European Commission

National Programmes and Annual Reports State of play

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Maritime Affairs & Fisheries

Annual Reports 2010

- *All reports accepted*

- *All claims for reimbursement accepted (UK and SP in the payment workflow)*

- *No report received for Greece*

Annual Reports 2011

- *Annual reports have been received from all Member States, except Greece*
- **A first examination of the format and completeness of the AR was done (admissibility check) and letters sent to MS**
- **AR were submitted to STECF for evaluation**
- **Comments were sent to all MS regarding technical aspects and to 15 MS regarding financial aspects**
- **Technical reponses received from 20 MS and financial replies received for 14 MS are currently being analysed. DG MARE is still in the process of assessing the Claims for Reimbursement of 6 MS.**

Annual Reports 2011

- *Compliance of Member States with their data transmission obligations*

  - **Letters have been sent to all MS; replies received from 20 MS and are currently being analysed**

  - **The final conclusions will be taken into consideration when executing the balance payment for 2011**

Annual Reports 2011-Next steps

- Comments on AR2011 and on apparent data transmission failures will be sent jointly to MS in the coming weeks.

- New format to simplify exchanges between COM and MS

- Will be used already for COM's response to MS on their AR2011 and apparent data transmission failures

A1 Evaluation of 2011 Annual Report

Evaluation of 2011 Annual Report

STECF & DG MARE - Comments			MS - Comments	DG MARE - Reply accepted? (Yes (Y), No (N) or Follow-up (F))	DG MARE - Comments	MS - Reply
Module	Region	Comments				
II.B.2 Follow-up of regional and international recommendations		Germany is asked to provide a list of all recommendations of the 2011 Liaison Meetings relevant to Germany and to indicate what responsive actions were undertaken in response to these recommendations. Germany is also invited to attach to their Annual report copies of the bilateral or multilateral agreements that it has signed with other Member States, and which are mentioned in the Annual report (even if some of these are included in the National programme), in order to facilitate reading and evaluation of the Annual Report.	All RCM and LM recommendations relevant to Germany have been listed in the appropriate sections (III.C, III.D, III.E etc.) under the appropriate region header. In future reports, we could copy all recommendations into section II.B.2, but we don't see the need for this multiplication of text, as the AR evaluation is done my modules (i.e. sections) anyway.	Y	n/a	
III.C Biological métier-related variables	Baltic Sea	Even though Table III.C.6 provides information on the number of fish measured at national level (all metiers combined), Germany is invited to complete the column 'Achieved no of fish measured at national level by metier' in Table III.C.5. Also, in Table III.C.5, Germany is invited to provide information on the CV for discard volume. Germany is also invited to explain why CV are missing for landings and discards for certain species in Table III.C.5 (Anguilla Anguilla, Sander lucioperca, Perca fluviatilis, Reinhardtius hippoglossoides).	There is a confusing permutation in the comment: Table III.C.5 contains information on "Sampling intensity for length compositions (all metiers combined)". Table III.C.6 contains information on "Achieved Length sampling of catches, landings and discards by metier and species". Hence, the column S "Achieved no of fish measured at national level by metier" in Table III.C.5 does not match the information requested per row. There is a logic contradiction between the headline of the sheet and the information requested in column S. The breakdown into métiers is given in Table III.C.6 and this is the reason why we wrote "see C.6" in column S. We see no need to complete this column. On the CV for discard volume in Table III.C.5: As stated in the German AR text, the R module on CVs for the volume of discards is still under development, as the calculations require various raising routines. However, please find an updated Table III.C.5 in the attached standard tables file with calculated precisions achieved on volume of discards based on the observed stations and kg discards for the requested species and fishing grounds. All values for precision are based on the same unit. On the CV for landings and discards of Anguilla anguilla: In the German National Program, sampling of eel is achieved by buying fish from commercial freshwater catches of fishermen. Due to relatively small sample sizes, eels are usually obtained from a single fisherman representing only one location within the respective river basin district (RBD). Accordingly, it is likely that samples are not representative for either total catch/stock in the Baltic Sea or RBDs, respectively. Thus, the CV is without any noteworthy value of information. On the CV for landings and discards of Sander lucioperca: As stated in the AR text under section III.E Baltic Sea for Sander lucioperca, "the freshwater species landings fluctuate around the sampling threshold (200t or 10% EU landings) and the species to be sampled may change from year to year. Pikeperch landings from 2008 onwards were well below the 200t threshold. Moreover, on average more than 80% of freshwater landings originate from inshore waters (within the baseline). A derogation for Germany to sample freshwater species metiers is in force as of 2012". Hence, no pikeperch samples were purchased in 2011 and no information on landings and discards can be given. On the CV for landings and discards of Perca fluviatilis: Two samples of perch were purchased in 2011 to fulfil the metier sampling for GNS_FWS_>0_0_0. The samples were considered non-representative for the fishery and CVs were therefore not calculated. Moreover, Germany received a derogation to sample freshwater species from 2012 onwards. Reinhardtius hippoglossoides does not occur in the Baltic Sea.	F	* Column S of Table III.C.5 should read 'Achieved number of fish measured at national level'. This will be corrected in the guidelines. Please complete the column accordingly. * Germany is requested to remove columns on age sampling from Table III.C.5. Values should be reported in Table III.E.3.	
III.C Biological métier-related variables	North Sea and Eastern Arctic	Even though Table III.C.6 provides information on the number of fish measured at national level (all metiers combined), Germany is invited to complete the column 'Achieved no of fish measured at national level by metier' in Table III.C.5. Also, in Table III.C.5, Germany is invited to provide information on the CV for discard volume.	There is a confusing permutation in the comment: Table III.C.5 contains information on "Sampling intensity for length compositions (all metiers combined)". Table III.C.6 contains information on "Achieved Length sampling of catches, landings and discards by metier and species". Hence, the column S "Achieved no of fish measured at national level by metier" in Table III.C.5 does not match the information requested per row. There is a logic contradiction between the headline of the sheet and the information requested in column S. The breakdown into métiers is given in Table III.C.6 and this is the reason why we wrote "see C.6" in column S. We see no need to complete this column. On the CV for discard volume in Table III.C.5: As stated in the German AR text, the R module on CVs for the volume of discards is still under development, as the calculations require various raising routines. However, please find an updated Table III.C.5 in the attached standard tables file with calculated precisions achieved on volume of discards based on the observed stations and kg discards for the requested species and fishing grounds. All values for precision are based on the same unit.	F	* Column S of Table III.C.5 should read 'Achieved number of fish measured at national level'. This will be corrected in the guidelines. Please complete the column accordingly. * Germany is requested to remove columns on age sampling from Table III.C.5. Values should be reported in Table III.E.3.	
III.C Biological métier-related	North Atlantic and NAFO	Germany is invited to ensure that the metier naming between Table III.C.3 and the text of the Annual report is consistent (eg OTB_DEF > 130_0_0 appears in text as	The wrong métier naming was simply a copy mistake. Germany will try to avoid those mistakes in future. It should read " OTB_DEF > 130_0_0" in the AR text on the Greenland halibut fisheries on the Greenland-Iceland fishing ground.			

