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Background

FISH 7-2017 established the Correspondence Group for fisheries data for operationalizing indicators used for the purposes of MSFD implementation, for the CPs which are also EU members (CG Fishdata) with the objective to a) draft a roadmap and b) further consider the inventory document of HELCOM data needs to assess incidental by-catches and fisheries impact on benthic biotopes in the Baltic Sea. The Terms of Reference for CG Fishdata, as agreed by FISH 7-2017, are set out in the annex to this document.

FISH 8-2018 recognized that a more appropriate format for continuation of the work would be an Expert Group rather than a Correspondence Group, and subsequently invited the Secretariat to provide a proposal for the next Fish Group meeting regarding potential revision of the group's Terms of Reference to reflect all components needed for an Expert Group (Outcome paragraph 5.7).

The future Terms of Reference for CG Fishdata will be dependent on the outcome of the present Workshop, as well as the views of the experts involved. Therefore it is proposed that the Workshop discusses the way forward for CG Fishdata, and provides input for the development of the revised Terms of Reference.

Action requested

The Workshop is invited to consider the attached Terms of Reference for CG Fishdata and provide input for their revision, with a view for approval by FISH 9-2019.

Terms of Reference for the Correspondence Group on fisheries data for operationalizing indicators used for the purposes of MSFD implementation, for the CPs which are also EU members (CG FISHDATA)

(As agreed by HELCOM FISH 7-2017)

The Correspondence Group should:

1. Plan and organize a workshop on fisheries data for operationalizing the two indicators, 1 used for the purposes of MSFD implementation for the CPs which are also EU members, hosted by Denmark during the period January-February 2018.
2. Via the workshop and subsequent correspondence, draft a comprehensive roadmap on fisheries data for operationalizing the two indicators, used for the purposes of MSFD implementation for the CPs which are also EU members, covering –e.g. procedures, steps to be taken, roles of different institutions/bodies, data needs specifying related legal obligations, identifying existing data sources and recommending potential methods and steps to fill the identified data gaps taking into account the legislative framework.
3. Consider, and find guidance from, documents [5-3](#) and [5-4](#) of FISH 7-2017 in this process.
4. Submit a draft roadmap on fisheries data for operationalizing indicators used for the purposes of MSFD implementation, for the CPs which are also EU members to HELCOM FISH 8-2018.