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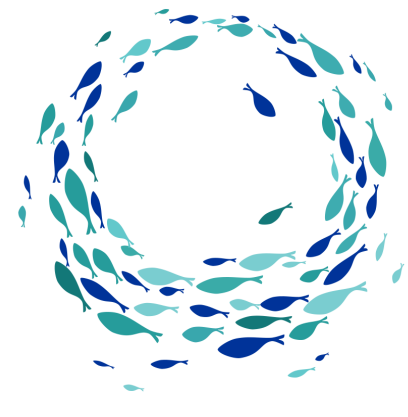
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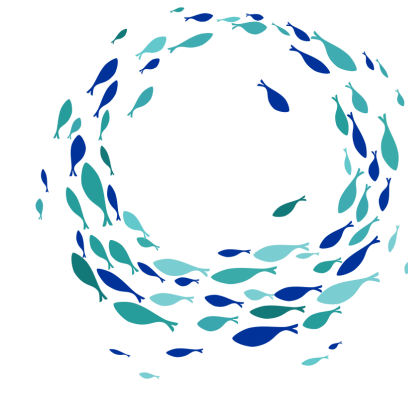
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Strengthening EU-MAP data
collection by developing
Regional Work Plans for the
Regional Coordination Groups
(**RCG**) NANS&EA, Baltic and
Large Pelagics and Economics
Issues.



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Overview

According to Fisheries Data Collection Framework, Member States (MS) shall coordinate their data collection activities with other MS in the same marine region and shall make every effort to coordinate their actions with third countries having sovereignty or jurisdiction over waters in the same marine region. **Regional Coordination Groups (RCGs)** have been set up to facilitate coordination.

FISHN'CO addresses the need to develop **Regional Work Plans (RWPs)** for the RCGs North Atlantic, North Sea and Eastern Arctic; Baltic; Large Pelagics and Economics Issues, delivering support to these RCGs and the Inter Sessional Sub-Groups. The expected outputs will be of direct relevance for strengthening regional and EU-wide cooperation on fisheries data collection and enhance data quality.

The work in the project will be carried out transparently and in direct consultation with stakeholders involved in fisheries data collection (including National Correspondents, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), RCGs and the EU Commission, among others) in order to facilitate a smooth adoption of the RWPs to be developed.

Thematic Focus Areas

1. Commercial fisheries

a) The Baltic small pelagic case study;
b) Iberian trawl case study;
c) Freezer trawl case study;
d) Large pelagics case study;
e) Coordination of regional sampling plans;
2. Recreational fisheries;

3. Diadromous species;

4. Activity variables and small scale fisheries;
5. Incidental catches of Protected, Endangered and Threatened Species (PETS);

6. Additional data on the impact of fishing activities;

7. Social and economic data on fisheries;

8. Social, economic and environmental data on aquaculture;

9. Research surveys at sea;

10. Biological Data quality.

FISHN'CO Work Plan

(Jan.2021 - Dec. 2022)

WP1

Compiling, identifying and filling information gaps.

The level of ambitions of the RWP will be defined around the Thematic Focus Areas. The information available and the gaps in existing knowledge will then be analysed - the aim will then be to fill in those knowledge gaps and inform the design of the RWP Structures and decision processes.

WP2

Establishing decision making structures and processes.

RWPs are completely new structures so there is a need to develop and describe the required processes to design and implement them - this needs to be addressed in discussions between Member States using the RCGs as a forum. Such discussions will be about sharing responsibilities, expected contributions, decision-making and adoption processes, and how to implement and manage RWPs in a harmonised, cooperative and transparent way. The Rules of Procedure for the RCGs will need to be revised and templates supporting the agreed decision making processes will need to be drafted.

WP3

Drafting the RWPs.

The RWPs and the different elements they will need to contain will be co-created to fit the new EU-MAP Regulation to come into force in 2022. The content and the structure of the RWPs will be produced and this will need to happen in consistency with the National Work Plans. New requirements for coordination will also be included and all acknowledging different realities and levels of ambition.

WP4

Communication and dissemination.

Communication will be integrated into the RCGs strategy. Fishn'co will implement communication and dissemination actions around the RWPs and about the activity of the RCGs to promote visibility and facilitate engagement towards the RWP stakeholders.

WP5

Coordination and management.

Activities will be devoted to support and facilitate fluent and efficient administrative procedures and adequate follow up of workprogress and achievements.