

SCICOM Steering Group on Regional Sea Programmes (SSGRSP)

2012/2/SCICOM08 The SCICOM Steering Group on Regional Sea Programmes (SSGRSP), chaired by Dave Reid, Ireland, will work by correspondence, arrange at least two WebEx meetings and meet during the 2013 ASC to:

General ToRs

- a) Provide guidance to constituent EGs to ensure relevance to the Science Plan;
- b) Identify gaps and overlaps in the EG base, and consolidate and form new EGs as appropriate;
- c) Review the scientific products delivered by EGs to ensure the maintenance of appropriate quality standards;
- d) Advise SCICOM on the form and substance of the ASC, symposia and workshops;
- e) Ensure communication among Steering Groups and their constituent EGs;
- f) Establish and nurture collaborations within and outside the ICES community;

Specific ToRs

- g) Organize sessions in ASC for communication between EGs,
- h) Engage in cross-cutting activities on observation and monitoring issues with SSGESST;
- i) Engage in cross-cutting issues on human impacts on the ecosystem with SSGHIE;
- j) Communicate with organisations related to interests of Regional Sea Programmes.

SSGRSP will report by March 2013 (mid-term meeting) and October 2013 (Annual Progress Report) for the attention of SCICOM.

Supporting Information

Priority	The SSG has a mandate from SCICOM to steer expert groups science to fulfill ICES Science Plan
Scientific Justification:	The work planned corresponds to actions meeting the mandate assigned to the SSG. a) and b) meet the objective of delivering the Science Plan as well as stimulating collaboration and communication c) and d) meet the objective of elaborating a 5 year plan updated annually. In addition d) further develops science directions to meet future advisory needs.
Resource Requirements	Meeting room
Participants	SCICOM members, Chairs of EGs under SSGEF remit and participants to the ASC.
Secretariat Facilities	support secretary
Financial	None specific
Linkages to Advisory Committees	ACOM
Linkages to other Committees or Groups	All other SSGs