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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Title:**

**Focus Group on the development of a crab fishing management strategy (FGCrab)**

**Chair:**

Norah Parke

**Rapporteur:**

Secretariat

**Working languages:**

English, French – GA to be asked if Spanish is needed

**Time frame and deadline:**

Meeting dates:

A preliminary meeting has been held in 2016. The aim is to agree on a joint brown crab (*Cancer pagurus*) fisheries management strategy in 2018. This could be achieved with a scoping meeting in Q1 2017, where an overview of state of the art information is presented, and information on the most recent management situation for the sub-regions can be exchanged, and follow up actions decided. Further meetings in Q3 or Q4 of 2017, and the Q1 of 2018 should further develop the joint management targets and strategies.

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

An agreed strategy for the management of brown crab fisheries in the NWWAC region, that recognises the existing different regimens in the producer countries and devises means to reach:

1. Advice for the NWWAC for a coherent approach to optimise the use of management measures for brown crab for stakeholder organisations and Member States.
2. Adoption of management plans (for example Fisheries Improvement Programs (FIPs)) by producer countries, as necessary and appropriate, to:
  - (i) achieve certification at the highest possible level e.g. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC);
  - (ii) achieve best possible self-management of brown crab fisheries without prescriptive, top-down regulatory measures.

**Members of the group:**

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