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**Subject:**        **2022 call for data for the Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI)**

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The Scientific Fisheries Dependent Information (FDI) database was developed to support the management of fishing effort management regimes. With a transition to area-based multiannual plans there was an opportunity to both rationalise the data base and move to the collection of an EU wide data set of fishing capacity, effort, landings, and discards. Since 2018 the Commission has requested the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) to collect and review data in relation to a newly specified FDI Database. Expert working groups<sup>1</sup> reviewed both the data supplied and the appropriateness of the data call with respect to completeness of data and compatibility between data calls within the Data Collection Framework (DCF) Regulation<sup>2</sup>.

As in previous year, the lessons learnt from the 2018 data call and subsequent reviews have been incorporated into an updated data call for 2022.

Currently within DG MARE, the FDI data is used for, where possible, the calculation of fishing opportunities concerning the exemptions of the landing obligation; the calculation of percentages above and below Minimum Conservation Reference Size; and for ad-hoc requests as the database is a comprehensive overview of EU wide fishing effort – allowing

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<sup>1</sup> STECF EWG 18-11, STECF EWG 19-11, STECF EWG 20-10, STECF EWG 21-10 and 21-12

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2017/1004

comparison between regions at detailed level (métier, gear) due to coherent underpinning methodologies.

The Commission herewith asks the Member States to provide data for 2013 and 2021 with a possibility to resubmit the years 2014-2020 from within their National Data Collection programs<sup>3</sup>. The present data call refers to DCF data aggregation in relation to i) the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 and Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, and ii) for nations party to the FDI-classic data call, the gentlemen's agreement (DG MARE - Member States) on evaluation of the fishing effort regimes (continued from the 'classical' FDI data call last issued in 2017).

Please note that for data submitted for 2021 the EEZ indicator code should include "UK", for data related with fishing activity in UK waters, as described in the FDI data call Annex. However, if any data are to be submitted for data **for years 2013-2020**, then the **EEZ codes from 2020 data call should be used instead**. A comprehensive update of the whole data series, which will take in due account the distinction of the UK EEZ, is planned to be launched in the coming year(s). Taking advantage of other major update that the STECF and ICES experts have been working upon (new métier codification), and therefore reducing the number of data submission from MS administrations side.

The data format to be used is described in Annex 1 and data sets should be uploaded on the [DCF data collection website](https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dc/fdi) (<https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dc/fdi>), where uploading guidelines are available.

This data call requests 2013 and 2021 data only, but there is the possibility to resubmit data for the years 2014-2020. Please check the [Data Transmission Monitoring Tool](#) to see issues reported by STECF and if you have to take actions on that.

The data collection website will be opened on **1 June 2022**.

As per Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are requested to supply the relevant detailed and aggregated data, in the format specified, within the given deadline. Member States are kindly requested to submit the data no later than **30 June 2022 (midday)**. Member States should follow the agreed procedure for transmission of data (by upload onto the JRC server) and abide to the [data handling procedures for the STECF Expert Working Groups](#) (Ref. Ares(2015)498884)<sup>4</sup>.

Since the 2020 FDI data call, no biological data were requested from the Mediterranean and Black Seas. STECF believes that a re-introduction of such data would make the FDI database more valuable in the future. STECF PLEN 21-03 considered that the STREAM regional project<sup>5</sup> deeply analysed the standard formats of the data calls. The project developed auxiliary scripts for the conversion of datasets into the relevant formats for the

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision of 18 December 2009 No 2010/93/EU adopting a multiannual Community programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 2011-2013; Commission implementing Decision C(2013)5243 of 13.8.2013 extending the multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 2011-2013 to the period 2014-2016; Commission Decision of 12 July 2016 (2016/1251/EU): Adopting a multiannual Union programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors for the period 2017-2019 (notified under document C(2016) 4329). Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/910 of 13 March 2019 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/909 of 18 February 2019 establishing the list of mandatory surveys and thresholds for the purposes of the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

<sup>4</sup> Visit [https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/10213/881778/2015-02-06\\_Data-handling+procedure+for+EWG.pdf](https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/10213/881778/2015-02-06_Data-handling+procedure+for+EWG.pdf) for a copy of the document.

<sup>5</sup> Project results are available at: <https://datacollection.jrc.ec.europa.eu/mare-2016-22-strengthening-regional-cooperation>

data transmission and proposed that the last unresolved issues be finally addressed through ad-hoc contracts in 2022. This will be explored further by DG MARE this year.

The STECF Working Group, EWG 22-10, will take place 12-16 September 2022

For further information and guidance, you may contact the JRC data submission team ([JRC-DATASUBMISSION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-DATASUBMISSION@ec.europa.eu)).

We look forward to your contributions,

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Enclosure: Fisheries Dependent Information data call 2022 - Annex 1