action for one recommendation of RCM NS&EA 2010 missing
Mostly	In some cases MS did not justify why they didn't react to the recommendations of RCM's.

E4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	

F Transversal variables

Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes	
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F1 Capacity

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F2 Effort

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	Variability given for variable 'energy consumption', not demanded in the NP proposal
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

NA	There were no relevant RCM recommendations
NA	
NA	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

F3 Landings

F11 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

No	
NA	
NA	

F12 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Were data quality targets met?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
NA	
NA	

F13 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
 Are the responsive actions described ?
 Are the responsive actions acceptable?

No	There were no relevant RCM recommendations
NA	
NA	

F14 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
 Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

G Research surveys at sea

G1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
 Are there deviations from the NP proposal?
 Are the deviations explained?
 Are the deviations justified?

Yes	
Yes	
No	
No	MS must give justification for not completing the Nephrops TV Survey

	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	No NA NA	
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA NA NA	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Partly No	The shortfall of the NTV Survey is not identified. MS to describe actions to avoid shortfall of the NTV Survey.
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry		
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		
	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	It remains unclear why for some variables crayfish data are not reported. The text of the AR says, data have been collected in 2009 (see page 50).
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes N.A. N.A.	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A. N.A. N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	All data collection scheme is A, but table IV.B.2 and the text mentions exemptions (subsidies, energy costs). To be clarified, why this is not included here.
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	It remains unclear why for energy cost no value for accuracy indicator is given.
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes	Energy costs and subsidies are not collected by census, but by non-probability sampling.
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal Were data quality information given? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes Yes Yes	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A. N.A. N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes Yes	
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified?	Yes No NA NA	List of ICES WG is not complete ex: WKEID, WGNEW, WGEEL. MS needs to complete the missing information.
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ? Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA NA	
VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations		
	Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed? Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes Yes	plus SGECA recommendations listed

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
	Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?	Yes	
IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections	Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?	Yes	comment on updating guidelines & templates for AR (cf. SGRN 10-02)
X X. References	Is there a complete list of references?	Yes	
XI XI. Annexes	Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	NA	

Member State:

UK

Reference year
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Overall compliance

Answer SGRN COMMENTS

Mostly

Several derogations listed. One for Nephrops in FU05 (Botney Gut and Silver Pit) - is this possible when the UK accounts for 43% of the landings in 2010, 39% in 2009 and 53% in 2008?

I General framework

Mostly

Please update the references to the present legal framework.

II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

Mostly

The role of the partners should be clearly explained.

Yes

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

Yes

Yes

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?

No

The recommendations from the LM should be included and actions taken should be described.

Are the responsive actions described ?

No

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

No

SUPRA-REGION Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and North Atlantic

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

Yes

B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Data for inactive vessels are missing

Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

N.A.

Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

Last two variable groups are missing, Subsidies and other income has to be reported separately. MS is asked to clarify what is meant by coverage rate. Even if it is clear, MS should fill in all cells for the value of the accuracy indicator.

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

Mostly

Only sample rates lower

Yes

Yes

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Are the deviations explained?

Yes

page 13 "coverage sample rates" , the meaning is unclear.

Are the deviations justified?

Yes

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations

Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?

Yes

Not LM, but others

Are the responsive actions described ?

Yes

Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes

B4 Actions to avoid shortfalls

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?

Yes

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

Partly

Description shall be related to future actions. Please give more information what will be done.

REGION North Sea and Eastern Arctic

C Biological metier related variables

C1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal

Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

Inconsistent with III.C.5

Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

NA

If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.

Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Mostly

The official naming of region should be used. Not all level is estimated. Required annual Precision target (CV) column is blank.

Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

Yes

No Species Group is assigned.

Are there deviations from the NP proposal?

Yes

Inconsistencies between the NP and AR i.e.UKE: PTB_DEF_>=120_0_0 8 discard trips planned in NP says only 4 planned in the AR. Also OTM_SPF for UKS for which only 2 trips were planned at the market in the NP but different planned targets are reported for at sea and market sampling in the AR. For example UK S : PTB_DEF_>=120_0_0 Planned 8 trips at sea and achieved 25. For CS planned 32 trips and achieved 18. and for SS sampling planned 32 trips and achieved 118. This represents a 212% achievement on market sampling targets. No sampling achieved for LHM_FIF_0_0 for UKE Planned 12 trips at the market in the NP.

	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Staff shortages/difficulties with implementing CS due to market practices
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	CV's reported for the majority of parameters but the target precision level was only reached for 4 stocks for market sampling. However no cv's are reported for some species with very high sample numbers - no explanation is provided in these cases: Eutrigla gurnardus IV & VIId 29,056 or for Nephrops FU6 with 18,589 lengths, or Trisopterus sp in IV with 17,940 lengths
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
C	Biological metier related variables		
C1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table III.C.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Some repetition and mistakes in the table regarding planned and achieved numbers of trips See OTB_CRU_70-99 in VI to be sampled by UKS achieved numbers of trips do not add up. Suggest that the MS resubmits a cleaned up version of Table III.C.3
	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	NA	If Table III.C.4 is filled in it should in consistency with Table III.C.3.
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	The official naming of region should be used. Not all level is estimated. Required annual Precision target (CV) column is blank.
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	No Species Group is assigned.
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Staff shortages/difficulties with implementing CS due to market practices
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
C2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	CV's reported for the majority of parameters but the target precision level was only reached for 4 stocks for market sampling. However no cv's are reported for some species with very high sample numbers - no explanation is provided in these cases: Eutrigla gurnardus all areas 15,443 or for aspitrigla cuculus with 30,643 lengths, or Nephrops FU15 with 50,147 lengths
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	
REGION AII			
D	Recreational fisheries		
D1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?	Partly	No sampling outside of the 3 year recreational fisheries study (08 - '10) which covers bass, cod, tope, grey mullet and salmon. No sampling has been carried out in 2010.
	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	There is no mention of eel in this chapter. Later a reference is made to an annex on eel and salmon fishing sampling under section IX "Comments , Suggestion and Reflections"
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
D2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality targets met?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	An output of the review was the development of a sampling scheme for inclusion in the UK National Programme for 2011-13, and a proposed trial of a limited-scale application. However, a larger implementation covering the whole of England is currently planned for 12 months from August 2011 under the project title Sea Angling 2012 - a survey of recreational sea angling activity and economic value in England being carried out by Cefas and the Marine Management Organisation in collaboration with the new Inshore Fishery Conservation Authorities in England. The Sea Angling 2012 project will meet England's contribution to the UK obligations

		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
D4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	No sampling in 2010 - is this acceptable
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	No sampling in 2010 - is this acceptable
REGION NS&EA and REGION NA				
E	Biological stock-related variables			
E1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is Table III.E.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
		Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	Under-sampling by more than 10% can be explained by low catches or logistical constraints of working with many species
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were CV targets met?	Mostly	
		Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
		Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
E3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
E4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Yes	There is a need for an internationally collaborative exercise to evaluate the coverage and precision obtained from the international collection of samples for growth, maturity, fish condition etc, in order that national targets can be optimised
F	Transversal variables			
		Is Table III.F.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
F1	Capacity			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F2	Effort			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
F3	Landings			
F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F12	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal	Were data quality targets met?	Yes	
		Are the deviations explained?	NA	
		Are the deviations justified?	NA	
F13	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions described ?	NA	
		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	NA	
F14	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
G	Research surveys at sea			
G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
		Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	MS has to correct the % achievement no of days and target for the Nephrops NTV Survey FU14&15.

	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	Yes	
	Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	Yes	
G2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is the quality of the survey indices likely to be impaired (by e.g. a change in gear settings, insufficient geographical coverage etc.)?	Partly	The Q4 Western IBTS was not carried out. This must have an impact on the quality of the indices.
	Are the deviations explained?	Yes	
	Are the deviations justified?	No	Q4 Western IBTS: MS should make more effort to complete the survey or to make arrangements with other institutes, other MS, to complete the survey.
G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	Yes	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	Yes	
G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	No	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	No	MS should consider provisions and actions to prevent that surveys are cancelled because of vessel failures.
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry		
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture		
	Is Table IV.A.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Mostly	Sample number seems to be wrong, 20 achieved sample no. If the population contains of 2-5 units? Inconsistent with AR text.
	Is Table IV.A.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	Subsidies and other income have to be reported separately.
A1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	No	
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
A2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	N.A.	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	N.A.	
B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry		
	Is Table IV.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Is Table IV.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
B1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Yes	Data on subsidies, other income and extraordinary costs have not been collected, even if mandatory.
	Are the deviations explained?	Mostly	
	Are the deviations justified?	Mostly	
B2	Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Were data quality information given?	Yes	Definition of coverage rate should be given.
	Are the deviations explained?	N.A.	
	Are the deviations justified?	N.A.	
B3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations		
	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions described ?	N.A.	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	N.A.	
B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	Yes	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	Mostly	It is unclear, when problems will be solved and whether not collected variables will be collected in the future.
V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table V.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	NA	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	NA	
VI	Module for management and use of the data		
1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal		
	Is Table VI.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	Yes	
	Are there deviations from the NP proposal?	Partly	In the text there is no information given how datamanagerment and use is handled in Wales and Northern Ireland. When a regional approach is used for the structure of the AR, all regions, including Northern Ireland and Wales should be mentioned.
	Are the deviations explained?	NA	
	Are the deviations justified?	NA	
2	Actions to avoid shortfalls		

Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?
Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?

NA	
NA	

VII Follow-up of STECF recommendations

Are the relevant SGRN recommendations listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

VIII List of acronyms and abbreviations

Is there a list of acronyms and abbreviations?

Yes	
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IX IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections

Are there any comments, suggestions and/or reflections ?

Yes	relating to the inclusion of an annex on eel and salmon sampling
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X X. References

Is there a complete list of references?

No	None provided
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XI XI. Annexes

Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?

Yes	
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SECTION 4

DATA DEFICIENCIES, DATA TRANSMISSION, CALLS FOR DATA

TOR 2. Review Data Deficiencies and in particular, the template and procedure developed last year by SGRN 10-02, for reporting data deficiencies by data user groups (STECF, ICES, ICCAT, GFCM and other RFMOs or international scientific bodies). This TOR will identify data failures in order to allow the Commission to enforce MS obligations in a clear and transparent manner. Particular attention will be paid to;

- a. Data transmission to end-users in 2010 with a focus on feedback by ICES and relevant RFMOs on data availability, quality, gaps and the data used in the scientific advisory process;**
- b. Response by MS to calls for data for fisheries advice providing data for STECF meetings;**
- c. Response by MS to the call for economic data launched to produce the draft report on the "Economic Performance of EU Fishing Fleet: Annual Report 2011 (AER).**

The Commission considered this an important element of the DCF. There are concerns that DCF data are not used by ICES for advisory purposes due to poor quality or non transmission.

EWG 11-08 discussed the data transmission and data availability issue. This issue has become more important given the recent fines imposed on Member States for non compliance with the DCF.

Two JRC reports were available to the Group (DCF Economic Data Call 2011 and the DCF Call for Catch and Effort data 2011). The summaries from these two reports are given in this section. EWG 11-08 did not consider them in detail nor did they discuss the Mediterranean as that data call had just been launched (June 2011).

EWG 11-08 discussed the issue of data transmission and data availability specifically in relation to ICES. ICES outlined the new processes that had been put in place to ensure that data tables were completed in 2011. However, due to the workload in May and June, when these tables became available, it was not possible for ICES to check the consistency for all tables.

There has been no formal data call from ICES on data needed for routine stocks assessment and advice. The submission of data is in a voluntary basis, and usually the stock coordinator sends an e-mail requesting the necessary data to perform the assessment. Considering the numbers of stocks that are being assessed and the respective data need to perform the assessments, ICES consider that transmission of data is not an issue for most of the stocks. However it is recognized that the quality of the feedback on data transmission needs to be improved.

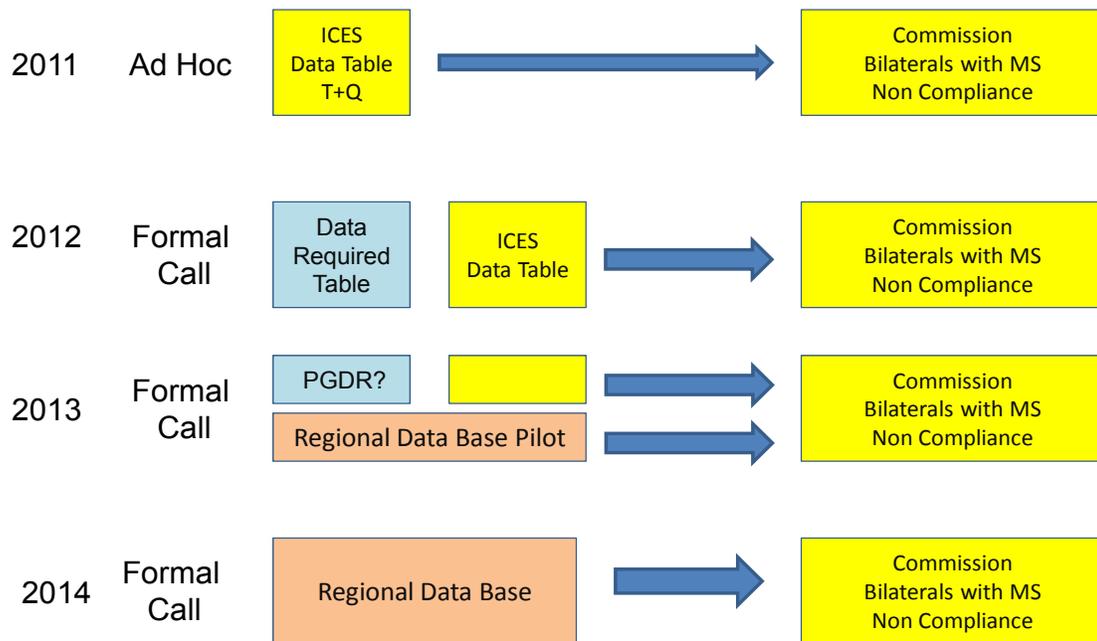
EWG 11-08 discussed this issue against the background of the recent fines imposed on Member States for non conformity in relation to data transmission. The Group agreed that it would not be a useful exercise to look into the details of the ICES Tables at this meeting. This would be better served in joint Commission ICES dialogue, especially in the light of the new MoU. EWG 11-08 considered that the new Regional Data Bases would be a very important tool in determining data transmission and data quality issues in relation to ICES stock assessments. However, these data bases would not be fully operational until at least 2013. EWG 11-08 developed a broad high level proposal for consideration by the Commission.

Proposal for Consideration by the Commission

In 2011, the Commission would, on the basis of the ICES data tables, hold a series of bilateral meetings with Member States to discuss the issue of non compliance in relation to data transmission to ICES. For 2012, ICES would issue a formal data call to Member States. This call would include clear guidelines on the data required for each stock. The ICES data tables, completed under the formal call would then be used by the Commission in their bilateral with Member States. In 2013, the process would be repeated, but the Regional Data Base and Data Tables could be used in their bilaterals with Member States. EWG 11-08 envisaged that by 2014, the Regional Data Base would be an integral part of the data transmission compliance process used by the Commission. The details of this proposal will be further discussed by ICES and the Commission.

Table 4.1 A Simple High Level Proposal to the Commission by EWG 11-08 on ICES Data Transmission

Data Deficiencies – Biological Data - Proposal



DCF Economic Data Call 2011 – Summary from JRC Report

The call for economic data on the EU fishing fleet for EU Member States was the second fleet economic data call to be requested under the EU fisheries Data Collection Framework (DCF). Reporting requirements for Member States increased significantly for 2008, 2009 and 2010 in comparison to earlier years. JRC enhanced existing uploading procedures to improve the transmission of the data from Member States, and carried out a number of compliance, coverage and quality checking procedures on the data submitted before, during and after the STECF EWG 11-04 meeting to produce the first draft of the 2011 Annual Economic Report. The main findings of this report are:

A) in terms of compliance with the data call deadline, similar to the 2010 data call, most Member States attempted to do so. However, the quality and coverage of most datasets required improvement once inspected by JRC and national experts. The majority of uploading activity again took place after the data call deadline which impacted on EWG 11-04 and JRC's ability to produce the 2011 AER in a timely manner.

B) In terms of the completeness of the Member States data submissions, most countries submitted the majority of parameters requested under the call. Overall, coverage increased in comparison to the results of the 2010 data call. In many cases missing data relates to fleet segments with low vessel numbers for which data is hard to obtain. However, Greece and to a lesser extent Spain have again not submitted significant amounts of data which makes an evaluation of the overall economic performance of the EU fishing fleet in 2009 not possible. In addition there are question marks as to whether some countries have submitted data on the entirety of their national fleets.

C) In terms of data quality, inevitably some 'abnormal' estimates for various parameters were detected by JRC or the experts and rectified by the Member States. In addition, guidelines on how to cluster fleet segments to report economic data have in some cases resulted in poorer quality data submissions for some Member States. A number of quality issues remain outstanding and JRC will continue to work on reducing those errors whilst preparing this years AER on the EU fishing fleet.

DCF Call for Catch and effort Data 2011 – Summary from the JRC Report

All Member States apart from the United Kingdom have used the new on line uploading facilities equipped with a new automatic data quality checking application installed by JRC in 2011 as a tool to submit the data. These new facilities in combination with the

new Data Validation Tool (for local use) which some of the Member States used contributed largely in the improvement of the quality of the data.

Wrong codifications, duplicated records, wrong type of values, out of range values and wrong use of gear-mesh size-area-specon values were identified and in some of the cases corrected from the data providers. However, most of the Member States were unable to correct the inconsistencies found by both of the tools since most of these were reported due to missing information (see previous sections). Moreover, the lack of any data from Spain hindered the analysis on the Deep Sea, Western Waters and southern hake and Nephrops.

