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WGRDB ESGOV	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_D01	2021	D01	ongoing	Approve new RDB/RDBES Data License	NCs are asked to approve the decision to replace the current RDB/RDBES Data Policy with the proposed RDB/RDBES Data License. This is in line with the new approach in ICES to have a single Data Policy (which describes the overall approach to data) and multiple Data Licenses (which describe specifically which users can access specific data sets and what they are allowed to do with it). Since there was some content in the current RDB/RDBES Data Policy that covered topics other than data access and usage a further RDB/RDBES Data Governance document has been drafted to hold this additional content.	all NCs	Decision meeting	WGRDBESGOV reviewed the RDB/RDBES data governance framework, recommended moving to a data license, and worked with ICES to draft the proposed license. This is also in line with the best practice recommended to the ICES Data Centre during their recent "Core Trust Seal" accreditation process.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.1, WGRDBESGOV 2020 report	YES	NO
WGRDB ESGOV	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_R01	2021	R01	ongoing	Collate examples of data sharing agreements	Collate examples of the Data Sharing Agreements (DSAs) that MS have in place to allow scientific bodies to access and use official/control data for scientific purposes.	ICES WGRDBES GOV	TM 2022	There have been a number of discussions in the RCG meetings in recent years around confidentiality and the use of data derived from official sources. It is thought to be a useful task to collate examples of data sharing agreements that MS have in place for this purpose with the aim of providing useful examples for MS to draw upon when drafting new agreements.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.1.	NO	

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WGRDB ESGOV	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_R02	2021	R02	ongoing	Take into account non-ICES data calls in future developments of the RDBES	Take into account non-ICES data calls in future developments of the RDBES (eg FDI data call)	ICES WGRDBES GOV	TM 2022	At the moment the development of the RDBES is focused in ICES work, but the RCG finds necessary that the RDBES can also be used to answer other non-ICES data calls, such as the FDI. This is important to ensure transparency, data quality, consistency of the data, and to reduce the duplication of work.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.1.	NO	
Catch, effort and sampling overviews	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_D02	2021	D02	ongoing	Agree on provisioning the requested data products for WGBFAS	Agree on provisioning the requested data product for WGBFAS to be published in their report. If not accepted, agree on provisioning the requested data product for internal use by WGBFAS	Baltic NCs (DK, SE, DE, FI, PL, LT, LV, EE)	Decision meeting	WGBFAS has made a request for data products to be published in their report that are not completely following the ICES RDB data policy. The requested data products would be a set of plots and maps for the Baltic TAC stocks	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.3, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 14 ISSG RDB Catch, Effort and Sampling Overviews	YES	NO
Metier	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_R03	2021	R03	ongoing	Provide data extraction from RDBES	Provide the RCG with a data extraction from the RDBES when the data of the 2021 data call is available.	ICES WGRDBES GOV	1st January 2022	RCG needs RDBES data for the work of several ISSG, such as the Metier ISSG (to evaluate the use of new metier codes and develop new metier descriptions), the SSF ISSG (to revise if all needed variables for SSF are available), etc.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.4, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 3 Metier Issues	NO	
Metier	NANSEA BALTIC_2 021_R04	2021	R04	ongoing	Implement new RDBES metier codes into the FDI data call	Implement the agreed RDBES metier codes into the FDI data call	STECF	Before next data call	The metier codes have been revised by the ISSG Metier and approved by the NCs in 2020. It would be nice to use the same metier codes in all data calls.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.4, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 3 Metier Issues	NO	

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Metier	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R05	2021	R05	ongoing	Implement new RDBES métier codes into the data calls	Implement the agreed RDBES métier codes into data calls (WGBYC, VMS/Logbooks...)	ICES	Before next data calls	The metier codes have been revised by the ISSG Metier and approved by the NCs in 2020. It would be nice to use the same metier codes in all data calls.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.4, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 3 Metier Issues	NO	
Survey	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D03	2021	D03	ongoing	Renewal costsharing agreements for WHB survey	To decide on renewal of the cost-sharing agreement for the WHB survey while addressing the possible shifts in the contribution from the UK.	NCs (DK, IE, NL, DE, ES, FR, (SE)), UK	prior to the surveys 2022	The current cost-sharing agreements for WHB survey have ended. Renewal of the agreements is foreseen while taking the outcomes of the UK leaving EU as well as potential shifts in the contribution of UK to the respective surveys into account.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.5, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 13 Surveys	YES	1.3
Survey	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D04	2021	D04	ongoing	Renewal costsharing agreements for IESNS survey	To decide on renewal of the cost-sharing agreement for the ASH survey while addressing the possible shifts in the contribution from the UK.	NCs (DK, IE, NL, DE, SE), UK	prior to the surveys 2022	The current cost-sharing agreements for ASH survey have ended. Renewal of the agreements is foreseen while taking the outcomes of the UK leaving EU as well as potential shifts in the contribution of UK to the respective surveys into account.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.5, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 13 Surveys	YES	1.3
Survey	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R06	2021	R06	ongoing	Provide justification and roadmap for changing the design and setup of the North Sea Mackerel egg survey	WGWIDE is asked to provide a scientific justification and a roadmap for the change of the survey set-up as proposed by WGMEGS, including the origin of the request for a change, an impact analysis for the assessment as well as for the MS contributing to the survey. In case WGWIDE did not request the proposed change, the request may be transferred to WGMEGS, while maintaining the same deadline.	ICES WGWIDE	August 30 2021	ICES WGMEGS is proposing a severe change in the setup of the North Sea Mackerel egg survey. This change will have implications for national work plans, DCF obligations and the assessment. Any decision having such an impact.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.5.	NO	

