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ICES's programme of fishery statistics

1. PERSONNEL

ICES is currently restructuring its database group with the intention of integrating the work with the various databases held at the ICES Secretariat. Among the tasks performed by the database group is fisheries statistics. However, until now no changes have been introduced for fisheries statistics.

The staff currently working on fishery statistics is Maria Zarecki (maria@ices.dk) and Eleanor Christensen (eleanor@ices.dk). Leif Pedersen (Leif@ices.dk) has provided computer programming backup.

2. DATA-BASE DEVELOPMENT.

A new computer system for administrating the data has been completed and is now operational. This system is for in-house usage only.

3. CATCH STATISTICS

The ICES database of fisheries catch statistics has been reviewed and updated particularly with data from France. This revision has been done back to 1973.

ICES has changed to using the three - alpha identifiers for species identification in its fisheries statistics database.

Table 1 gives an overview of STATLANT 27A submissions as of 18 June 2001 for the years 1992—2000 inclusive. Briefly summarising, all ICES Member Countries have reported data from 1973—1999 except for France, which has not yet submitted 1999 data. Three countries have submitted preliminary data and indicated that their final data will be available in the very near future. There are still a few outstanding queries regarding catches from various countries, which we hope will soon be resolved. As ICES is now utilising the FAO 3-alpha code, there remain some problems with the correct use of these codes by Member Countries.

ICES has implemented the CWP decisions to collect statistics on elasmobranchs and in cooperation with FAO and Eurostat modified the STATLANT 27A forms accordingly.

4. PUBLICATIONS ON FISHERY STATISTICS.

In 1999 ICES decided to cease the publication of Fisheries statistics as a printed volume. Instead the information is disseminated on CD ROM. A CD-ROM, entitled "ICES Fisheries Statistics 1973—1999" was completed in June 2001 and sent to almost 230 libraries and institutes around the world, in addition to the national offices of ICES Member Countries. The data are presented using the FishStatPlus software. There were two databases on this CD ROM:

- ICES Fisheries Statistics 1973—1999
Fisheries catch data for the Northeast Atlantic by year, country, area, and species for all Member Countries (except France for 1999).
- The Integrated Database
Catch statistics for the entire Atlantic for 1950—1998, supplied by CCALMR, ICCAT, ICES, NAFO, and FAO (and its subsidiary bodies WECAF, CECAF, and GCMF). For a more detailed description of this database, see the report from Eurostat.

ICES has made catch data for the Northeast Atlantic 1973-1999 available on the ICES web site. Using the FishStatPlus software, catch statistics for 1973—1999 are presented on our website www.ices.dk/fish/statlant.htm. A multilingual version of the FishStatPlus software should be available in the foreseeable future.

5. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL DATA-BASES

The major outstanding work in, at least, identifying discrepancies between international catch data-bases is with the data for the Northeast Atlantic. Unfortunately, since CWP-18, little progress has been made mainly due to the very

heavy work-load this task imposes on the very limited staff resources of the ICES Secretariat. However the importance of this work has been recognized and it is hoped that progress will be possible in the near future.

6. ICES LIAISON GROUP FISHERIES STATISTICS

This group has not met since CWP-18.

7. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

We wish to express our thanks to Richard Grainger and Yury Shatz, FAO, for developing and allowing us to use the FishStatPlus software package. Furthermore, we wish to thank David Cross, EUROSTAT, for his valuable assistance and perseverance in the development of the ICES Fisheries Statistics CD-ROM.

Table 1 Returns of STATLANT 27A as of 18 June 2001 (Deadline: 31 May)

Country	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Belgium	04.02.93	25.04.94	18.05.95	17.05.96	28.04.97	18.05.98	12.04.99	05.05.00	07.05.01
Denmark	23.09.93	09.09.94	14.12.95	19.08.96	08.07.97	09.06.98	16.06.99	29.05.00	28.05.01
Estonia	20.07.93	02.05.94	26.05.95	05.12.96	02.02.98	07.09.98	31.05.99 ²	31.08.00	17.05.01
Faroe Islands	16.12.93	19.09.94	26.04.95	17.08.96	09.10.97	04.09.98	02.11.99	16.10.00	
Finland	21.09.93	12.07.94	14.08.95 ²	31.05.96	03.06.97	01.06.98	26.05.99	31.05.00	30.05.01
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.04.99 ¹	-	
	13.04.94 ²	14.08.95 ²	21.10.96	16.07.97 ²	16.07.97 ²	06.11.98 ²	-	-	
Germany	19.07.93	13.01.95	04.09.95	05.09.96	15.08.97	24.08.98	20.01.00	01.09.00	30.05.01
Greenland	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.05.99 ¹	22.06.00 ¹	
	14.05.93	05.04.94	20.03.95	21.08.96	23.05.97	13.06.98	-	-	
Iceland	23.07.93	23.06.94	23.05.95	24.05.96	04.06.97	17.07.98	30.08.99	21.07.00	
Ireland	20.12.93	31.08.94	14.07.95	21.06.96	23.06.97	09.09.98	05.01.00	16.11.00	
Latvia	24.05.93	18.05.94	01.06.95	06.06.96	11.04.97	29.05.98	01.06.99	12.05.00	14.05.01
Netherlands	28.05.93	03.03.94	27.04.95	06.06.96	03.07.97	17.06.98	28.05.99	31.05.00	07.05.01 ²
Norway	09.09.93 ¹	07.09.94 ¹	12.06.95 ¹	20.06.96 ¹	23.06.97 ¹	28.08.98 ¹	29.07.99 ¹	10.07.00 ¹	
	16.08.95	02.06.97	05.10.98	19.03.99	31.05.00	-	-		
Poland	01.06.93	14.10.94	06.06.95	04.06.96	06.06.97	04.06.98	05.07.99	29.06.00	
Portugal	-	-	-	18.07.96 ¹	-	-	-	-	
	05.07.93	13.10.94 ²	14.08.95 ²	07.08.97	08.08.97	27.08.98	19.07.99	03.07.00	
Russia	20.07.93	09.08.94	14.07.95	11.07.96	06.06.97	11.06.98	29.06.99	11.08.00	
Spain	11.11.96	28.02.97	28.04.98 ²	26.03.99 ²	09.06.99	10.11.99 ²	27.06.00	16.03.01	
Sweden	16.07.93	16.06.94	04.09.95	19.08.96	24.11.97	26.10.98	17.02.00	26.01.01	
UK (England & Wales)	12.10.93	08.08.94	29.05.95	17.06.96	10.07.97	03.06.98	24.08.99	26.05.00	
UK (Ch. I. Guernsey)	01.06.93	27.07.95	05.04.95 ³	09.10.96	07.07.97 ³	05.10.98	12.05.99	01.06.00	19.04.01
UK (Ch. I. Jersey)	08.03.93	12.04.95		07.10.96		01.04.98	19.04.99	20.03.00	30.04.01
UK (Isle of Man)	11.10.93	02.05.94	08.06.95	14.08.96	28.07.97	11.09.98	11.06.99	26.06.00	
UK (N. Ireland)	02.06.93	30.05.94	26.05.95	... ⁴	... ⁴	... ⁴	... ⁴	... ⁴	
UK (Scotland)	07.02.94	17.03.94	28.02.95	17.06.96	10.07.97	03.06.98	24.06.99	26.06.00	
Ukraine	21.06.94	21.06.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	

¹Preliminary. ²Via Eurostat. ³UK Channel Islands Guernsey and Jersey. ⁴Included in UK (England & Wales) figures.