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2. CONTACT INFORMATION

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3. DATA SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Data from the trawl survey database are freely available for downloading.

Whilst the data have been extensively checked by both the supplying institutes

and ICES there are inherent flaws in gathering the information.

For example:

\* In spite of the fact that now all bottom trawl surveys are in the same database

and often at least partially overlap in time period or area covered, there are

differences between the surveys that do not allow the combination of data from

different surveys in one analysis unless this point is specifically addressed.

\* There is no guarantee that the gears deployed adequately sample all species

(e.g. catchability of flatfish in beam trawls is markedly higher than that of GOV).

It should be realized that each survey gear catches a gear-dependent subset

of the fish community.

\* A common property of all surveys is that over time species determination skills

improve. As a result, new taxa will emerge in the dataset that were previously

reported as part of another closely-related taxon.

\* Over time the sampling procedures, gear characteristics, timing of the survey

or the area covered may have changed thereby influencing the catches. Expert

advice recommendations are given in order to prevent bias in the analyses using

DATRAS catch data, caused by such factors.

\* Please check on the submission status https://datras.ices.dk/Data\_products/Submission\_Status.aspx

before finalizing your report.

\* Data product 'Litter Assessment Output' provides data mapping to Exclusive Economic Zones in the

field 'EEZ'. Layer with EEZ boundaries is from the http://www.marineregions.org/,

and ICES does not bear any responsibility for EEZ definitions.

When using this data product, please include acknowledgement of the EEZ data source as in the section below.

Thus users are urged to treat the data with caution. If the user has any queries

on the validity of the data or the conclusions to be drawn they should contact

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(IBTS, BITS or BEAM)

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5. DATA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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A minimum requirement citation would include the following:

"ICES BITS (Baltic International Trawl Survey) dataset .ICES, Copenhagen"

Please acknowledge the following data sources when using the data:

Source : BITS (Baltic International Trawl Survey)

For Litter Assessment Output, please acknowledge the EEZ data source as follows:

VLIZ (2014). Union of the ESRI Country shapefile and the Exclusive Economic Zones (version 9).

Available online at http://www.marineregions.org/. Consulted on 2017-02-15.

6. METADATA

Further details about the dataset and related services can be found at the metadata catalogue.

ICES Datasets: https://gis.ices.dk/geonetwork/srv/eng/catalog.search#/search?facet.q=type%2Fdataset%26orgName%2FICES

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