

MIRAC Meeting

Chair: Eskild Kirkegaard, ICES Secretariat

15 January (1 pm)–16 January (1 pm)

Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Feedback from the 2013 advisory process

Meeting participants will be invited to report on their experience of working with ICES during 2013 and to present their research and advisory needs, and discuss ICES experience of participating in RAC meetings in 2013.

4. Review of advice in 2013 and new developments in 2014

Progress and follow up of points from the 2013 MIRAC meeting will be reviewed. The meeting will be invited to discuss the plan for further development of ICES advice in relation to catch based advice, MSY, mixed fisheries, integration of multispecies considerations and further move towards integrated advice and prepare for dialogue meeting regarding MSY in an ecosystem context in the autumn of 2014

5. Requests for advice, workplan 2014 and arrangements for communication with stakeholders

The meeting will be invited to discuss practical arrangements in 2014 for cooperation between (R)ACs/stakeholders and ICES, including procedures for delivering and discussion of the ICES advice

6. Advice dissemination including the ICES web site and popular version of advice

The meeting will be invited to provide feed-back on the ICES website, launched in 2013, and on the popular advice published in 2013.

Document 13: Popular Advice

7. MSY – in an ecosystem context

The meeting will be invited to discuss an ICES Dialogues meeting regarding MSY in an ecosystem context in autumn of 2014

Document 8: proposal for dialogue meeting

8. Outcomes of ICES WGMARS 2013 November meeting

Document 9: WGMARS 2013 report

9. Points from the RACs:

- The NWWRAC would like to propose the following items for discussion:
 1. Review on cooperation between ICES and RACs in relation to data deficiencies for stock assessments: state of play and way forward (intro by Barrie, then open discussion); Docs 10a and b
 2. Latest developments in methodology for data-limited stocks; i.e. conclusions of WKLIFEIII, WKUPDATE, etc. (Presentation by ICES Doc 4ii);
 3. Outcomes of ICES WKMARS, Stockholm, 4–5 November 2013 (Eibhlín O’Sullivan and other RAC Secretariats) (*Agenda item 8*);
 4. Ideas for engagement of RACs/stakeholders in project design and at the preliminary stages of Project application (for debate);
 5. Review of evolution in the role of the stakeholders in the ICES advisory process (e.g. benchmark process, ACOM, ADGs...) For debate.
 6. Open discussion with ICES on methodology and timescale for implementation of MSY framework to fisheries management in light of the CFP Basic Regulation which introduces some flexibility in the system; i.e. MSY shall be reached by 2015 where possible and, at the latest by 2020 for all stocks.
- The Pelagic RAC would like to propose the following item for discussion:
 1. Procedure that ICES uses when choosing external reviewers

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