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The Scientific Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI) database was developed to support the management of fishing effort management regimes. With a transition to area-based multi-annual plans there was an opportunity to both rationalise the data base and move to the collection of an EU wide data set of fishing capacity, effort, landings, and discards. In 2018 the Commission requested the STECF to collect and review data in relation to a newly specified Fisheries Dependent Information Database (New-FDI). An expert working group (STECF EWG-18-11) reviewed both the data supplied and the appropriateness of the data call with respect to:

- Completeness of data in terms of areas of fishing, types of fleet segment and gear operated and species identified;
- Completeness of data in terms of type of data requested;
- The level of compatibility between the effort data in the FDI database and that submitted to the Mediterranean and Black Sea data call;
- The level of compatibility between the landings data in the FDI database and that submitted to the Mediterranean and Black Sea data call for those species listed.

As in the previous year, the lessons learnt from the 2018 data call and subsequent review have been incorporated into an updated data call for 2019.

The Commission herewith asks the Member States to provide data for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 from within their National Data Collection programs¹. The present data call refers to Data Collection Framework (DCF) data aggregation in relation to i) the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 and Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and ii) for nations party to the FDI-classic data call, the gentlemen's agreement (DG MARE - Member States) on evaluation of the fishing effort regimes (continued from the 'classical' FDI data call last issued in 2017).

The data format to be used is described in annex 1 and data sets should be uploaded on the DCF data collection website (<https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/data-calls>), where uploading guidelines are available.

This data call requests 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 data only.

The data collection website will be opened on **25 June 2019**.

As per Article 17 of Reg (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are requested to supply the data, in the format specified, within 1 month from the opening of the data collection website. Member States are kindly requested to submit the data no later than **24 July 2019 (midday)**. Member States should follow the agreed procedure for transmission of data (by upload onto the JRC server) and abide to the data handling procedures for the STECF Expert Working Groups (Ref. Ares(2015)498884 – 06/02/2015)².

The STECF Working Group, EWG 19-11, will take place (16-20 September 2019).

For further information and guidance, you may contact the JRC data submission team (JRC-DATASUBMISSION@ec.europa.eu).

We look forward to your contributions,

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Enclosure: Annex 1

¹ Commission Decision of 18 December 2009 No 2010/93/EU adopting a multiannual Community programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 2011-2013, Commission implementing Decision C(2013)5243 of 13.8.2013 extending the multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 2011-2013 to the period 2014-2016 and Commission Decision of 12 July 2016 (2016/1251/EU): Adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019 (notified under document C(2016) 4329).

² Visit https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/10213/881778/2015-02-06_Data-handling+procedure+for+EWG.pdf for a copy of the document.