

Common Understanding between Poland and Sweden for their respective institutions and authorities on the co-operation in the area of EU data collection

In the framework of the DCF and in the context of the development of Regional Work Plans, the National Correspondents (*parties*) of Poland and Sweden have exchanged views on the future bilateral collaboration. Parties have recognized the need to continue the established co-operation around analyzing of fish stomach content sampled in the Baltic Sea and North Sea.

The parties recognized the following area of co-operation:

SLU Aqua Lysekil, Sweden orders the service to be performed by NMFRI Gdynia, Poland regarding the analysis of fish stomach content, according to the following terms:

- Stomachs collected will be sent by SLU Aqua on a date and time agreed upon between contact persons at SLU Aqua and NMFRI.
 - Each stomach will be packaged in a plastic bag, frozen and labelled individually with survey, species, and fish identification number.
 - The result from the stomach content analysis are to be recorded by NMFRI using the decided format in excel, which is fitting the format of ICES stomach database. Results to be sent by NMFRI to SLU Aqua within ten months after stomachs delivery to NMFRI.
 - SLU Aqua is responsible for storing the data in the national database FD2 and submitting the data to ICES stomach database once it is up and running.
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- the expected maximum number of stomachs to be analysed is 2 350
 - Cost per stomach: 14 EUR
 - payment date - December 2024.
 - For the invoice use reference Karolina Wikström "135 KWM"

Preliminary plan for stomachs collection 2025 based on numbers in Table 4.1 Sweden NWP 2025-2027:

Survey	Year	Quarter	Species	Expected number
BITS_Q1	2025	1	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	500
BITS_Q1	2025	1	<i>Platichthys flesus</i>	300
BITS_Q4	2025	4	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	350
BITS_Q4	2025	4	<i>Platichthys flesus</i>	250
SPRAS	2025	2	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	50
BIAS	2025	4	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	100
SSS_Q1	2025	1	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	250
IBTS_Q1	2025	1	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	123
IBTS_Q3	2025	3	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	92
IBTS_Q1	2025	1	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	46
IBTS_Q3	2025	3	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	105
IBTS_Q1	2025	1	Minor species and opportunistic species	30 -100

IBTS_Q3	2025	3	Minor species and opportunistic species	30-100
			Sum:	max ~2 350

The minor and opportunistic species are as follows, with very low chance of actually catching the ones in parenthesis:

Minor species: Brill, Turbot, Pollack, Ling, Tub gurnard, (Tusk)

Opportunistic species: Starry ray, Thornback ray, (Cuckoo ray), (Spotted ray), Spurdog, Halibut, (Common skate complex), (Tope).

This Common Understanding is in force for 2025-2027 unless parties jointly decide otherwise. Common understanding can be reviewed at any time at the request of either party. Number of samples and price per sample to be updated annually.

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