





North Sea, North Western Waters and South Western Waters ACs JOINT WORKSHOP ON SEABASS

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The main aim of this first meeting is to improve the knowledge of the state of the seabass stocks in the North Sea, North Western Waters (West of Scotland, Celtic Sea, Channel and Irish Sea) and the South Western Waters (Bay of Biscay).

This workshop will look at the work carried out both at national (Member States) and EU level (Commission/STECF) in rebuilding the stocks within the last 3 years.

There will also be a session dedicated to gathering bottom-up information from all stakeholders including small scale and industrial fishermen, recreational fishers, eNGOs and other interest groups.

The workshop is designed to be a forum for exchanging views, where all parties will be involved and encouraged to work together in developing a common approach in relation to the sustainable exploitation of the seabass stocks. A successful outcome will be identifying possible areas of agreement which can be further developed leading to a management framework for each of the relevant fisheries.