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Subject: Data call 2025: Landings, discards, biological, effort and survey data from 2024 in support of WGCEPH in 2025.

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of the data call for WGCEPH 2025.

The data will be used by the expert group contributing to update the assessments of cephalopod stocks. For countries which are also EU members this data call is under Regulations (EU) No 2017/1004 and (EU) No 1380/2013. The absence of DCF/EU MAP should not exempt countries from reporting

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For questions on data submission, please contact: data.call@ices.dk.

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Data call: Landings, discards, biological, effort and survey data from 2024 in support of WGCEPH in 2025.

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1. Scope of the Data call

To update relevant stock assessments ICES Member Countries are requested to provide the following data types for selected ICES cephalopod stocks:

- landings, discards, effort and survey data from 2024 and length frequency data for the period 2000-2024.

The list of stocks included in the data call and relevant data fields requested for each stock are provided in “DC_Annex_WGCEPH1 Species lookup table and data needs”. The data call spreadsheet is indicative and lists countries based on previous catches. All countries that have catch or survey data on these stocks should submit data, even if they are not listed.

2. Rationale

The requested data will be used by WGCEPH to update stock assessments.

To enhance collaboration, data and knowledge sharing between ICES expert groups, the data submitted through this data call may be used by other ICES or Joint ICES Expert Groups when the work of those expert groups contributes to ICES advisory processes, and it is in line with the ICES advisory Plan**.

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 are delivered by **5 May 2025**, to provide enough time for additional quality assurance prior to the meeting. Missing the reporting deadline will compromise the indispensable data quality checking (on a stock basis), that takes place before the use of that data to update assessments.

The deadline does not apply to the survey data submitted to DATRAS (Database of Trawl Surveys), which should be submitted by the agreed timetable (see <http://www.ices.dk/data/data->

** ICES (2025). Advisory Plan. ICES Convention, policies, and strategy. Report. <https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.28238150.v1>

^{††} United Nations (UN). 2011. Agreement related to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. Available at: <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N95/274/67/PDF/N9527467.pdf?OpenElement>

[portals/Pages/DATRAS-deadlines.aspx](#)). Survey data to be submitted to the data submission portal (see section 4) should be provided as early as possible prior to the Expert Group meeting.

5. Data to report

Geographical and temporal scope

Data are requested:

- From 2024 for the main data sets
- From 2000-2024 (or as far back as possible within this timeframe) for length frequency data
- From FAO area 27. This includes ICES divisions in subareas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (e.g. 27.4.c or 27.8.d), (see IC_Sub-divisions and IC_AreaUnit under CodeType <https://vocab.ices.dk/>). For Division 27.9.a catches should be split into 27.9.a.n., 27.9.a.c.n, 27.9.a.c.s, 27.9.a.s.a, 27.9.a.s.c (<https://vocab.ices.dk/?codetypeguid=d94d4dca-c8d1-40ea-8b82-ff93ae3a7dcf>)
- From ICES divisions in subareas 4, 7 and 8 for length frequency data (e.g. 27.4.c or 27.8.d).

Metadata on sample schemes design for the collection of length frequency data are also requested. **Data format**

ICES Member Countries are requested to supply the data specified in the “DC_Annex_WGCEPH1 Species lookup table” where the codes IC (Intercatch), SuP (data submission portal) and DATRAS specify the destination for data types requested under this data call. The temporal aggregation level is Month.

The variables requested are:

- Landings: Quantity in kilograms
- Discards: Quantity in kilograms
- Effort: fishing hours
- Length frequency: individual lengths at 0.5 cm intervals
- Surveys: abundance and CPUE
- Metadata on sample scheme design for the collection of length frequency data

Table 3.1. Codes and descriptions used in WGCEPH1 Species lookup table to describe the data requested.

Code	Description
SuP	Data to be submitted to the dedicated submission portal
IC	Data to be submitted to InterCatch.
DATRAS	Data to be submitted to the ICES Database of Trawl Surveys
M	Monthly

WGCEPH has three dedicated templates for submission to the data submission portal for detailed data (Table 3.2).

Table 3.2. WGCEPH required templates for submission.

Working Group (WG)	Templates
WGCEPH	DC_Annex_WGCEPH2 Detailed Catch and Effort data template DC_Annex_WGCEPH3 Survey data template DC_Annex_WGCEPH4 Length frequency data template

DC_Annex_WGCEPH2 Detailed Catch and Effort data template explained

Detailed anonymised data on landings and fishing activities of selected fishing fleets (<https://vocab.ices.dk/?codetypeguid=f3f1e839-ab30-4fe4-a0ea-9690ce72b18e>) by individual vessel from countries with significant cephalopod fisheries (i.e. landings exceeding 1000 tonnes per year), as specified in DC_Annex_WGCEPH1 species lookup and data needs, should be provided by ICES statistical rectangle via the data submission portal.

