

Pelagic Self-sampling Data Chain of Custody – For vessels

Data collection on-board vessel:

1. Haul and LW measurements by crew sampler*
 2. Data entered by crew*
 - Haul and LW information as per file templates
 - Include unique information: *Vessel, Date, Haul no., Sampled by, Entered by*
 3. Data sent to data manager
 - Haul file
 - LW file
- * Crew nominated by each vessel as regular samplers

Data processing by data manager:

1. Original data saved to secure cloud storage (Dropbox)*
 - Haul file
 - LW file
2. Data checked*
 - Haul file
 - LW file
3. Data entered and vessel report written*
 - a) Data output saved for individual vessels
 - Haul file
 - LW file
 - b) Vessel report written
 - c) Individual vessel data added to pooled databases
 - Haul database
 - Fish biological (LW) database

*Data saving, checking, entering carried out by same person

Onward use of data:

- Pooled databases for analysis:
- Haul database
 - Fish biological (LW) database

Data manager email vessel to acknowledge receipt of data and query any issues if required (can be directed to nominated samplers).

Data manager email vessel with:

- Copies of individual vessel data output
- Vessel report

And inform on any data validity issues if required (can be directed to nominated samplers).

Data manager email participants & SPFA with:

- Reports combining data from all vessels (not identified), and multiyear.