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## Fourth meeting of the PSMA Technical Working Group on Information Exchange (TWG-IE4)<sup>1</sup>

Panama city, Panama<sup>2</sup>, 18-22 March 2024

### STATUS OF CONNECTIVITY OF THE GIES

<sup>1</sup> To be held in Arabic, Chinese English, French, Russian and Spanish.

<sup>2</sup> To be held at the Hotel el Panama, Panama City, Panama.

**A. RFB Summary Table – GIES Connections**

<b>GIES connections</b>	<b>Form</b> (Denial / Inspection)	<b>Data Requirements</b> (Data fields)	<b>Standards</b> (Reference / code lists)	<b>Format<sup>2</sup></b> Structured /Unstructured	<b>Connection Mech.</b> FLUX / API	<b>Ongoing work</b>	<b>Expected Connection date</b>
<b>RFB<sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>NEAFC</b> <b>6/6 (100%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN			S	API	Test connection ongoing (dummy data)	March 2024 (TWG-IE4)
	PIR			U	-	Compatibility analysis carried out	Timeline not currently established
<b>IOTC</b> <b>22 / 29 (76%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN			S	API	Test connection ongoing	March 2024 (TWG-IE4)
	PIR			S	API	Postponed until DEN completion	June 2024 (COFI36)
<b>GFCM</b> <b>16 / 23 (70%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN				API*	Final revision of data fields expected in 2024 in coordination with GFCM CPCs	To be discussed with GFCM CPCs
	PIR			S	API*, FLUX P1000-8**	Technical discussions with GFCM CPCs (data confidentiality, general guidance)	To be discussed with GFCM CPCs
<b>FFA</b> <b>6 / 17 (35%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN			S	API	Full e-PSM. System not yet operational (under pilot phase).	MOP5 (May 2025)
	PIR			S	API	Full e-PSM. System not yet operational (under pilot phase). PIR completed by end Feb 2024.	MOP5 (May 2025)
<b>SPRFMO</b> <b>13 / 17 (76%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN			U	-	Discussion with Secretariat in 2022 (PSMA RCM)	-
	PIR			U	-	Discussion with Secretariat in 2022 (PSMA RCM)	-
<b>ICCAT</b> <b>38 / 52 (73%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN				-	Ongoing discussions and exchange of documentation on data fields and reference lists	-
	PIR				-		-
<b>WCPFC</b> <b>14 / 26 (54%)<sup>3</sup></b>	DEN	-	-	-	-	PSM CMM to be reviewed	-
	PIR	-	-	-	-	PSM CMM to be reviewed	-
<b>LEGEND</b>				<b>N/A</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Partial Correspondence</b>	<b>Full Correspondence</b>

RFB	Form	Additional comments
NEAFC	DEN	Concept of Denial differs from PSMA. Attendance to PECMAC and Annual Session meetings for follow up. Bilateral communications to coordinate. API will be established to exchange DENs and will be first tested on non-production environments prior to connecting the production environments
	PIR	Connection not currently possible as data in form exchanged within NEAFC ePSM is only partially structured. Development of an electronic PIR with fully structured data has not currently initiated. Once a electronic PIR is available, connection will be facilitated building upon an already established API
IOTC	DEN	Real data connection planned. Bilateral communications to coordinate. Code lists are not fully aligned but correspondences can be made
	PIR	Pilot implementation with a reduced set of data fields planned (along with PDF of full form). Code lists are not fully aligned but correspondences can be made
GFCM	-	Meeting with Secretariat - 5 Feb 2024; <i>* Standards sharepoint API available. Interoperability with GIES APIs will be assessed in 2024; ** Potential roadmap for the sake is pending discussions with GFCM CPCs</i>
FFA	-	Full e-PSM system launched Q1 2024 (Pilot phase)
SPRFMO	DEN	No e-PSM system in place. DENs shared through email. Discussions ongoing within SPRFMO CTC about the potential use of the GIES for SPRFMO reporting requirements. As a next step an in depth analysis would need to take place to better examine and correlate the data fields with the respective CMMs and data standards
	PIR	No e-PSM system in place. PIRs in PDF format shared through email. Data from inspection reports inputted by SPRFMO Secretariat into structured database. The possibility of using GIES as a means of exchanging information and facilitating data extraction by the SPRFMO Secretariat is being explored. As a next step an in depth analysis would need to take place to better examine and correlate the data fields with the respective CMMs and data standards.
ICCAT	DEN	Currently forms are being exchanged in Pdf format, the development of an ICCAT ePSM system is within the ICCAT Online Reporting Technical Working Group (WG-ORT) workplan, however development is not expected to begin in the near future. An analysis would also be needed to compare data requirements and standards within ICCAT CMMs and those in use within the GIES
	PIR	
WCPFC	-	Preliminary discussions with WCPFC Secretariat.

**NOTES**

1. *This is a non-exhaustive list. Collaboration with other RFBs is envisioned, as applicable.*
2. *How the forms are being exchanged. 'Structured' meaning data is defined and searchable such as computed through an online form. 'Unstructured' meaning data is not searchable, for example using a pdf*
3. *Ratio of Contracting Parties to PSMA Parties as of 29/01/2024*

**B. Workplan – GIES Connections**

GIES Connections Workplan	2023				2024				2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Relevant events		MOP4		Launch	TWG-IE4				WGSM	MOP5				MOP6		
<b>Regional Fishery Bodies</b>																
NEAFC	FF		DS		DS	IE			IE							
IOTC		FF		DS	IE			IE								
GFCM		FF			FF				DS*							
FFA					FF					DS	IE	IE				
SPRFMO					FF											
ICCAT					FF											
WCPFC					FF											
<b>ANNOTATIONS</b>	<i>FF: Fact-finding - Provision of Technical Assistance / Evaluation of interoperability options between GIES and national / regional systems...</i>															
	<i>DS: Development of specifications - Reference lists, data field mappings, API documentation</i>															
	<i>IE: Information Exchange - Establishment of data transmission &amp; maintenance requirements (partial compliance)</i>															
	<i>IE: Information Exchange - Full compliance with information exchange requirements</i>															

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\*Based on GFCM decisions envisaged for 2024 Q4