JRC noted that poor data submissions create substantial additional work regarding repeated data checking and uploading as well as correspondence with the data deliverers especially during the EWG 11-06 experts' meeting 06 – 10 June 2011, in Galway. Experts' review of the data during the meeting also continues to suffer from the absence of experts from certain Member States (i.e. Spain). The lack of the data or the poor data quality in some of the cases largely hampered the STECF EWG 11-06 experts to complete their Terms of Reference during 06 – 10 June 2011. As a result, the work has to be completed intersessionally

Feedback to EWG 11-08 from ICES on Data Transmission

Background

ICES gives, on an annual basis, information on DCF data provided for stock assessment, commonly named as "data tables". Since 2009 this information is in a database format to facilitate the data screening by country. Following the 2011 MoU between EU and ICES, a new format to provide information on coverage and quality of collected DCF data was used.

Feedback from ICES

ICES is currently giving different types of feedback on DCF data:

- a) In the data-tables: with information about data transmission, and justification for the no-use of data when available;

- b) From the data contact person: with information about data requirements in a stock basis;
- c) From the PGCCDBS and recommended workshops: with information standardization and improvements in data collection, either in methodological aspects or on age reading or maturity staging.

Data Table in 2011 – New Format

As mentioned before, ICES has a new template to provide data transmission feedback:

- A. Not relevant;
- B. Data relevant, but not available;
- C. Data available but not use:
 - C1. due to time series too short;
 - C2. due to data not relevant in the model;
 - C3. due to missing data from other countries;
 - C4. due to data quality or sampling representativity;
- D. Data available and used in the assessment.

Data Tables in 2011 – Main Issues from 2011 Experience

The information is provided by the stock coordinators (SCs), and has a quality checking from the ICES secretariat. Due to the workload in May and June, when these tables became available, it was not possible to check the consistency for all tables.

This year, SCs were aware about the possible implications of the information in these tables, mainly when data was relevant but not available (option B). Although the workload in the ICES expert groups (EGs) has increased this year, due to new ToRs and new stocks to assessed, EGs established standard criteria to fill the data tables. Therefore, it is foreseen that the quality of the information has improved this year.

The options available to fill the table are not appropriate for particular stocks. Stock coordinators are neither aware about all the data that is being collected nor about the bilateral agreements from the RCMs. This information is available in the RCM report, although it is not clear and accessible to experts not familiar with those reports.

Until now, there was no formal data call from ICES on data needed for routine stocks assessment and advice. The submission of data is in a voluntary basis, and usually the SC send an e-mail requesting the necessary data to perform the assessment. Considering the numbers of stocks that are being assessed and the respective data need to perform the assessments, the transmission of data is not an issue for most of the stocks. However it is recognized that the quality of the feedback on data transmission needs to be improved.

SECTION 5

RESPONSE TO THE DCF COMMENTS FROM STECF APRIL PLENARY MEETING

TOR 4 - Review the comments made at STECF at the Spring Plenary (April 2011).

STECF reviewed the report of the STECF-EWG-11-02 Working Group of March 21 -25, 2011 (Brussels) meeting, evaluate the findings and make any appropriate comments and recommendations.

STECF comments

STECF noted that the report of EWG-11-02 covers a broad range of DCF issues of strategic as well as operational importance and commended EWG 11-02 having addressed all terms of reference and produced a report that will help prime discussion on a revision of the DCF. The meeting was important and timely as the reflections fit well into the timing for the CFP reform and the MSFD.

STECF noted that Commissioner Damanaki attaches importance to the availability of robust scientific data and has recently written to Fisheries Ministers to draw their attention to the essential function of the DCF for the CFP and has called upon their support to improve our knowledge on fisheries for better scientific advice and fisheries management decisions.

The EWG 11-02 carried out an initial SWOT analysis on the DCF in order to develop a high level" snapshot" of the internal and external environment in which the DCF operates. STECF concurred with the SWOT analysis and considers that it should be an important input to the strategic planning process for the required revision of the DCF. STECF would especially like to draw the attention to the following elements in the SWOT analysis. The DCF has introduced more transparency on the data collected in the different MS and for the different methods which have been used to collect the data. It has stimulated harmonization of the data collection, introduced standards and enhanced cooperation between the MS.

Furthermore, more attention has been given to the quality of the data and mechanisms have been introduced to improve the coordination between data users and data providers.

EWG 11-08 note that data co-ordination at ICES has improved and have developed a proposal for ICES and the Commission in relation to a formal data calls. EWG 11-08 consider that the Regional Data Base will be a considerable help in data co-ordination issues.

However, the DCF has resulted in an increased amount of obligations for MS, an increased workload and more administrative requirements. STECF note that MS are affected by the current financial crisis and exposed to reductions in the national research budgets. In some cases, this has made it more difficult to comply with all requirements of the DCF. A further expansion of the DCF, without considering the financial consequences, would exacerbate this problem.

The SWOT analysis highlights the importance of the end users and the need to establish a better dialog between the data collectors and end users. The data to be collected under the DCF is driven by very detailed output specifications which may not necessarily reflect the needs of the end users.

STECF considers it important that a revised DCF be more results driven with the end users have a central role in defining the data required.

EWG 11-08 would point out that the Regional Data Base Steering Group will have an important role here as defining the data requirements of the data base will need key input from the data end users.

A key topic addressed by EWG 11-02 was to examine how data collected under the DCF research vessel survey programme and under other DCF modules can be used to assist the ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) and at the same time provide information for the indicators related to the 'non-fish stock' descriptors in Annex 1 of the MSFD. STECF noted that the ICES Working Group on integrating surveys for the Ecosystem Approach (WGISUR) has the ongoing remit to develop surveys to be applicable to the ecosystem approach. STECF recognized that it is important to make use of existing structures that address priority key issues. ICESWGISUR was set up to examine issues surrounding the integration of surveys into the EAFM. It is recognised that many of the MSFD GES descriptors are closely linked to the EAFM, and therefore to the work of ICES WGISUR. The concept of expanding the scope of existing DCF-funded fishery surveys to include MSFD data collection raises the critical issue of

survey design and the purpose of the survey. Given that vessel time is by far the most expensive component in costs of the DCF, STECF noted that it would be appropriate to examine what scale of integrated survey would be possible with the current commitment of vessel time by MS.

STECF noted that ICES and GFCM, which together with the STECF are the key data end-users of fisheries data, have provided feedback on the performance of the DCF to EWG 11-02. It is clear that the assessments for many stocks suffer from data deficiencies and that the degree of data deficiency varies from stocks to stock. In some situations, assessments are based only on trends in abundance indices and it is not possible to conduct forecasts on fishing possibilities. Data deficiency can be in the form of data absence (either not being collected or not being transmitted) and data quality. STECF notes that the feedback from data end-users is crucial to the DCF in order to identify data transmission issues, inconsistencies and omissions. It is important to identify necessary data that at present are not being collected and to provide comments on DCF data quality.

STECF have supported the Regional Data Base concept and welcomes the progress that has been made, driven by the RCM's. The Interim Steering Group meeting held in February 2011 developed a plan of action for 2011 (critical year) and the key goals for the period 2011 to 2013.

STECF considered that regional databases have considerable potential to enable implementation of a regional approach to sampling programs and regional management of data. They potentially decrease problems with data deficiencies through more centralised transmission processes and increase transparency on how data sets are compiled, enabling assessment of quality.

STECF considered that all these issues are of fundamental importance for the DCF and that the Regional Data Base concept should be an important part of a revised DCF.

STECF welcomed the work done in examining the linkages and possible co-ordination mechanisms between the Data Collection Framework and the Control Regulation (CR) in order to achieve coherence on common issues such as sampling of recreational fisheries or sampling schemes for vessels under 10 m. There is a high degree of consistency in the data to be collected under the two regulations in terms of definition of the variables and the sampling intensity. The requirements to data quality in the two regulations are in most cases comparable and it thus seems unnecessary to have the commitments to collect the data both in the CR and the DCF.

STECF noted that many data end users have commented on the aggregation level of the economic data collected under the DCF (at the fleet segment level) and the consequences for the utility of these data in bioeconomic modelling. From these comments, it is clear that the economic data available from the DCF (at supra-region and fleet segment level) often don't have the right level of detail in order to answer the questions raised. More specifically, the economic data can be used to assess the broad economic consequences of management measures, but cannot currently be used to evaluate and compare specific management measures at the level of métiers and sub-areas. In this analysis, the behaviour of fishermen, changing their fishing patterns based on the costs and earnings in different métiers/areas, cannot be taken into account. STECF noted that these issues are of major importance in evaluation of the effectiveness of measures and their economic consequences and harmonisation of biological, technical and economic segmentation is required in a revised DCF.

EWG 11-02 also discussed the time delay between the availability of the data and the reference year for the AER. Currently, the time delay for economic data is at least 1.5 years and for some data it might be as much as 3 years. Few years ago, the Commission has tried to launch data calls before the end of the year of data collection, but it seems that for several MS, more timely transfer of the economic data is not feasible.

STECF conclusions

STECF recognises that the DCF research vessel survey programme accounts for a considerable portion of the annual DCF budget. Therefore, it is important to maximise the benefits of these surveys in the light of a changing policy landscape, particularly in relation to the EU Maritime Policy, the MSFD and the reform of the CFP.

STECF notes that data collected under the Control Regulation (CR) is used directly in the DCF Landings and effort information provided by the DCF is in most cases based on data collected under the CR. National DCF programs may include additional data collection but the majority of the landings and effort data is collected by the control authorities as part of the CR.

STECF concludes that duplication of CR data collection commitments in the DCF should be limited to those cases where the data collected under the CR is unlikely to fulfil the data quality requirements of the DCF.

STECF conclude that a key area to be considered in a revised DCF is the necessity for the DCF to provide all basic data necessary for calculation of indicators used for Impact Assessments and evaluations of Multi-annual Management Plans.

STECF notes that the métiers defined by the DCF are often inconsistent with the categories defined under management regimes. In particular, the mesh size categories at DCF level 6 refer to Council Regulation 850/98 and do not easily translate into gear categories defined under e.g. the current cod management plans (Annex IIa of Council Reg. 43/2009). Similarly, vessel length categories are inconsistent between the DCF/Annual Economic Report and the data call for effort management evaluation.

STECF considers that it is of primary importance that improved consistency in fleet and métier definitions is ensured so that data are collected at an appropriate level to address management issues. STECF concludes also that some level of adaptability and flexibility is required in DCF in order to best meet the changing needs of fisheries management.

STECF endorses the timetable for the evaluation of the Annual Reports in June 2011 proposed by EWG 11-02 which is as follows:

TASK TIMELINE

Develop Electronic Pre Screening Pilot under ad hoc contract - May 2011 (By France)

Submission of AR by MS - 31st May 2011

Registration for EWG 11-08 - Close 9th May (6 weeks before)

TOR for Sub Group Pre Screening - May 2011

Pre Evaluation by SGRN Sub Group - Mid June (By Correspondence)

Compilation of Recommendations - Mid June (By Correspondence)

TOR for EWG 11-08 - May 2011

SGRN Participants - Task Allocation 13th June 2011

SGRN EWG 11 - 08 27th June 2011

EWG 11-08 is pleased to advise STECF that overall, the timelines in relation to the pre screening exercise were followed and that the exercise led to a more efficient and effective review of the DCR Annual Reports.

The key issue is to have the TOR, registration and the pre screening exercise completed well in advance of the EWG 11-08.

STECF supports the ICES WGISUR and its associated Workshops. STECF welcome the collaboration in WGISUR between ICES and GFCM. STECF will further consider the strategic issues at its July 2011 Plenary with the aim of developing a proposal for a high level roadmap for a revision of the DCF.

STECF considers it important that a revision of the DCF be completed early in 2013 to allow Member States sufficient time to develop national and regional plans for data collection for the period after 2013 where the current National plans terminate. This leaves 2011 and 2012 for the Scientific Community and the Commission to further consider and act on the findings, conclusions and recommendations from end users.

EWG 11-08 recognise that given the changes in the Commission, more internal discussion needs to take place before the high level roadmap can be developed. EWG 11-08 developed a roadmap of jobs that need to be done in relation to the DCF over the period July 2011 and May 2013.

STECF recommendations

DCF Operational Issues

STECF recommends that a group of 5-10 experts carry out a pre screening of the 2010 AR evaluation questionnaire by correspondence. The exact procedure for such an expertise is to be defined by the Commission and meeting chair. The completion of the questionnaire does not require specific/scientific competence. The precondition for this procedure to be effective is that the AR should be available at least 3 weeks before the EWG meeting. The pre-screening exercise should also take account of recommendations from STECF, RCM and Liaison Meetings in order to assist the AR evaluation.

DCF Strategic Issues

STECF recommends that financial support be found to investigate the potential for surveys that are funded through the DCF to be adapted to maximise their utility in providing information to support other frameworks e.g. the MSFD. Such an investigation should address the need for a Survey Atlas, definition of data needs and priorities, the development of designed-for-purpose surveys and the integration of DCF-funded and other surveys. STECF recommends that national correspondents/national representatives in ICES, GFCM or other relevant national authorities ensure that information on all surveys performed in their national marine waters are made available for this task.

EWG 11-08 were not sure if this had been followed up and will check with the Commission.

STECF recommendations on data issues

STECF recommends that the follow-up of end-user feedback needs to be improved. This could be achieved by setting up a more formal institutional system to manage the dialogue between end users, National Programmes and DG MARE. STECF suggests that as a first step, a common database that facilitates the transmission of recommendations on data issues should be established by the Commission with input from the RCM.

EWG 11-08 considered that STECF recommendations should be compiled and put on the JRC DCF website. ICES have already developed an ICES recommendations Data Base and that the Liaison Meeting report compiles the recommendations of the RCM's.

Recognising that improved consistency in métier and fleet segment definitions used in the DCF and the management system is needed, STECF recommends that the flexibility to aggregate information in different ways to address the wide and evolving range of management issues is introduced in the DCF.

STECF recommends that regional data bases are considered in a revision of the present DCF and that efforts are made by the Commission to facilitate the use of regional databases.

STECF recommends that overlap in the CR and the DCF should be avoided. Data collected under the CR should not be included in the DCF unless it is to be expected that the quality of the data collected under the CR does not fulfil the quality requirements of the DCF. STECF further recommends including in the new DCF commitments for Member States to set up at national or regional level, a system to encourage cooperation between control authorities and the National Programmes of the DCF. The cooperation system should address all issues of relevance for the collection and processing of data to be collected under the CR and the DCF.

The CR includes commitments for Member States to develop and implement sampling plans for vessels not subject to logbook requirements and landing declarations. STECF recommends that when Member States develop the sampling plans, due notice is taken to the data requirements under the DCF. This could be done by actively involving at national level, the DCF experts in the development of the sampling plans.

SECTION 6

COMMENTS ON THE JRC DCF WEBSITE

During the meeting of EWG 11-08, participants were critical that relevant information needed for the production of the Annual Report was not available on the DCF website (<https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu>).

The Chair asked the JRC to present a short overview of the website. This presentation indicated that most information was available on the website but it was difficult to find. EWH 11-08 asked one participant (Frans van Beek) to examine the website and to circulate a proposal with suggestions to make the website more user friendly.

The initial proposal from Frans van Beek is presented in this section of the EWG 11-08 report and represents a starting point on future discussions aimed at making the JRC website more user friendly.

It is important that users of the website can easily find and access important information related to the DCF. The following information should be easy to find:

- Annual Economic Report
- National Programmes
- Annual (Technical) Reports
- Guidelines
- RCM reports
- Liaison reports
- DCF Legislation
- Data Calls
- Data Uploads
- Addresses
- Recommendations
- (Metier descriptions)
- Information on DCF related Meetings
- Information on Regional Data Base
- DCF surveys

The initial proposal would restructure the tab 'reports' in the present DCF website in the following way:

- Annual Economic Report and Guidelines
- National Programmes and Guidelines
- Annual Reports and Guidelines

- Other Guidelines
- RCM reports
- Liaison reports
- Workshop reports
- Pilot Studies reports
- (Other reports)

The information for 'DCF legislation', 'Data Calls' and 'Data Uploads' is presently easy to find through the existing tabs on the home page. No changes are proposed.

The 'Addresses' of National Correspondent' could be included in a new tab called 'Contacts' on the home page. In this tab also addresses of institutes participating in the DCF and national and Commission contact persons could be included.

Lists of or links to relevant 'Recommendations' could be included on the same place of the guidelines. We both need them for producing the National Programmes and Annual Reports.

'Metier descriptions' on a national basis could be included in the existing tab 'Definitions' under the item 'Fishing Activity – Metier'.

Information on 'Meetings' could be dealt with in the same way as under the STECF website. Each meeting would get a page with information on date and venue of the meeting and links to the documents relevant to the meeting.

The structure of the 'Regional Data Base' (RDB) web pages should be developed when the RDB's are operational.

It may also be helpful to have an updated list on the website with standardised descriptions of the 'DCF surveys'. Such a list is not only informative but would also provide a basis for regular evaluation of the surveys. It may also be useful for the RCM's to have their own websites which should be linked to the DCF website. This could be further discussed at the RCM and Liaison.

Annex 1 - Terms of Reference

Expert Working Group EWG 11-08 Evaluation of 2010 Annual Reports of the DCF

**Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 2011
Metsätalo, University of Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki, Finland**

Terms of Reference

(Version 3)

1. Evaluate Member States 2010 Annual Reports in accordance with Article 7.2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, taking into account;
 - a. The execution of the 2010 National Programmes
 - b. The quality of the data collected by the Member States
 - . Information from end users on data transmission in 2010

2. Review Data Deficiencies and in particular, the template and procedure developed last year by SGRN 10-02, for reporting data deficiencies by data user groups (STECF, ICES, ICCAT, GFCM and other RFMOs or international scientific bodies). This TOR will identify data failures in order to allow the Commission to enforce MS obligations in a clear and transparent manner. Particular attention will be paid to;
 - a. Data transmission to end-users in 2010 with a focus on feedback by ICES and relevant RFMOs on data availability, quality, gaps and the data used in the scientific advisory process;
 - b. Response by MS to calls for data for fisheries advice providing data for STECF meetings;
 - c. Response by MS to the call for economic data launched to produce the draft report on the "Economic Performance of EU Fishing Fleet: Annual Report 2011 (AER).

