

National Coordination Meeting [IRELAND]
Data Collection Framework
Marine Institute, Oranmore, July 22th, 2015
Minutes & Action Points

Update from 2015 National Correspondent Meeting (PC)

- Updated the guidance document for Annual report and National programme
- JRC _DCF web page- aimed as a place to find all relevant documentation
- Data call –the severity of non – compliance and linked to sanctions was pointed out again.
- Meetings- there is a list of recommended meetings, but no longer list of eligible meetings. All recommended meetings should be attended.
- Meetings in the second half of the year- RCM in September, Liaison meeting October, Hamburg-meeting end of November: review of national programmes, National correspondent meeting in Brussels towards end of the year.
- Database- update four options presented, stakeholder feedback showed that the fisheries data hub was the most popular one.
- Regional cooperation- Funds are available. One call was launched in 2014 on NS- eastern Arctic, a further call is expected in late 2015.
- Simplifying costs: agreed approach to cost sharing of surveys, where countries who have quotas but do not participate in research surveys contribute towards the costs according to the % of their quota.
- Landings obligation: Commission want to know what the effects are landings obligation on the DCF- this will go through the RCM.
- DCF is likely to sign up to the ICES data policy- check implications.

★ *ACTION POINT: circulate the EU link to the National Correspondent Notes and presentations (LOD).*

Review of National Programme 2014

- BIM cost statement has been received by MI and needs to be reviewed by MI finance department.
- Cost statement now goes to DAFM. MI has send example EU cost statement to DAFM and is waiting for further feedback.
- Evaluation of Ireland’s annual report at STECF meeting indicated that tables IIIb 1& 2 need to be resubmitted, as there are issues with clustering of the data. Issues have also been identified with sampling rates, energy consumption rates (IIIb 3), which should be published in the future under table IIIf 1. Need to wait on feedback from the commission on the latter two issues to know, whether they require actions or not. In relation to biological variables, an issue was identified in relation to reporting on small pelagics jointly in the regions of the NS & eastern Arctic and the Atlantic. In future, there should be no combined reporting for two separate regions.

- Evaluation of the data call transmission failures, GNIC noted that there was a problem in data issues identified by ICES users mostly not constituting data transmission failures and being general observations on data quality issues. Changes have been made in the ICES tables that hopefully improve this situation as it is a drain on evaluator's time and can dilute real data issues. Tables need to be filled out in relation to the conformity to data calls. The data is filled in by the stock coordinators and then cross checked by the EG chair.
- Data failures include the lack of data for the <10m vessels. It is a national problem: Economic data is present, but can't be raised to fleet level due to a lack of representative landings and effort data.
- Other unresolved data transmission issues include exclusion of Nephrops data in RDB and tuna.
- Need to wait for official feedback in September.

★ *ACTION POINTS ON 2014 AR REVIEW AND DATA TRANSMISSION FAILURES:*

Organise an <10m vessel workshop between BIM and MI to agree on national method to deal with data (LOD, EJ & OT).

Check feasibility to add a workshop on <10m to next WKECON in Dublin Autumn 2015 which is planned to review clustering procedures (EJ).

Prepare answers for apparent data failures (EJ and others)

Status of Current National Programme ~ 2015

- Economics: All deadlines were met and new protocols were followed. Sampling did not meet some of the targets, there was an increase in response time. Grant aid helped to improve data response. There are concerns that landings obligation will negatively impact on data availability as a lot of the data is voluntary. The query was raised whether the capacity data used in the MI is the same as BIM is using to ensure data is consistent.
- Processing Sector: there were no data calls and no meetings in 2015. Data is collected from CIRO at the end of the year and from surveys.
- Aquaculture: Waiting for the new data upload template for data calls. Ireland will try to test the system once it is operational. Feedback on aquaculture meeting includes that harmonisation across regions is not possible and a set of templates will be drafted to suit different MS needs. 2013 data is complete and ready to go. For 2014 data, census data is straight forward but survey data is, as before, problematic for the acquisition of some of the variables. There have been discussions on the introduction of new variables, in particular on chemical input and effect of output of aquaculture on ecosystem, but these have not been finalised.
- Biological sampling in the ports, 90% are met. Problems have been encountered for the "at sea sampling programme" in Q2 due to low uptake by contractors and some resistance by industry. Contingencies are put in place for Q3+ with additional contractors. Bycatch data on seabirds, marine mammals and PET species are recorded. A workshop was held in MI on statistical sound sampling.

★ **ACTION POINTS** in relation the 2015 programme:

Check in MI if capacity data is drawn down from European register (LOD, HG)

Check in MI, what variables are collected in relation to input/output for aquaculture.

Data transmission table: Ask data providers to fill out data transmission table when answering data calls (LOD)

Check with CK/DC on progress regarding BIM receiving the same data download as MI from IFIS (LOD).

Put the effect of the Landings obligation as an item on the agenda for meeting between BIM and MI (LOD, CN)

Update on DCMAP 2016+ and DCF 2016 National Programme

- The last update of the Irish national programme was in 2010.
- Feedback from the commission strongly indicates that they do not want a new submission for a 2016 national programme from Ireland
- Changes required for the Irish national programme are the addition of the Monk& Meg and the Boarfish acoustic surveys, as well as the introduction of statistical sound sampling.

★ **ACTION POINTS** in relation the 2016 national programme:

Send E-mail to Commission outlining the proposed changes for the 2016 Irish national programme and request clarification, whether a new National Programme needs to be submitted or if the existing programme can be updated (HMC – draft Email, LOD to send).

Review of the new Data collection regulation (All)

- What are the main changes
- Any further input

★ **ACTION POINTS** new DCF regulation:

Feedback to DAFM: include the comments by Belgium that endusers need to be better defined and/or prioritised. Include the comments by BIM, that PGECON should be at the same level as the RCGs and not at the overall coordination level.

Ask for other countries submissions, esp Germany's and check if they can be circulated to the group.

AOB

★ **ACTION POINTS** AOB:

Keep National website on DCMAP up to date at:

<http://www.miextranet.ie/fss/sites/DCMAP/Pages/default.aspx>

Include annual economic report on the website.