

**FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting**

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**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY ICES DURING THE  
INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD**

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1. Developments on inventories of Marine resources, and of fisheries; revision of annex 2

ICES has started an initiative to turn its stock assessment process (for some stocks initially) into an operational setting, called the Transparent Assessment Framework (TAF). This will have positive implications for FIRMS as it will facilitate standardisation, better versioning control and quality assurance related to data inputs and outputs that will enable a better link between the assessment sheets presented in FIRMS and the information underpinning it related to the ICES assessed stocks.

ICES have revised their main marine data and services discovery catalogue, which can be queried here <http://gis.ices.dk/geonetwork/srv/eng/catalog.search#/home>

2. Reporting on status/trends of Marine resources, and of fisheries;

ICES has shifted towards a more automated delivery of assessment results, and away from just offering text based outputs such as pdf. To that end, ICES have been working with FIRMS to make the web services coming from its stock assessment outputs (<http://standardgraphs.ices.dk> and the related stock definitions database <http://sd.ices.dk/stockList.aspx> ) to populate the ICES-FIRMS Marine Resource fact sheets. This has improved the online documentation and control of terms and data outputs at the ICES end, and will provide a stable platform for FIRMS to draw upon.

3. Development/review of standards

ICES have standardised their naming and encoding for stocks so definitions are consistent across systems/reports, and also can be tracked through time and as definitions change. This is managed through the Stock Database <http://sd.ices.dk>

4. Development of Applications (e.g. new module at Secretariat level, or enhancements in streamlining workflow at Partner level);

See 1, 2 and 3 above

4. Development of case studies/prototypes;

5. Training or skills development;

6. Promotional / fund raising activities

7. Planned activities during the coming intersession period.

Annex: Revised annex 2 (if applicable)