

2012 recommendations to MIRAC

ID	Year	EG	Recommendation
146	2012	WKFLAT	Discussions with industry representatives at WKFLAT 2012 concluded with a number of recommendations for data which could be supplied by the fishing industry. There is some uncertainty concerning the status of large old anglerfish. The numbers of (large) mature females sampled either by the national sample programmes or by the survey(s) are small. It would, therefore, be useful for the fishing industry to make biological measurements of any large anglerfish that are caught prior to any market processing. Such measurements include length, weight, sex, maturity stage and the collection of the otolith and illicium for any individual greater than 100 cm. Some form of guidance will be required, perhaps in the form of an information leaflet, video or training course. Information leaflets could also highlight the need to be vigilant in identifying (and returning) anglerfish that have been tagged. As with any stock, the accurate recording of catch and logbook entry is always advantageous: apart from the obvious direct use in stock assessment, these data also help to understand the nature of the fishery and can assist in examining the distribution of the fished component of the stock.