

Working Group on the Science Requirements to Support Conservation, Restoration and Management of Diadromous Species (WGRECORDS)

2014/MA2/SSGEPD08 The **Working Group on the Science Requirements to Support Conservation, Restoration and Management of Diadromous Species** (WGRECORDS), chaired by Russell Poole, Ireland, and Johan Dannewitz, Sweden, will meet by correspondence and annually at the ICES ASCs in September 2015, 2016 and 2017:

WGRECORDS will report on the activities of 2015 by 1 December 2015 to SSGEPD.

ToR descriptors

ToR	DESCRIPTION	BACKGROUND	SCIENCE PLAN		EXPECTED DELIVERABLES
			TOPICS ADDRESSED	DURATION	
a	Stimulate international scientific co-operation in the study of diadromous fish species and provide a mechanism through which issues relating to these species, including in estuarine and fresh waters, can be addressed and coordinated within the ICES science plan;	There were many topics within the previous ICES Science Plan that are very relevant to the research on diadromous fish species currently being undertaken or planned. While not as clearly defined in the new science plan, there is still a need to be able to draw the various elements of ICES work together to support the management advice provided on diadromous fish, particularly in delivering commitments under various regulations, including the EU-Habitats and Water Framework Directives and the EU Eel Regulation		1,2 and 3	Report of WG and establish and maintain a network of diadromous fish experts
b	Propose activities, including experts groups, theme sessions and symposia, to support the Science Plan and the work of ACOM Experts Groups on diadromous species and review their outputs;	ICES is well placed to co-ordinate scientific activities generate up to date information on the biology of these species, the threats to their status and advice on measure to be taken to restore and rebuild depleted populations.		1,2 and 3	Organise theme sessions, symposia or expert groups. Co-ordinate feedback from these sources for use in publications and CRR documents
c	Assist SSGEPD to integrate these activities with those of other Expert Groups reporting to SSGEPD.	Issues relating to rare and data poor species are widely dispersed across the ICES Science plan. This group provides a focal		1,2, and 3	Keep ICES abreast of important issues relating to Diadromous fish species and ensure

WGRECORDS will report annually by 31 December (via SSGEPD) for the attention of SSGEPD and SCICOM.	point for reporting new developments and concerns regarding diadromous fish in particular back to ICES via the SSGEPD.	these issues are communicated to other EGs and SGs.
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Summary of the Work Plan

Year 1	Coordinate scientific activities (theme sessions, symposia, EGS, CRRs and report to SSGEPD)
Year 2	Coordinate scientific activities (theme sessions, symposia, EGS, CRRs and report to SSGEPD)
Year 3	Coordinate scientific activities (theme sessions, symposia, EGS, CRRs and report to SSGEPD)

Supporting information

Priority	The Working Group will provide the mechanism to coordinate scientific activities relating to diadromous fish species in support of the ICES Science Plan. It will also permit ICES to respond fully to request from NASCO and the EU/FAO/IUCN/CITES for scientific advice on research needs and data deficiencies in these areas.
Resource requirements	Meeting facilities at the ASC in 2015-2017
Participants	National representatives and other invited experts working on diadromous fisheries
Secretariat facilities	Secretarial support for organisation of the meeting and preparation of the report.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and group under ACOM	The proposal originates from SSGEPD but will have direct significance to ACOM for advice from WGNAS, WGBAST, WGEEL in particular.
Linkages to other committees or groups	There are linkages with SCICOM and all Expert Groups working on issues relating to diadromous species in relation to improving scientific understanding of salmon and coordinating scientific activities.
Linkages to other organization	NASCO, FAO