

**Working Group on the Joint Cetacean Data Programme (WGJCDP)**

**2021/FT/DSTSG01** A Working Group on the Joint Cetacean Data Programme (WGJCDP), chaired by Nikki Taylor\*, United Kingdom, will work on ToR and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below.

JCDP information: <https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/joint-cetacean-data-programme/>

	MEETING DATES	VENUE	REPORTING DETAILS	COMMENTS (CHANGE IN CHAIR, ETC.)
Year 2022	April/May	TBC (covid-dependant)	Interim report by date to DSTSG ( <i>tbd</i> )	To follow the WGMME, a start-up meeting to adopt the ToR and workplan for the group
Year 2023	February/March	TBC (covid dependant)	Interim report by date to DSTSG ( <i>tbd</i> )	
Year 2024	February/March	To coordinate with the WGMME	Final report by <i>date</i> to DSTSG	

**ToR descriptors**

TOR	DESCRIPTION	BACKGROUND	<a href="#">SCIENCE PLAN CODES</a>	DURATION	EXPECTED DELIVERABLES
	This should capture the objectives of the ToR	Provide very brief justification, e.g. advisory need, links to Science Plan and other WGs	Use codes ( <i>max 3 per ToR</i> )	1, 2 or 3 years	Specify what is to be provided, when and to whom
a	Establish a governance framework, setting out a forward-looking plan for JCDP, including responsibilities, priorities, processes, and resources	The governance group will be responsible for oversight of the JCDP; proactively maintaining dataflow in and out of the JCDP, and ensuring the supporting information in the ICES portal and web hub remains current and supports the JCDP objectives.	3.2; 3.5	Ongoing	Publication and public launch of the JCDP Data Portal Web hub (currently hosted by JNCC)
b	Review the JCDP data holdings in terms of standardisation, data quality and number of datasets, with regards to production of high-quality outputs using the ICES governance evaluation.	The Group will be responsible for the reputation of the JCDP, ensuring standardised, quality assured data are held within the JCDP and the database becomes a widely used high-quality data source.	3.5	Annual	Report on the number of survey datasets submitted and the number of contributing organisations. Governance evaluation template

c	Identify proactive methods of promotion of the JCDP Data Standard across data collectors involved, and those not yet engaged with the JCDP to drive standardisation and subsequent compatibility for analyses.	The JCDP Data Standard has been developed to improve the standard of data across all data collectors, and enable collation of existing and new datasets to facilitate access of these data to increase the evidence base.	3.2; 3.5; 3.6	Ongoing	Publication and launch of new and updated data products derived from JCDP datasets
d	Development of analyses and data products derived from the JCDP to contribute to assessment and reporting requirements and research and policy priorities, as agreed by the Group, and in collaboration with WGMME.	The JCDP aims to standardise and mobilise data from multiple sources to improve capacity to complete robust analyses of trends in abundance and distribution, in support of commitments to reporting under OSPAR, ASCOBANS, EU Directives and National legislative needs.	4.2; 6.1; 6.4	Ongoing	Annual reporting on the use of and publication from the JCDP dataset
e	Review use of the JCDP datasets, provide a platform for end user feedback and promote high-quality science	The JCDP aims to be a source of high-quality outputs, either developed by the governance group or by other users. A watching brief of data uses, and promotion of good examples will support the reputation of the JCDP and assist with growth into a globally renowned resource.	3.6	Ongoing	End-user feedback platform Annual reporting on the use of and publication from the JCDP dataset

### Summary of the Work Plan

Year 1	Formation of the governance group; review of the JCDP objectives and strategy; adoption of the WGJCDP ToR; review of JCDP data holdings; development of analyses and data product plans based on identified need with partner groups such as WGMME; OSPAR; ASCOBANS and other end users.
Year 2	Critical review of the progress against project objectives; development and dissemination of data outputs; further development of data analyses and products.
Year 3	Critical review of the progress against project objectives; updating, development and dissemination of data outputs. Further development of data analyses and products.

### Supporting information

Priority	The activities of this Group will lead development of analyses and data products from the growing JCDP dataset, to answer research and policy questions regarding trends in cetacean abundance and distribution. The group will champion standardisation and mobilisation of data in support of innovative analyses to underpin high-priority assessment and reporting need across the North-East Atlantic region and beyond.
Resource requirements	The group will require some support from the ICES secretariat in facilitating meetings and communication.
Participants	The Group will likely be attended by approx 20–25 members and guests.

Secretariat facilities	Provision and support of communication services such as WebEx, as required.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to SCICOM and groups under SCICOM	SCICOM is the parent committee and this Group will communicate with SCICOM as required, where opportunity to support SCICOM requests are apparent.
Linkages to other committee or groups	There will be a very close working relationship with WGMME, and to a lesser degree, WGBYC where relevant.
Linkages to other organizations	Given the data holdings, it is expected there will be close links with other organisations such as OSPAR, NAMMCO and ASCOBANS in terms of data exchange and communication regarding analysis and data product requirements.