

**Working Group on the Value of coastal Habitat for Exploited Species (WGVHES)**

**2015/MA2/SSGEPI11** The Working Group on the Value of coastal Habitat for Exploited Species (WGVHES), chaired by Josianne Støttrup\*, Denmark, Rochelle Seitz\*, USA, and Karen van de Wolfshaar\*, the Netherlands, will work on ToRs and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below.

	MEETING DATES	VENUE	REPORTING DETAILS	COMMENTS (CHANGE IN CHAIR, ETC.)
Year 2016	27 June – 1 July	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Interim report by 1 August to SSGEPI	
Year 2017			Interim report by	
Year 2018			Final report by	

**ToR descriptors**

ToR	Description	Background	Science Plan topics addressed	Duration	Expected Deliverables
a	Synthesize available information for quantifying the value of coastal habitat for exploited species including an ecosystem service perspective.	Expands on reviews started in the previous term, but focusing on new aspects including ecosystem services	6, 11	2 years	Manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal
b	Demonstration of the importance of habitats for exploited species on regional scales using modelling and case study approaches.	For many species there is a need to quantify their dependence on the coastal habitat; knowledge that can feed into ToR d	6, 16	2 years	Manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal
c	Characterising the relation between habitat, individual processes and population responses.	There is a need to move from individual level towards population level and from local to regional to fully comprehend the effects of coastal habitat quality	6, 11	3 years	Manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal
d	Investigate how habitat considerations can be incorporated into quantitative tools used in the management process.	Spatial aspects are becoming more important in management processes and the coastal habitat needs to be addressed in this context	6, 15, 16,25	2 year	Manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal and advice/tools/recommendations aiming at survey design, restoration strategies or marine spatial planning

**Summary of the Work plan**

Year 1	Finalize project from the previous period under ToR a and start projects under ToR b and ToR c.
Year 2	Continue work from ToR b and ToR c and start on ToR d.
Year 3	Finalize science deliveries and identify future research priorities.

### Supporting information

Priority	The current activities of this Group will lead ICES into issues related to the ecosystem effects of fisheries, especially with regard to the application of the Precautionary Approach. Consequently, these activities are considered to have a very high priority.
Resource requirements	The research programmes which provide the main input to this group are already underway, and resources are already committed. The additional resource required to undertake additional activities in the framework of this group is negligible.
Participants	The Group is normally attended by some 8-15 members and guests.
Secretariat facilities	None.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and groups under ACOM	There are no obvious direct linkages with the advisory committees.
Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a close working relationship with all the groups of SSGEPI.
Linkages to other organizations	