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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Brussels,  
MARE C2/fs Ares (2012)

**Subject: Request for funding for studies to develop a Celtic Sea multi-annual management plan (MAMP) for mixed demersal fisheries**

Dear Mr Armstrong,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 2011 to unit MARE C2 with a request for funding for studies to develop a Celtic Sea multi-annual management plan (MAMP) for mixed demersal fisheries.

We are well aware of the importance of the development of this plan to your work. We note that, due to other urgent priorities in the second half of 2011, you have not made as much progress as you would have liked to. We remain committed to support you in this area.

However, I must draw your attention that this support may have to be channelled through the provision of non-recurrent advice by either ICES or STECF as the case may be. We have proposed the scoping of an impact assessment and the impact assessment itself as a high priority for the proposed Work Plan for 2012 of the STECF.

Allocation of funds for specific studies may not be available during this year as the budget for study projects is limited and a number of projects in good state of development that are planned in direct support of the CFP Reform should take priority.

Should availability of study funding increase, we will of course ensure you are informed.

Yours sincerely,

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