# Discuss age and length data issues North Sea horse mackerel

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Based on last years’ assessment that Benoit and I did, we came up with the following issues.

**Length frequency data**

Benoit mentioned that it was not so straightforward to get the length frequencies worked up. Several Excel sheets had to be combined to get the information we needed and one country was too late with submitting (Netherlands). This might has something to do with the data submitters. Jens: “One way to improve on that might be to be more specific on the desired data layout especially for the length distributions in next year´s mail to the data submitters.”

The input that Benoit used for the assessment was this file:

“…\data\commercial\_data\data\_xa\_analysis\length\_frequency\_data\**LF\_all.csv**”

As I can see, the input from this file is based on these files:

* “…\data\commercial\_data\data\_xa\_analysis\length\_frequency\_data\LF\_2018\_WGWIDE\_2019\**NSHOM\_availLengthData2018.xlsx**”, which contained the length data from Germany, UK and France
* “…\data\commercial\_data\data\_xa\_analysis\length\_frequency\_data\LF\_2018\_WGWIDE\_2019\**WGWIDE\_2019\_HOM\_27.7.d\_length\_composition\_NLD.xlsx**”, which contained the length data from Netherlands (which was delivered too late)

Question is now: are the files above from Jens, and can I expect to have them delivered again this year? Or should I get them myself from…?

**Age data**

How to make sure that the age data read in the Netherlands from ships that fall under UK flag find their way to the UK and to InterCatch?