3. Evaluate this year's manual pre screening of the Annual Reports and also any progress made with the pilot project for the electronic pre screening of the annual reports.

4. Review the comments made at STECF at the Spring Plenary (April 2011).

Annex 2 – Agenda

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF)

**Review of the Member States 2010 DCF Annual Reports
STECF Expert Working Group 11 – 08**

Metsätalo, University of Helsinki, Finland

**Monday 27th June (Start 14.00 hrs) to
Friday 1st July 2011 (Finish 18.00 hrs)**

DRAFT AGENDA (Version 3)

Monday 27th June 2011 (Day 1)

14-00 PLENARY

Introduction and Welcome

Tour de Table

Views of the Commission

Objectives and TOR's of EWG 11-08

Logistics of Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

Addressing our TOR's

Plenary/Sub Group Working Procedures

Rapporteurs and Report Structure

EWG 11-08 Reporting to STECF July Plenary Meeting

Formation of Sub Groups

- Sub Group 1 – Economics (Modules IIIB; IV)
- Sub Group 2 – Biol Met Var+ Rec Fish (Module IIIC and IIID)

- Sub Group 3 - Biol Stk Var + TV (Module IIIE and IIIF)
- Sub Group 4 – Surveys + Man Data (Modules IIIG + VI)

Appointment of Sub Group Leads

Modus Operandi – Clarity

- 15-00 PLENARY
 Pre-screening Exercise (Addressing TOR 3)
 Report of the Chair - Results Overview
 Lessons Learned
 Discussion
- 16-00 COFFEE
- 16-30 Pre Screening Exercise (continued)
 Pilot Project – Electronic Pre Screening
 Discussion and Recommendations
 Working Procedures for Sub Groups - Recap
 Sub Groups Commence Work
- 18-00 FINISH DAY 1

Tuesday 28th June (Day 2)

- 09-00 PLENARY
 Summary of Day 1 and Plan for Day 2
- 09-15 Sub Group Work (Addressing TOR 1)
- 10-45 COFFEE

11-00 Sub Group Work (TOR 1 -Continued)

13-00 LUNCH

14-00 Sub Group Work (TOR 1 - Continued)

16-00 COFFEE

16-30 Sub Group Work (TOR 1 - Continued)

18-00 Close Day 2

Wednesday 29th June (Day 3)

09-00 PLENARY
Summary of Day 2 and Plan for Day 3

09-15 Sub Group Work (TOR 1 - Continued)

10-45 COFFEE

11-00 Sub Group Work (TOR 1 - Continued)

13-00 LUNCH

14-00 PLENARY
Report from Sub Groups (TOR 1)

Discussion

16-00 COFFEE

16-30 PLENARY
Report from Sub Groups (TOR 1)
Discussion

18-00 Chairs Summary
Close Day 3

Thursday 30th June (Day 4)

09-00 PLENARY
Plan for Day 4

09-15 PLENARY
Comments from STECF April Plenary (TOR 4)
Follow up and Discussion

Progress on use of Templates and Procedures developed by SGRN 10-02
– Have we made progress ?

Presentation from ICES Data Deficiencies (TOR 2)
Analysis of ICES Data Base

Review of Data Deficiencies (TOR 2)

11-00 COFFEE

- 11-30 Sub Group Work by Allocated Country (TOR 2)
Focus on Data Transmission v's ICES Tables
- 13-00 LUNCH
- 14-00 Sub Group Work by Allocated Country (TOR 2)
Focus on Data Transmission v's ICES Tables
- 16-0 COFFEE
- 16.30 PLENARY
Report from Sub Groups on Data Transmissions (TOR 2)
Discussion, Conclusions, Recommendations (TOR 2)
- 18-00 Close Day 4

Friday 1st July (Day 5)

- 09-00 PLENARY
Summary of Day 4 and Plan for Day 5
- 09-15 Final Update from Sub Groups
Overall Comments – Final Discussion
Recommendations
- 10-45 COFFEE

- 11-00 Have we addressed our TOR's
Comments - Discussion
Recommendations
- 13-00 LUNCH
- 14-00 PLENARY
Final Report
Issues and Discussion
*****COMPLETE MASTER EXCEL SHEET FOR EACH MS**
- 16-00 COFFEE
- 16-30 PLENARY
Final Report
Comments and Recommendations
- 18-00 Close of Meeting

Annex 3 – List of Participants

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Annex 4 – List of Key Background Documentation

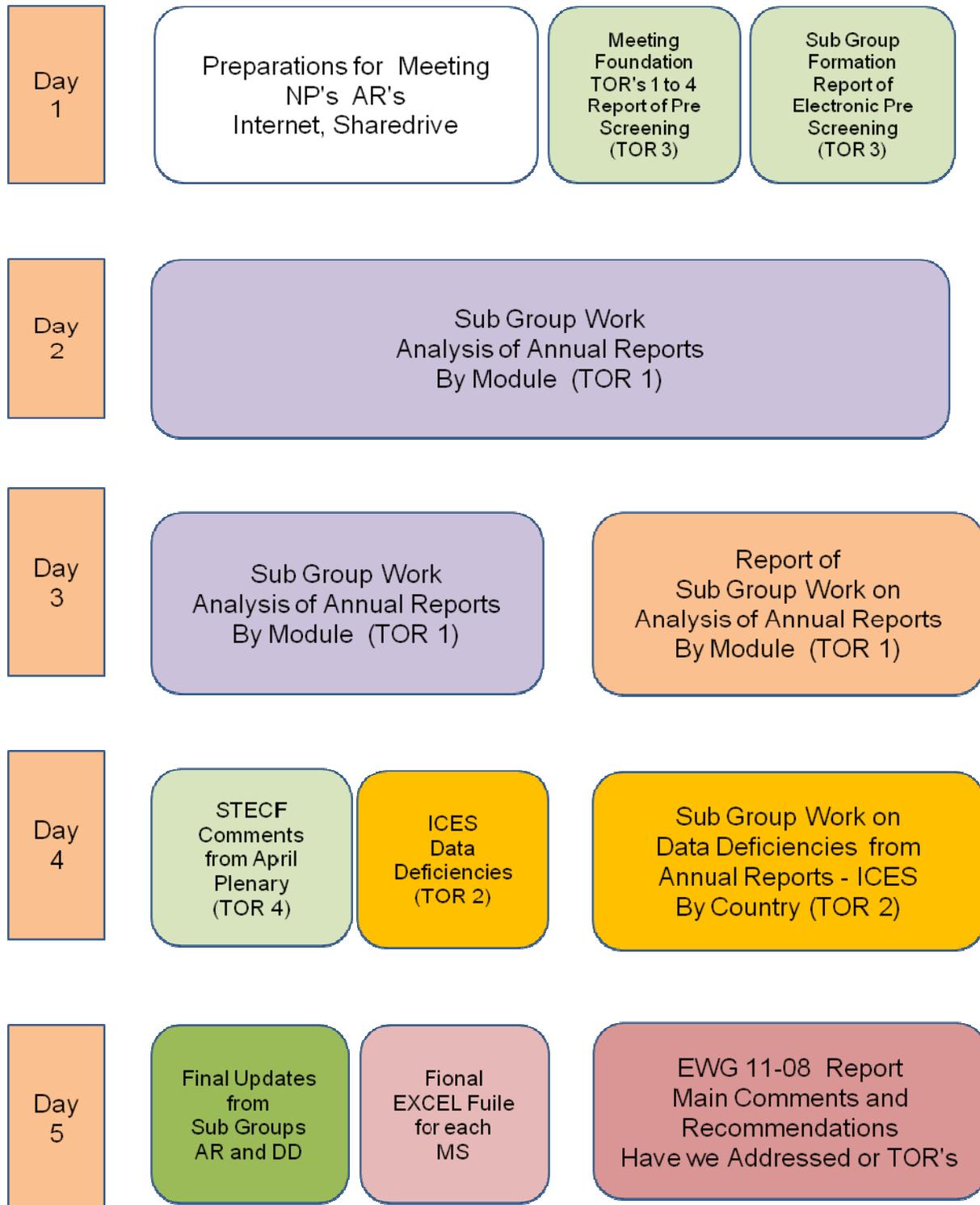
[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 665/2008 of 14 July 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 199/2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy](#)

[2008/949/EC Commission Decision of 6 November 2008 adopting a multiannual Community programme pursuant to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 199/2008 establishing a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy](#)

Annex 5 – Meeting Roadmap

STECF EWG 11-08 Meeting Roadmap



Annex 6 Electronic Checking of Annual Reports – R Tool

```
#           CHECKING DCF TABLES
#
#
# USER(S) .....: STECF/EG on analysis of DCF Annual Report (AR)
# -----
# Developed by
# INSTITUTE / LAB.....: Ifremer Port-en-Bessin
# DATE .....: May 2011
# EXPERT / TEAM .....: Joël Vigneau & Mathieu Merzereaud
#
# -----

library(XLConnect)

#INPUTS -----
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#Testing the AR
test <- "C:/_PROGRAMME/SGRN/Intersession/SGRN 11-02/Check DCF
tables/France_Technical_Report_2010_Tables_31-May-2011.xls"
# against the corresponding NP
ref <- "C:/_PROGRAMME/SGRN/Intersession/SGRN 11-02/Check DCF
tables/France_NP-Proposal_2009-2010_Tables_1st Dec-2010.xls"
```

```

#caractère remplaçant en interne les NAs (cellules vides)
empty <- "$$$"
#couleur de remplacement (codage XLS)
col <- "COLOR.ORANGE"
#nombre maximal de lignes lues dans chaque feuillet par la procédure
d'importation
nrowMax <-
c(100,20,200,200,200,400,200,400,400,1000,100,400,200,1000,150,1000,50,50,200
,100,100,100,50,200)
#nombre maximal de colonnes lues dans chaque feuillet par la procédure
d'importation
ncolMax <-
c(9,9,12,10,11,15,10,19,23,20,13,10,36,20,11,4,20,10,11,9,11,10,8,21)

#-----
-----

checkDCFxls <- fonction(test,ref,empty,col,nrowMax,ncolMax){
#fichiers de référence et à analyser
ref <- loadWorkbook(ref)
test <- loadWorkbook(test)

#on prédéfinit les cellules qui seront libres (c(première ligne,colonne n°1,
colonne
n°2, ..., dernière colonne))
free <-
list(II_B_1=c(4,9),III_B_1=c(4,10:12),III_B_2=c(4,6,10),III_B_3=c(4,10),III_C
_3=c(4,13,17:19),
III_C_4=c(4,13,18:23),III_C_5=c(5,13:20),III_C_6=c(5,1:13),III_E_3=c(4,15:20)
,III_F_1=c(4,8,10:11),
III_G_1=c(5,17:20),IV_A_2=c(4,9:11),IV_A_3=c(4,8),IV_B_1=c(4,9:11),IV_B_2=c(4
,8),V_1=c(4,7:8),VI_1=c(5,2:20))

#on crée le style de cellule

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cs <- createCellStyle(test)
eval(parse(' ',text=paste("setFillBackgroundColor(cs, color =
XLC$\"",col,"\""),sep="")))
eval(parse(' ',text=paste("setFillForegroundColor(cs, color =
XLC$\"",col,"\""),sep="")))
setFillPattern(cs, fill = XLC$"FILL.SOLID_FOREGROUND")

#on extrait les noms de feuillets
sheetsRef <- getSheets(ref) ; sheetsTest <- getSheets(test)
if (!identical(sheetsRef,sheetsTest)) stop("Check your xls file structure
(sheets
name,...)!!")
#...et on boucle là-dessus
for (i in sheetsRef) {
print(paste("Checking",i,"sheet..."))
ii <- match(i, sheetsRef)
shRef <- as.matrix(readWorksheet(ref, sheet = i, startRow=1, startCol=1,
endRow=nrowMax[ii], endCol=ncolMax[ii],header=FALSE))
shTest <- as.matrix(readWorksheet(test, sheet = i, startRow=1, startCol=1,
endRow=nrow(shRef), endCol=ncol(shRef),header=FALSE))
#on recode les cellules vides
shRef[is.na(shRef)] <- empty ; shTest[is.na(shTest)] <- empty
#on identifie les cellules libres dans shRef
coord <- free[[i]]
if (!is.null(coord)) shRef[coord[1]:nrow(shRef),coord[-1]] <- "%%%"

#on réordonne shRef pour le faire correspondre au mieux à shTest
shRefCopy <- shRefOrd <- shRef ; shRefOrd[] <- "NA"
N <- ncolMax[ii] ; index <- 1:nrow(shTest) ; INDEX <- index

while(nrow(shRefCopy)>0 & length(index)>0 & N>=0) {

for (j in index) {

sumId <- apply(t(shTest[j,])==t(shRefCopy)) | shRefCopy=="%%%",1,sum)

```

```

indBest <- match(N,sumId)

if (!is.na(indBest)) {

  shRefOrd[j,] <- shRefCopy[indBest,]
  INDEX[j] <- NA
  shRefCopy <- shRefCopy[-indBest,,drop=FALSE]

}

}

index <- INDEX[!is.na(INDEX)] ; N <- N-1
}

shRef <- shRefOrd

#matrices de test
freeTest <- shRef=="%%%"      #pas de test à effectuer là où il y a TRUE :
cellule
libre
corrTest <- shRef==shTest     #correspondance des cellules où il y a TRUE

#on colore en orange dans 'test' les cellules vérifiant !freeTest et
!corrTest
index <- as.vector(!freeTest & !corrTest)

#ces cellules sont de coordonnées (row,col) :
Row      <-      rep(1:nrow(shRef),ncol(shRef))      ;      Col      <-
rep(1:ncol(shRef),each=nrow(shRef))
invisible(sapply((1:length(index))[index],function(x)      setCellStyle(test,
sheet = i,
row = Row[x], col = Col[x], cellstyle = cs)))

saveWorkbook(test)

}

print("Done!!")

```

```
}
```

```
#ATTENTION : la fonction modifie 'test'
```

```
checkDCFxls(test,ref,empty,col,nrowMax,ncolMax)
```

ANNEX 7 - STECF RECOMMENDATIONS in 2009

STECF Recommendations in 2009

(Compiled By Frans van Beek After the Meeting)

This file presents a scan of the recommendations listed in a selection of reports published by or on behalf of STECF in 2009. All considered reports were final numbered versions published on the STECF website. The work was carried out on request of EWG 11-02 to facilitate MS to respond on the STECF recommendations in their Report of Activities over the year 2010.

Not all listed recommendations in the reports are relevant for the Report of Activities but no selection has been made on the recommendations. The selection was made by scanning the documents on the word 'recommend' and all paragraphs containing a combination of the words 'STECF' and 'recommend' have been pasted into this document. Consequently, intended recommendations not using the word 'recommend' are omitted by this procedure. Examples are for instance 'STECF endorses', 'STECF is of the opinion', 'STECF considers', 'STECF notes', 'STECF requests', 'STECF highlights', 'STECF recognizes' and 'it is recommended'.

In most cases, the plenary reports by STECF provide a review of the Expert Working Groups. However, this is not always the case. Also only in a few situations in these reviews, STECF has endorsed all recommendations made by the expert group. In other cases a few recommendations are highlighted and it is not clear whether the other recommendations are endorsed or not.

In only a few reports, the recommendations are highlighted in a separate sections. In most other reports they are spread out in the text and it is unclear whether they should be interpreted as a recommendation which requires action. It is often also unclear to whom the recommendation is addressed and what action is expected.

The review of the recommendations contains almost 40 pages. It took me a few days to make this review and this will save time for others. However, it is still a high exercise for each MS to go through this summary and select the relevant recommendations they are expected to reply on in the Report of Activities. A more efficient system needs to be set up by STECF making clear that all important recommendations are compiled in a standard way and that it is clear to whom they are addressed.

The recommendations are presented by report in tables. The first column in the table lists the page number of the report and the section name and number. The second column list the paragraph which contains the recommendation.

The following reports have been scanned for STECF recommendations.

- PLEN-09-01_JRC52015
- PLEN 09-02_JRC53317
- PLEN 09-03_JRC95699
- SG-ECA/RN 09-04 - NPs & Roadmap Surveys_JRC58997

- SG-ECA/RN 09-02 - Review of Guidelines and Procedures _JRC53319
- SG-ECA 09-02 - Economic Data _JRC57575
- SG-ECA/RN 09-01 - Evaluation of DC Programs _JRC52236
- STECF OWP - Sampling Strategies _JRC51475
- SG-ECA 09-03 - Fish Processing Sector _JRC56380
- SG-ECA 09-01 - Annual Economic Report AER _JRC55030
- SG-MOS 09-05 - Deep Sea & Western waters _JRC59823
- SG-MOS 09-05 - Annex IIA of TAC _JRC58544
- SG-BRE 09-01 - Fleet capacity and fishing opportunities _JRC55727
- SG-MOS 09-02 - Evaluation of Fishery Multi-annual Plans _JRC58542

The following list of reports has NOT been scanned for STECF recommendations mainly because they deal with assessment or advice and not with data collection. However, if they contain recommendations they will have been picked up by STECF and listed in the PLEN reports and included in this review.

