Working group meeting draft resolution for working groups with annual ToR

**Please use the example below to formulate your draft resolutions for annual resolutions (next year’s meeting) of existing groups.** [**A different template exists for fixed term groups.**](https://www.ices.dk/about-ICES/Documents/Resolutions/Templates/MultiAnnualExpertGroupResolutionFormICES.docx)

The **Working Group on Fishing Behaviour** (WGFB), chaired by Anders Inglis, Sweden, will meet in Bruges, Belgium, 10–14 April 2011 to:

1. Review and consider recent research into unaccounted mortality in commercial fisheries;
2. Review ongoing work for reducing unintended effects on the seabed and associated communities of fishing operations and gears, including ghost fishing.

WGXXX will report by DATE for the attention of the XXXXX Committee.

Supporting information

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| Priority | The current activities of this Group will lead ICES into issues related to the ecosystem affects of fisheries, especially with regard to the application of the Precautionary Approach. Consequently, these activities are considered to have a very high priority. |
| Scientific justification | Term of Reference a)  Several countries are conducting or have recently completed significant studies in this area and the subject would benefit from a review of progress and an evaluation of the results obtained. The last review of significant studies occurred in 1996 by the ICES Study Group on Unaccounted Mortalities. A review of more recent work will determine the need for revision and update on planning and methodology for studying this subject.  Term of Reference b)  All fishing activities have influences that extend beyond removing target species. The approach recommended by FAO is that responsible fisheries technology should achieve management objectives with a minimum of side effects and that they should be subject to ongoing review. WGFTFB members and others are currently undertaking a range of research programmes to provide the means to minimize side effects. |
| 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 advisory committees | There are no obvious direct linkages with the advisory committees. |
| Linkages to other committees or groups | There is a very close working relationship with all the groups of the Fisheries Technology Committee. It is also very relevant to the Working Group on Ecosystem Effects of Fisheries. |
| Linkages to other organizations | The work of this group is closely aligned with similar work in FAO and in the Census of Marine Life Programme. |