Evaluation of 2011 Data Transmission

STECF & DG MARE - Comments				MS - Comments	DG MARE - Reply accepted? (Yes (Y), No (N) or Follow-up (F))	DG MARE - Comments	MS - Reply
Source (JRC/DG MARE or ICES)	Data call or Stock	Data requested	Missing DCF data				
JRC/DG MARE	Fleet economic data call 2011 (STECF EWG 11-04)	Economic and transversal data for the years 2002-2010 (DCR and DCF). Under the DCF, the following were requested: fishing enterprise, employment, income, expenditure, capital & investments, capacity, effort, landings, recreational catches for the years 2008-2010.	Capital value data for inactive fleet segments (2008-2009).	We appreciate that this **error in our data extraction** routines has been spotted and fixed it in the code in order to deliver the corresponding data in future.	F	* Under Article 8(5)c of Council Regulation 199/2008 a financial correction could be applied if this incident is taken as evidence that the 'quality control and processing of these data was not in accordance to Articles 14(2) and 17' of Council Regulation 199/2008. Please provide proof of the contrary.	
JRC/DG MARE	Annual effort data call 2011 (STECF EWG 11-06 & STECF EWG 11-11)	Fleet specific catch and effort data: 1. Catch, including landings and discards as well as further biological variables (2003-2010); 2. Nominal Fishing Effort in Kw times days (2000-2010); 3. Effective Fishing Effort in fished hours by ICES statistical rectangle (2000-2010); 4. Capacity in Kw and gross tonnage (2000-2010; only for Baltic Member States).	For 2008: No data was submitted. For 2009: No data was submitted.	Data **had already been submitted** in 2009 (2008 data) and 2010 (2009 data), and STECF Working Groups have considered them as complete and of sufficient quality. This is confirmed in the Data Call document (Ares(2011)200418 of 23/02/2011) Annex I, as there is no entry with regard to missing data for Germany!	Y	n/a	
JRC/DG MARE	Data from processing industry	Economic and transversal data for the years 2006-2009.	Data on the following variables: - Female/male FTE (2008-2009) - Imputed value of unpaid labour (2008-2009) - Number of enterprises (non-main activities) (2008) - Turnover attributed to fish processing (2008)	• Data for FTE have been delivered. A division by gender is **optional** (Decision 2010/93/EU, Appendix X, Footnote 15). • As Germany reports, in particular cost data, only from enterprises with ≥20 employees, **there is no unpaid labour**. Work of owners is paid by profit. • It is assumed that the latter two bullet points both refer to enterprises with non-main activity. The **delay in receiving the data** was described and accepted in the German Annual Report 2010, section IV.B.1: "*Germany planned to use the register of EU veterinary approval numbers for fish processors to identify those enterprises. Unfortunately, a complete version of this register was not available before late 2010.*" When we sent out questionnaires early 2011, the most recent, i.e. 2009 data were requested. The **year 2008 is not clearly covered** by the DCF, as Decision 2008/949/EC (chapter IV.B.2.2) only refers to sampling in 2009, but not to the reference year: "*For enterprises that carry out fish processing but not as a main activity, it is mandatory to collect the following data, in the first year of each programming period...*"	Y	n/a	
ICES	Salmon in the Main Basin and Gulf of Bothnia (Salmon in Subdivisions 22-31)		Age, length, weight, maturity for discards.	Salmon is a very rare species in the German samples from the Baltic Sea, and especially few (if any!) salmon are discarded. There are no sampling obligations for this species (**<5% of TAC/landings**, see NP 2011-2013).	Y	n/a	
ICES	Plaice in Division IIIa (Skagerrak - Kattegat)		Weight for discards.	Germany has hardly any fishery for plaice in IIIa (**<0.5% of TAC/landings**). Therefore, there are no sampling obligations for plaice in IIIa.	Y	n/a	
ICES	Nephrops in Division IVb (off Horn Reef, FU 33)		Length, maturity, sex ratio for landings. Length, maturity, sex ratio for discards. Information from commercial fleets.	Only minor fisheries (**0.08%** of whole North Sea TAC), regional agreement (RCM NS&EA) with Denmark.	F	Germany is invited to clarify what the content of the regional agreement is.	
ICES	Sprat in the Celtic Seas		Length, weight, maturity, sex ratio for landings. Age, length, weight, maturity, sex ratio for discards (representativity or quality of these discard data was insufficient to be of use). Information from surveys at sea.	Germany has **no fishery** on sprat in the Celtic Seas and is not involved in any sprat survey in the Celtic Seas.	Y	n/a	
ICES	Herring in Subdivisions 25 to 29 and 32 minus Gulf of Riga		Age, weight of landings. Information from commercial fleets.	Herring in SD25-29 is a by-catch species of the spratdirected pelagic fishery. Virtually all landings of this fishery are **landed abroad** (e.g. DK, SWE) and thus there are **regional agreements** with SWE and DK, who sample these	Y	n/a	

