

## Gramme Size Data Collection Program in the Pelagic JDP

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### JDP: Gramme size program



- EFCA in cooperation with the MS initiated a project to collect gramme size data in the winter 2016 MAC fishery.
- The initial goal was to map spatially and temporally the average gramme sizes.
- Preliminary results were presented and discussed in dedicated workshops for data analysis with MS and external experts



### Workshop on data collection and analysis Edinburgh



- A first dedicated workshop took place in Edinburgh on 21-22 September 2016. Main outcome:
  - a. Data collected in winter 2016 was not substantial, and too scattered in time and area to yield any sound results.
  - b. More data needed: more concentrated and homogeneous sampling.
  - c. The autumn MAC fishery in IVa would be used to improve sampling and data collection methods.



### Process and expected benefits



- Inspectors will request gramme size data during boardings and on landings.
- Industry cooperation is appreciated in order to collect good quality data.
- Once enough data is collected it will permit to:
  - ✓ Accurately map the fishery both spatially and temporally
  - ✓ Identify areas where there is a higher risk of catching smaller fish.



### GENERAL CHALLENGES 2017 and beyond



Continue and enhance data collection in cooperation with MS  
Increase N for improving statistical significance of results



Exchange experiences and best practices  
Establish and standardise sampling methods



Refine Risk Analysis  
Initiate and scope LO compliance evaluation



Use JDP as a vehicle for achieving  
regionalisation and Level Playing Field