- SG-ECA/RN 09-03 - Guidelines for NPs-TRs _JRC55709
- STECF OWP - Consolidated response on effort exemptions _JRC51476
- STECF Written Procedure - Baltic sea salmon _JRC56282
- SG-ECA/MED/RST 09-01 - Mediterranean Stock _JRC52235
- SG-MED 09-01 - Black Sea Stocks _JRC52218
- SG-MED 09-02 - Mediterranean I _JRC55710
- STECF OWP - Trammel nets _JRC54649
- STECF OWP - Sampling Strategies _JRC51475
- Consolidated advice for 2010 _JRC56074
- SG-ECA-RST 09-03 - Stock review - Part II _JRC55700
- OWP - Sole in ices division viie _JRC54646
- OWP - Review of scientific advice Baltic Sea stocks _JRC52743
- OWP - Bay of biscay anchovy _JRC53015
- OWP - Baltic advice _JRC52743

30th PLENARY MEETING REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (PLEN-09-01)

PLENARY MEETING, 20-24 APRIL 2009, GALWAY

Edited by John Casey & Hendrik Dörner EUR 23829 EN - 2009

page/section	recommendation
12/4.1 AER	<p>In addition, STECF highlights the need for an improvement in the analytical tools used for carrying out the assessment of the economic performance of the fleets, clarification on the methodology required to conduct the regional analysis and the identification of special issues to be investigated in future years' AER. Therefore, STECF recommends that a preparatory work aimed at addressing the above mentioned issues should be carried out before the SGECA meeting. The best way to approach this should be discussed by DG Mare and the STECF Board.</p>
12/4.1 AER	<p>In addition, STECF recognizes the need to make regional analyses but stresses that such analyses must be based on a clear methodology and assumptions. Therefore, STECF requests that JRC explores an appropriate methodology that accurately produces the desired outputs for regional analyses. This methodology should be developed taking into account previous STECF recommendations (STECF 08-03).</p>
12/4.1 AER	<p>STECF recognizes the effort in the application of the EIAA model. However, the results of projections for 2008 and 2009 presented in the report are not particularly informative or reliable because the model was not configured to take account of recent important developments, such as decommissioning, sudden price changes and policy changes like effort reduction schemes. In the event that the EIAA model is used for future AERs, STECF recommends that preparatory work be undertaken before the SGECA meeting, in order to ensure that the model is appropriately configured. The best way to approach this should be discussed by DG Mare and the STECF Board. At the same time, STECF notes that in future the report should present the criteria used to select the fleet segments for which the EIAA model will be applied.</p>
12/4.1 AER	<p>STECF also notes that, despite previous recommendations, no information is given on the quality of data and its reliability. STECF recommends including quality indicators in next years' AER. Some of them (coverage, sample size) are already available from the national technical reports. Other indicators will be proposed by the next working group on data quality (SGECA –09-02) that will suggest indicators of</p>

page/section	recommendation
	accuracy and precision that need to be provided in the national technical report to evaluate the quality of estimates for each economic variable.
14/4.1 AER	<p>With respect to item (a) of the ToR, the Workshop reviewed in detail the most frequently applied methods used to estimate the natural mortality of exploited marine species and initiated discussion about the growth parameters for demersal and small pelagic stocks in the Mediterranean Sea. After considerable discussion, the Workshop agreed on the need to use vectors of M that have decreasing values with age/size. Two preferred methods for estimating M were proposed and this conclusion was endorsed by STECF. Providing there is a reasonable degree of confidence in growth parameter estimates STECF recommends the use of either one of the two following methods to calculate M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gislason <i>et al.</i> (Gislason <i>et al.</i>, 2008a; Gislason <i>et al.</i>, 2008b): $\ln M = a + b \ln L + c \ln L_{\infty} + d \ln K$ or 2. ProdBiom (Abella <i>et al.</i>, 1997) based on considerations about production and losses of biomass due to natural mortality which uses the Caddy (1991) equation: $M_{(t)} = M_a + \left(\frac{\beta}{t} \right)$ where M_a is the asymptotic M and β is the curvature parameter.
15/4.2 Workshop on Mediterranean Stock Assessment Standardization SG-MED workshop 09-01 (formerly labelled as SG-ECA/RST/MED 09-01)	<p>With respect to item (b) of the ToR, SG-MED agreed a series of changes to the current stock boundaries to be used for the next stock assessments of European hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>), red mullet (<i>Mullus barbatus</i>) and deep water rose shrimp (<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>). Several of the existing divisions were based on geopolitical boundaries and had no basis in biology, ecology or fishery patterns. Recommendations for changes were based on a range of factors, including observed similarities in trends of recruitment indices estimated from MEDITS surveys, levels of similarity in biological parameters of relevant species, environmental trends and expert experience. The proposed changes should enable SG-MED to accomplish its work in a more consistent way within respect to basic stock parameters and thereby improve its support to the GFCM.</p> <p>STECF recommends the following:</p>

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	<p>1. European Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merge the following GSAs1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GSAs 05+06; o GSAs 12+13+14+15+16; o GSAs 17+18; <p>2. Red mullet (<i>Mullus barbatus</i>)</p> <p>Maintain the current GSAs boundaries or investigate smaller areas. In this context, a splitting of GSA09 into two sub-units should be investigated further by SGMED: GSA09a (north) and GSA09b (south).</p> <p>3. Deep- water rose shrimp (<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merge the following GSAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GSAs 01+06+07 o GSAs 12+13+14+15+16.
<p>16/4.2 Workshop on Mediterranean Stock Assessment Standardization SG-MED workshop</p> <p>09-01 (formerly labelled as SG-ECA/RST/MED 09-01)</p>	<p>STECF noted the mistakes identified by SG-MED in the names of the species, either common or scientific, listed in the Appendix VII of the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Considering the fact that this list is the base for the data collection on the various stocks of Community interest, that the various versions of the list of stocks were previously checked by STECF in several meetings, and that it is necessary to eliminate any possible sources of confusion, STECF recommends the following list of corrections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to amend the common name of <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>, and substitute “Pandora” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fish-base, “Common Pandora”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the scientific name. b) to amend both the common name and substitute “Sole” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fish-base, “Common sole”, and the related scientific name, substituting “<i>Solea vulgaris</i>”, which is now a synonym, with the valid name “<i>Solea solea</i>”. c) to amend the common name and substitute “Picarels” with “Picarel”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name; Picarels might be intended as all the species belonging to the genus <i>Spicara</i>. d) to amend the scientific name for Tub gurnard, and substitute “<i>Trigla lucerna</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fish-base, “<i>Chelidonichthys lucerna</i>”. e) to amend the common name and substitute “Dolphinfish” with

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	<p>“Common dolphinfish”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name of <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>.</p> <p>f) to amend the common name for <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> and substitute “White shrimp” with “Deep-water rose shrimp”, which is the common name adopted by FAO, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name.</p> <p>g) to amend the scientific name of the Norway lobster and substitute “<i>Langoustine norvegicus</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO and all scientific references, “<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>”.</p> <p>h) to amend the scientific name of the Giant red shrimp and substitute “<i>Aristeomorpha foliacea</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO “<i>Aristaeomorpha foliacea</i>”.</p>
<p>19/4.2 Workshop on Mediterranean Stock Assessment Standardization SG-MED workshop</p> <p>09-01 (formerly labelled as SG-ECA/RST/MED 09-01)</p>	<p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends amending the common name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “Pandora” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fish-base, “Common Pandora”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the scientific name.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend both the common name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “Sole” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fish-base, “Common sole”, and the scientific name, substituting “<i>Solea vulgaris</i>” which is now a synonym, with the valid name “<i>Solea solea</i>”.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend the common name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “Picarels” with “Picarel”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name. Picarels might be intended as all the species belonging to the genus <i>Spicara</i>.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend the scientific name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “<i>Trigla lucerna</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO and Fishbase, “<i>Chelidonichthys lucerna</i>” for Tub gurnard.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends amending the common name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission</p>

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	<p>Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “Dolphinfish” with “Common dolphinfish”, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend the common name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (but also for other areas) and substitute “White shrimp” with “Deep-water rose shrimp”, which is the common name adopted by FAO, because the actual one might generate confusion if not supported by the related scientific name.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend the scientific name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “<i>Langoustine norvegicus</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO, “<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>” for the Norway lobster.</p> <p>STECF/SG ECA/RST/MED 09-01 recommends to amend the scientific name reported in the Appendix VII by the Commission Decision (2008/949/EC) for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and substitute “<i>Aristeomorpha foliacea</i>” with the correct name adopted by FAO “<i>Aristaomorpha foliacea</i>” for the Giant red shrimp.</p>
22/4.3. SGMED-09-01 Black Sea	STECF endorses the recommendation of SGMED 09-01 to keep the exploitation of turbot in the Black Sea at the lowest possible level in order to allow the stock to recover.
24/4.4. SGRN/ECA 09-01: Evaluation of data collection programmes for the 2009-2010 period	<p>Finally, STECF endorses the recommendations of SGRN/SGECA 09-01:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review the guidelines for the submission of NP proposals 2011-2013 during the SGRN/SGECA 09-02 June 2009 meeting. The general comments within the SGRN/SGECA 09-01 report and the reports of the 2008 RCMs (Anon. 2008 a,b,c,d.) appear as a useful preparatory work for this task. • to develop working procedures for the review of NP proposals during the SGRN/SGECA 09-02 June 2009 meeting. In particular, a clear, standardized and applicable methodology for the evaluation of the NP proposals by modules and by regional subgroups should be developed and the expertise covering all the modules of the new DCR should be ensured. STECF supports the idea of an initial screening of the NP by a group of experts familiar with the DCF, who could work by correspondence. This report would then be used by SGRN as a starting point for the National Programme reviews.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review the list of research surveys that are funded under the DCF. This review should be carried out in January 2010, before Member States submit their 2011 to 2013 National Programmes in March 2010.
<p>35/ Ecosystem approach and bio-economic modelling</p> <p>5.1.</p>	<p>Based on the above considerations, STECF recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to set out a roadmap to further consider the possibilities for implementing an ecosystem approach, a STECF subgroup should be set up under the auspices of STECF-SGMOS, with participation of ecologists, biologists and economists. - It is recommended to devise the development of such a decision support system in three steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the first step a fisheries information system should be devised. This system, based on marinographic area, should bring together existing data on fish stocks, ecosystem indicators and economic data. For each area an analysis of available and lacking data should be made. Based on this data, ecosystem indicators can be developed. ○ In the second step for each marinographic area an appropriate set of analytical tools (models) should be devised based on the characteristics of the ecosystem and economic system. It is advised that a preparatory group will prepare a comprehensive overview of available models and applicability to given circumstances. Development of ecosystem models and bio-economic models can be set up parallel, with the bioeconomic models evolving from multi-species models on commercial species to models that include both direct and indirect effects (ecosystem interactions) on commercial and non-commercial species. ○ In the third part the data base and models should be brought together in a Decision Support System: a data and modelling environment capable of providing an <i>ex-ante</i> impact assessment of proposed management measures on the ecosystem and the economic system. - A pragmatic first step should be taken to use the tools described in relation to question 1 above, to show changes in the biological status of the species and to include economic information in the assessment.
<p>42/5.3. Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea: Italian national management plans</p>	<p>As a general comment STECF wishes to point out that requests to evaluate such a large number of management plans is exceedingly difficult to manage in a Plenary meeting where there are other issues to address. STECF recommends that, in similar future cases, the workload could be managed more effectively by arranging ad-hoc contracts, or a separate working group meeting to provide an initial evaluation for further examination and adoption by STECF. It is suggested that DG Mare and the STECF Board discuss how this can best be achieved.</p>

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<p>46/5.3.1. STECF COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BY GSA</p>	<p>Given that sardine is mostly fished by the Croatian fleet in the eastern part of the Adriatic, there is an urgent need that Italy collaborates with countries in the eastern part of the Adriatic, especially Croatia, in the assessment of small pelagic fish stocks and management of their fleets. This is not considered at all in the management plan. However, setting objectives for the Italian fisheries independently of the Croatian fisheries is unlikely to achieve the desired objectives. STECF therefore recommends that management arrangements for the Adriatic should be agreed through the GFCM level.</p>
<p>55/5.6.1 Evaluation of possible exemptions of groups of vessels from the effort management system under the provisions of Article 11.2 of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’ Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008: Submission to the European Commission by the French, the German, the Polish the Spanish and the UK Authorities.</p>	<p>STECF wishes to draw attention to the variable and often confusing nature of the material supplied by member states. This has led to unnecessary time being spent on establishing what material is available before undertaking the evaluation. STECF therefore recommends that a guidance note or template for submissions should be provided for member states to ensure that relevant material is supplied, in formats which can readily utilised by evaluators and with adequate description of all the material supplied. The guidance note should also draw attention to the 3 decoupling mechanisms identified, and requesting MS to provide evidence that i or ii is the case.</p>
<p>58/ 5.6.2 Exclusion of groups of vessels from the effort management</p>	<p>As stated before, in order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that the Spanish authorities provide the following information:</p>

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<p>system under the provisions of Article 11.2 of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’ Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008: Submission to the European Commission by the Spanish Authorities.</p>	<p>Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the group of vessels together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels.</p> <p>Catch and effort data should be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the most recent three calendar years. Any information on technical characteristics (gear, mesh sizes etc.) and exploitation patterns (e.g. target species) of these vessels will help identifying the grouping of the vessels. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group. If individual vessel data are not available, then the data should be aggregated over vessels within the group by month of the year. The vessels belonging to each group should be listed together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number. Fishing depth data should be provided and information on the depth frequency distribution of the fishing activity (not just average depths). This will enable an evaluation of the extent of separation between the fishing activity and the cod habitat.</p> <p>In order to assess the extent of spatial decoupling of the fishery and the cod stock, longer term spatial information is required on the percentage of cod catches, the period ideally including the time when the cod stock was above Bpa.</p>
<p>61/ 5.6.3 Exclusion of groups of vessels from the effort management system under the provisions of Article 11(2) of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’, Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008:</p>	<p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that Polish authorities provide the following information:</p> <p>Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the group(s) of vessels together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels.</p> <p>Catch and effort data should be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the three most recent calendar years. Any information on</p>

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<p>65/ 5.6.4 Exclusion of groups of vessels from the effort management system under the provisions of Article 11.2 of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’ Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008: Submission to the European Commission by the French Authorities.</p>	<p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that the French authorities provide the following information:</p> <p>Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the group of vessels together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels.</p> <p>Catch and effort data should be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the most recent three calendar years. Any information on technical characteristics (gear, mesh sizes etc.) and exploitation patterns (e.g. target species) of these vessels will help identifying the grouping of the vessels. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group. If individual vessel data are not available, then the data should be aggregated over vessels within the group by month of the year. The vessels belonging to each group should be listed together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number.</p> <p>In order to assess the extent of spatial decoupling of the fishery and the cod stock, longer term spatial information is required on the percentage of cod catches, the period ideally including the time when the cod stock was above Bpa.</p>
70/5.6.5 Exclusion of groups of vessels	<p>STECF recommends that the German authorities provide additional information on the observer trips carried out:</p>

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<p>from the effort management system under the provisions of Article 11.2 of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’ Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008:</p> <p>Resubmission to the European Commission by the German Authorities.</p>	<p>In addition to the observer catch data provided, information on details of individual vessel characteristics, timings and locations of each sampling should also be supplied. Spatial and temporal coverage, and the precision of the estimation of the cod proportions in the catches should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels. In order to assess the extent of spatial decoupling of the fishery and the cod stock, longer term spatial information is required on the percentage of cod catches, the period ideally including the time when the cod stock was above Bpa.</p> <p>The submission from the German authorities makes general comments about the nature of the controls and sampling that the group of vessels are subjected to. Emphasis is placed on the DCF as a means of providing observer coverage. STECF, however, recommends that a more detailed outline of these procedures should be provided in particular focussing on plans for observer sampling of catch by this group of vessels so as to ascertain whether catches of cod continue to be below or equal to 1.5% of total catch.</p>
<p>72/5.6.5 Exclusion of groups of vessels from the effort management system under the provisions of Article 11.2 of the ‘Long-term plan for cod stocks’ Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008:</p> <p>Resubmission to the European Commission by the German Authorities.</p>	<p>In order to complete its advice on the proportion of cod in the catch of this group of vessels, STECF recommends that the German authorities provide additional information on the observer trips carried out:</p> <p>In addition to the observer catch data provided, information on the discarded quantities observed would be helpful. Details of individual vessel characteristics, timings and locations of each sampling should also be supplied. Spatial and temporal coverage, and the precision of the estimation of the cod proportions in the catches should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels. In order to assess the extent of spatial decoupling of the fishery and the cod stock, longer term spatial information is required on the percentage of cod catches, the period ideally including the time when the cod stock was above Bpa.</p> <p>The submission from the German authorities makes general comments about the nature of the controls and sampling that the group of vessels are subjected to. Emphasis is placed on the DCF as a means of providing observer coverage. STECF, however, recommends that a more detailed outline of these procedures should be provided in particular focussing on</p>

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<p>9/4.1. SGECA-09-02: Quality aspects of the collection of economic data, methods of calculation of the indicators and sampling strategies</p>	<p>STECF reviewed the list of recommendations suggested by SGECA 09-02 and considers that their application will allow MS to better comply with the requirements of the DCF in relation to data quality assurance. Therefore, STECF endorses the SGECA 09-02 recommendations.</p> <p>In particular, STECF recommends that MS indicate the data collection category that is to be applied for each fleet segment and for each economic variable as listed in Appendix VI of Council Decision 949/08. SGECA 09-02 identified three different categories of data collection scheme that covers all the possible typologies of data collection :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Census, which attempts to collect data from all members of a population. B. Probability Sample Survey, in which data are collected from a sample of a population members randomly selected C. Non-Probability Sample Survey, in which data are collected from a sample of population members not randomly selected. <p>STECF notes that this classification will facilitate the comparison of survey methodologies among Member States (MS).</p> <p>STECF also recommends that MS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include in their NPs for the period 2011-2013, a methodological report to describe the sampling strategies. STECF also recommends that MS adhere to the guidelines for the preparation of the methodological report given in Table 4.1.1 below (adapted from the report of the STECF-SGECA 09-02). • include in their annual Technical Reports, the data quality indicators given in Table 4.2.2 below (discussed under TOR 2 of STECF-SGECA 09-02).
<p>12/4.1. SGECA-09-02: Quality aspects of the collection of economic data, methods of</p>	<p>STECF notes that SGECA-09-02 did not suggest any specific indicator for the assessment of quality for the case of non-probability sampling. This was due to the fact there was no consensus on the indicators that could be used and to the fact that there is no solution readily available in literature to estimate the precision of estimators based on non-random sampling. Therefore, STECF recommends that a scientific study aimed</p>

