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Stock Assessment Results (STAR)

New organization of GFCM stock assessments

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Overview

Areas to improve *labor-intensive tasks, risk of errors*

unreliable data flow, unavailable time series

STAR design *stock assessors submit data, they are stored in one place*

quality-controlled products, future extensions

Implementation *Excel template, SQL database, automated Table of Advice*

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Stock assessments

In a nutshell

Estimate current (and historical) levels of exploitation and stock size

Provide a quantitative basis for biological advice, with a focus on long-term yield and stock size

Results

Current F and B

Reference points

Current status relative to reference points

Time series of recruitment, stock size, catches, exploitation level, and effort

Short-term forecast

Other results: N at age, F at age, other

Draft advice

From assessment results to advice

Time series of recruitment, stock size, catches, exploitation level, and effort



Recent F and B



Current F and B (calculation depends on whether model is VPA type)

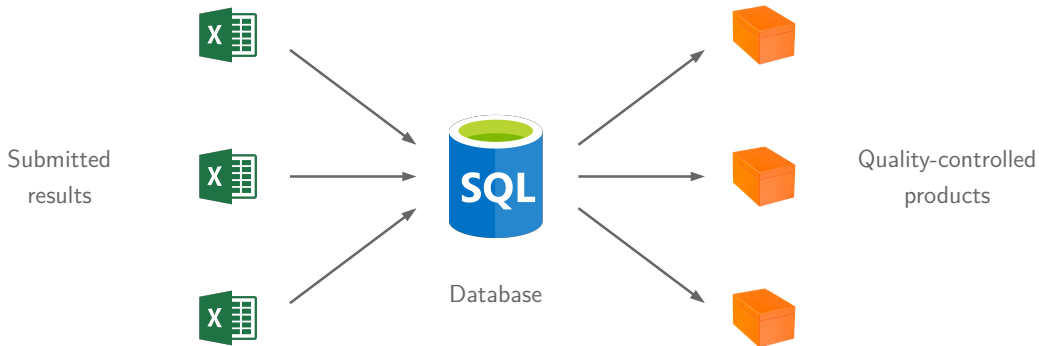


Quantitative status ⇐ Reference points



Draft advice ⇐ Forecast

STAR framework



STAR data container



star_template.xls

Plain style

- ▶ no macros
- ▶ no hidden features

Structure

- ▶ sheets to separate different parts
- ▶ formulas to calculate stock status and advice
- ▶ table objects to export to other software

Excel formulas

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Stock Assessment Results (STAR)

version 2021-01-15

The purpose of this Excel workbook is to submit the results of a GFCM stock assessment to the STAR database

The information in this file will also become the information included in the Table of Advice produced at the end of a session of the GFCM WGs on Stock Assessment

The submitted information is organized in four sheets:

- 1) Metadata
- 2) Summary
- 3) Forecast
- 4) Other tables

The formatted advice appears on the Advice sheet

Further information about STAR can be found at

<https://github.com/gfcm/star>

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star_template.xlsx - Excel

FileHomeInsertPage LayoutFormulasDataReviewViewTell me what you want to do...Arni MagnussonShare

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21	Quantitative Status (B/Btarget)				B target			
22	Quantitative Status (B/Bthreshold)				B threshold			
23	Quantitative Status (B/Blimit)				B limit			
24	Stock Status Text (Exploitation)							
25	Stock Status Text (Stock Size)							
26	Scientific Advice							Forecast Included
27	WG Comments							
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VPA-Type Model

Current F and B are calculated as average of last 3 years when the assessment model is VPA-type

Family
F or E target
B target
B threshold
B limit

Reference Point	Value

Current F
Current B

Forecast Included

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All time series below must be filled in if available

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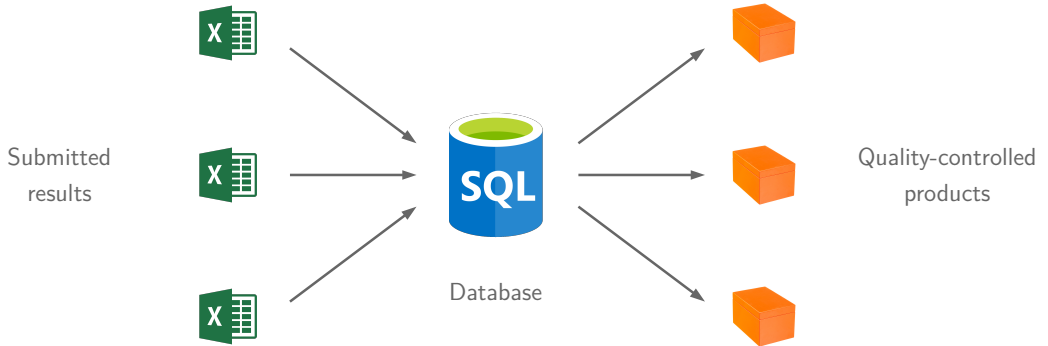
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Ready

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Stock Assessment Results (STAR) is a new framework to organize GFCM stock assessment results.

It streamlines and automates the **information flow** from stock assessments to scientific advice, strengthens **quality assurance** and **data dissemination**.

The central part of the framework will be STAR database, scheduled to launch in 2021. It will serve as a foundation to provide a variety of quality-controlled data products related to the management of fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.