PECMAS 2

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TXOTX ~ Objectives

• Review research and research coordination on stocks of shared interest between the EU, Member States, RFMOs & third countries.

• Analysis of data and methodologies applied in assessment and management, to identify data and research gaps and opportunities for greater research coordination in support to scientific advice to fisheries management.

• Synthesis: research conducted, funding for data collection, analysis, assessment methods and management priorities.

• Make recommendations to improve cooperation to enhance research and resource sustainability; and support social and economic welfare in fisheries.
Outputs

• A global synthesis of information gained from the project.

• The synthesis will Identify:
  • research gaps or duplication.
  • best practice and potential improvements for programs
  • specific research topics & areas to fill identified gaps.
  • where co-ordination of a regional research program will bring added benefits.

• A peer-review & Stakeholder Workshop.

• Dissemination of outcomes to policy-makers, FMOs, stakeholders, media & the general public etc.
Cefas Role

Cefas is working with Non-Tuna RFMOs and associated bodies including:

NEAFC  NAFO  SEAFO  NASCO  ICES  GFCM  OSPAR
Questionnaire Structure

- **Section 1: RFMO structure, management issues & mechanisms**

- **Section 2. RFMO science**
  - Focused on the 5-6 stocks where EU has a strong interest.
  - Stocks may be selected on basis of state of stock, value, landings, ecosystem impacts, ecosystem significance, PET species and socio-economic considerations.

- **Section 3 – Ecosystems**

- **Section 4 – Environment**

- **Section 5 - Socio-economics**
Phil Large presented an overview to the Commission and gained their approval and agreement to participate in the project.

Web searches provide background information on NEAFC, its structure, activities and relationships with other organisations.

A meeting with Kjartan Hoydal, Secretary, gained further support and advice on how best to proceed; Kjartan:

1. Agreed to review the generic questionnaire to best apply it to NEAFC, and to complete Section 1, with support appropriate scientific bodies (PECMAS, ICES etc.)
2. Arranged for Cefas to present to PECMAS, with the intention of identifying key persons/organisations to help with completing specific sections of the questionnaire.
3. As chair of the RSN, will brief the network on the TXOTX project and suggests that we present a draft final report at their January 2011 meeting.
4. Encouraged us to meet with OSPAR.
Identifying expertise

- **Section 1:** RFMO structure, management issues & mechanisms: To be completed by NEAFC Secretariat with support from appropriate scientific bodies (PECMAS, ICES etc.)

- **Section 2:** RFMO science: to be completed by those with a scientific lead on the stocks (5 or 6) where EU has a strong interest (one copy per stock)

- **Section 3:** Ecosystems

- **Section 4:** Environment

- **Section 5:** Socio-economics

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