WGISDAA –Working Group on Improving use of Survey Data for Assessment and Advice

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The **Working Group on Improving use of Survey Data for Assessment and Advice** (WGISDAA), chaired by Sven Kupschus UK, will meet in Hamburg, Germany, 12–14 July 2016, to work on ToRs and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below.

	Meeting dates	Venue	Reporting details	Comments (change in Chair, etc.)
Year 2015	20–22 January	ICES HQ	Interim report by 1 March 2015 to SSCIEOM, SCICOM and ACOM	
Year 2016	12–14 July	Hamburg, Germany	Interim report by 30 August 2016 to SSGIEOM, SCICOM and ACOM	
Year 2017	11-13 July	ICES HQ, Denmark	Final report by "DATE" to SSGIEOM, SCICOM and ACOM	

ToR descriptors

ToR	Description	Background	Science Plan topics addressed	Duration	Expected Deliverables
New a)	To work together with assessment working groups to provide resolution to assessment issues prioritized by the assessment working groups	Specific resolutions to individual assessment issues with a report to feedback into the assessment, or where necessary into the benchmark process. In addition, cataloguing and classification of issues and review of methods used to resolve problems in order to provide "self-help" options to resolve similar issues in other assessments.			
New b)	'To work together with survey working groups to provide resolution to problems associated with index calculations, survey design changes (proposed or realized) to ensure efficient and effective use of survey resources.	Specific resolutions to individual survey issues with a report to feedback into the survey working group. In addition cataloguing and classification of issues and review of the methods used to resolve them in order to provide "self-help" options for survey working groups.			
c	Initiate with ACOM and secretariat a process to identify upcoming issues associated with the use of	Survey data issues, as in ToR a, are often critical in the benchmarking process. WGISDAA can	4.1., 5.1., 5.2	As required	Reports and presentations to the appropriate Benchmark

survey data in benchmarks. This should be initiated as soon as the benchmark process is started	advise best if involved in this process from the start, can collaborate with the operators and present conclusions at the benchmark	workshop.

Summary of the Work Plan

Year 1	Initiate process elicitating advice requests from other elements of the ICES system; assessment, survey and benchmarking groups. Identify priorities within requests, and set up meeting and personnel accordingly
Year 2	Continue and update process elicitating advice requests from other elements of the ICES system; assessment, survey and benchmarking groups. Identify priorities within requests, and set up meeting and personnel accordingly
Year 3	As in year 2, plus appraisal of the success of the process, and make proposals for changes and any continuation

"Supporting information

Priority	This group will feed the results of its work directly into the assessment and hence advisory process. As such it should be considered central and of high priority
Resource requirements	The key additional resource requirement is the group needs particpation of the key players in the relevant assessment, survey or benchmark group. This would be in addition to work required for the normal operations of htese groups. Essentially, this would involve key personnel attending the relevant WGISDAA meeting, and where rquired, personnel from WGISDAA attending the relevant requesting EG
Participants	Dependant on information requests, but normally 12–15 persons
Secretariat facilities	Identification in particular of upcoming benchmarks and key questions on use of survey data. As early in the process as possible.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and groups under ACOM	ACOM, Benchmark Steering Group, and assessment EG will be the key clients for the work of WGISDAA
Linkages to other committees or groups	WGISDAA will have strong links to to survey working groups under SSGIOMP, and in particular to the work of WGISUR. Given surveys as an important source of wider ecosystem data there will also be important links to groups under SSGIEA
Linkages to other organizations	None specific