



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Title:**

**Focus Group on Sea bass in NWW (FGBass)**

**Chair:**

tbd

**Rapporteur:**

tbd

**Working languages:**

English, French, Spanish

**Time frame and deadline:**

Meeting dates:

Scientific meeting to determine ways forward to improve scientific advice – Q4 2015 / Q1 2016

Advice to ExCom for decision:

NWW position paper for management to be discussed at ExCom meeting in July 2016. Advice to be released for management in 2017 and beyond.

**Objective** – Concrete output for the meeting in one or two paragraphs:

Scientific meeting points

- Scoping of data gaps that need to be addressed outside and in cooperation with projects such as [BARGIP](#) and [C-Bass](#).
- The stock definition should be looked into because the current split between four stocks (one stock in ICES Divisions IVb and c, VIIa, and VIId–h, one in Divisions VIIIa,b, one in Divisions VIIIc and IXa, and one in Divisions VIa, VIIb, and VIIj) is pragmatic in lieu of genetic and tagging data.
- Evaluation of current management measures.

Drafting advice for Sea bass management in 2017 and beyond should contain

- Management targets
- Management measures for all relevant fisheries
- The effect of the Landing Obligation on the relevant fisheries needs to be taken into account as well.

Members of the group:

Members to sign up via the NWWAC Secretariat. Representation from all types of fisheries is required.