

WGELECTRA- Working Group on Electrical Trawling

2020/FT/EOSG07 A Working Group on Electrical Trawling (WGELECTRA), chaired by Mattias van Opstal*, Belgium, and Edward Schram*, the Netherlands, will work on ToRs and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below

	MEETING DATES	VENUE	REPORTING DETAILS	COMMENTS (CHANGE IN CHAIR, ETC.)
Year 2021	TBD	Online Meeting	Interim report by 31 of December 2021 to ACOM-SCICOM	
Year 2022			Interim report by 31 of December 2022 to ACOM-SCICOM	
Year 2023			Interim report by 31 of December 2023 to ACOM-SCICOM	

ToR descriptors¹

TOR	DESCRIPTION	BACKGROUND	SCIENCE PLAN CODES	DURATION	EXPECTED DELIVERABLES
a	Produce a state-of-the-art review of all relevant studies on marine electrofishing. Yearly update it by evaluating and incorporating new research to it.	a) Science Requirements b) Advisory Requirements	2.1, 6.1, 6.4	Yearly update	Review report
b	Discuss and prioritise knowledge gaps, and discuss ongoing and upcoming research projects in the light of these knowledge gaps, including the experimental set up	a) Science Requirements b) Advisory Requirements	2.1, 2.7, 6.4, 6.6	Year 1, 2 & 3	Scientific research addressing knowledge gaps or questions from management
c	Create a platform for the application for supra-national joint research projects on electrotrawling and scientific publication of the obtained results	a) Science Requirements b) Advisory Requirements	3.1, 6.6	Year 1, 2 & 3	Joint projects and publications among participants and others Collaboration with other related WG's such as WGNSSK, WGCRAN
d	Discuss and synthetize new and emerging techniques and technologies that have potential to become alternatives for Electrical Trawling	a) Science Requirements b) Advisory Requirements	2.1, 2.7, 4.1, 4.5	Year 1, 2 & 3	Joint projects and publications among participants and others Collaboration with other related WG's such as WGFTFB

¹ Avoid generic terms such as "Discuss" or "Consider". Aim at drafting specific and clear ToR, the delivery of which can be assessed

e	Discuss future for electrical trawling and the lessons learned when deploying new technologies.	a) Science Requirements b) Advisory Requirements	2.7	Year 1, 2 & 3	Joint projects and publications among participants and others Collaboration with other related WG's such as WGFTFB
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Summary of the Work Plan

Year 1	- Discussing & evaluating ongoing& recently completed research - Evaluating and presenting results from research projects - Answering possible requests
Year 2	- Updating the review document - Discussing & evaluating ongoing& recently completed research - Evaluating and presenting results from joint research projects - Answering possible requests
Year 3	- Finalise the review document - Discussing & evaluating ongoing& recently completed research - Evaluating and presenting results from joint research projects - Answering possible requests

Supporting information

Priority	The current activities of this Group will lead ICES into issues related to the ecosystem effects of fisheries, especially with regard to the application of the Precautionary Approach. Consequently, these activities are considered to have a very high priority.
Resource requirements	The research programmes which provide the main input to this group are already underway, and resources are already committed. The additional resource required to undertake additional activities in the framework of this group is negligible.
Participants	The Group is normally attended by some 20–25 members and guests.
Secretariat facilities	None.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and group under ACOM	There are no obvious direct linkages.
Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a very close working relationship with all the groups XXXSG. It is also very relevant to the Working Group on XXX.
Linkages to other organizations	