

NWWAC Executive Committee

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CONSEIL CONSULTATIF POUR
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1. Introduction of New Staff

- Qualified Accounting Technician
- Member of the Institute of Accounting Technicians (IE)
- Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries UK
- Post Graduate Diploma and MA in Learning and Teaching
- BSc and MSc in Equine Science
- Administration and accounts have been key areas in all of my previous roles:
- Administrator for the National College of Ireland Student Union
- Marketing and Finance Grants Administrator with An Bord Bia
- High Performance Administrator for the Irish Equestrian Federation, Irish Sailing Association and the Irish Amateur Rowing Union
- Experience working in the Irish Marine Institute on fish otoliths
- Previously worked through French and some Spanish and have fluent Gaeilge



1. Introduction of New Staff



- BSc and MSc in Marine Zoology from National University of Ireland, Galway
- She completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, North West Atlantic and Irish Coast
- Experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that she gained working in Scotland.
- She spent 5 years working as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools.
- As a fisheries consultant her principal area of expertise was in relation to stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of both artisanal and commercial fisheries. Her work involved evaluation and verification of fisheries management and sustainability against international standards such as the IFFO, FAO Responsible Fisheries Management and Marine Stewardship Council assessments in Iceland, Alaska and Ireland.

2. Action points

1. The Secretariat to organise a seminar on the Functioning of the ACs in September
2. The Secretariat to prepare a letter for M. Cadec to express the view of the AC regarding the public hearing on the functioning of the ACs on 12 July 2017
3. Update on the expansion of the Board of Directors
4. NWWAC to respond to the Commission Policy paper
5. The EC to update the AC on the NWW Management plans
6. A Focus Group on Brown crab to be organised in September
7. Vacant seats within the Secretariat to be advertised

2. Decisions

- The Chair and Vice-chairs of the Executive Committee were elected for a 3-year term
- The Workplan for Year 13 was adopted
- Actions from the Working Groups were approved
- That individual submissions from AC members regarding the consultation on eel are provided to the Commission with a cover letter from the AC
- That meetings of the Chair and the Vice-Chairs be arranged to inform and co-ordinate the actions of the AC
- That the intention of ETF to provide input on social aspects be noted for inclusion in a future AC meeting, if agreed by the Executive Committee

3. Feedback from Inter-AC meetings

1. Inter-AC meeting (14th November)
2. MIACO meeting between ACs and ICES (19th January)
3. EFCA meetings
 - Advisory Board (20th September)
 - Administrative Board (18th and 19th October)
 - Advisory Board (23th February)

4. Update on the advice process for the landing obligation

1. EC Seminar (15th November)
2. Advice Drafting Groups on the Landing Obligation (10th and 29th January)
3. Collaboration with the Member States Group
 - High Level Group meeting (18th October)
 - Technical Group meeting (31st January)
 - High Level Group (13th February)
4. Advice request from the EC on the implementation of the LO
5. Input from Working Groups
6. Planning of advice process to May 2018

5. Actions from Working Groups



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Lunch

6.a Year 13 Workplan

Focus Group progress

- i. Sole
- ii. Control and Compliance
- iii. Brown crab
- iv. Nephrops
- v. Skates and Rays

6.a Skates and Rays

SUMARiS

Sustainable management of rays and skates

- During three years the project SUMARiS will be lead in Belgium, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and involves producers organisations, fishermen organisations, scientific institutes, a cluster and an aquarium.
- The main aim is to look forward a **sustainable and cross-border management strategy** for rays and skates stocks.
- As rays will be subject to the Landing Obligation (LO) from 2019 onwards, the SUMARiS project will anticipate the rays' LO, by encouraging fishermen to adapt their fishing strategies, and release rays alive at sea when needed.



