

2015/2/ACOM59 The **Workshop on guidance for the review of MSFD Decision Descriptor 3 - commercial fish and shellfish II** (WKGMSFDD3-II), chaired by Gerjan Piet, The Netherlands, with vice-chairs Alain Biseau, France, Manuela Acevedo, Portugal, Celia Vassilopoulou, Greece, and Cristina Ribeiro, JRC, will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, 10-12 February 2015 to:

- a) Provide further input to the MSFD review D3 manual following on from the initial ICES/JRC workshop and template (see scientific justification below).
- b) Consolidate and address relevant scientific comments and requests for clarification received from WG GES and DG ENV on the earlier version of the MSFD review D3 manual.
- c) Comment on implications for the MSFD review D3 manual in light of the DGENV cross-cutting workshop (held in January 2015).

WKGMSFDD3-II will report by 27 February 2015 for the attention of ACOM.

Supporting information

Priority	High. This workshop is part of an advice process to respond to an MoU request to ICES from DGENV to review the descriptors for the MSFD 2010/477 Decision.
Scientific justification	<p>The 2010 Decision of the MSFD raised many challenges. Many of these are concerned with the scientific interpretation of the ideas and concepts of the Decision. This workshop will focus on the scientific challenges for D3-commercial fish and shellfish with a view to clarify the text and make the Decision more understandable. Recent relevant ICES Advice should be taken into account in the review.</p> <p>The present Criterion 3.3 is challenging because there is uncertainty about interpretation & implementation. There is a scientific debate on relevant indicators and reference points. Instead of deleting Criterion 3.3, a new approach is suggested focusing on three properties; Criterion 3.3 should be revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size distribution of species, • Selectivity pattern of the fishery exploiting the species • Genetic effects of exploitation on the species. <p>Validation is needed for existing indicators and a few new proposed indicators.</p>
Resource requirements	None
Participants	<p>Experts with expertise in MSFD implementations or scientific issues regarding the descriptor are encouraged to participate. Each country can send 1–2 participants. If nominations exceed the meeting space available ICES reserves the right to reject participants. This will be done based on the experts' relevant qualifications for the Workshop and geographical coverage. National participants join the workshop at national expense.</p> <p>The Workshop will be open to stakeholders, dependent on availability of space. The WK will be open to secretariat members of RSCs.</p> <p>The vice chairs are nominated to provide a geographic and expertise spread of relevant researchers.</p>
Secretariat facilities	Secretariat support and meeting room
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committees	Direct link to ACOM.
Linkages to other committees or groups	Direct link to the CSGMSFD
Linkages to other organizations	Links to DGENV and the EU GES/MSCG

2015/2/ACOM60 The **Workshop on guidance for the review of MSFD decision descriptor 4 – foodwebs II** (WKGMSFDD4-II), chaired by Anna Rindorf, Denmark, with vice-chairs Leonie Dransfeld, Ireland, Gavin Fay, USA and Marie Nordström, Finland, and Joana Patricio, JRC, will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, 24-25 February 2015 to:

- a) Provide further input to the MSFD review D4 manual following on from the initial ICES/JRC workshop and template (see scientific justification below).
- b) Consolidate and address relevant scientific comments and requests for clarification received from WG GES and DG ENV on the earlier version of the MSFD review D4 manual.
- c) Comment on implications for the MSFD review D4 manual in light of the DGENV cross-cutting workshop (held in January 2015).

WKGMSFDD4-II will report by 27 February 2015 for the attention of ACOM.

Supporting information

Priority	High. This workshop is part of an advice process to respond to an MoU request to ICES from DGENV to review the descriptors for the MSFD 2010/477 Decision
Scientific justification	<p>The 2010 Decision of the MSFD raised many challenges. Many of these are concerned with the scientific interpretation of the ideas and concepts of the Decision. This workshop will focus on the scientific challenges for D4- foodwebs with a view to clarify the text and make the Decision more understandable. Recent relevant ICES Advice should be taken into account in the review.</p> <p>How do we determine GES bounds? Methodological standards for defining GES should describe a state within prescribed bounds, movement beyond those bounds should be seen as leaving GES.</p>
Resource requirements	None
Participants	<p>Experts with expertise in MSFD implementations or scientific issues regarding the descriptor are encouraged to participate. Each country can send 1–2 participants. If nominations exceed the meeting space available ICES reserves the right to reject participants. This will be done based on the experts' relevant qualifications for the Workshop and geographical coverage. National participants join the workshop at national expense.</p> <p>The Workshop will be open to stakeholders, dependent on availability of space. The WK will be open to secretariat members of RSCs.</p> <p>The vice chairs are nominated to provide a geographic and expertise spread of relevant researchers.</p>
Secretariat facilities	Secretariat support and meeting room
Financial	No financial implications.
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Linkages to other committees or groups	Direct link to the CSGMSFD
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2015/2/ACOM61 The **Workshop on guidance for the review of MSFD decision descriptor 6 – seafloor integrity II** (WKGMSFDD6-II), chaired by Steven Degraer, Belgium, with vice-chairs Silvana Birchenough, UK, Laurent Guérin, France, Georg Martin, Estonia, Jochen Krause, Germany, and Fernando Tempera, JRC, will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-19 February 2015 to:

- a) Provide further input to the MSFD review D6 manual following on from the initial ICES/JRC workshop and template (see scientific justification below).
- b) Consolidate and address relevant scientific comments and requests for clarification received from WG GES and DG ENV on the earlier version of the MSFD review D6 manual.
- c) Comment on implications for the MSFD review D6 manual in light of the DGENV cross-cutting workshop (held in January 2015).

WKGMSFDD6-II will report by 27 February 2015 for the attention of ACOM.

Supporting information

Priority	This workshop is part of an advice process to respond to an MoU request to ICES from DGENV to review the descriptors for the MSFD 2010/477 Decision
Scientific justification	<p>The 2010 Decision of the MSFD raised many challenges. Many of these are concerned with the scientific interpretation of the ideas and concepts of the Decision. This workshop will focus on the scientific challenges for D6- seafloor integrity with a view to clarify the text and make the Decision more understandable. Recent relevant ICES Advice should be taken into account in the review.</p> <p>The workshop should address matters that arose from the previous workshop, namely:</p> <p>How do we prioritize functions to be assessed under the criterion? How do we determine GES boundaries for seafloor integrity? How can the suggested revision be tangibly implemented?</p>
Resource requirements	None
Participants	<p>Experts with expertise in MSFD implementations or scientific issues regarding the descriptor are encouraged to participate. Each country can send 1–2 participants. If nominations exceed the meeting space available ICES reserves the right to reject participants. This will be done based on the experts' relevant qualifications for the Workshop and geographical coverage. National participants join the workshop at national expense.</p> <p>The Workshop will be open to stakeholders, dependent on availability of space. The WK will be open to secretariat members of RSCs.</p> <p>The vice chairs are nominated to provide a geographic and expertise spread of relevant researchers.</p>
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