Execution rate for 2011

	Planned expenditure		Amount spent		non executed budget 2011	
	MS	2011	2011	2011	%	in EUR
1	Belgium	1.941.476,06	1.372.081,00	71%	29%	569.395,06
2	Bulgaria	366.500,00	165.625,00	45%	55%	200.875,00
3	Denmark	6.224.501,09	5.179.902,85	83%	17%	1.044.598,24
4	Germany	6.615.835,00	5.364.876,73	81%	19%	1.250.958,27
5	Estonia	626.997,33	428.063,34	68%	32%	198.933,99
6	Ireland	5.831.251,67	5.373.275,52	92%	8%	457.976,15
7	Greece					
8	Spain	16.043.361,16	13.569.566,83	85%	15%	2.473.794,33
9	France	14.408.590,34	12.103.023,11	84%	16%	2.305.567,23
10	Italy	7.799.304,00	7.214.839,88	93%	7%	584.464,12
11	Cyprus	489.211,00	215.279,00	44%	56%	273.932,00
12	Latvia	309.381,00	305.914,05	99%	1%	3.466,95
13	Lithuania	279.741,60	112.572,43	40%	60%	167.169,17
14	Malta	576.570,40	573.157,89	99%	1%	3.412,51
15	NL	4.295.696,73	4.055.683,80	94%	6%	240.012,93
16	Poland	1.046.307,04	702.073,80	67%	33%	344.233,24
17	Portugal	4.289.310,64	2.598.381,55	61%	39%	1.690.929,09
18	Romania	634.468,67	383.506,24	60%	40%	250.962,43
19	Slovenia	207.349,00	120.705,23	58%	42%	86.643,77
20	Finland	1.736.460,44	1.645.790,13	95%	5%	90.670,31
21	Sweden	5.956.869,14	5.098.888,61	86%	14%	857.980,53
22	UK	8.976.540,00	7.352.132,98	82%	18%	1.624.407,02
	TOTAL	**88.655.722,31**	**73.935.339,97**	**83%**	**17%**	**14.720.382,34**
	EU contrib	**44.327.861,15**	**36.967.669,98**			**7.360.191,17**

Annual Reports 2012

- Deadline for submission 31/05/2013
- At same time, request for MS to submit:
  - **List of bilateral agreements**
  - **List of derogations**

National Programmes 2012

- The NP2012 of 10 MS were adopted in 1st batch in March 2012 (pre-financing payments May-June 2012)

- The NP2012 of 6 MS were adopted in 2nd batch in October 2012 (pre-financing payments October-November 2012)

- The NP2012 of 5 MS were adopted in 3rd batch in December 2012 (pre-financing payments December 2012)

National Programmes 2013

- 8 MS submitted proposed amendments to their NP for 2013.

- These have been reviewed by STECF in December & STECF report received 07/02/2013.

- Comments will be sent to MS using similar tabular format to the one now used for AR2011.

National Programmes 2013

- The EU financial contribution requested by the 22 MS amounts to 49,75€ whereas only 46 M€ are available in the EU budget

- Besides the EC check on the elegibility of the costs, MS will be requested to reduce their budget

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