GEAR and FISHERY

The two fleet segment dimensions present in the data templates, Gear and Fishery, can be used in a similar way as the Geographical Indicator, that is, to further disaggregate and/or identify specific parts of a DCF / EU-MAP fleet segment.

Please remember, **one vessel can be allocated to one fleet segment only**! If needed, a dominance criteria should be used to allocate the GEAR and/or FISHERY dimensions; i.e., in the same or similar way applied to Fishing Technique.

Note: both are not mandatory. MS may use them at their own discretion.

GEAR

In some cases, the Fishing Technique is very broad and it may be useful to distinguish a group of vessels that predominately or exclusively use a specific gear type.

For instance, the HOK segment includes several types of hook and line gear, ranging from drifting longlines, set longlines, handline and pole and line (mechanized or hand operated), all of which may differ significantly in operational and cost structures.

By using the GEAR dimension, a HOK fleet segment can be broken down into more homologous segments, data/confidentiality permitting.

For example, NAO HOK VL2440 NGI (hooks unidentified), could be separated, for example, into:

- NAO HOK VL2440 NGI LLD (drifting longlines)
- NAO HOK VL2440 NGI (hooks unidentified)

Similarly, NAO TBB VL2440 NGI (beam trawlers unidentified), could be either better identified, for example, as:

- NAO TBB VL2440 NGI OTB (Bottom otter trawl)

Or broken down, for example, into:

- NAO TBB VL2440 NGI OTB (Bottom otter trawl) and
- NAO TBB VL2440 NGI OTT (Midwater otter trawl)

The list of all current gear-types for **GEAR** can be found at:

https://dcf.ec.europa.eu/data-calls/definitions-and-terminology/g/gear_en

FISHERY

The Supra-region (NAO, MBS and OFR), which defines the predominant fishing area where a vessel/fleet segment operates can also be very broad in some cases.

In fact, 'OFR' covers all the oceans and it may be useful to distinguish/identify a group of vessels that operate under a specific fishery, RFMO or SFPA.

For example, to distinguish a group of purse seiners fishing under IOTC (Indian Ocean) from purse seiners operating under ICCAT (Atlantic Ocean), or to identify vessels that operate under SFPAs.

For example, the fleet segment OFR PS VL40XX NGI could be, for example, separated into:

- OFR PS VL40XX NGI IOTC
- OFR PS VL40XX NGI ICCAT

Additionally, 'FAD' could be added under GEAR to indicate that the segment employs FADs, for example:

- NAO PS VL40XX NGI **FAD** IOTC
- NAO PS VL40XX NGI **FAD** ICCAT

The list of all current **FISHERY** can be found also at:

https://dcf.ec.europa.eu/data-calls/definitions-and-terminology/f/fishery_en

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The GEAR and FISHERY dimensions can be updated as needed.

Please contact the JRC data submission team to add a specific Fishery or Gear code.