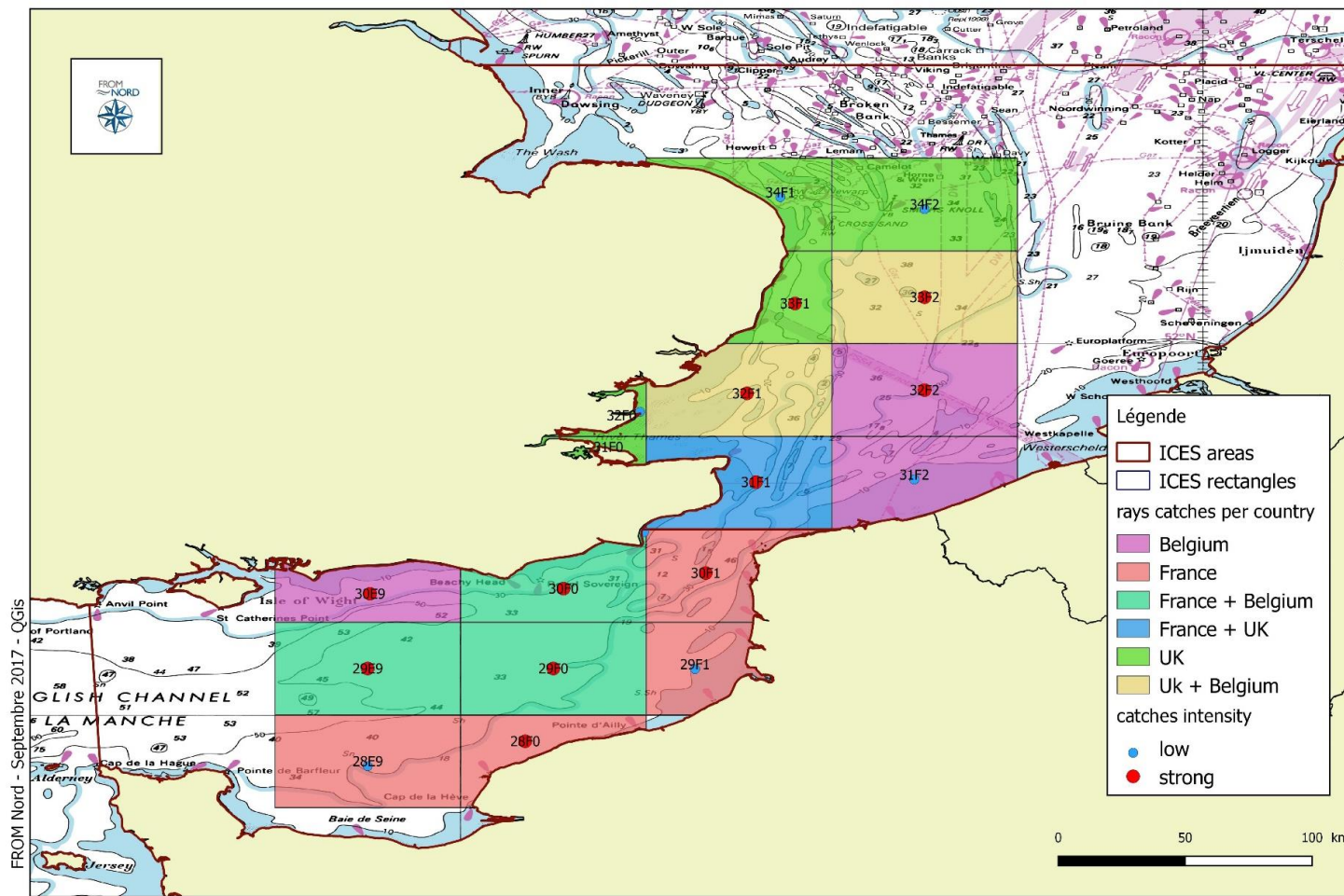
First accomplished steps

- Communication strategy (Newsletter, Video, ...);
- Stakeholder contact list;
- Data format agreed & data call launched for the database;
- The RAMP method for the survival test considered;
- The framework & the coverage of the seatrips settled.



FISHERY KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studying key life traits (growth, maturity) of Thornback rays; fecundity, egg survival rate • Setting up a common protocol for ray ageing study to be presented at ICES working groups.
BUILDING A DATABASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a database on rays and skates • Producing an atlas of the distribution of rays in the Channel and the south of the Northern Sea.
TESTING A SURVIVAL RATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out surveys to gather data on board of Belgian, English and French commercial fishing vessels;
TRAININGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing training sessions for handling and good recognition SUMARiS partners, for fishermen and fish auction employees

Catches of rays in 2016 by fisheries included in the SUMARiS project (UK + Belgium + France)



6.b Year 13 Workplan

Other topics

- vi. Technical measures in NWW
- vii. ICES Working Group on Application of Genetics in Fisheries and Aquaculture
- viii. Functioning of the Advisory Councils
- ix. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy
- x. Advice request from the EC on Post 2020 Funding mechanisms

7.Procedures

1. Policy on endorsement
2. Project proposals
3. Update Board of Directors
4. Reimbursement
5. Approval workplan
6. Registration for AC meetings
7. Meeting of the Chair and Vice-chairs

8. Application processes

1. General Assembly
2. Executive Committee

ExCom Composition all options

	Current status	Year 13	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
Share	(68 : 32)	(60 : 40)	(60 : 40) (62 : 38)	(60 : 40) (59 : 41)	(60 : 40) (61 : 39)	(60 : 40) (59 : 41)	(60 : 40)
Fishing Industry	15	15	16	16	17	17	18
Other Interest Groups	7 (3)	10	10	11	11	12	12
<i>Total</i>	22	25	26	27	28	29	30

Have a good trip back

Bon voyage

Buen viaje

Slán abhaile as they say in Dublin!



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