

Working Group on appraisal of Regulatory Measures for Deep-Sea Species**Terms of Reference**

The 20th Annual Meeting of NEAFC agreed to establish a Working Group on appraisal of Regulatory Measures for Deep-Sea Species for the Regulatory Area (as specified in the Annex of these Terms of Reference).

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The Working group shall:

- identify and evaluate appropriate regulatory measures, taking into account the availability of existing information, biological characteristics of the species concerned, the technical interactions and the specificity of the various fisheries on these species, taking into account ecosystem considerations;
- examine relevant management areas for each species or groups of species;
- identify control issues of particular consequence for deep-sea fisheries, and indicate appropriate solutions;
- identify existing data resources (in particular information about catch, effort and vessel characteristics) and propose an appropriate data collection system. In particular, the Working Group shall consider appropriate database structures in accordance with ICES recommendations to support scientific evaluation and regulatory measures as described below;
- identify critical gaps in knowledge and recommend studies of importance for a sustainable management of deep- sea resources.

The Working Group shall, in particular, examine the efficiency of introducing management measures, including:

- output management measures;
- input management measures;
- technical measures such as closed areas or improved selectivity (species and size selectivity);
- identify measures to avoid local depletion

ICES shall be invited to participate and assist, particularly in identifying and proposing a data-gathering programme and, as appropriate, research activities.

The Working Group shall convene its meeting not later than 1 April 2002. It shall report to the Contracting Parties not later than the 1 September 2002 for consideration at the 21st Annual Meeting in November 2002.

List of deep-sea species

- Ling,
- tusk,
- blue ling
- great silver smelt,
- orange roughy,
- grenadiers,
- black scabbardfish,
- sea breams,
- alfonosinos/golden eye perch
- squalid sharks
- greater forkbeard