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COORDINATING WORKING PARTY ON FISHERY STATISTICS

Intersessional Meetings of Aquaculture and Fisheries Subject Group

Sixth Meeting of the Aquaculture Subject Group (AS) and Twenty-seventh meeting of the Fisheries Subject Group (FS)

Rome, Italy, 15-16 May 2019

ICES activities report to CWP

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As a part of the process to achieve transparent and reproducible advice, ICES developed Stock Information Database (SID: <https://sid.ices.dk>), established a standardized data call workflow, and launched Transparent Assessment Framework (TAF: <http://ices.dk/marine-data/tools/Pages/transparent-assessment-framework.aspx>). To decrease the data reporting burden for the national submitters, and to have all commercial fisheries data in one place, ICES two major databases for commercial fisheries data Intercatch and RDB (and possibly the new Bycatch database) will be merged into a new Regional Database and Estimation System (RDBES) that is currently under development in collaboration with Regional Coordination Groups. In addition to existing ICES fishery survey databases (DATRAS and Eggs&Larvae), a new Acoustic database is created for the acoustic surveys.

To enhance data referencing, ICES is starting to use Digital object identifiers (DOI). The plan is to use it for both published documents as well as datasets. Datasets and services by ICES Secretariat and ICES community are now described in Geonetwork-based ICES Metadata Catalogue. All ICES Secretariat entries are INSPIRE-compliant.

ICES activities related to UN SGDs

The Sixth (Legal) Committee of the UN General Assembly granted observer status to ICES in their meeting on the 1st of November 2018.

ICES was seeking observer status to the General Assembly in order to contribute to the UN work on ocean sustainability, climate change, biodiversity, and conservation and management of resources.

ICES pledged two commitments at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2017 in support of the SDGs: 14.4 on developing the science basis to assist ecosystem based management and 14.a to enhance marine science training and capacity building.

ICES contributes to the SDG14 by providing the scientific evidence for decision-making via integrated ecosystem assessments (IEAs) and ecosystem overviews, addressing the impacts of ocean acidification, and assessing fish stocks in order to provide advice on the sustainable level of fishing activity.

As part of our commitment to 14.4, ICES started providing 2 deliverables that are fisheries overviews for some ecoregions (<http://www.ices.dk/community/advisory-process/Pages/fisheries-overviews.aspx>)

As well as ecosystem overviews (<http://www.ices.dk/community/advisory-process/Pages/Ecosystem-overviews.aspx>)

We also constantly work on improving of portfolio of ICES training courses to broaden knowledge and improve expertise of marine scientists. More details can be found here: <http://ices.dk/news-and-events/Training>

Furthermore, ICES experts, services, and tools are indirectly supporting targets and indicators like: 14.1 (Marine pollution), 14.2 (Sustainably manage and protect coastal ecosystems), 14.3 (Ocean acidification), 14.5 (Conserve coastal and marine areas), and 14.c (conservation and sustainable use)