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calculation of the indicators and sampling strategies	at addressing the issue of quality reporting and at suggesting appropriate methodologies for the case of non-probability sampling should be carried out. The best way to approach this should be discussed by DG Mare and the STECF Board.
13/ 4.2. SGECA/RST-09-02: Review of scientific advice on North Sea, Westerns waters, widely distributed (part 1) and Black Sea stocks for 2010.	STECF reviewed and adopted the report of the SGECA-SGRST-09-02 of 29 June to 3 July 2009 (Brest) meeting. This report was updated with STECF comments and recommendations and endorsed by the Committee and is published as the STECF “ <i>Review of scientific advice for 2010 Part 1: Advice on Stocks of Interest to the European Community in the North Sea Celtic and Irish Seas, West of Scotland, West of Ireland, south western waters, Icelandic and North Sea, Celtic and Irish Seas, West of Scotland, West of Ireland, south western waters, Iceland and East Greenland, Barents Sea and the Norwegian Sea, Faeroe plateau ecosystem, Black sea and widely distributed and migratory stocks, deep sea stocks and Elasmobranch Resources in the North East Atlantic</i> ”.
23/ 4.4. SGMOS 09-04: Assessment of fishing effort regimes – part 1	STECF recommends that the chairman should send a final data request reminder with a deadline of August 20th after which data will not be incorporated in the databases.
23/ 4.5. SGRN/ECA-09-02: Evaluation of National Programmes and Technical Reports and Evaluation of 2008 technical reports of DCR (review of the SGRN summary draft)	STECF endorses the recommendations of SGRN/ECA-09-02 and welcomes the working group’s approach to develop into a more strategic working group rather than focusing on the pure review of MS’s NP proposals and TR. Nevertheless, sufficient time should be devoted at its working group meetings for the complete evaluation of the NP proposals and TR.
24/ 4.5. SGRN/ECA-09-02: Evaluation of National Programmes and Technical	STECF endorses SGRN’s recommendation for a workplan that foresees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of the guidelines and standard tables by the RCMs in Sep-Oct 2009 • a meeting of the ‘Guidelines and Procedures Group (GPG)’ in Oct. 2009 to complete guidelines and tables

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Reports and Evaluation of 2008 technical reports of DCR (review of the SGRN summary draft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> subsequent endorsement of the by STECF at its November Plenary
30/5.2. General issues - EC Sharks action plan	<p>1. STECF recommends that the table in Appendix VII of Commission Decision 2008/949/EC be modified according to Table 5.2.1 below. Table 5.2.1 only relates to Chondrichthyan species and only columns 1-3 are presented.</p> <p>2. STECF recommends that it should be mandatory for MS to collect data on landings (size frequencies) and on biological aspects for all the shark species and that data should be collected independent of the threshold reported in the Commission Decision 2008/949/EC, and for all areas. STECF recommends that no derogation for the collection of the basic data for all the shark species should be allowed at least until 2013.</p> <p>3. STECF notes that the actual requirements for biological sampling under the DCF are not consistent with the requirements of the EC-APCMS (i.e.: data collection at landings, discards, biological data, etc.). STECF therefore recommends that the DCF be amended so that the requirements under the EC-APCMS can be met.</p>
39/5.3. General issues - Barcelona Protocol - Sharks Action plan	<p><i>Given the above concerns STECF recommends that the classification of marine organisms according to current IUCN criteria is inappropriate and that informative criteria for the classification of marine organisms should be developed. However, the suggested threat indicator is merely a composite of several categories with a specific rate of decline.</i></p>
43/5.3. General issues - Barcelona Protocol - Sharks Action plan	<p>STECF recommends that consideration should be given to the implementation of time or area closures to protect those areas that are important to the most endangered demersal Chondrichthyan species and to nursery areas of threatened species. Other appropriate management measures for those métier that exploit such species should also be considered.</p> <p>To collecting better data on catches of Chondrichthyans and to assess their exploitation rates, STECF recommends that all Chondrichthyans should be landed in a physical condition which permits them to be identified to species level.</p>

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<p>44/5.3. General issues - Barcelona Protocol - Sharks Action plan</p>	<p>Given the above, STECF recommends that the Community Plan of Action for the conservation of cartilaginous fishes include a specific task directed to the acquisition, management and analysis of fishery-independent data. In particular, this should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revision of the access and management policy for the raw data set of fisheries independent information (e.g. MEDITS, GRUND, etc). This should be in accordance to a framework of clear regulations reflecting current international agreements for access to public funded environmental data (e.g. Aarhus convention). A similar strategy is used by the International Commission for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO), and the American National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS), where their fisheries independent information is available to researchers outside their institutions via a formal request. 2. Development of a system of data collection and archival concerning all historical fishing surveys performed in the European waters. The data should be made available to the scientific community and would be used to derive baseline (historical) abundances for shark species in European Waters. 3. The European Community should supervise and act as a repository of data coming from fishery-independent surveys even if funded independently within Member States' frameworks, carried out throughout the EU. The data should be stored and managed by the EU in an ad-hoc database.
<p>45/5.4. General issues - Format and timing of the forthcoming "fish processing" data call</p>	<p>STECF recommends that the Commission launches a data call for the fish processing industry at the beginning of September asking for all data collected under the DCR since 2006. JRC will provide a common format for the delivery of the data. STECF suggests that the STECF-SGECa 09-03 meeting scheduled for 19th to 23rd October 2009, should analyse the data received and report on its any conclusions and recommendations that can be drawn from the results of the analysis.</p>
<p>48/5.5. Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea - Mediterranean National management plans under Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 -</p>	<p><u>Data analysis</u> STECF recommends that data collected recently in the framework of the EU Data Collection Programs should be better used to provide information for points 1-5 above and produce preliminary assessments of stock status for the main target species (in SGSA/SAC/GFCM and/or SGMED/STECF). Furthermore, the MP should include a socioeconomic impact assessment.</p> <p><u>Derogations:</u> In its previous evaluation (see STECF Plenary report of summer 2008), STECF suggested that pilot studies on the “tartarun” (boat seine) and “gangmu” (bottom towed dredge) fisheries should be</p>

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Malta	undertaken for at least one year using a specified number of vessels with observers onboard. These pilot studies should include information suitable for the evaluation of derogations and specifically for the assessment of the impact of the two fisheries on <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> beds. It should be noted that the Maltese Management Plan includes the proposal to carry out such a pilot study for the “gangmu” fishery. However, basic data to evaluate the requested derogations are currently unavailable in the Plan. Nevertheless, STECF notes that the physical impact of the two fisheries on <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> beds and wider ecosystem impacts, will be difficult to evaluate for a short timeframe project (1 year). Thus, on the basis of the precautionary approach and also considering that <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> is currently legally protected by EU legislation under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) ² , STECF recommends that no derogation should be granted for fishing on <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> beds.
50/5.6. Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea - Mediterranean National management plans under Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 - Greece	The MP states that the evaluation of the evolution of the fishery and of the stocks status in terms of spawning biomass, recruitment and exploitation rates will be conducted on an annual basis. The only HCR proposed in the plan is to revoke the derogations for one year if the reference point $E=F/Z=0.4$ is exceeded. STECF is unable to quantify the likely consequences of such a rule, but it is clear that since the vast majority of catches are obtained in the areas to which the derogations would apply, revoking the derogation to fish in such areas for a year would have serious implications on catches and revenue. STECF notes that such a rule is likely to lead to instability in the fishery and recommends that other catch and /or effort control rules be developed in order to achieve a target exploitation rate of $E=0.4$ and at the same time provide some stability in fishing opportunities without causing a risk to the stock.
59/5.8. Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Possible format for annual reports MS have to provide in accordance with Art. 11(3) to R(EC) No 1342/2008	STECF notes that evaluating the initial and resubmitted requests for exemption from the effort regime has resulted in significant work both at the plenary meeting and by correspondence. This has largely resulted from the variable nature of the evidence supplied by Member States. Submission of annual reports in a standard format with all data at an appropriate temporal and spatial scale will substantially help the evaluation process. STECF anticipates that providing an evaluation of a Member State’s annual report is likely to require a few days work. STECF recommends that reviewers should be given advance notice of when such evaluations are likely to be required so that other work commitments can be scheduled accordingly.

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<p>62-63/5.9. Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Evaluation of the Harvest Control Rule adopted in the Southern Hake and <i>Nephrops</i> plan R(EC) No 2166/2005</p>	<p>Given that since the implementation of the plan in 2006 fishing mortality has increased, and the TAC for hake has been overshot, the provisions of the management plan have been ineffective in controlling catches or effecting a reduction in fishing mortality.</p> <p>To achieve MSY by 2015 there is a need to reduce F to 0.27 well before 2015. STECF recommends that the provisions of the present plan are strictly enforced. Furthermore, on the basis of data available, STECF is unable to determine whether the effort limits provided for in the plan are adequate to effect the reduction in fishing mortality required to achieve MSY. However, the data available to STECF indicates that a significant proportion of the landings of hake is taken by vessels not subject to the effort limitation.</p> <p>STECF also considers that measures to improve selectivity to reduce the catch of small fish could help to improve SSB in the long term.</p> <p>STECF recommends a finer-scale management of catches and/or effort at a geographic scale corresponding to the distribution of the <i>Nephrops</i> functional units should be implemented, in order to rebuild the stocks to safe biological limits.</p> <p>In relation to the above remarks, STECF recommends that a formal evaluation of the recovery plan be conducted in line with the terms or reference for evaluation of recovery plans detailed in section 5.1, of this report, prior to the implementation of any changes to the plan. STECF also recommends that any amendments to the current recovery plan for Southern hake and <i>Nephrops</i> including the incorporation of anglerfish be deferred pending the outcome of the formal evaluation and the ICES benchmark assessment, which is presently scheduled for March 2010.</p> <p>In order to facilitate any future evaluation of the effort regime implemented in the Recovery plan, STECF recommends that the effort data should be provided in days at sea and in Kw x days at sea in such a way that all data can be allocated to specific fishing activities.</p>

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70/5.11. Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Development of a multiannual salmon management plan in the Baltic Sea	<p>Gulf of Finland salmon is taken in the Main Basin. Zero catch in the Gulf of Finland will therefore, not offer maximum protection of the wild Gulf of Finland stocks. The fact that part of the catches of Gulf of Finland wild salmon is taken in the Main Basin has been used as argument for merging the TAC for Gulf of Finland with the TAC set for the remaining part of the Baltic Sea. A combined TAC may result in increased fishing effort in the Gulf of Finland and thereby increased fishing mortality on wild Gulf of Finland salmon. STECF therefore recommends that under the present management system a separate TAC for salmon in the Gulf of Finland should be maintained.</p> <p>STECF recommends that any revision of the current TAC regime for salmon in the Baltic should be linked to the development of a new management plan.</p>
74/6.1. Saisine de la France - Plan d'action communautaire pour la préservation des raies et des requins	<p>Regarding the request on the Elasmobranch stocks situation the STECF recognises the potential utility of a of compilation of current information on Chondrichthyans. STECF notes that the EC Plan of Action contains an Annex prepared by the Commission Staff where most of the available information on sharks around the world is already summarized. The Annex includes specific bibliographic information on: i) taxonomic position, ii) biology and distribution, iii) stock status, iv) management measures, v) effectiveness of management measures, and vi) recent management advice, for 2 shallow water sharks, 8 pelagic sharks, 2 deepwater sharks and 6 demersal Elasmobranchs, most of them Rajids. The STECF further notes that this document is limited in terms of the number of species covered but constitutes a good basis to build upon by extending and updating it with more recent information on Elasmobranchs. STECF therefore recommends</p> <p>this work be pursued either by the EC staff by consulting appropriate sources of information, or by any scientific body such as ICES or by the means of a specific call for tenders. STECF suggest the Commission and the STECF Board discuss the best way to address this.</p> <p>Regarding the most suitable method to control finning practices the STECF was not in a position to analyze in depth the options proposed by France. Nevertheless, in the absence of a more qualified advice on the question it considers that current control provisions in COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1185/2003 must be respected. The STECF therefore recommends maintaining measures contained in COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1185/2003 until the EC Action Plan application</p>

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	gets into force.

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<p>12/4.1. SGMED-09-02: Assessment of Mediterranean Sea stocks</p>	<p>STECF endorses the SGMED recommendations regarding its future working procedures. The stocks to be assessed within each working group should be clearly identified by the TORs prior to the meeting, rather than being faced with an open list of potential assessments and with experts facing ad hoc decisions on which stock to assess. Also, the data call should cover the needs to fulfill the TORs rather than having to undertake additional analyses at the meeting. In this context, SGMED considers a reasonable approach would be to attempt no more than 25 stock assessments over the 2-weekly working group meetings scheduled for future years. SGMED considers that a system, whereby each stock is assessed every 2 or 3 years, could represent an achievable working arrangement. This will also allow SGMED to conduct a more careful examination of the quality of input data and dedicate more time to a discussion of the observed trends and provision of advice.</p> <p>Furthermore, SGMED-09-02 recommends the stock assessments should be continued in 2010 within two meetings. SGMED considers that a maximum of 10-15 selected stocks should be assessed in each meeting, which should also include predictions of catch and biomass under different management scenarios in the short-term for the assessed stocks.</p>
<p>13/4.1. SGMED-09-02: Assessment of Mediterranean Sea stocks</p>	<p>ToR c: After a general discussion on candidate reference points applied in fisheries management of Mediterranean fish and shellfish stocks, SGMED recommends that high priority should be given to exploitation indicators (fishing mortality) and the appropriate levels to achieve high sustainable long-term yield. Considering data availability and the recent political agreements (UN, 2002) and EU communications (Council Conclusions 2007), SGMED recommends the application of FMSY (maximum sustainable yield), with F0.1 derived from Yield per Recruit analysis as the appropriate proxy in cases where data are lacking or there is uncertainty (Kell and Fromentin, 2007). In contrast, state indicators of stock size in terms of biomass are rather difficult to interpret, as decreases in biomass below reference levels such as Blim (biomass of all adult</p>

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	<p>specimens at the level of impaired recruitment) and Bpa (precautionary reference of the biomass of all adult specimens including uncertainty) can be due to many ecological effects in addition to fishery impacts. In addition, the shortness of the assessment time series for most of the Mediterranean stocks and the lack of appropriate historical data, impede the establishment of biomass reference points. In the light of the fact that the actual stock size cannot be directly controlled through fisheries management, SGMED recommends stock biomass reference points be given lower priority in the management of Mediterranean fisheries (finfish and shellfish) than exploitation indicators. SGMED further recommends that levels of fishing mortality FMSY or its proxy F0.1 should rather be interpreted and applied as management targets than any category boundaries, accounting also for uncertainty. Therefore, SGMED considers that emphasis should be given to exploitation rates rather than level of biomass. STECF agrees with SGMED 09-02.</p> <p>STECF endorses the SGMED recommendations regarding fisheries management reference points for European hake in GSA 6. STECF recommends that F=0.16 (F0.1) be adopted as the reference point for fishery management. SGMED is not in the position to estimate or propose adequate limit (Blim) or precautionary (Bpa) biomass reference points given the data available due to the shortage of the time series and the limited stock dynamics it covers. The time series indicates that the stock has always been below the proposed Blim=2,200t and Bpa=4,000t. SGMED notes that the recent stock size is estimated at a much lower level and thus recommends as an interim measure, the proposed biomass reference points of Blim and Bpa be adopted as biomass reference points. Those values may be revised in future when more information becomes available.</p> <p>STECF endorses the SGMED recommendations regarding fisheries management reference points for pink shrimp in GSA 6. SGMED is not in the position to estimate and propose appropriate management targets of fishing mortality or biomass reference points due to the shortage of the time series and the extreme stock dynamics it covers. SGMED notes that the proposed $F \leq 0.2$ is much lower than the current exploitation of $F = 0.5$ for ages 2-5. In the light of the management advice of SGMED to reduce F in order to allow the stock to rebuild, SGMED recommends that as an interim measure $F \leq 0.2$ be adopted as the reference point for fishery management. This value might be revised in the future when more information becomes available. After a continuous decline in spawning</p>

