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Bilateral Agreement between the DTU Aqua, Denmark and NMFRI, National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Poland for conducting a combined scientific ichthyoplankton survey in the Baltic Sea in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1168, establishing the list of mandatory research surveys based on the Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Denmark and Poland have agreed entering co-operation on collection of scientific survey data in the Baltic Sea. This agreement has been established due to common interests in the fisheries in the Baltic Sea. The survey costs will be covered within the National Work Plan 2025-2027. The agreement remains in force until 31st of December 2027.

ANNEX I

The main aim of the Baltic Ichthyoplankton Surveys is monitoring of the spatial distribution and abundance of fish eggs and larvae. Several individual survey cruises are conducted each year in close collaboration between several institutes around the Baltic Sea. The surveys are conducted between March and November, aiming to cover the entire spawning season of the target species, Baltic cod. The final data from this survey is used in the Baltic cod stock assessment conducted in ICES. Denmark (DTU Aqua) is conducting the survey on board RV DANA in March and November and Poland (NMFRI) is conducting the survey on board RV BALTICA in June and August.

DTU Aqua is financially responsible for 6 days of a total of 12 days at sea on the NMFRI June survey on RV BALTICA and is also participating with 2 scientific crew members.

Data responsibility:

Denmark is responsible for submitting the data to relevant ICES WG and to the EC.



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