

WKNORAO - Workshop on the Norwegian Sea Aquaculture Overview

2021/WK/ASG05 Workshop on the Norwegian Sea Aquaculture Overview (WKNORAO) chaired by Terje Svåsand*, Norway, and Henn Ojaveer*, ICES, will be established and will meet online during 23-25 March 2021 to:

- a) Review and discuss the data and information collected for the Norwegian Sea ecoregion aquaculture overview, identify the gaps and agree next steps to complete the draft overview;
- b) In collaboration with the ICES Data Centre, collate an overview of datasets and resources for the aquaculture overview in line with the FAIR data principles. This overview should categorize each of the resources with regards to availability, appropriateness, access rights, data format, accessibility, and other categories, as required; and
- c) Produce a workshop report detailing the conclusions of ToRs a and b. This report will serve as the foundation for the Norwegian Sea aquaculture overview.

WKNORAO will report by 30 of April for the attention of the ACOM.

Supporting information

Priority	Aquaculture is a high-priority topic for ICES. ICES work on aquaculture is part of a wider portfolio of work that seeks to advance and share scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and the services they provide, and to use this knowledge to generate state-of-the-art advice for meeting conservation, management, and sustainability goals. The ICES Strategic Plan states: 'We will regularly publish, update, and disseminate overviews on the state of fisheries, aquaculture, and ecosystems in the ICES region, drawing as appropriate on analyses of human activities, pressures, and impacts, and incorporating social, cultural, and economic information.'
Scientific justification	The process of establishing ICES Aquaculture Overviews (AOs) was initiated in 2019, with i) forming a core group consisting of representatives from ACOM leadership, SCICOM and Secretariat, and ii) agreeing on the directions and procedure of further work of the core group. Objectives and contents of AOs was agreed by ACOM, including the first ecoregion for which the AO will be published (Norwegian Sea), together with the steps in the process and time-line. One of the steps was to arrange a workshop in spring 2021.
Resource requirements	The lead author of the Norwegian Sea AO (Terje Svasand) has already established an expert team and started the work. This will serve as the main input for the meeting.
Participants	The WK will be attended by experts contributing to the Norwegian Sea AO, as well as other interested scientists from the ASG and lead authors for Faroes and Celtic Seas AOs.
Secretariat facilities	Setting up webex calls.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committees	Direct link to ACOM.
Linkages to other committees or groups	ASG, WGAGFA, WGECCA, WGOOA, WGPDMO, WGREIA, WGSEDA, WGSPA, WGEEL, WGSOCIAL, WGECON, SICCME, SIHD
Linkages to other organizations	DGMARE