WGDG – Working Group on DATRAS Governance

2018/MA2/EOSG04   The **Working Group on DATRAS Governance** (WGDG), started in October 2018 and chaired by Ingeborg de Boois, Netherlands, will meet by web conference, four times per year and may also meet physically once per year, to work on ToRs and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below.

WGDG will report on the activities of 2018 (the first year) by March the following year to EOSG and DIG.

ToR descriptors

ToR	Description	Background	Science plan codes	Duration	Expected Deliverables
a	Further evolve the framework on the governance of DATRAS	DIG had provided a governance framework to review a database in the broadest sense of the word. Transparency about the status of the ICES databases is crucial to maintain and improve the quality of the databases and the data.	3.2, 4.1, 4.2	Generic ToR	A functional and efficient framework with clear responsibilites and taks for the governance of DATRAS.
b	Oversee and advise on the interpretation and prioritisation of recommendations from expert groups addressed to DATRAS	Three different groups (IBTSWG, WGBIFS, WGBEAM) currently provide the survey information directly to DATRAS, and some groups use the DATRAS format as a starting point for datasubmission (e.g. WGIPS). Overview of the general issues and developements is crucial to maintain the system effectively.	3.2, 4.1, 4.2	Generic ToR	A table of prioritised requests from data providers and data users for consideration by the data centre for improvements and updates to the data services on trawl and litter data based on the ICES data infrastructure.
c	Facilitate common functionality in terms of data providers and data user across different surveys to improve upload efficiency and allow broader perspectives (covered by more than one survey) can be effectively addressed.	Alignment over the surveys will facilitate automation processes at the submitter's side, and provide the opportunity to increase the information provided in the sets that have been in DATRAS from the start.	3.2, 4.1, 4.2	Generic ToR	
d	Provide a platform for end user feedback to the DATRAS system, as well as feedback on the outcomes of those suggestions.	A database filled by a significant number of institutes and used by many people and (stock) assessment groups needs to be kept up to date with respect to user requirements without ad-hoc solutions for everyone.	3.2, 4.1, 4.2	Generic ToR	Links to TOR b providing the input for that task in future.

Supporting information

Priority	
Resource requirements	A commitment of time from the members of the group consistent with progressing actions identified in the quarterly meetings
Participants	Members of ICES Data Centre involved in DATRAS developments, chair with a direct link with (=participating in) DIG, representatives of survey groups submitting data to DATRAS (currently WGBIFS, IBTSWG, WGBEAM)
Secretariat facilities	Community Sharepoint site, Remote meeting facilities.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and groups under ACOM	This is an integral component to the overall Quality Assurance framework (of Advice) that ACOM together with the Coordination group are describing
Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a very close working relationship with the fish trawl survey groups. There is a strong linkage to DIG as the main umbrella for data/software governance structures.
Linkages to other organizations	No