

**Bilateral Agreement between University of Agricultural Science (SLU), Institute of Marine Research Sweden and National Marine Fisheries Research Institute Poland for the collection of length and age samples in accordance with EC Regulation 665/2008, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) 199/2008, and its Commission Decision 2010/93/EU**

This agreement has been established between Poland and Sweden due to landings of sprat by Polish flagged vessels take place in Sweden in an amount that it has to be dealt with in a form of bilateral agreement (RCM Baltic 2011).

**Agreement:**

While sprat in the Baltic is managed as one single stock and that the stock is well covered concerning biological samples, vessels fishing under the Polish register, which land for first sale into Sweden, will be sampled as part of the Polish National Programme under the requirements of the EC Data Collection Framework (199/2008).

**Description of sampling:**

The sampling will be for length and age of discards and landings, sampling will be carried out in accordance with the Polish National Sampling Programme.

**Data responsibility:**

Sweden is responsible for submitting the data from Swedish vessels, and Poland in the case of sampling Polish vessels, to the relevant ICES Expert Groups, and to the EC under the requirements of Data Collection Framework. Both Member States will provide the required data for the species that are requested by the relevant ICES Expert Groups as and when requested.

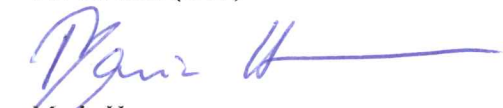
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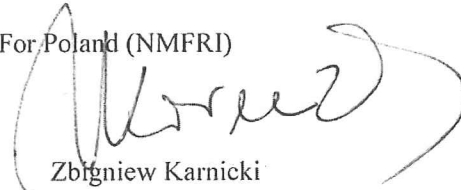
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