

# WGRFS

## Working Group on Recreational Fisheries Surveys

Fisheries Resources Steering Group (FRSG)

## Marine Recreational Fisheries (MRF) Challenges

- Diverse & often unregulated
- Socially & economically important, but impact on stocks & the environment
- Conflict with commercial fisheries & conservation
- Benefits & impacts often not recognised
- Motivation varies, so management response unknown
- Not embedded in marine governance nor ICES advice



## OUR OBJECTIVES

- Compile & validate MRF data & contribute to ICES advisory processes
- Assess validity of traditional & novel data collection approaches for MRF
- Provide guidance on MRF data collection & its use to support assessment & management
- Develop regional MRF data collection
- Evaluate the use of economic, social, & communication to support MRF
- Interface with other MRF networks

## OUR EXPERTISE



- Governance
- Survey methods
- Quality
- Coordination
- Catch & release,
- Stock assessment,
- Novel methods,
- Human dimensions
- Communication & engagement

135 experts in MRF from 33 countries

## OUR CHAIRS



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