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Subject**: Data submission for ICES benchmark of all stocks under WKSANDEEL 2022**

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of the data call for 2022 ICES benchmark of all stocks under WKSANDEEL 2022.

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

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.

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.

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Data Call: Data submission for ICES benchmark of all stocks under WKSANDEEL 2022.

1 SCOPE OF THE DATA CALL

Landings, sample and biological information for the sandeel stocks: san.sa.1r, san.sa.2r, san.sa.3r, and san.sa.4.

2 RATIONALE

This data call supports the work to be made during the ICES benchmark workshop for sandeel (WKSANDEEL 2022).

3 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

For EU Member States this data call is under the DCF Regulation ((EC) No 2017/1004, and in particular, Article 17(4) which states: "In the case of requests other than those referred to in paragraph 3, Member States shall ensure that the relevant data are updated and made available to the relevant end-users of scientific data and other interested parties within a reasonable period of time. Within 2 months from the date of receipt of the request, the Member States shall inform the requesting party of the duration of such time, which shall be proportionate to the scope of the request, and of the possible need of additional processing of the data requested."

For non-EU states with fisheries operating in the North Atlantic, there is a requirement to make fisheries data available to support fisheries management under OSPAR, HELCOM, and UNCLOS.

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 DEADLINE

The data submission deadline is the **21st of May 2022**. **Data submitted after this date <u>cannot</u> be processed and will not be taken into account at the WKSANDEEL 2022 meeting.**

5 DATA TO REPORT

ICES Member Countries are requested to supply the following data for the sandeel stocks: san.sa.1r, san.sa.2r, san.sa.3r, and san.sa.4, via email to data.call@ices.dk.

Data includes:

1983-2021 time series following the sandeel exchange format to data.call@ices.dk**, see details in section 6.1**

- Landings per month, economical zone (see Table 1in 6.1.1) and ICES rectangle
- Detailed biological sample data (see Tables 2, 3 in 6.1.1)

6 DATA SUBMISSION

6.1 SANDEEL EXCHANGE FORMAT

Data in the exchange format should be submitted to the ICES Secretariat via email (data.call@ices.dk). Files should be named following this example:

"Annex_1_HAWG_sandeel_exchange_format_[country_code].xlsx".

Alternatively, each stock sheet can be provided in separate .csv files.

Please provide data for all years in the same file.

6.1.1 Description of the sandeel exchange format

Table 1. Landings data

Field	Codes	Description
vesselFlagCountry	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=337	Vessel flag country
year		1983-2021. The year is determined by the landing date
month		1-12. The month is determined by the landing date.
area	https://vocab.ices.dk/?ref=358	ICES area
statisticalRectangle	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=107	ICES statistical rectangle (e.g. 41G9). Use '-9' if unknown
exclusiveEconomicZone	EEC, NOR, GBR or Unknown	Exclusive Economic Zone
weight	Numeric	Live weight in kg

Table 2. Sample data, length measurements

Field	Codes	Description
vesselFlagCountry	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=337	Vessel flag country
year		1983-2021. The year is determined by the sampling date
SampleId	Free text	Unique sample identifier
samplingDate	YYYY-MM-DD	The date the sampling took place
area	https://vocab.ices.dk/?ref=358	ICES area
statisticalRectangle	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=107	ICES statistical rectangle (e.g. 41G9). Use '-9' if unknown
exclusiveEconomicZone	EEC, NOR, GBR or Unknown	Exclusive Economic Zone
lengthClass		The measured class in mm
numberAtLengthClass		Number of individual measured within the specified length class.
weightAtLengthClass		Weight in grams (g) of all the individual measured within the specified length class

Table 3. Sample data, individual fish measurements

Field	Codes	Description
vesselFlagCountry	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=337	Vessel flag country
year		1983-2021. The year is determined by the sampling date
SampleId	Free text	Unique sample identifier
samplingDate	YYYY-MM-DD	The date the sampling took place
area	https://vocab.ices.dk/?ref=358	ICES area
statisticalRectangle	//vocab.ices.dk/?ref=107	ICES statistical rectangle (e.g. 41G9). Use '-9' if unknown
exclusiveEconomicZone	EEC, NOR, GBR or Unknown	Exclusive Economic Zone
fishId	Free text	Unique fish identifier
lengthClass		The measured class in mm
weight		Weight in grams (g)
age		Age (integer)
plusGroup		Plus group age (integer). Leave empty if no plus group

7 CONTACT INFORMATION

For support concerning the data call please contact: the ICES Advisory Department (Advice@ices.dk).

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

For general queries, responders to the data call may also contact their national members of the relevant expert working groups (HAWG)

IMPORTANT:
If discard data are unavailable, there should be no entry for discards. A value of "zero" should only be entered when zero discards have been observed.