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**Subject:** Data call for the Preliminary catch statistics 2017 for the limited list of species in support of the ICES fisheries advice in 2018

Dear Reader

Please find enclosed a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of this Data call 2018 and 3 annexes with additional information.

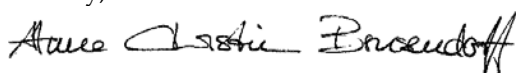
The data will be used by ICES expert groups contributing to the advisory process addressing request for advice on fisheries, and fish and shellfish stocks from ICES advice recipients.

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

Additional data needed to conduct the 2018 assessments of fish stocks will be requested in separate data calls.

In case of questions please contact the ICES Secretariat ([catch.data@ices.dk](mailto:catch.data@ices.dk)) for clarification.

Sincerely,



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## Data call: Preliminary catch figures 2017 for the limited list of species for ICES fisheries advisory work

### Scope of the Data call

This data call requests preliminary nominal catches within fishing area 27 from 2017.

Catches should be reported for the species enlisted in Annex 1. All countries having capture data on the requested species should submit data by as detailed area level as possible. List of area references can be reviewed in the Annex 2.

### Rationale

Primary target of this data collection is to provide the latest data for fish stock assessments conducted by ICES Expert Groups. ICES is requested to provide fisheries advice regarding stocks in the ICES' ecoregions. This advice to fisheries management is developed on the basis of the best available data from national authorities, and the analysis of these data by ICES Expert Groups.

### Deadline

ICES requests the data to be delivered by the **5<sup>th</sup> of February 2018** to provide enough time for additional quality assurance prior to data publishing for use by ICES Expert Groups. If the country has difficulties meeting the deadline, respective information should be sent to [catch.data@ices.dk](mailto:catch.data@ices.dk) and [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk).

### Data to report

The data call aims to collect annual capture figures per country, species, and area.

The values to report are **nominal landings (landings on a round, fresh basis = nominal catches in CWP nomenclature) in tonnes live weight**. Submitters are encouraged to use decimals to enhance the reporting precision. Due to the landing obligations by the reformed Common Fisheries Policy, the relevant capture data should be reported by two categories: **AMS (Above Minimum Size)** and **BMS (Below Minimum Size)**. This is the first attempt to collect data by these two categories separately. If BMS figures are not available, please report nominal landings as AMS only.

Species Latin names should be used in the data submissions. The list of species with valid species names, for which data should be prepared, is given in Annex 1.

Catch-per-species figures should be delivered for all areas within the Northeast Atlantic, where the national fishing activities took place. Catches within as detailed area unit as possible should be reported. It is important that catches in NEAFC-regulated areas are reported separately from the catches in the non-NEAFC areas by the respective area references. The list of area references with descriptions is given in Annex 2.

### Data submission

Data should be compiled into a file with structure as described in the Annex 3. Submissions in variety of formats are allowed: Text (csv, txt), Excel (xls,xlsx,xlsm), XML.

ICES Member Countries are requested to submit data to ICES via [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk).

If the submitters do not receive the acknowledgement within 3 workdays after data submissions, please contact ICES about your submission.

### Contact information

For support concerning this data call, please contact [catch.data@ices.dk](mailto:catch.data@ices.dk) and [accessions@ices.dk](mailto:accessions@ices.dk)