

WKSCRUT2 – Workshop on scrutinizing of acoustic data from the IESSNS survey

2018/2/EOSG12 The **Workshop on scrutinizing of acoustic data from the IESSNS survey** (WKSCRUT2), chaired by Jan Arge Jacobsen, Faroes, and Age Høines, Norway, will meet in Bergen, Norway, September 17 to 18 2019 to:

- a) Evaluate and report on the procedures used to scrutinise acoustic data by the different nations contributing to the International ecosystem survey in the Nordic Seas (IESSNS)
- b) Describe and adopt common scrutinizing procedures for the International ecosystem survey in the Nordic Seas (IESSNS)
- c) Update the description of scrutinizing procedures for the International ecosystem survey in the Nordic Seas (IESSNS) in the Series of ICES Survey Protocols (SISP) manual.

WKSCRUT2 will report by 31st October 2019 for the attention of ACOM, SCICOM.

Supporting information

Priority	A workshop on scrutinising of acoustic data from the IESSNS survey is highly recommended by the WGIPS. Scrutinisation procedures may differ slightly between coordinated surveys, however, it is very important that all scientists responsible for the scrutinisation are following the same general procedure. The workshop should preferably take place prior to the survey in 2019. Uncertainty regarding the scrutinising procedure, i.e. categorization and allocation into species or species groups, emphasizes the need for a workshop which involves scientists responsible for the scrutinizing in the survey (e.g. from Iceland, Norway, Faroes, Greenland and EU).
Scientific justification	Scrutinisation procedures, including using biological samples and allocation of species to echotraces need to be scientifically reviewed periodically for all acoustic surveys and a set of technical procedures agreed for each survey. This is particularly important in the internationally coordinated surveys. The Manual for International Pelagic Surveys (SISP 9) needs updating with the results of this workshop.
Resource requirements	The research programmes which provide the main input to this Workshop are already underway, and resources are already committed. The additional resource required to undertake additional activities in the framework of this Workshop is negligible.
Participants	It is expected that this Workshop will be attended by 4-5 members of WGIPS; in particular, participants of the IESSNS survey.
Secretariat facilities	None.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committees	WGWIDE
Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a close working relationship to WGWIDE, and linkages with WGIPS and PGDATA.
Linkages to other organizations	There are no obvious direct linkages to outside organisations.