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	<p>stock biomass, the 2008 SSB is estimated to amount to 111 t, the lowest level observed since 2002. STECF notes that this level is much lower than the proposed management references of Blim=300t and Bpa=1,200t, respectively. Given the management advice of SGMED to allow the stock to recover, STECF recommends the proposed state reference points of Blim and Bpa be adopted as biomass reference points. Those values might be revised in the future when more information becomes available.</p>
<p>14/4.1. SGMED-09-02: Assessment of Mediterranean Sea stocks</p>	<p>STECF endorses the SGMED recommendations regarding the appropriateness of the exploitation rate $E \leq 0.4$ for anchovy and sardine stocks in the Mediterranean Sea as a sustainable fisheries management reference point consistent with high long-term yield. SGMED concludes that the short-term responses of the assessed anchovy and sardine stocks to recent exploitation rates indicate that an exploitation rate in the order of $E \leq 0.4$ might be consistent with the management goal of high long-term yields, taking into account the dynamic of the stocks. SGMED underlines that limited area and temporal coverage of the available stock assessments impede any quantification of risk related to this statement. As such, the expressed indication regarding Mediterranean small pelagic stocks is in agreement with empirical findings of Patterson (1992), who has proposed this exploitation level. SGMED recommends the application of the proposed exploitation rate $E \leq 0.4$ as management threshold for stocks of anchovy and sardine in the Mediterranean Sea. This value might be revised in the future when more information becomes available.</p> <p>STECF endorses the SGMED recommendations regarding the biomass reference points for anchovy in GSA 17. SGMED bases its recommendations regarding the proposed biomass reference points of Blim=50,000t and Bpa=80,000 t on a revised stock assessment accounting for natural mortality rates as advised during the SGMED workshop in Murcia, 2-6 March 2009. The visual inspection of the scatter plot of recruitment versus spawning stock biomass clearly indicates that recruitment is impaired at stock sizes below 50,000t. Thus, SGMED recommends that Blim=50,000t be adopted for the stock of anchovy in GSA 17. According to FAO recommendations (Cadima, 2003), Bpa should be in the range of $1.39 \cdot \text{Blim} - 1.64 \cdot \text{Blim}$, accounting for uncertainty in the estimations of fishing mortality. Such factors would determine Bpa being in the range of 70,000t - 82,000t. Thus, SGMED recommends that Bpa=80,000t be adopted for the stock of anchovy in</p>

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	<p>GSA 17.</p> <p><u>ToR g and h</u>: STECF notes that SGMED has provided specific advice on how to undertake standardization of MEDITS and GRUND surveys and that a more structured approach is needed. STECF supports the SGMED recommendation noting that this particular issue would best be solved by convening an ad-hoc working group to develop and test species-specific R script to be applied to standardize MEDITS and GRUND time series for use as quantitative fishery-independent information in stock assessments.</p>
<p>15/4.1. SGMED-09-02: Assessment of Mediterranean Sea stocks</p>	<p><u>ToR i</u>:STECF endorses the recommendation by SGMED 09-02 that the bio-economic models MEFISTO and/or BIRDMOD should be used in future studies to simulate the effects of the management measures of Mediterranean fisheries and evaluate the models' outcomes. Such work is planned for the forthcoming meeting SGMED 09-03.</p>
<p>15-16/4.2. SGBRE-09-01: Review of national reports on Member States efforts to achieve balance between fleet capacity and fishing opportunities</p>	<p>STECF endorses the suggestions and recommendations of the working group report.</p> <p>STECF recommends that the Commission and MS take the appropriate actions, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date of submission should be included in the MS reports. 2. The requirement in the regulations to restrict MS reports to 10 pages should be reconsidered. 3. Commission summaries of MS reports should follow the template format as suggested so that they contain the same information in the same order. This would greatly assist STECF to evaluate the Commission summaries should STECF continue to be required to do so. 4. MS should complete the report summary template suggested for their own report and include it at the front of their reports. 5. In its summary report, the Commission should make only factual observations regarding MS conclusions on balance, rather than adding any further interpretation to MS reports. 6. MS should be encouraged to provide suitable alternative approaches to the technical indicator for their passive or static gear fleet segments, since days at sea is not appropriate in these cases. It would be appropriate to update the Guidelines accordingly. 7. MS may have to revise their timetable for data collection in order to ensure the previous year is reported on for the Technical indicator by the required date in the current year. 8. Specific suggestions to individual MS in the working group report regarding data availability should be communicated by the Commission

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	<p>to MS.</p> <p>9. MS should reveal why indicators have not been reported, this may help to resolve any underlying problems and make it possible to report indicators in subsequent years.</p> <p>10. The suggested improvements to the Guidelines on Balance Indicators contained in response to ToR 5 in the WG report should be implemented.</p> <p>STECF also recommends that the description of fleets should follow the fleet segmentation proposed by the DCF in order to be useful.</p>
<p>47/4.4. SGMOS 09-05: Assessment of fishing effort regimes</p>	<p>STECF notes that discard data are still incomplete from some member states and areas. Furthermore, STECF is unable to comment on the quality of the fleet specific estimates of total catches mainly due to shortfalls in the discard data, lack of requested data quality parameters, i.e. number of discard samples, fish measured and aged. STECF therefore recommends that care is exercised in the use of metrics, such as CPUE that involve catch data.</p> <p>STECF supports the view that more permanent future resourcing, support and maintenance of the STECF database is necessary. STECF also recommends that more transparent arrangements for access to the database are discussed and agreed.</p> <p>Given the repeated experience of late and inconsistent data reports received from some Member States, STECF considers that continuing efforts by the Commission will be required to inform and educate national administrations on the required procedures, timescales and quality of data submissions. To this end, STECF recommends that there is i) a repeat of the 2009 effort workshop early in 2010 ii) early notification and subsequent release of the 2010 data call.</p>
<p>58/4.4.2. Summary of findings for Annex II, Celtic Sea and Baltic</p>	<p>Member States, STECF considers that continuing efforts by the Commission will be required to inform and educate national administrations on the required procedures, timescales and quality of data submissions. To this end, STECF recommends that there is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a repeat of the 2009 effort workshop early in 2010 ii. early notification and subsequent release of the 2010 data call
<p>61/4.5. SGECA-</p>	<p>STECF observes that the SGECA 09-03 working group developed a</p>

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09-03: Evaluation of data related to the fish processing sector	<p>format and structure for the national chapters and for some useful indicators. STECF notes that a publication equivalent to the Annual Economic Report of EU Fishing Fleets would be a useful presentation of the data and analysis conducted by the working group and may be done every year to be able to show trends in the industry. For next year STECF recommends additionally a follow up on some of the issues not adequately addressed in this first report. The TORs for next year's meeting should include at least: data coverage and quality, national chapter, EU level analysis, discussion of possibilities for deeper economic analysis, analysis of cost structures and vulnerabilities.</p> <p>STECF observes that section 7.2. of the working group report presents possible deeper economic analysis based on data collected under the old and new data regulations. The possibilities presented here are ambitious, and are not feasible if economic data are provided on a national level only, as requested by the DCR/DCF. In order to be able to conduct the analyses proposed here, STECF recommends that at the national institutes, data should be disaggregated by either type of commodity or by company size.</p> <p>STECF recommends that working groups and calls for data are better organised and co-ordinated so that data are received by JRC staff, analysed and checked with the appropriate MS where necessary, before the start of the STECF working group. The previously suggested STECF time frame (see STECF 20083 [winter plenary report]) the preparation of the fleet data could be taken as a basis.</p>
62/4.6. SGRN/ECA-09-03: Review of NP & TR Guidelines	<p>SGRN/ECA requested clarification from STECF regarding the remit of the RCM on Long-Distant Fisheries (and corresponding participation of MS) and the species for which economic data from aquaculture should be collected. STECF recommends that at least Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain should participate in the RCM on Long-Distant Fisheries, considering their fisheries in the CECAF area, South Pacific, Indian Ocean and 'other regions where fisheries are operated by EU vessels and managed by RFMOs'.</p> <p>Regarding the species list for economic data collection from the aquaculture sector (Table IV.A.1), STECF recommends to leave the list open (groups of species instead of exact species names) in order to</p>

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	include species that might become important for aquaculture in future.
<p>91/5.2. General issues - Experimental fisheries improving the knowledge on components of the herring stock in ICES subdivisions VIa(S) & VIIb, c</p>	<p>In terms of data collection, STECF recommends that vessels should be required to keep a daily log of their activity and catch, and record echo traces from their echo-sounders for potential further analyses. STECF further recommends that participating vessels should be required to accept scientific observers</p> <p>Biological data are also required. STECF recommends that catches should be sampled for length, age, sex and maturity on a monthly basis. Additionally, otoliths should also be collected for the purpose of otolith microstructure/shape analysis to help determine the spawning origin of the catch. STECF notes that biological data from sentinel fisheries in operation in other parts are often collected by the participating fishers. However, the Marine Institute (Ireland) has volunteered to collect and process samples in this case.</p>
<p>94/ 5.2. General issues - Experimental fisheries improving the knowledge on components of the herring stock in ICES subdivisions VIa(S) & VIIb, c</p>	<p>STECF considered that sampling levels should be at least in accordance with DCF precision targets that require a CV of 20% (level 1) (COM Decision 2008/949/EC). STECF notes that as the level of ‘true’ cod catches approaches 1.5%, the level of sampling required to demonstrate that catches are below 1.5%, increases exponentially (Figure 1). STECF recommends that statistical analysis of observer data be undertaken to determine the level of sampling required in order to demonstrate that cod catches are under 1.5% with a CV of 20%. STECF notes that the level of sampling required is likely to be well in excess of current sampling levels under the DCF, particularly with fisheries where the cod catches exceed 0.5%.</p>
<p>101/ 5.4. Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea - Mediterranean National management plans under Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 - Slovenia</p>	<p>STECF recommends that data collected by Slovenia in the framework of the EU Data Collection Programs should be used to produce assessments of stock status for the shared Adriatic stocks in collaboration with other Countries fishing within the same GSA (in SCSA/SAC/GFCM and/or SGMED/STECF). The Slovenian MP should be based on these assessments. Furthermore, the MP should include a socioeconomic impact assessment.</p>

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107/ 5.6. Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Possible extension of the Anchovy multi-annual plan to the ICES area VII	Furthermore, as, up to now, no assessment and management exists for anchovy in the Celtic Sea, the English Channel, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, all areas where anchovy has been reported, STECF recommends that The Commission takes steps to initiate studies to better understand the structure of the population in those areas as a prelude to the development of a more general management plan for anchovy in the NE Atlantic. STECF finally notes that if, in the light of new studies on the links between the stock from the Bay of Biscay and more northern stocks, the assessment and management units were revised to combine, for example, area VII and VIII, a new combined assessment and multiannual management plan would have to be developed.
117/ 5.10. North Sea & Baltic Sea - Development of a multiannual salmon management plan in the Baltic Sea	<p>STECF supports the idea that a TAC should cover all catches from the Baltic Sea</p> <p>(maritime waters) commercial as well as recreational. However if a separate TAC has to be set for the commercial fishery, STECF recommends that the anticipated recreational catch should not be based on the average catches over the latest three years but should be based on scientific advice on the likely recreational catches.</p> <p>STECF considers that the fishing possibilities in the rivers should be set on the basis of stock specific conditions reflecting the state of the stock and should not be part of the overall TAC.</p>
120/ 5.10. North Sea & Baltic Sea - Development of a multiannual salmon management plan in the Baltic Sea	In addition, STECF suggests a major change to current release practices. Taking into account the suggested aims of the management plan (exploitation of wild salmon at FMSY, maintaining genetic diversity and integrity of wild salmon stocks, sustainable use or resources), STECF recommends that in the long-term, the practice of compensatory releases should cease. In order to preserve the genetic make-up of stocks used in compensatory releases, there is a need to establish a natural life cycle for such stocks in the wild
126/ 6.2. Irish Sea (VIIa N) Herring - Catch Opportunities for 2010 and Latest Scientific Information on Stock Status	<p>Furthermore, STECF noticed that the survey timing was changed during the time series as the survey period was moved from November to April since 2008. Although the report stated that changes in survey period would not affect the CPUE estimation of the survey (i.e. no seasonal effect was foreseen as the survey always covered the entire depth range of the species), STECF considers that a possible seasonal effect on CPUE could also arise from changes in catchability.</p> <p>Therefore, STECF recommends that the survey data should be formally analyzed to determine whether there is any seasonal effect on catch rates.</p>

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Quality aspects of the collection of economic data - methods of calculation of the indicators and sampling strategies

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The list below is summarising what the SG calls the major recommendations which are listed in the executive summary

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9-10/2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>SGECA-09-02 recommends that in case non-probability sampling is applied, MS describe clearly in the methodological reports the methods used to overcome problems of bias and possible ways to assess the quality of the estimates and their outcomes. Based on this information, SGECA recommends to launch a call for a study to harmonise quality reporting and propose methodology in this specific situation. SGECA-09-02 also recommends that the suggested study on quality indicators for non probability sampling should also address the question of the impact of non random non response on the final estimates.</p>
	<p>SGECA-09-02 recommends that MS should carefully assess the impact of non-response, especially in the case of census with low response rate.</p>
	<p>Regarding the clustering issue, SGECA-09-02 considered that approaches to clustering should depend on the particular characteristics of fleet segments. The group proposed that MS should distinguish between segments considered for clustering as follows: 1. important segments with distinct characteristics, 2. segments similar to other segments, 3. nonimportant segments with distinct characteristics. SGECA-09-02 recommends a set of guidelines for clustering for each of these three cases.</p>
	<p>Due to concerns raised over the implications for data time series if clustering practices change over time, SGECA-09-02 recommends MS to take this into account when they segment the fleet in order to produce consistent time series over time.</p>

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	<p>SGECA-09-02 recommends that MS assess the comparability of economic variables over time, include the results in the TR and discuss inconsistencies in trends.</p>
	<p>SGECA-09-02 recommends that RCM should check for comparability within a region through an analysis of definitions and methodologies. If an RCM notices any inconsistency this should be communicated to STECF.</p>

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17/ 3 ON PRECISION LEVELS	<p><i>“SGRN has repeatedly recommended every MS to estimate the precision of the data obtained by sampling in order to assess the quality of the associated estimates. In SGRN opinion, the best way to explore data is to evaluate the precision with the aim of optimising the sampling design (see Section 7.2 in SGRN-06-03 report, Anon. 2006). More than the exact quantification of the level of uncertainty, the objective of calculating precision levels should be to improve the quality of the data that is collected. In parallel, SGRN has supported the idea of developing a common tool for assessing the accuracy and precision of the biological parameters estimated through sampling programmes. Such a tool has been granted financial support by the Commission through the Call for Service Contracts FISH/2006/15. (COST project) SGRN will continue to request all MS to assess the quality of the estimates even if the different methodologies used prevent the direct comparisons of the results between MS.”</i></p>
18/5 ON SPECIES LANDED AS MIXED CATEGORIES	<p>by the DCR (EC 1581/2004; EC 949/08), and not by group of species (based also on the exercise “<i>Sampling for mixture of species in the landings</i>” carried out in 2008). SGRN notes that data collected for some species (e.g. <i>Mullus</i> spp, <i>Trachurus</i> spp., <i>Lophius</i> spp., <i>Raja</i> spp., among others), is aggregated at genus level. SGRN recommends that species recorded under mixed categories should be reported at species level and this requirement should be enforced. The collection of such data is also important in view of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) Management, were data for example on sharks and rays is required at the species level. MS should find solutions for the next NP with respect to this problem either by rectifying the reporting of landings in ports and markets or by estimating the percentage contribution of the relative species in the genera (see ICES PGCCDBS report 2009).</p>
	<p>All recommendations to the MS on the Technical Report of 2008 have</p>

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	been ignored as they have been dealt with by the Commission in the responses to the MS,
168/5.6. ISSUES RELATED TO LARGE PELAGICS	<p>c) SGRN recommend that derogations for sampling landings of species having relevant quantities (i.e.: <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>, <i>Sarda sarda</i>) shall not be provided. See general comments.</p> <p>The biological sampling (age, sex, maturity and fecundity) for several large pelagic species showed persisting problems due to the difficulties in manipulating large animals or high costs. SGRN recommend that, when observers on board programmes are not in place, these sampling activities will be conducted in a reduced way, agreed at the RCM level, with the purpose to increase cost-efficiency.</p> <p>due to many and various compliance problems in getting the data at the RFMO level, SGRN recommend that data on large pelagics must be transmitted by using the forms and the formats adopted by each RFMO concerned.</p>
169/5.7. RESPONSE OF MEMBER STATES TO THE CALL FOR ECONOMIC DATA	<p>In order to facilitate in-time and complete delivery of data, SGRN recommends that data calls for the preparation of the AER will be launched at a constant date in the year that allows MS to have finished the collection of all relevant data. JRC has requested information from MS which date would be appropriate. Having the date for this recurrent call in the work plan, MS can be prepared for a consistent and timely submission of data. SGRN is aware that this measure is not a guarantee for immaculate data delivery in every case, but it will be a very beneficial boundary condition for most MS.</p>
173/5.8. REVIEW OF SURVEYS	<p>SGRN recommends that the current list of surveys should remain in place (i.e. status quo position) until the survey review is completed in 2010. MS would therefore submit their 2011 to 2013 NP's in accordance with the current Annex IX. The 2011 to 2013 NP's would then be modified to reflect any the new or removed surveys in Annex IX.</p> <p>SGRN recognises that research surveys are a key part of data collection process and a major financial component of the DCF. There is a need to review the list of funded surveys (Annex IX - DCF) before 2011, as outlined in SGRN 07-01. SGRN is of the strong view that this review must be carried out in a planned, impartial and effective manner, ideally with external experts, during 2010. SGRN will develop a draft plan for this exercise as part of the work at the SGRN 09-03 meeting in December 2009. SGRN recommends that the <i>status quo</i> remain in place until this</p>

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	review is completed in 2010 and that the present list of surveys form the basis of MS National Programme submissions in March 2010.
175/5.11. COMMENTS BY RCM's AND LIAISON MEETING	<p>SGRN recommends that the various RCM meetings in September and October give careful consideration to the draft Guidelines TABLES for submission and evaluation of NP and TR.</p> <p>The need for regional data bases has been discussed in the past and endorsed by both STECF and the Commission, but little progress has been made on the issue. SGRN recommends that the various RCM meetings in September and October deal with the issue of regional data bases. SGRN recommends that lead MS are identified to progress the issue of regional data bases in partnership with other MS. This will ensure a shared ownership of the regional database. SGRN recommends that RCM's agree a FISHFRAME compatible data base for the regional data bases. SGRN recommends that the work programme for developing the regional database should be included in the NP for 2011 – 2013 under the data base development.</p>
190/Annex 5. Guidelines for the submission of National Programmes 2011-2013	relevant for updates of the NP. The document contains the word recommended many times. If these can be interpreted as recommendations these are all endorsed by STECF
247/Annex 6. Guidelines for the submission of Technical report 2009	not relevant anymore for the 2009 TR. The document contains the word recommended many times. If these can be interpreted as recommendations these are all endorsed by STECF

