

WKTRANSPARENT - Workshop on methods and guidelines to link human activities, pressures and state of the ecosystem in Ecosystem Overviews

2020/WK/IEASG07 Workshop on methods and guidelines to link human activities, pressures and state of the ecosystem in Ecosystem Overviews (WKTRANSPARENT) chaired by Henn Ojaveer*, Denmark, and Mette Skern Mauritzen*, Norway, will be established and will meet by correspondence for three days (7-9) in December 2020 to:

- a) Explore ways to link the identified high-priority pressures to ecosystem functions and processes;
- b) Review relevant approaches and frameworks (risk assessment, mental modeller and others) used by the working groups for assessing and prioritizing the main ecoregion pressures/stressors and human activities with direct impacts to ecosystem components, and propose revisions to the current guidelines;
- c) Review and revise technical guidelines for ecosystem overviews, including the pipeline process to incorporate new science, the process to update the Overviews and outputs from ToR b).

WKTRANSPARENT will report by 18th of December for the attention of the ACOM/SCICOM.

Supporting information

Priority	High priority. Ecosystem overviews are part of the recurrent advice in the Administrative Agreement signed between the EU and ICES, and key mechanism for ICES to deliver its advice on ecosystem based management.
Scientific justification	This is a direct follow-up from WKEO3 to further advance and develop ecosystem overviews, which includes both conceptual/guidance developments as well as consider incorporating ecosystem functions/processes.
Resource requirements	The national research programmes and ICES EGs which provide the main input to this group are already underway, and resources are already committed.
Participants	The WK will be attended by experts covering the areas of knowledge related to the ToRs, with a wide range of area coverage.
Secretariat facilities	Setting up webex calls.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committees	Direct link to ACOM.
Linkages to other committees or groups	WGCEAM, WGICA, WGINOSE, WGINOR, WGIBAR, WGEAWESS, WGCOMEDA, WGIAB, WGIEAGS, WGIAZOR, WGITMO, WGMME, WGZE, WGSAM, BEWG, JWGBIRD, WGSFD, WKCONSERVE, WKINTRA2, WGEKO.
Linkages to other organizations	OSPAR, HELCOM, NEAFC, PICES, etc.