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# NWWAC/NSAC Workshop on Skates & Rays Management

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# Code of Conduct

- **Respect and ensure diversity** – Value different views, expertise, and backgrounds.
- **Include equally** – Ensure the right of others to equally participate in the activities.
- **Communicate mindfully** – Aim to communicate openly and address others with dignity
- **Avoid and prevent harassment** – Use discretion and respect others. Harassment, bullying, intimidation, or discrimination in any form is unacceptable. Be mindful that behaviour that is acceptable to one person may not be acceptable to another.
- **Promote wellbeing** – Follow and encourage others to uphold a safe and welcoming working environment.
- **Be positive** – Adopt a baseline assumption that people are inherently well-meaning despite differing interests.
- **One speaker at a time** – avoid interruptions and side conversations.
- **Respect time** - keep contributions concise to respect everyone's schedule
- **For minute taking purposes the meeting will be recorded.**

# Agenda

09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & introductions (John Lynch, NWWAC Vice-Chair)	12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
09:10 – 09:40	Advancing elasmobranch assessments: Enhancing the use of survey data (WFSKATE2) – Graham Johnston, Marine Institute	14:00 – 15:00	Roundtable discussions in small breakout groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prioritisation table</li></ul>
09:40 – 10:10	Comparisons of landings to scientific advice indicate overshooting within the common TAC for skates and rays in the Northeast Atlantic – Katinka Bleeker, Wageningen Marine Research	15:00 – 16:00	Plenary sessions on results from breakout sessions
10:10 – 10:30	Skate movement ecology and life history characteristics – Eleanor Greenway, Wageningen University	16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	16:15 – 16:55	Plenary summary & next steps
10:45 – 11:15	Managing skates and rays: Evaluating options beyond the current group TAC- Jurgen Batsleer, DG MARE	16:55 – 17:00	Close (John Lynch, NWWAC Vice-Chair)
11:15 – 12:00	Identifying candidates for individual management: Prioritising stocks within the Group TAC – Jurgen Batsleer, DG MARE		
12:00 – 12:30	Species Identification of Skates and Rays: Developments in AI and Image Recognition– Sander Delacauw, ILVO		

# Mentimeter

**In your opinion, what is the most pressing issue regarding the management of skates & rays?**

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COFFEE BREAK  
10:30 – 10:45

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LUNCH BREAK  
12:30 – 13:45





# Breakout Session

<b>Mo</b>	
Michael	<b>Andersen</b>
Simone	<b>Enemaku</b>
Eleanor	<b>Greenway</b>
Evelien	<b>Leeffers</b>
Solène	<b>Prévalet</b>
Barbara	<b>Roegiers</b>
Uffe	<b>Sveistrup</b>
Damian	<b>Villagra Villanueva</b>

<b>Tamara</b>	
Eamon	<b>Aylward</b>
Guillermo	<b>Bravo Téllez</b>
Sander	<b>Delacauw</b>
Pauline	<b>Delalain</b>
Alfred Fisker	<b>Hansen</b>
Graham	<b>Johnston</b>
Amerik	<b>Schuitemaker</b>
Nair	<b>Vilas Arrondo</b>

<b>Ilaria</b>	
Katinka	<b>Bleeker</b>
Martin	<b>Crowley</b>
Vincent	<b>Dauchy</b>
Falke	<b>De Sager</b>
John	<b>Lynch</b>
Geert	<b>Meun</b>
Cristina	<b>Rodriguez-Cabello</b>
Dirk	<b>Van Guyze</b>

# Breakout Session

**What general issues do you perceive for removing individual stocks from the group TAC?**

**In your opinion, what stocks in which areas could be identified already for removal from the group TAC, and why?**

**If you could redesign skates & rays management, how would you do it? How could change best be achieved?**







## Plenary Session & Results from Breakout Groups





COFFEE BREAK  
16:00 – 16:15

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**In your opinion, what should the  
Focus Group concentrate on in  
its future work?**

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## Plenary summary & next steps





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# Closing remarks



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