## Appendix 3: OSPAR request for status assessments for: Cod, Orange roughy and Bluefin tuna

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| Requesting organisation | OSPAR |
| Committee making the request | BDC |
| Contact within Secretariat | |
| Content contact person | |
| Request announced | |
| Request received | [Completed by ICES - date] |
| Request question/ title | OSPAR request for status assessments for: Cod, Orange roughy and Bluefin tuna |
| Request code (client) | 2023/3 |
| Detail of request | The purpose in proposing the request to ICES is to generate high quality draft status assessments for Cod (*Gadhus morhua*), Orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*). |
| | Deliverables must conform with the data elements and format of the OSPAR Guidance on the Development of Status Assessments for the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats (Agreement 2019-05). |
| | ICES is requested to consult on behalf of OSPAR and its Contracting Parties with all relevant competent authorities with responsibility for the management and/or conservation of the species detailed below. For example, ICCAT should be requested to provide data input for the assessment of the status of bluefin tuna. |
| | The OSPAR status assessments aim to provide a view at the species level per OSPAR Region. All Regions where the species occur should be assessed, however special emphasis should be placed on the Region where the species is listed as being threatened and/or declining (see Agreement 2019-05 for details). |
| | The OSPAR List (Agreement 2008-06) lists the three species as follows: |
| | Cod; occurs in all Regions; listed in Region II and III; |
| | Orange roughy; occurs in Region I and V; listed all where it occurs; |
| | Bluefin tuna; occurs in Region V; listed all where it occurs. |
| | The Cod assessment output should provided as one combined status assessment for the species per Region reflected in the summary table of the template. Additional detail on stock specificities within a Region should be provided in the text section of the template. |
| | For Orange roughy (category 6 species in ICES) the best available data should be used to provide an assessment for Region V, and where data are missing the best available expert knowledge should be used to provide an assessment based on qualitative information (see Agreement 2019-05 decision making tree). |
| | For bluefin tuna all available information should be used, including catch data from ICCAT as well as other external sources such as graphical representations of |

| | distribution and movement for example or tagging studies. The assessment should make use as relevant of the information included in the OSPAR NACES MPA nomination proforma. |
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| Data outputs & ODIMS | The deliverable must be presented in the status assessment template format as in Agreement 2019-05. This includes text sections that will be published on OAP, as well as a detailed audit trail.<br><br>In addition, any occurrence or distribution maps that are created should be provided as shapefiles that can be published in ODIMS. Any graphics included in the assessment, such as a table or chart, should be provided together with underlying data files. All products should reflect OSPAR visual identity guidelines. |
| Expected person days and travel | Expected person/days of work:<br>Expected travel cost (in days): (no more than 1 meeting per task). |

Supplementary information to assist in the interpretation of the advice; e.g. for an advice request to review a report or publication, provide the list of authors to ICES to avoid proposed reviewers having any conflicts of interest.

Guidance on the Development of Status Assessments for the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats (JAMP B3), as prepared by OSPAR: technical guidance on a pragmatic approach for assessing the status of OSPAR Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats.

The list of threatened and/or declining species and habitats on the OSPAR list (Agreement 2014-02) is available at https://www.ospar.org/work-areas/bdc/species-habitats/list-of-threatened-declining-species-habitats.

Case Reports for the OSPAR List of threatened and/or declining species and habitats are available at: https://qsr2010.ospar.org/media/assessments/p00358_case_reports_species_and_habitats_2008.pdf

*(For information on the process that this advice does not request: OSPAR Agreement 2016-02 on Guidelines on the review of the OSPAR list of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats. This document sets out the assessment process to be followed for the listing or delisting of any species and habitats from the OSPAR List.)*

| Intended use of the request output | The new status assessments will be used for the further work of OSPAR with regard to i.a. OSPAR Recommendations and Agreements with regard to Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats listed by OSPAR, and more in particular in:<br><br>    a) developing additional guidance to Contracting Parties on the implementation of OSPAR Recommendations for OSPAR listed Species and Habitats;<br><br>    b) revising existing OSPAR Recommendations or developing additional Recommendations;<br><br>    c) communicating, where action lies outside OSPAR's competence, with competent authorities on the need for action, for example, with respect to questions relating to management of fisheries or maritime transportation;<br><br>    d) communication actions related to the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats. |
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| Planning ICES | Process:<br><br>• Feb- March: Experts draft status assessments<br>• April- May:  External peer-review<br>• 27-31 May: ADG by correspondence for cod,orange roughy and BFT<br>• 20 June: WebConference (ACOM WebEx)<br>• 27 June Release: |
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| Request (budget) accepted | [completed by ICES] |
| ICES contact person | |
| WG(s) involved | [completed by ICES] |
| Preparation timing | [completed by ICES] |
| Review group | April-May 2024 |
| Advice drafting group | ADGSTATUS 27-31 May 2024 – online meeting |
| ACOM WebEx | WCSTATUS 20 June 2024 – online meeting |
| Release date | 27 June 2024 |