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Report of the Sub-group on Research Needs (SGECA/SGRN 09-01) – Evaluation of Data Collection Programmes of Member states for 2009 and 2010

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<p>8/3. STECF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p>	<p>STECF endorses the recommendations of SGRN/SGECA 09-01:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to review the guidelines for the submission of NP proposals 2011-2013 during the SGRN/SGECA 09-02 June 2009 meeting. The general comments within the SGRN/SGECA 09-01 report and the reports of the 2008 RCMs (Anon. 2008 a,b,c,d.) appear as a useful preparatory work for this task. - to develop working procedures for the review of NP proposals during the SGRN/SGECA 09-02 June 2009 meeting. In particular, a clear, standardized and applicable methodology for the evaluation of the NP proposals by modules and by regional subgroups should be developed and the expertise covering all the modules of the new DCF should be ensured. STECF supports the idea of an initial screening of the NP by a group of experts familiar with the DCF, who could work by correspondence. This report would then be used by SGRN as a starting point for the National Programme reviews. - to review the list of research surveys that are funded under the DCF. This review should be carried out in January 2010, before Member States submit their 2011 to 2013 National Programmes in March 2010.
<p>6.10. ON ECOSYSTEM INDICATORS</p>	<p>For environmental indicators 1-4, Annex XIII refers solely to fishery-independent surveys for data collection. However Table IIIC3, which is métier-based, indicates that fishery-dependent sources are also appropriate. SGRN considers this contradictory. SGRN recommends that this be resolved in the proposed review of the Guidelines for submission of MS National Programmes.</p>
<p>6.11. ON REVIEW OF SURVEY</p>	<p>The issue of how do we deal with surveys in which not all relevant Member States take part was discussed (e.g. For ASH & BW, all relevant states must contribute, subject to derogation). SGRN notes that this approach is not enacted for other surveys. SGRN</p>

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	<p>also considered the wider issue of survey utility and prioritization. SGRN recommends that a review of eligible surveys should take place before the next set of NP is submitted by MS in March 2010 for the years 2011 to 2013. Therefore, this review should take place in early 2010 and should include feedback from the data end users. TOR's should be developed by STECF as soon as possible. The TOR's from the last review of surveys are given below.</p>
<p>6.14. ON MEETINGS TO BE ATTENDED</p>	<p>Because the official list of approved meetings did not appear until mid-December, many of the proposals try to anticipate which meetings might be eligible for co-financing while other MS do not. This has made it very difficult to review the NP and the review itself may be inaccurate. SGRN recommends that Member States should be asked to review their programmes for 2009 in light of this. SGRN would ask the Commission to identify meetings for 2010 as soon as possible.</p>
<p>6.15. ON INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATION</p>	<p>Reviewers of the NP neither found that while MS listed their bilateral agreements in the annexes, they did not refer to them in the report text (Section III B). SGRN recommends MS to address this in future NP submissions.</p>
<p>6.21. ON CLUSTERING OF SEGMENTS</p>	<p>SGRN reminds MS that in case of clustering of segments, the scientific evidence justifying it should be explained in the text. At the same time, SGRN recognizes that no common methodology exists on the approach to be followed and to assess whether or not clustering of fleet segments is appropriate. SGRN recommends that this issue will be discussed in the next SGECA meeting on data quality (May 2009).</p>
<p>6.26. ON FISHERIES CONDUCTED UNDER A DEROGATION REGIME</p>	<p>The Data Collection Regulation does not make any specific mention to the fisheries acting under a derogation regime (i.e. several Mediterranean fishing practices allowed till 2010). This grey area is particularly relevant, because the absence of a specific obligation to collect data on these fishing activities will make it impossible to evaluate the effects of the derogations. This can also negatively affect the national management plans. SGRN recommend that each fishery acting under a derogation regime "should" be identified, included in the ranking system and sampled if selected.</p>
<p>6.27. ON SAMPLING</p>	<p>SGRN invites STECF to recommend that no derogations should be provided for collecting data in all areas where EC fleets are operating</p>

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IN DISTANT AREAS.	accordingly to fishing agreement with non-EU third Countries. SGRN underlines that all target species concerned and all species for which it is mandatory to collect data according to the provision of the RFMO concerned, must be included in the NP of each MS concerned.
6.28. ON TUNA CAGING ACTIVITY (TUNA FARMING AND TUNA FATTENING) – COLLECTION OF ECONOMIC DATA.	At the moment, several member states involved in tuna farming activity included these plants among the aquaculture sector. Tuna caging plants have been supported by aquaculture subsidies and this activity is included by FAO among the aquaculture systems (wild-caught aquaculture). SGRN recommends that all MS having tuna farms shall include them among the aquaculture plants and carry out the data collection activities required.
6.29. ON TUNA CAGING ACTIVITY (TUNA FARMING AND TUNA FATTENING) – COLLECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DATA.	SGRN notes that sampling bluefin tuna in cages is not well addressed by several NP and no mention of bilateral agreements is included in any of the MS concerned either by the bluefin tuna fishery or by the tuna cages. SGRN recommends that a particular attention should be devoted to better identify the MS responsibilities for the sampling in cages and to establish the necessary agreements urgently before the 2009 bluefin fishing season, due to the relevance of this particular activity. SGRN also recognise that data collected from tuna cages will bias the data coming from the wild population as the level of natural mortality and growth are clearly different. SGRN recommends that clear guidelines should be developed on how these data are incorporated into routine stock assessment.
6.30. ON DATA COLLECTION ON SHARKS CAUGHT BY LARGE PELAGIC FISHING ACTIVITIES.	SGRN recommends that all MS concerned with large pelagic fisheries, make every effort to report catches of pelagic sharks at the species level and establish the proper sampling for the pelagic species to be reported to ICCAT or other RFMOs. SGRN would point out that this is in line with the new EU Shark Action plan.
6.31. ON DATA COLLECTION FOR FISHING ACTIVITIES USING GEARS NOT LISTED AMONG THE RECOGNISED ONES.	If a fishing activity is carried out by a MS by using a gear not officially listed and if this segment is relevant in term of catches or to improve the data used for the stock assessment of the target species concerned, than SGRN recommends that the related sampling shall be properly included in the NP, by using the general gear category and appropriate codification. SGRN recommends that the gear category to be used for the data transmission to the RFMO concerned should use an appropriate codification and encourage co-operation among relevant MS.

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6.32. ON LIST OF SPECIES FOR DISTANT WATER FISHERIES	<p>During the evaluation process, it was evident that some MS have fleets fishing in distant waters (i.e.: various Pacific Ocean areas) and were asking for a full derogation for certain target species because they did not appear on appendix VII of the new DCR. Due to the relevance of the quantities reported, SGRN recommends that MS concerned shall detail by species their catches in distant areas and submit these lists to STECF, with the purpose to propose amendments and improvements of the current appendix VII. SGRN point out those sampling stocks providing relevant quantities of catches in distant waters is an obligation of the EU MS, according to the Common Fishery Policy.</p>
	<p>All recommendations to the MS on the NP of 2009-2010 have been ignored as they have been dealt with by the Commission in the responses to the MS,</p>
10. SUMMARY OF KEY SGRN RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>SGRN-09-01 has identified four major areas that require urgent attention and would make the following recommendations.</p> <p><u>Review of Guidelines for Submission of NP</u></p> <p>SGRN recommends that a major review and revision of the guidelines for the submission of National Programmes should take place by early 2010. This review should also highlight inconsistencies in the DCF regulations.</p> <p><u>Development of Procedures for review of NP</u></p> <p>SGRN recommends that working procedures are developed for the review of National Programmes and that this should take place in early 2010.</p> <p><u>Review of Surveys</u></p> <p>SGRN recommends that a review of eligible surveys should take place before the next set of NP is submitted by MS in late 2010 for the years 2011 to 2013. This review should take place in early 2010 and should include feedback from the data end users. TOR's should be developed by STECF as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Data End User Feedback</u></p> <p>SGRN recognises the critical importance of data end user feedback and welcomes the developments at ICES and at GFCM.</p>

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Evaluation of Revised National Programs for 2010 under the Data Collection Framework and a Roadmap for the Review of Surveys. Report of the Subgroup on Research Needs (SGECA/SGRN 09-04)

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6/3. STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	<p>Regarding the review of surveys to be undertaken in 2010, STECF recommends that the chair for the survey review group (SGRN-10-03) should be selected soon in order to arrange a timely preparation of the meeting including the collation and review of the relevant documentation. Among</p> <p>STECF notes that in principle there should be no discrepancies in data and stresses the need for appropriate quality checks on all fisheries data used in support of fisheries management advice. Such discrepancies not only impact on the quality of assessments and advice but also affect the distribution of sampling effort declared and carried out under the DCF. To this end</p> <p>STECF proposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to include the following request in Terms of Reference for all of its Working Group meetings: "Examine all data for consistency and quality. Any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the relevant responsible authority, Member State and the Commission." 2. that the issue of data consistency and quality is addressed under the DCF. To do so, STECF recommends that at the forthcoming SGRN WG meetings, a template and procedure for reporting data deficiencies by data user groups should be developed.
several places	SGRN recommends that RCM insists that all MS to deliver the

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	landings by individual species.
61/ Section 2 Regional Co-ordination	In order to harmonise sampling of eels between freshwater and marine waters, SGRN recommends waiting for outcome of EU Study expected in 2011. The RCMs 2010 should provide an overview on all sampling activities on eel, based on the model developed at the RCM NS&EA 2009.
71/Section 5 Review of Surveys	In discussions on the review of surveys, it was noted that issues raised in some survey planning groups are sometimes missed by the RCM. SGRN recommends the RCM to consider survey planning issues raised in data end user reports.
103/ Section 10 Main SGRN Recommendations	<p>SGRN considers that running the LM in parallel to the main SGRN meeting is not a satisfactory and that such a practice should not happen again.</p> <p>SGRN recommends the continuation of the SGECA Working Group as an STECF sub-group, meeting at least annually, and that further work be undertaken to formalise the role of economists within the RCM in order to maximise their contribution to the DCF.</p> <p>SGRN recommends waiting for outcome of EU Study expected in 2011. The RCMs 2010 should provide an overview on all sampling activities on eel, based on the model developed at the RCM NS&EA 2009.</p> <p>SGRN proposed some items to be included in the terms of reference for the RCM in 2010. In particular, the RCM's should compile information provided by MS according to templates agreed by SGRN-09-04 (See Section 5 of this report with associated Tables and Annex).</p>
	SGRN recommends that a Workshop on Regional Data Management Strategies is held in 2010.

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	<p>The terms of reference suggested are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) review the situation regarding RDB in the different regions and their implications in data management b) Define the needs, objectives, scope, and benefits expected for a RDB c) provide options for the different regions of the implications of developing no RDB, an aggregated data RDB, a detailed data RDB) d) provide a brief roadmap attached to the different options. <p>This workshop is to be given a high priority status and must be convened before the 2010 RCMs. In order to ensure the efficiency of the workshop, LM recommended to the four RCM chairs to appoint four participants from their region, trying to achieve a balance between IT experts, economists, biologists and data managers.</p> <p>If accepted for DCF financial support, the NC should immediately anticipate the travel of one person for 4 days in Brussels in their revised NP proposal and finform for 2010. The proposed date and venue for the workshop are late February in Brussels.</p> <p>The workshop will be co-chaired by ICES and the JRC.</p>
	<p>SGRN strongly recommends a Workshop and/or followed up by a Study on identifying adequate methods on allocating economic data at different disaggregation levels (e.g. metiers). This should also consider the case of vessels active in more than one fishing area or, more generally, being active in more than one metier. This could also serve to address other more specific issues such as cooperation with other countries, e.g. candidate or third countries.</p>
	<p>As a starting point for development of guidelines and methods for allocating economic data, SGRN recommends that the following points should be included in the TOR of SGECA 10-03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying needs of exemplary applications, like: Long Term

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	<p>Management Plan Regional Analysis for funding purposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying methods to allocate costs and earnings as well as other economic variables. This could/will include the identification of cost drivers. Transversal variables could serve for this purpose • Assess data quality requirements of allocation methods with regard to particular characteristics of DCF data sources at each MS (e.g. logbooks). • Specify TOR for the recommended Workshop/Study <p>SGRN recommends the invitation of experts to the SGECA 10-03 meeting.</p> <p>SGRN agrees with the proposed schedule for the submission of economic data in relation to the AER as being reasonable. SGRN strongly recommends MS to submit the requested data according to this time schedule (Call end jan 2010) to enable SGECA to prepare a AER of high quality. This means complete and up-to-date data of necessary quality are necessary. In the light of experience with the next year's data call some adjustment might be necessary.</p> <p>SGRN recommends that a meeting to review the list of eligible surveys in Annex IX of the DCF be carried out at a meeting of experts in September 2010. The report from this review will be considered at the STECF plenary in November 2010. SGRN has defined terms of Reference, review criteria and terms of reference for the group.</p> <p>SGRN stresses the importance of this review and the obligation on member states to supply the relevant data to the review group in good time. ICES and PGMED will work closely to ensure the survey table information required for the review is available for checking by the RCM's in April/May. The Commission will then circulate the Tables to member states who must ensure the information is complete.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference for the Group are;</p> <p>(1) To set up a list of candidate surveys at sea to be supported by the DCF with their priorities, based on the list of criteria as proposed by SGRN 09-04. Priorities can be 1 (good candidate), 2, 3 (no candidate). In case of priority 2, the review group might give</p>

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	<p>options how the survey can be moved into priority 1.</p> <p>(2) To identify data gaps and research needs for the ecosystem approach to fisheries management, based on the review of the DCF surveys. (See also SGRN 06-03 data gaps).</p> <p>(3) To provide feedback on the lessons learned during the survey review and ways to improve the selection system of surveys funded under the DCF</p> <p>In discussions on the review of surveys, it was noted that issues raised in some survey planning groups are sometimes missed by the RCM. SGRN recommends the RCM to consider survey planning issues raised in data end user reports.</p> <p>SGRN stress that the revised guidelines which will be circulated to National Correspondents must be used by Member States in their 2011-2013 National Programme Submissions. Futhermore, SGRN stresses that Member States must fill in new forms in the submission of their 2009-2010 Technical Reports, transposing the informational contained in their 2009-2010 National Programmes from the old forms.</p> <p>SGRN recommends the need for a core group of economists who will bring a continuity and a focal point for DCF economic issues. . SGRN recommended that SGECA should consider a permanent DCF chair.</p> <p>SGRN notes that the review of the updated NPs did not bring up any issues regarding the interpretation of transversal variables. In terms of how to define the quality of the estimate, SGRN recommends the SGECA 09-02 report on data quality issues as a reference.</p>

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF) OPINION BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE

STECF advice on sampling strategies in fisheries for blue ling

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4	<p><i>ICES ADVICE</i></p> <p><i>“ICES advises that information on the proportions of spawning blue ling (defined as running males and females, including females with hyaline eggs) and of non-spawning blue ling (all other maturities) at length are recorded at the individual haul level, and that geographical coordinates and depth are also recorded. Sample size should be at least 50 fish at all sampled hauls. Data to be collected should, for each fish sampled, include length, sex, and whether spawning or not.</i></p> <p><i>ICES recommends that the above information be made available for the period January to June for all areas in ICES Divisions Vb, VIa and VIb in order to obtain a full overview of spawning aggregations across the known range of spawning blue ling.</i></p> <p><i>ICES recommends that MS review their Sampling Plans to ensure that the maturity of sampled blue ling is recorded and that adequate sampling is carried out in, and adjacent to, the blue ling protection areas.</i></p> <p><i>These data should be compiled and preserved in a database by MS, and be made available to appropriate ICES expert groups for analysis.</i></p>

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	<p><i>Fishers have expressed an interest in contributing information on spawning blue ling. ICES recommends that fishers be requested to record the presence/absence of spawning blue ling on a haul-by-haul basis and to pass this information (along with position and date) to the appropriate RAC and/or national laboratories. The collected information will be used to identify spawning grounds as well as areas where the species occurs but does not spawn.”</i></p> <p><u>STECF observations and conclusions</u></p> <p>STECF agrees with the ICES advice.</p> <p>Furthermore, STECF recommends that in addition to providing observer data and fishers’ data to ICES Expert Groups and the appropriate RAC, the data collected under the provisions of Article 8 of Regulation (EC) NO 2347/2002 should also be transmitted to the STECF Secretariat. This is to ensure that such data are available to the STECF in anticipation of any future requests from the Commission to STECF on fisheries for blue ling.</p>

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Report of the Working Group on the review of national reports on Member States efforts to achieve balance between fleet capacity and fishing opportunities (SGBRE 09-01)

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7/ 3. STECF comments and conclusions	<p>In particular, STECF notes that only 6 of the 22 MS gave an overall assessment of whether the capacity of their fishing fleet was in balance with their fishing opportunities.</p> <p>STECF endorses the suggestions and recommendations of the working group report. STECF recommends that the Commission and MS take the appropriate actions, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The date of submission should be included in the MS reports. 2. The requirement in the regulations to restrict MS reports to 10 pages should be reconsidered.2. Commission summaries of MS reports should follow the template format suggested so that they contain the same information in the same order. This would greatly assist STECF to evaluate the Commission summaries should STECF3. continue to be required to do so.4. MS should complete the report summary template suggested for their own report and include it at the front of their reports.5. In its summary report, the Commission should make only factual observations regarding MS conclusions on balance, rather than adding any further interpretation to MS reports .6. MS should be encouraged to provide suitable alternative approaches to the technical indicator for their passive or static gear fleet segments, since days at sea is not appropriate in these cases. It would be appropriate to update the Guidelines accordingly .

