



Working Group II meeting

4 February 2014, The Hague, The Netherlands

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Progress on action points October meeting
4. Evaluation of efforts and results 2013
5. Initiatives and Priorities 2014
6. AOB
7. End of meeting





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Progress Report/Action Points

- Raise the question which procedure ICES uses when choosing external reviewers at the MIRAC meeting (Sean O'Donoghue) ✓
- Develop management plan for southern horse mackerel and liaise with Portuguese fishing industry (José Beltran)
- Revisit other categories of the boarfish management plan (Sean O'Donoghue, Christian Olesen, national research institutes) ✓
- Provide advice for fishing opportunities in 2014 to be approved by the Executive Committee for all Working Group II stocks (Working Group II) ✓





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Western Horse Mackerel 2014

   	<p>≤ 110.546 t to be landed based on MSY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STECF agrees with the ICES assessment of the state of the stock and the advice for 2014 that to comply with MSY objectives, landings should be no greater than 110,546 tonnes. • STECF notes that the provisions of the management plan proposed by the Pelagic RAC and used by the EU since 2008 to set the EU TAC, prescribe that landings in 2014 should be 137.524 t. • TAC reduction of 47.000 t leading to a TAC of 136.000 t in 2014 • Further TAC reduction to reach MSY in 2015 unless revised management plan will be approved by ICES <p>133,420 t provisional TAC (183,000 t 2013)</p>
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North Sea Horse Mackerel 2014

   	<p>≤ 25.500 t based on ICES approach to DLS stocks</p> <p>In agreement with the ICES advice</p> <p>Gradual reduction: 2013: 37 950 t 2014: 31 720 t 2015: 25 500 t Will be superseded by sustainable LTMP if developed</p> <p>27,815 t provisional TAC (37,950 t 2013)</p>
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Southern Horse Mackerel 2014

   	<p>≤ 35.000 t based on the MSY approach</p> <p>In agreement with the ICES advice</p> <p>35.000 t</p> <p>35.000 t (30.000 t 2013)</p>
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North East Atlantic Boarfish



≤ 127.509 t landed based on the MSY approach



In agreement with the ICES advice



- Set the TAC in 2014 at 127.509 t based on MSY
- Apply closures as set out in the management plan
- Management plan should be updated in light of ICES advice
- Include boarfish acoustic survey under DCF



127.509 t (82.000 t 2013)



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Blue Whiting



≤ 948.950 t landed (2008 LTM plan)



In agreement with the ICES advice



Pelagic RAC insufficient time to give precise TAC figure. Recommended immediate & thorough evaluation Pelagic RAC management plan by ICES.



TAC to be established (643.000 t 2013)



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Initiatives and priorities 2014

Western Horse Mackerel

- Address problems with management plan
 - Assessment
 - Management plan
- Revised plan submitted to ICES for evaluation
- Finalisation results egg survey
- Finalise discards plan
- ICES advice & PRAC recommendations



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Initiatives and priorities 2014

North Sea Horse Mackerel

- Finalise management plan
- Submit plan for evaluation by ICES
- Finalise discards plan
- ICES advice & PRAC recommendations



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NS horse mackerel management plan



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Initiatives and priorities 2014

Southern Horse Mackerel

- Liaise with Portuguese fishing industry
- Develop long-term management plan
- Finalise discards plan
- ICES advice & PRAC recommendation



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Initiatives and priorities 2014

Blue Whiting

- Pursue PRAC recommendations on management plan (two HCRs)
- Seek Revision management plan
- Continued work on recruitment, environmental & ecological interactions
- Finalise discards plan
- ICES advice & PRAC recommendations



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Initiatives and priorities 2014

Boarfish

- Update PRAC management plan in light of anytical assessment i.e removal some data poor situations
- Continuation of acoustic survey 2014
- Inclusion of acoustic survey in data collection regulation
- Finalise discards plan
- ICES advice & PRAC recommendations



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Thank you