

Annex 2: Resolutions

WGDEEP – Working Group on the Biology and Assessment of Deep–Sea Fisheries Resources

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2020/2/FRSG10 **Working Group on the Biology and Assessment of Deep-Sea Fisheries Resources** (WGDEEP), chaired by Ivone Figueiredo, Portugal and Elvar Halldor Hallfredsson, Norway, will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, 22–28 April 2021 to:

- a) Address generic ToRs for Regional and Species Working Groups.
- b) Complete the development of Stock Annexes for all the stocks assessed by WGDEEP, based on the most recent agreed assessment.
- c) Update the description of deep-water fisheries in both the NEAFC Regulatory Area and ICES area(s) by compiling data on catch/landings, fishing effort (inside versus outside the EEZs, in spawning areas, areas of local depletion, etc.), and discard statistics at the finest spatial resolution possible by ICES Subarea and Division and NEAFC Regulatory Area. In particular, describe and prepare a first advice draft of any new emerging deep-water fishery with the available data in the NEAFC Regulatory Area.
- d) Continue work on exploratory assessments for deep-water species.
- e) Evaluate the stock status of stocks in Icelandic waters for the provision of annual advice in 2021.
- f) Evaluate the stock status of stocks for the provision of biennial advice due in 2021.

The assessments will be carried out on the basis of the stock annex. The assessments must be available for audit on the first day of the meeting.

Material and data relevant for the meeting must be available to the group on the dates specified in the 2020 ICES data call.

WGDEEP will report by 7 May 2021 for the attention of ACOM.

Only experts appointed by national Delegates or appointed in consultation with the national Delegates of the expert's country can attend this Expert Group