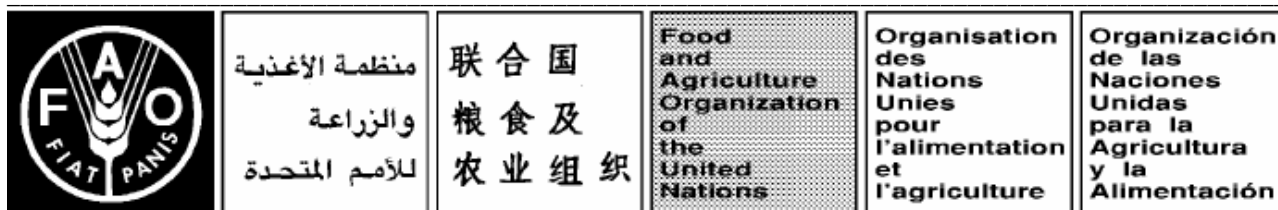


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1 ICES FISHERIES STATISTICS PROGRAMME SINCE CWP 19 (2001-2002)

ICES has continued with its parts of the STATLANT programme as in previous years. This includes collection of data submitted on STATLANT form 27A, compiling and publishing these data. This is done in close cooperation with Eurostat as most countries fishing the Northeast Atlantic are EU or EEA member countries. The scope of the statistics includes all fisheries with the exception of tunas that is the remit of ICCAT. Table 1 provides an overview of the data submissions.

ICES published its statistics on CD - data presented under the FishStatPlus system for the period 1973-2000 in February 2002. It is expected that the next CD will be published in February 2003 holding data for 1973-2001. The ICES Statistics CD includes the "Integrated fisheries catch statistics for the Atlantic". ICES is very thankful to Eurostat for producing this data file.

The database system used to handle the STATLANT data in the ICES Secretariat was replaced at the end of 2002 and a new system (relational database) programmed in MS SQL SERVER was implemented at the beginning of 2003. Furthermore, in 2003 the database system will be expanded with tools to handle the NEAFC data (monthly statistics for selected species by NEAFC regulatory area and by EEZ's) and the so-called rec. 12 catch data (preliminary annual catch statistics by ICES divisions for selected species submitted by 1 February the following year). These two programmes provide assessment group with catch statistics for their work at a time in the year when the final catch statistics has not yet been submitted.

Eurostat and ICES has discussed more efficient split of the work. EU member countries have legal obligations to supply Eurostat with fisheries statistics following the STATLANT manual. Among the 19 ICES member countries only 5 are not member of or are expected shortly to become member of EU (Canada, Iceland, Norway, Russia and USA). Furthermore, Greenland and the Faeroe Islands have sovereign fisheries management rights for areas in the Northeast Atlantic. USA and Canada do not fish in the Northeast Atlantic. There is a significant overlap and Eurostat and ICES are discussing how best arrange the work in the future.

Eurostat and ICES in February 2002 held a joint meeting with the national statistical offices. This meeting reviewed progress of the statistical programmes.

There has been no change in staff since CWP-19. Maria Zarecki and Eleanor Christiansen (1/2 time) continue to be responsible for these tasks.

2 INITIATING WORK ON BRINGING THE DATAFILES BACK IN TIME

It is expected that the revised arrangement between Eurostat and ICES will release some resources mainly in the ICES Secretariat. It is the intention to use these resources to initiate a project to extend the electronic database holding catch data back in time. There are published statistics for some species and for some areas back to the beginning of the 1900s.

3 FIGIS/FIRMS

3.1 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

FAO and ICES have worked on formulating the text of a partnership under the MoU between FAO and ICES.

3.2 CONTRIBUTING TO FIRMS

ICES participated in the workshop held in the 1st week of July 2002. Unfortunately due to sickness the relevant technical staff member was unable to participate and therefore the training programme will be repeated.

4 PROPOSAL FOR REFINEMENT OF THE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC

NEAFC, Eurostat and ICES have worked on defining necessary refinements because

- NEAFC requires statistics in its regulatory area
- Deep water fisheries have developed in areas where there previously was no or very little bottom fishing

The proposal is described in a separate paper for consideration at CWP-20.

Table 1 Returns of STATLANT 27A as of 6 January 2003 (Deadline: 31 May)

Country	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
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	17.04.02
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	28.05.02
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	02.05.02
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	31.05.02
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.04.99 ¹		-	23.08.02 ¹
	13.04.94 ²	14.08.95 ²	21.10.96	16.07.97 ²	16.07.97 ²	06.11.98 ²			11.11.02 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	03.06.02
Greenland	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.05.99 ¹	22.06.00 ¹	07.11.02 ¹	28.10.02 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	04.01.02	12.06.02
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	22.04.02	29.11.02
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	23.05.02
Lithuania	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	20.08.01	02.07.01	11.11.02 ²
Netherlands										19.04.02 ¹
	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	24.09.02
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	02.07.01 ¹	16.08.02 ¹
	16.08.95	02.06.97	05.10.98	19.03.99	31.05.00	06.08.01	15.08.01	20.03.02		
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	07.09.01	20.06.02
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	13.07.01	17.06.02
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	07.09.01	15.07.02
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	21.12.01	30.12.02
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	28.06.01	12.08.02
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	17.07.01	09.09.02
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	17.05.02
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	11.03.02
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	14.09.01	04.09.02
UK (N. Ireland)	02.06.93	30.05.94	26.05.95	... ⁴	... ⁴	... 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	26.05.00	17.07.01	09.09.02
Ukraine	21.06.94	21.06.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹Preliminary. ²Via Eurostat. ³UK Channel Islands Guernsey and Jersey. ⁴Included in UK (England & Wales) figures. **Note** re Lithuania 1992-1999 from FISHSTAT+.