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Subject: Data submission for ICES benchmark workshop on Norwegian Spring spawning herring and mackerel (WKBMACNSSH).

Dear Reader,

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of the data call for ICES advisory work by the benchmark on Norwegian Spring spawning herring and mackerel (WKBMACNSSH)).

The data will be used by ICES expert groups contributing to the advisory process addressing requests for advice on fisheries.

For EU member countries, this data call is under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/967, Regulation (EU) 2019/124, the DCF Regulation (EU) No 2017/1004, and Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/910).

For questions about the content of the data call, please contact: advice@ices.dk. For questions on data submission, please contact: data.call@ices.dk.

Sincerely,



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Data call: Data submission for ICES benchmark workshop on Norwegian Spring spawning herring and mackerel (WKBMACNSSH)

1. Scope of the Data call

ICES Member Countries with fisheries in the area of interest are requested to provide revisions to landings and discards (catches) and sample information for mackerel, *Scomber scombrus*, in the northeast Atlantic.

2. Rationale

The data requested will be used by the ICES benchmark workshop on Norwegian Spring spawning herring and mackerel (WKBMACNSSH) in 2025. The end products of the benchmark will include an agreed set of data and assessment methodologies to be used in future update assessments and as basis for advice for Norwegian Spring spawning herring (her.27.1-24a514a) and mackerel (mac.27.nea).

3. Legal framework

All governments and intergovernmental commissions requesting and receiving advice from ICES have signed international agreements under UNCLOS 1995 Fish Stocks agreement article 5 and 6 (to incorporate fisheries impacts on other components of marine ecosystems) and WSSD 2002 article 30 (to implement an ecosystem approach in relation to oceans policy including fisheries).

For EU Member States, this data call is under Council Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy and regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 May 2017 and Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167 of 27 April 2021.

Please note that the absence of DCF/EU MAP activity should not exempt countries from reporting.

This Data call follows the principles of personal data protection, as referred to in paragraph (9) of the preamble in Council Regulation (EC) No 2017/1004.

4. Deadlines

ICES requests that the data be delivered by **23rd November 2024**, to provide sufficient time for additional quality assurance prior to the workshop meeting. Missing the reporting deadline will compromise the data quality.

5. Data to report

5.1 Geographic and temporal scope

mac.27.nea: Mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in subareas 1–8 and 14, and in Division 9.a (Northeast Atlantic and adjacent waters)

5.2 Data types

Catch Data

Any **revisions** to previous working group submissions for data between 2000 and 2023 for

1. landings and (if available) age distributions disaggregated by division, fleet and quarter
2. discards and (if available) age distributions disaggregated by division, fleet and quarter
3. catch by ICES statistical rectangle by quarter or month

Commercial fisheries landings and discard statistics records should be submitted using the WGWIDE exchange format (see attached template “*DC_Annex_01_WGWIDE exchange format Mackerel.xlsx*”). Worksheet “Area_WG” for should be used for submission of catch by statistical rectangle by month or quarter. Catches should be recorded in tonnes.

Please submit one exchange format spreadsheet per year and fleet based on the following fleet definitions.

- Mackerel Discards (MD)
- Mackerel Pelagic Trawl – all trawls targeting mackerel (MPT)
- Pel Freezer Trawler – Freezer trawlers targeting mackerel (PFT)
- Mackerel ByCatch (MB)
- Mackerel BMS (MBMS)
- Lines and Jigging (LJ)
- Mackerel Purse Seine (MPS)

When supplying age distribution information, **do not** make allocations to unsampled catches.

A submission is not required if there are no revisions to previous submissions and no new data is available.

Biological data

Time series of mackerel length/weight/sex/maturity and age sampled between February and June from 2000 to 2023. Please provide the length in cm and the weights in grams and specify the maturity scale used in each year and submit data following the template provided (*DC_Annex_02_Mackerel biological data.xlsx*)

6. Data submission

The file name must include fleet and year and country references as specified below:

DC_WKBMACNSSH_Annex_01_WGWIDE_[FLEET]_[YEAR]_[COUNTRY]

Example: DC_WKBMACNSSH_Annex_01_WGWIDE_[MD]_[2019]_[FR]

Or

DC_Annex_02_Mackerel biological_[FLEET]_[YEAR]_[COUNTRY]

Example: DC_Annex_02_Mackerel biological_[MPT]_[2020]_[PT]

6.1 Access to submission portal

From the Data calls landing page

<https://www.ices.dk/data/tools/Pages/Data-calls.aspx>

click on *Submission of Data* on the right-hand side, and the submissions portal will open in a new tab.

There you can see all open data calls with deadlines.

| | Date | Title | Closing date | DOI |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| Submit data | 23/07/2024 | WGEEEL Data call 2024 | 30/08/2024 | https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25816738.v2 |
| Submit data | 26/01/2024 | WGScallop data call 2024 | 14/08/2024 | https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25071005.v3 |

Closed data calls:

| Date | Title | Closing date | DOI |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| 25/01/2024 | NWWG Data call 2024 | 10/10/2024 | https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25071005.v3 |
| 16/01/2024 | WGWIDE Data call 2024 | 31/07/2024 | https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25071005.v3 |

When clicking the **Submit data** button for the correct data call, you will be prompted to enter your ICES credentials.

ICES credentials can be requested by contacting info@ices.dk.

6.2 Upload of files and additional information

Once logged in, select your country. You can add additional emails to which the submission confirmation will also be sent.

Submission of data for data call

Title: WGEEL Data call 2024

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.25816738.v2>

Closing date: 30/08/2024 22:00:00

1. User uploading the data

Username: adriana.villamor
Email: Adriana.villamor@ices.dk

Please send the submission confirmation email also to (and separate email addresses with ',')
write the email(s) here

2. Select your country

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Files can be added through drag and drop or through selection. You can add files in two different boxes, main files and annexes, it is up to the submitter where to place their files, but all of them will be sent to the working group.

The comments box should be used to add any information regarding the data that to be disclosed to the group. It is up to the submitter to add this additional information here or in a separate text file.

In the case where **data are not available for a data call**, submitters should write this in the notes section, together with any explanations that may be necessary to justify this.

6.3 Submission confirmation

Once you click "Upload data submission" a confirmation screen appears with the registration number. An email with this information is sent to the submitter and all addresses detailed in the submission form. Please keep this email and/or the registration number for future reference.

ICES Data Call submission: CAS-33787-M7W6D4 [WGBIE 2024][SPAIN]



Data calls database <data.calls@ices.dk>
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Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Dear adriana.villamor

Thank you for your submission, it has been registered with the case number CAS-33787-M7W6D4 [WGBIE 2024][SPAIN]

Please use this case number for any future correspondence regarding this submission.

Best regards,

ICES Data Centre

6.4 Resubmissions and completion of submissions

When there is a need to add additional files for the same data call, or to substitute the files submitted previously, the procedure would be the same, but the submitters should make sure it is clear which submission should be used, either in the files naming and/or in the comments section of the resubmission. All submissions will be kept, together with the comments for each submission, and all of them (for the same Data Call and country) will be under the same registration number.

7. Contact information

For support concerning any data call issues please contact the Advisory Department: Advice@ices.dk

For support concerning other data-submission issues, please contact: data.call@ices.dk