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. MS may have to revise their timetable for data collection in order to ensure the previous year is reported on for the Technical indicator by the required date in the current year.8. Specific suggestions to individual MS in the working group report regarding data availability should be communicated by the Commission to MS.9. MS should reveal why indicators have not been reported, this may help to resolve any underlying problems and make it possible to report indicators in subsequent years.10. The suggested improvements to the Guidelines on Balance Indicators contained in response to ToR 5 in the WG report should be implemented. <p>STECF also recommends that the description of fleets should follow the fleet segmentation proposed by the DCF in order to be useful.</p>
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10/ STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	STECF recognizes that the time lag in availability of economic data currently restricts the timing of this type of evaluation. Although data on costs and earnings are only available one year after the reference year, information on effort, catches, fish prices, fuel prices, and interest rates are available with a shorter time delay. The recommended changes for the organization and data compilation for the AER (see section 5.6 of this report) would enable the use of more up to date economic data in the evaluation. Therefore STECF recommends that the proposed changes in procedures and in the models should be made.

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Report of the SGMOS-09-05

Working Group on Fishing Effort Regimes Regarding Annex IIA of TAC & Quota Regulations and Celtic Sea

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27/3. STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	STECF notes that discard data are still incomplete from some member states and areas. Furthermore, STECF is unable to comment on the quality of the fleet specific estimates of total catches mainly due to shortfalls in the discard data, lack of requested data quality parameters, i.e. number of discard samples, fish measured and aged. STECF recommends that particular attention is paid to the report sections dealing with CPUE and to the cases where only LPUE figures are provided owing to the shortage of discard data
28/3. STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	STECF supports the view that more permanent future resourcing, support and succession planning to ensure maintenance of the STECF database is necessary. STECF also recommends that more transparent arrangements for access to the database are discussed and agreed
30/3. STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	Given the repeated experience of late and inconsistent data reports received from some Member States, STECF considers that continuing efforts by the Commission will be required to inform and educate national administrations on the required procedures, timescales and quality of data submissions. To this end, STECF recommends that there is i) a repeat of the 2009 effort workshop early in 2010 ii) early and subsequent release of the 2010 data call
59/5.1. <i>Data call</i>	Given the repeated experience of late and inconsistent data reports received from Member States, STECF-SGRST reiterates its recommendation that the task of European fleet specific data

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	<p>compilations of nominal effort and catch continues to be improved and further institutionalised and conducted on a routine basis. STECF-SGRST further recommends that it would advantageous to align more closely the categories of the effort regulation with recognised metiers operating in the different areas covered by the Annexes. To some extent there has been a move towards the metier based approach set out in the new DCF and further alignment of the regulations would ensure relevant biological data could be collected.</p>
<p>85/6.1. <i>General remarks</i></p>	<p>Specific technical or gear configurations defined in the special conditions of the derogations are often not registered in the logbook databases, i.e. multi rigging, sorting or escapement devices (special conditions 8.1.a, b, j) or in-season management plans (8.1.d, h, i, k). STECF-SGRST notes that in-season information and fleet aggregations imply the direct involvement of the national control and enforcement institutions in the review process. STECF-SGRST recommends that to the fullest extent possible, national logbook data bases be made consistent with both the regulations defined in Annex IIA of the fishing opportunities regulation and the fleet-metier definitions defined under the revised data collection regulation (Council Reg. 199/2008).</p>

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Report of the SGMOS-09-05 Working Group Fishing Effort Regime

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9-10/STECF COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS	<p>STECF strongly recommends that the Commission establish a more permanent basis for the future resourcing and support of existing and future databases holding the effort and catch information and also ensure that the issue of successional planning is adequately addressed.</p> <p>STECF also recommends that more transparent arrangements for access to and use of data are discussed, formally agreed and publicised.</p>
	<p>STECF considers that the work should be regarded as preliminary at this stage and recommends that the quantitative information on effort and catches should not be taken as a representation of the true situation.</p>
	<p>STECF observes that good progress was made in the review of Annex I and Annex II species and recommends that the adjustments proposed are incorporated in a future revision of the deep sea regulation (Council Regulation (EC) 2347/2002).</p>
17/2.3. Data Call	<p>Given the repeated experience of late and inconsistent data reports received from Member States, STECF-SGMOS reiterates its recommendation that the task of European fleet specific data compilations of nominal effort and catch continues to be improved and further institutionalised and conducted on a routine basis</p>

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF)

Evaluation of requests from Member States to exclude certain groups of vessels from the effort regime under provision of Article 11(2) of Council Regulation 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008

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8/3. REQUEST FROM UK AUTHORITIES	<p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that UK authorities provide the following information: Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the group(s) of vessels together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels.</p> <p>Catch and effort data should be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the most recent three calendar years. Any information on technical characteristics (gear, mesh sizes etc.) and exploitation patterns (e.g. target species) of these vessels will help identifying the grouping of the vessels. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group. If individual vessel data are not available, then the data should be aggregated over vessels within the group by month of the year. The vessels belonging to each group should be listed together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number.</p>
11/4. REQUEST FROM IRISH AUTHORITIES	<p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that Member State provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spatial and temporal information of the fishing activity conducted by the vessels exempted from the effort management regime. 2. Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other

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	<p>fish, crustaceans and mollusks by all vessels included in the observer programme together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches and spatial and temporal information of the trips. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number to assess if some of the vessels exempted have been included in the observer programme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. How large has been the coverage of the observer programme in relation to the total number of trips of the fleet (i.e. métiers) and related precision level of the estimate. 4. To which métiers the vessels exempted from the effort management regime belong together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number.
<p>14/5. REQUEST FROM THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES</p>	<p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that Member States provide the following information :</p> <p>Catches (landings and discards separately) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the groups of vessels for together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels. Catch and effort data should ideally be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the most recent three calendar years. Any information on technical characteristics (gear, mesh sizes etc.) and exploitation patterns (e.g. target species) of these vessels will help identifying the grouping of the vessels. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group. If individual vessel data are not available then the data should be aggregated over vessels within the group by month of the year.</p> <p>The vessels belonging to each group should be listed together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number.</p>
<p>18/6. REQUEST FROM THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES</p>	<p>The data are sufficient to evaluate the proposal by Sweden. As noted in the submission, reporting of cod landings in excess of 1% of the total landings should be used as a trigger to initiate targeted inspections by the control and enforcement authority.</p> <p>In order to advise on the proportion of cod in the catch of a specific group or groups of vessels in future, STECF recommends that Member States provide the following information:</p>

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	<p>Catches (landings and discards) in weight of cod and all other fish, crustaceans and molluscs by all vessels identified as belonging to the groups of vessels together with the fishing effort (kW days) deployed to obtain those catches. Spatial and temporal coverage, sampling intensity (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel) should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels. Catch and effort data should be provided by vessel by month of the year and for the most recent three calendar years. Individual vessel data are required in order to assess between-vessel variation within the group. If individual vessel data are not available then the data should be aggregated over vessels within the group by month of the year.</p> <p>The vessels belonging to each group should be listed together with their Community Fishing Register (CFR) number.</p>
<p>217. REQUEST FROM THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES</p>	<p>In order to complete its advice on the proportion of cod in the catch of this group of vessels, STECF recommends that the German authorities provide additional information on the observer trips carried out:</p> <p>In addition to the observer catch data provided, information on the discarded quantities observed would be helpful together with the effort expended during the sampling trips. Details of individual vessel characteristics, timings and locations of each sampling should also be supplied. Spatial and temporal coverage, as well as sampling intensity of sampling (e.g. sampled effort vs. total effort for a given vessel), and the precision of the estimation of the cod proportions in the catches should be given for onboard observer schemes for the considered group(s) of vessels.</p> <p>In view of the fact that the average time spent during a year using the BT2 gear by this group of vessels appears to be relatively short, STECF considers that detail of the activity and catch composition at other times would be very valuable.</p> <p>The submission from the German authorities makes general comments about the nature of the controls and sampling that the group of vessels are subjected to. STECF recommends that a more detailed outline of these procedures should be provided in particular focussing on plans for observer sampling of catch by this group of vessels so as to ascertain whether catches of cod continue to be below or equal to 1.5% of total catch.</p>

The 2009 Annual Economic Report on the European Fishing Fleet

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<p>203-204/ 3. STECF comments and recommendations</p>	<p>In addition, STECF highlights the need for an improvement in the analytical tools used for carrying out the assessment of the economic performance of the fleets, clarification on the methodology required to conduct the regional analysis and the identification of special issues to be investigated in future years' AER. Therefore, STECF recommends that a preparatory work aimed at addressing the above mentioned issues should be carried out before the SGECA meeting. The best way to approach this should be discussed by DG Mare and the STECF Board.</p> <p>STECF recognizes the effort in the application of the EIAA model. However, the results of projections for 2008 and 2009 presented in the report are not particularly informative or reliable because the model was not configured to take account of recent important developments, such as decommissioning, sudden price changes and policy changes like effort reduction schemes. In the event that the EIAA model is used for future AERs, STECF recommends that preparatory work be undertaken before the SGECA meeting, in order to ensure that the model is appropriately configured. The best way to approach this should be discussed by DG Mare and the STECF Board. At the same time, STECF notes that in future the report should present the criteria used to select the fleet segments for which the EIAA model will be applied.</p> <p>STECF also notes that, despite previous recommendations, no information is given on the quality of data and its reliability. STECF recommends including quality indicators in next years' AER. Some of them (coverage, sample size) are already available from the national technical reports. Other indicators will be proposed by the next working group on data quality (SGECA –09-02) that will suggest indicators of accuracy and precision that need to be provided in the national technical report to evaluate the quality of estimates for each economic variable.</p>

Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)

Report on the Evaluation of Data Collection Related to the Fish Processing Sector (SGECA 09 03)

19-23 OCTOBER, ISPRA

Edited by Ralf Döring & Jordi Guillen

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page/section	recommendation
9/3. STECF comments and recommendations	<p>STECF observes that the SGECA 09-03 working group developed a format and structure for the national chapters and for some useful indicators. STECF notes that a publication equivalent to the Annual Economic Report of EU Fishing Fleets would be a useful presentation of the data and analysis conducted by the working group and may be done every year to be able to show trends in the industry. For next year STECF recommends additionally a follow up on some of the issues not adequately addressed in this first report. The TORs for next year's meeting should include at least: data coverage and quality, national chapter, EU level analysis, discussion of possibilities for deeper economic analysis, analysis of cost structures and vulnerabilities.</p> <p>STECF observes that section 9.2. of the working group report presents possible deeper economic analysis based on data collected under the old and new data regulations. The possibilities presented here are ambitious, and are not feasible if economic data are provided on a national level only, as requested by the DCR/DCF. In order to be able to conduct the analyses proposed here, STECF recommends that at the national institutes, data should be disaggregated by either type of commodity or by company size.</p> <p>STECF recommends that working groups and calls for data are better organised and coordinated so that data are received by JRC staff, analysed and checked with the appropriate MS where necessary, before the start of the STECF working group. The previously suggested STECF time frame (see STECF 20081 [winter plenary report]) the preparation of the fleet data could be</p>

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	taken as a basis.

Annex 8 – Evaluation Template for DCF Annual Reports

Member State:

Reference year
Version of the AR reviewed
Version of the NP proposal

Compliance class	Compliance level
No	<10%
Partly	10-50%
Mostly	50-90%
Yes	>90%
NA	not applicable

Overall compliance

Answer	SGRN COMMENTS

I General framework

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II National data collection organisation

A National correspondent and participating institutes

Are the partners involved in the national data collection and their roles well described?
Is there an overview and description of contents of national coordination meetings?

	(cells in grey can be filled in advance of the SGRN evaluation meeting)

B Regional and International coordination

B1 Attendance of international meetings

Is Table II.B.1 complete?
Are the reasons for non-attendance at planned meetings explained?

B2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations

Are the general recommendations from Liaison Meeting listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

SUPRA-REGION XXXX

III Module of the evaluation of the fishing sector

A General description of the fishing sector

Are changes in the fishing sector (if any) and their impact on the NP implementation well described?

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B Economic variables

Is Table III.B.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
Is Table III.B.2 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?
Is Table III.B.3 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?

B1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal
Are the achievements consistent with the NP proposal?
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

B2 Data quality: Results and deviation from NP proposal
Are the deviations explained?
Are the deviations justified?

B3 Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations
Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?
Are the responsive actions described ?
Are the responsive actions acceptable?

B4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGION XXXXX

C	Biological metier related variables			
C1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
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	Is Table III.C.4 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is Table III.C.5 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is Table III.C.6 complete and consistent with AR guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Are the deviations explained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the deviations justified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Are the deviations justified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
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	Are the responsive actions described ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C4	Actions to avoid shortfalls			
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

REGION XXXXX

D	Recreational fisheries			
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	Are obtained derogations mentioned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the deviations explained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the deviations justified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Are the deviations justified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations			
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	Are the responsive actions acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
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F11	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			
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		G1	Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal Is Table III.G.1 complete and consistent with AR guidelines? Are there deviations from the NP proposal? Are the deviations explained? Are the deviations justified? Is there a map of the survey with achieved sampling activities ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		G3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed? Are the responsive actions described ? Are the responsive actions acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		G4	Actions to avoid shortfalls Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

		Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV	Module of the evaluation of the economic situation of the aquaculture and processing industry			
A	Collection of data concerning the aquaculture			
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A3	Follow-up of Regional and international recommendations	Are the relevant recommendations from LM listed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		Are the responsive actions acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A4	Actions to avoid shortfalls	Are actions to avoid shortfalls in the future described ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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B	Collection of data concerning the processing industry			
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V	Module of evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the marine ecosystem			
	1 Achievements: Results and deviation from NP proposal			

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VII	Follow-up of STECF recommendations			
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VIII	List of acronyms and abbreviations			
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IX	IX. Comments, suggestions and reflections			
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XI	XI. Annexes			
		Do the provided annexes contain the relevant information to support statements made in the main text?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Annex 9- EWG 11-08 Review of Annual Reports

STECF EWG 11-08 - Review of Member States 2010 DCF Annual Reports - Compliance with DCF Guidelines

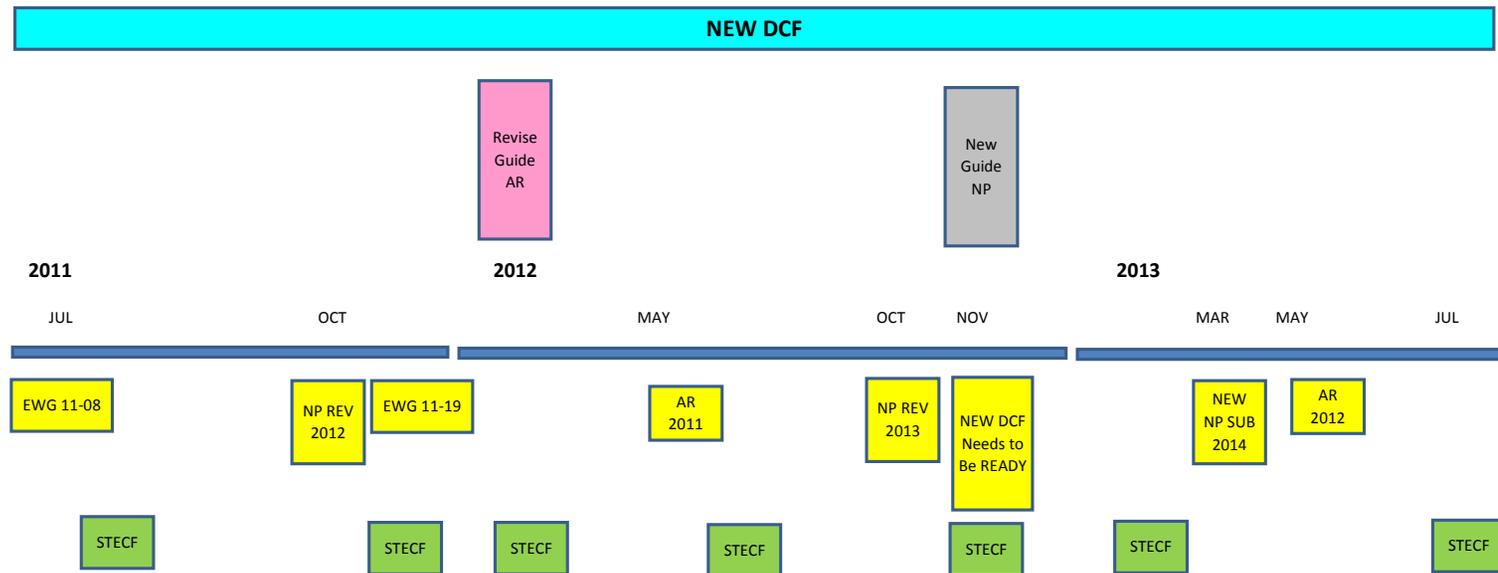
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MODULE IV+III (econ)	P	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	M	Y	Y	M	M	M	Y		Y	M

Note; * No Annual Reports from Greece or Spain were reviewed by EWG 11-08

Compliance Level	
NO < 10%	N
PARTLY 10 - 50 %	P
MOSTLY 50 - 90 %	M
YES > 90 %	Y
Not Applicable	NA

Annex 10- Roadmap for the DCF (July 2011 to May 2013)

Roadmap for the DCF from July 2011 to May 2012



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Abstract

Articles 6(1) and 7(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 state that the evaluation of both National Programme proposals and Annual Reports (AR) should be carried out by STECF. The main objectives of the meeting were to evaluate the AR 2010, to advise on a procedure for the identification of data deficiencies. The Draft EWG-11-08 report was presented to the STECF during its plenary meeting on 11-15 July 2011 in Copenhagen.

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