

NWWRAC Data Deficiency Coordinator Progress Report

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- * Stock(s) for which I have responsibility: Anglerfish/Baudroie VII
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* Comments on contacts made:

First contact in November and Conference Call the 17th of February, with the participation of Julien Lamothe.

* Comments on data deficiencies identified:

- Problem with accuracy of landing data for France (2009-2010) (due to administration changes in the capture of logbook)
 - Situation ameliorated for the data 2010 and 2011
- Problem with the stock evaluation because of some age estimation difficulties ;
 - Some alternative for the model will be proposed and discussed during the benchmark (production and length model)
 - Depending on the discussions during the benchmark, it might be possible to get an quantitative evaluation this year;
- Problem linked to the non differentiation between the two anglerfish in the landings;
- Problem due to discard estimation: observation coverage in FRANCE is better this last two year but could be ameliorate ;
- Tuning CPUE for Spanish (scientists may need information from fishermen on fishing strategy (target fisheries or not) and their evolution).
 - Basque scientist will propose some standardized CPUE during the benchmark meeting.

* Comments on possible NWWRAC initiatives or initiatives by fishing industry organisations in the member states to resolve specific data deficiencies:

- Encourage boats to take observer on board to ameliorate discard estimate;
- Investigate the potential changes in sorting behaviour, fishing practice ... this last year;
- Investigate the possibility for fishermen to declare separately the white and black monkfish on the logbook;
- Investigate the opportunity and feasibility to implement self sampling to complete discard estimation;

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