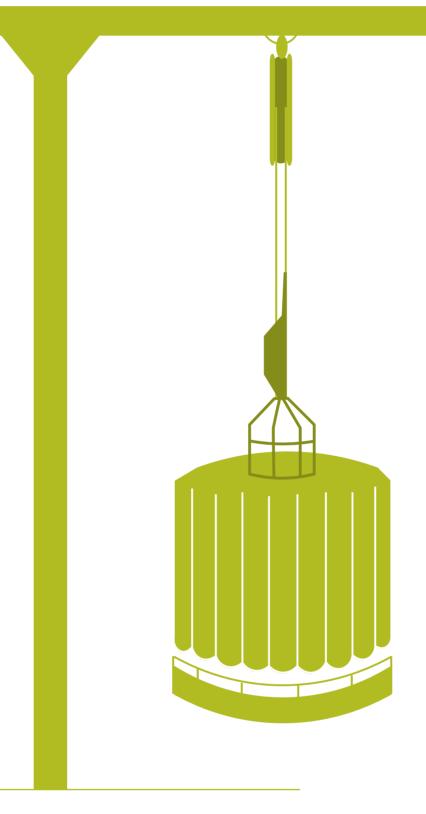


# WGACEGG

Working Group on Acoustic and Egg Surveys for small pelagic fish in Northeast Atlantic



Ecosystem Observation Steering Group (EOSG)

## **RESEARCH FOCUS**

WGACEGG's activities ensure the provision and the quality of the data provided to ICES advisory groups in charge of the assessment of anchovy, sardine, blue whiting, Atlantic and horse mackerel, and boarfish in the Northeast Atlantic.

## **OUR OBJECTIVE**

- Coordinate pelagic surveys, methods and processing of data for a number of stocks and provides monitoring for the two major sardine and anchovy stocks in ICES areas 7, 8, and 9.
- Provide indices suitable for the Data Collection Framework (DCF) and ecosystem indicators for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

### **OUR EXPERTISE**

- Estimation of stock abundance and spatial distribution of pelagic species based on the Daily Egg Production Method (DEPM) and Trawl-acoustic methodology.
- Standardization of survey strategies
- Intercalibrations between surveys and vessels
- Validation of survey results.
- Production of common spatial. distribution maps from DEPM and trawl-acoustic surveys.

#### **OUR CHAIRS**







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