Note that Detailed Catch and Effort data should be provided for 2024 for all métiers. WGCEPH needs all landings data, even if some landings have no associated fishing effort record; in such case enter '–9' in the effort field. By "Fishing effort" it is meant all the activity of these métiers and not only the trips when cephalopods were caught.

Please note the code SQU should only be used if there is a genuine doubt as to whether the squid landed were *Loliginidae* or *Ommastrephidae*. Additionally, if cephalopod catches are being recorded under any species code other than those listed in "DC_Annex_WGCEPH1 Species lookup table", (a) please indicate this in a note to WGCEPH within the comments box in the submission portal (see section 4) and (b) include those data also. Finally, if countries are aware of any current issues with coding of cephalopod landings, please report this information in the comments box in the submission portal.

DC_Annex_WGCEPH3 Survey data template explained

Survey data following the format outlined in "DC_Annex_WGCEPH3 Survey data template" should be submitted to the data submission portal (see section 4).

In the case of surveys with a stratified sampling scheme, average computations by strata should be also submitted to the data submission portal regardless of whether primary survey data were submitted to DATRAS or not.

If survey data have been already uploaded to DATRAS (<http://www.ices.dk/data/data-portals/Pages/DATRAS.aspx>), please indicate this in the comments box in the data submission portal (see section 4). In case of missing data for one or more species, WGCEPH chairs should be informed about whether the species are not caught by trawl surveys or whether the species may have been caught but have not been recorded in the DATRAS database. Please also indicate this information within the comments box in the data submission portal.

DC_Annex_WGCEPH4 Length frequency data template explained

Data on length frequencies for squid and cuttlefish should be provided by ICES statistical rectangle following the format specified in "DC_Annex_WGCEPH4 Length frequency data template" to the data submission portal (see section 4).

WGCEPH requests data on squid and cuttlefish length frequencies from the ICES areas 4, 7 and 8 from landings and discards sampled during observer programs in 2000-2024 (or as far back as possible within this timeframe).

Information on sampling design

A summary of the design of national shore-based and at-sea sampling schemes or any other schemes that had been used to estimate length frequencies for cephalopods should be provided to the submission portal (see section 4) as notes in the submission or as a separate text file.

4. Data submission procedure

4.1 Submission through the Submission Portal

Information in “DC_Annex_WGCEPH2 Detailed Catch and Effort data template”, in “DC_Annex_WGCEPH3 Survey data template”, in “DC_Annex_WGCEPH4 Length frequency data template”, and metadata on sampling schemes for length frequency data, should be submitted via the Submission Portal.

The file names for Catch and Effort, Survey and Length frequency data must include expert group (WGCEPH), stock, country, and data type references as specified below:

"2025 DC WGCEPH [stock code/species] [country] [type of data]"

(example: 2025 DC WGCEPH ctc.27.nea ES Catch and Effort)

For information on sampling schemes for length frequency data the file name must include expert group (WGCEPH), country, and file type references as specified below:

"2025 DC WGCEPH [country] sampling schemes"

(example: 2025 DC WGCEPH ES sampling schemes)

4.1.1 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 submission portal will open in a new tab.

There you can see all open data calls with deadlines and upcoming data calls.

	Date	Title	Closing date	DOI
Submit data	23/07/2024	WGCEEL 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	NWVG Data call 2024	10/10/2024	https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25071005.v3
25/01/2024	WGCEPH Data call 2024	21/07/2024	https://doi.org/10.17895/ices.oub.25071005.v3

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

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

4.1.2 Upload of files and additional information

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

Submission of data for data call

Title: WGEEEL 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. The notes box should be used to add any information regarding the data to be disclosed to the working group. The submitter can 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. If corrections for earlier years need to be made, please inform advice@ices.dk. A full and corrected set of data may need to be uploaded.

4.1.3 Submission confirmation

Once you click “Upload data submission” a confirmation screen appears with a registration number. An email with this information is sent to the submitter and all email 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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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

4.1.4 Resubmission 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 data submission should be used by the working group, either in the naming of the files 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.

4.2 Submission to InterCatch

The InterCatch-formatted national data should be uploaded into InterCatch, which is available on this link: <https://InterCatch.ices.dk/Login.aspx>

Please see the 'InterCatch Exchange Manuals' on the ICES website for information on the required exchange format, and the codes used, at: <http://ices.dk/data/data-portals/Pages/InterCatch.aspx>

Area-disaggregated catch data should be submitted to InterCatch in a consistent manner between Data Calls. If area aggregations must be made, it should be clearly stated in the InfoStockCoordinator information text field (field number 23 in the import file to InterCatch).

Further details on reporting to InterCatch can be found in DC_Annex_Reporting to InterCatch of this data call.

6. Contact information

- For support concerning any data call issues please contact the Science Department: advice@ices.dk
- For support concerning InterCatch submissions please contact:
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- For support concerning other data-submission issues, please contact:
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