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Subject: Revision I of the Data call 2016 (Ref. L.27/ACB/rf, 12.4.2016): Landings from elasmobranch species 2005–2015 in support of the ICES fisheries advice in 2016

Dear Reader,

Please find enclosed a revised version of a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of this data call and 2 annexes with additional information. The revision concerns the subject and filename of the data to be submitted to accessions@ices.dk. The species FAO 3-alpha code should not be included in the file name since a unique file with all species of elasmobranchs is required per country. For clarity, the change to the previous version of the Data call is written in red.

The data will be used by the ICES Working Group in Elasmobranch Fisheries (WGEF) and other ICES activities contributing to the preparation of advice.

For countries which are also EU Members States this data call is under the Council regulation (EC) No 199/2008 and No 665/2008.

For questions about the content of the data call, please contact: advice@ices.dk. For support concerning InterCatch issues please contact: InterCatchsupport@ices.dk. For questions on data submission, please contact: accessions@ices.dk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Christine Brusendorff'.

Anne Christine Brusendorff
General Secretary

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Jim Ellis (WGEF chair), Venetia Kostopoulou (DG-Mare, DCF), Bas Drukker (DG-Mare, DCF)

Data call: Data submission for landings of elasmobranch species (2005–2015) in support of the ICES fisheries advice

Scope of the Data call

ICES Member Countries are requested to provide landings from 2005-2015 and other supporting information for a list of elasmobranch taxa (Annex 1) with the aim of providing the 2016 advice and consolidate data for elasmobranchs as requested in the recent WKSHARKS in this extended data call.

ICES requests the data to be delivered by **13th of May 2016** to provide enough time for additional quality assurance prior to the WGEF (Working Group in Elasmobranch Fisheries) meeting.

This Data call follows the principles of personal data protection as referred to in paragraph (16) of the preamble in Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

1. Data submission

All ICES Member Countries having catch data on the requested taxa (see Annex 1) should submit data from the period 2005–2015 to ICES Secretariat via email (accessions@ices.dk). Data should follow the InterCatch SI format (see Annex 2) and should be reported by year, fleet as requested by WKSHARKS (see below) and ICES Division.

National coordinators for France, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and UK should liaise with their national WGEF members to ensure that additional fields, as indicated in the WKSHARKS report (ICES 2016), are completed prior to submission to accessions@ices.dk. For other ICES Member Countries, data can be submitted directly to ICES.

Data should be emailed with subject and filename as follows (country as ISO alpha-2):
"2016 DC WGEF [country] landings"
(example: 2016 DC WGEF ES landings)

ICES Secretariat will forward the data files to the stock coordinator and the Working Group chair. Only one file per member state is required for all species. As elasmobranchs are often recorded at higher category level (annex 1) than species level, care should be taken to avoid double counting of landings.

2. Fleet

Where practicable, 'fleet' data should be provided for the following categories: (i) beam trawl, (ii) all other bottom trawls (including otter and pair trawls), (iii) pelagic trawls, (iv) hooks and lines, (v) nets, (vi) seines and (vii) all other gears. If Member Countries are unable to provide data by these named gear categories, then data should be submitted at DCF Level 2 (see [2010/93/EU](#) Appendix IV).

3. Areas

For taxa with catches inside and outside the NEAFC regulatory area catches taken inside or outside the NEAFC area should be identified by using the correct NEAFC area (e.g. specifying VIIk1, VIIk2 vs. VIIk only or specifying VIb1, VIb2, vs. VIb only).

Submitted data should include national landings for all elasmobranch species in FAO area 27 (by ICES Division), as well as national landings for FAO areas 34 (CYO, GUQ), 34 and 37 (POR, GAG, SMD, SDS, MPT, SDV), 21, 31 and 34 (BSH, SMA), and 21,31,34,37 (BSK, ALV, BTH, THR). Specifications and species code can be found in Annex 1.

4. Units used

Landings: in tonnes (three decimal places).

Year must be entered as four digits, e.g. "2015".

5. Contacts

For questions about the content of the data call, please contact: advice@ices.dk and the WG chair, Jim Ellis, at jim.ellis@cefas.co.uk

For questions on data submission, please contact: accessions@ices.dk

For support concerning InterCatch format issues please contact: InterCatchsupport@ices.dk

6. References

ICES, 2016. Report of the Workshop to compile and refine catch and landings of elasmobranchs. 19-21 January 2016, Lisbon, Portugal. ICES CM 2016/ACOM:40. 69 pp.