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Subject: 2021 call for data for the Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI)

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. Expert working groups (STECF EWG-18-11, STECF 19-11, STECF 20-10) 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 reviews have been incorporated into an updated data call for 2021.

The Commission herewith asks the Member States to provide data for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 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 2014 and 2020 data only, but there is the possibility to resubmit data for the years 2015-2019. Please check the Data Transmission Monitoring Tool to see issues reported by STECF and if you have to take actions on that.

The data collection website will be opened on **1 June 2021**.

As per Article 17 of Reg (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are requested to supply the relevant detailed and aggregated data, in the format specified, within the given deadline. Member States are kindly requested to submit the data no later than **30 June 2021 (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 21-12, will take place 13-17 September 2021, virtually.

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

We look forward to your contributions,

Maja Kirchner

Enclosure: Fisheries Dependent Information data call 2021 - 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; 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). Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/909 of 18 February 2019 establishing the list of mandatory surveys and thresholds for the purposes of the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

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.