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Subject: **2024 call for data for the Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI) of data for 2023**

The Scientific Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI) database was developed to support the management of fishing effort management regimes. With a transition to area-based multiannual 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. Since 2018 the Commission has requested the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) to collect and review data in relation to a newly specified FDI Database. Expert working groups¹ reviewed both the data supplied and the appropriateness of the data call with respect to completeness of data and compatibility between data calls within the Data Collection Framework (DCF) Regulation².

As in the previous year, reviews and improvements since the 2018 data call have been incorporated into an updated data call for 2024.

The FDI database is a comprehensive overview of EU wide fishing effort – allowing comparison between regions at detailed level (métier, gear) as a result of coherent underpinning methodologies used by the Member States. Currently within DG MARE, the FDI data is used for, where possible, the calculation of fishing opportunities concerning the

¹ STECF EWGs 18-11, EWG 19-11, EWG 20-10, EWG 21-10,21-12, EWG 22-10, 23-05 and 23-10

² Regulation (EU) 2017/1004

exemptions of the landing obligation; the calculation of percentages above and below Minimum Conservation Reference Size; other analysis of policy proposals under the CFP and for ad-hoc requests related to STECF work.

The Commission herewith asks the Member States to provide data for 2023. Member States are also encouraged to resubmit data earlier than 2013 and to resubmit the years 2013-2022, with the requested changes for the EEZ and métier codes, from within their National Data Collection programs³. The present data call refers to 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).

Please note that for data submitted for 2023 and years 2013-2022 the EEZ indicator code should include "UK", for data related to fishing activity in UK waters, as described in the FDI data call Annex. This was already asked for year 2021 in the 2022 and the whole time series in the 2023 data call. Taking advantage of the major update on new métier codes by the Regional Coordination Groups (NANSEA and Baltic Sea), Member States are requested to use the new métier codes included in the FDI 2024 data call code list, when submitting the 2013-2023. The aim for these updates is to reduce the number of data submissions from Member States' administrations. Resubmission of previous years' data will not be mandatory for Member States that are not affected by the change of those codes.

The 2024 data call no longer asks for the reporting of Biologically Sensitive Area (BSA sub-region) of the BSA.

In the 2024 data call in Tables H and I containing the spatial information, it should not be possible to submit the sub-region variable with the code 'NK'.

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

This data call requests 2023 data and encourages Member States to submit data earlier than 2013. Member States are invited to check the [Data Transmission Monitoring Tool](#) for issues reported by STECF and any required follow up actions.

The Data Validation tool opened 8th of April 2024 allowing to validate data before submission. The Data Upload tool will open on 27th of May 2024 until the legal deadline on 26th of June 2024. According to data-handling procedure for STECF EWGs, the operational deadline will be set on the 29th of August 2024 12:00 CET.

³ 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 Delegated 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. Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167 of 27 April 2021 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022 and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1168 of 27 April 2021 establishing the list of mandatory research surveys at sea and thresholds as part of the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022.

As per Article 17 of Regulation (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 **26th of June 2024 12:00 CET**. 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).

The EWG 24-11 will take place in 9th of September 13th of September 2024 in Ispra, Italy.

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: Fisheries Dependent Information 2024 data call for 2023 - Annex 1