**WGISDAA – Working Group on Improving use of Survey Data for Assessment and Advice**

**2017/2/EOSG06** A **Working Group on Improving use of Survey Data for Assessment and Advice** (WGISDAA), chaired by Sven Kupschus, UK, will work on ToRs and generate deliverables as listed in the Table below.

|  | MEETING DATES | VENUE | REPORTING DETAILS | COMMENTS (CHANGE IN CHAIR, ETC.) |
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| Year 2018 | 3-5 July | Copenhagen, Denmark | Interim report by 20 September to ACOM/SCICOM | |
| Year 2019 | 8-10 October | Copenhagen, Denmark | Interim report by 15 November to ACOM/SCICOM | |
| Year 2020 | 6-8 October | By Correspondence | Final report by 5 November to ACOM/SCICOM | |

**ToR descriptors**

| TOR | DESCRIPTION | BACKGROUND | SCIENCE PLAN CODES | DURATION | EXPECTED DELIVERABLES |
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| a) | To work together with assessment working groups to provide resolution to assessment issues prioritized by the assessment working groups | Specific resolutions to individual assessment issues with a report to feedback into the assessment, or where necessary into the benchmark process. In addition, cataloguing and classification of issues and review of methods used to resolve problems in order to provide "self-help" options to resolve similar issues in other assessments. | 5.1 | | |
| b) | 'To work together with survey working groups to provide resolution to problems associated with index calculations, survey design changes (proposed or realized) to ensure efficient and effective use of survey resources. | Specific resolutions to individual survey issues with a report to feedback into the survey working group. In addition cataloguing and classification of issues and review of the methods used to resolve them in order to provide "self-help" options for survey working groups. | 3.1, 3.2 | | |
| c | Initiate with ACOM and secretariat a process to identify upcoming issues associated with the use of survey data in benchmarks. This should be initiated as soon as the benchmark process is started | Survey data issues, as in ToR a, are often critical in the benchmarking process. WGISDAA can advise best if involved in this process from the start, can collaborate with the operators and present conclusions at the | 5.1 | As required | Reports and presentations to the appropriate Benchmark workshop. |

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| | benchmark | | |
| d | Review the output from the topic specific workshops initiated by WGISDAA and document more general principles learned from the specifc cases dealt with in TOR a and b | WGISDAA has had difficulty in attaining wider participation in its work | - |

**Summary of the Work Plan**

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| **Year 1** | Continue and update process elicitating advice requests from other elements of the ICES system; assessment, survey and benchmarking groups. Identify priorities within requests, and set up meeting and personnel accordingly. Prepare for topic specific workshops. |
| **Year 2** | Continue and update process elicitating advice requests from other elements of the ICES system; assessment, survey and benchmarking groups. Identify priorities within requests, and set up meeting and personnel accordingly. Review output from the topic specific workshops. |
| **Year 3** | As in year 2, plus appraisal of the success of the process, and make proposals for changes and any continuation |

**Supporting information**

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| Priority | This group will feed the results of its work directly into the assessment and hence advisory process. As such it should be considered central and of high priority |
| Resource requirements | The key additional resource requirement is the group needs particpation of the key players in the relevant assessment, survey or benchmark group. This would be in addition to work required for the normal operations of htese groups. Essentially, this would involve key personnel attending the relevant WGISDAA meeting, and where rquired, personnel from WGISDAA attending the relevant requesting EG |
| Participants | Dependant on information requests, but normally less than 10 core members |
| Secretariat facilities | None. |
| Financial | No financial implications. |
| Linkages to ACOM and groups under ACOM | ACOM, Benchmark process and assessment EGs as well as Survey EGs will be the key clients for the work of WGISDAA |
| Linkages to other committees or groups | WGISDAA will have strong links to to survey working groups under SSGIOMP, and in particular to the work of WGISUR. Given surveys as an important source of wider ecosystem data there will also be important links to groups under SSGIEA |
| Linkages to other organizations | None specific |