

Agenda for Meeting between RACs and ICES on Data Deficiencies, ICES, Copenhagen, 26th and 27th January 2011

Dealing with Data deficiencies on a systematic basis

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and take forward a proposal made jointly by the North West Waters and North Sea RACs that regional task forces be established to address the problem of weak assessments caused by data deficiencies.

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Defining the problem and types of data deficiencies
3. Identifying existing initiatives
 - ICES benchmark process
 - Relevance for the NS Cod benchmark Protocol (7-9th February)
 - Data Collection Regulation
 - Others
4. Scoping regional initiatives to address data deficiencies not addressed by current initiatives
5. Involving the main parties required to set up regional initiatives (stakeholders, fisheries scientists, fisheries managers)
6. Exploring the range of possible remedial measures
7. Priority stocks
8. Understanding the limits to certainty
9. Simpler assessment models?
10. Agree next Steps