



WECAFC-FIRMS Data workshop
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Working Group TORs for Data collection, data sharing and harmonization

The data collection, data sharing and harmonization working group should provide recommendations to address data collection and sharing challenges in the WECAFC region;

In particular, the following domains should be discussed:

- Data collection: this is the key step in the fisheries data and statistics supply chain. The WG should identify issues, challenges and best practices in data collection in the region, and provide recommendations on how to address issues and challenges, identify and recommend best practices for the region
- Data sharing: the WG should discuss and provide recommendation on data to be shared at regional level, define modalities to exchange data including format
- Data harmonization: the WG from data sharing discussion will provide recommendations on data harmonization to allow data collation at regional level. Recommendations should be done for standards and classifications to be used at regional level, the definition of the mapping between national and regional classification, recommend best practices for data mapping.

Expected outputs

- Data collection best practices
- List of data to be shared among WECAFC countries, including regional standards and classifications
- Procedures, best practices to create and maintain mapping between national classifications and regional ones