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Survey	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R06-D1	2021	R06-D1		Decision on the future setup and timing of the North Sea Mackerel survey.	Based on the response by WGWIDE to the request to provided justification for the major change to the mackerel egg survey design (R01), a decision is needed regarding the timing of the survey.	NCs (DK, NL)	Decision meeting	Either the survey timing will be changed (both survey areas covered in 2022), or the change in survey will be postponed till 2025 (while surveying the Atlantic area in 2022 and North Sea in 2023 under the current regime), allowing for an in-depth analysis of all the implications of the proposed change.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.2.5.	(depends on outcome of R06, decision on the follow-up may be required, but it's too early to conclude)	2.6
FISHN'CO	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D05	2021	D05	ongoing	MS to agree on the non-binding RWPs for 2022	MS to agree that draft RWPs for RCG Baltic and RCG NANSEA will be submitted to the COM in October 2021 for a non binding test run, including tables 1.2, 1.4, and 2.1.	all NCs	Decision meeting	A RWP will have the same binding force as a NWP, so there is the need to continue the learning phase initiated in 2020 with the submission of a non-binding test run. It is proposed to have a new non-binding test in 2021 adapted to the new EUMAP templates. FISHN'CO has taken the lead, and works in collaboration with relevant ISSGs. The elements included are tables 1.2, 1.4 and 2.1 and potentially more information depending on the progress of the ISSGs.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.1.	YES	1.2 & 2.1

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CS small pelagic Baltic	NANSEA_BALTIC_2021_D06	2021	D06	ongoing	Decide on regional cooperation on small pelagics in the Baltic	Every Member State need to decide one of the following options for regional cooperation on small pelagics in the Baltic (large pelagic trawlers): a) Participate in the Regional Sampling Plan (RSP). The sampling plan will be built on a set of minimum common denominators. The RSP will be a part of the Regional Work Plan 2022. b) Continue with the pilot study, and include sampling commitments in the NWP. The MS will then follow the same set of minimum common denominators agreed under option a), but will not participate in the RSP. c) Not attend the regional cooperation.	Baltic NCs (DK, SE, DE, FI, PL, LT, LV, EE)	Decision meeting	The RSP on small pelagics in the Baltic (large pelagic trawlers) has been ongoing for some years now, and there is the need to take it to the next level. To that aim, commitment is needed from NCs.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.3, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 5 Case Study of fisheries for Small Pelagics in the Baltic	YES	2.5 & Annex 1.1
CS small pelagic Baltic	NANSEA_BALTIC_2021_D07	2021	D07	ongoing	Decide to analyse "historical" misreporting of herring and sprat in national data	Each Member State with trawlers fishing small pelagics in the Baltic need to decide if they can commit to an analysis of potential "historical" misreporting of the proportion of herring and sprat in their national data. The commitment includes to perform an analysis, to present it at the ISSG small pelagics in the Baltic and to decide if historical catch data should be corrected on the basis of the analysis. Deadline for the analysis is October 2022. The aim is to feed in the overall outcome to the benchmark process of central Baltic herring and sprat 2023.	Baltic NCs (DK, SE, DE, FI, PL, LT, LV, EE)	Decision meeting	As part of the ISSG CS small pelagic Baltic, a workshop on species misreporting was conducted, where some countries showed the results of comparison between logbook information and data from other available data sources. There were some indications of misreporting between sprat and herring, generally with herring being over reported. Historical data analysis is needed to evaluate misreporting of these species.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.3, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 5 Case Study of fisheries for Small Pelagics in the Baltic	YES	NO

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Freezer Trawlers	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R07	2021	R07	ongoing	Respond to questionnaire to capture end-user needs on the pelagic stocks	Respond to questionnaire which will be developed by the ISSG CS Pelagic Freezer Trawlers NEA to describe assessment related data requirements for the pelagic stocks exploited by freezer trawlers	ICES WGWIDE, WGDEEP and HAWG	TM 2022	ISSG plans to further refine simulations based on assessment groups data requirements. As the three groups (WGWIDE, WGDEEP and HAWG) are using Freezer trawler data for stock assessment, we need the questionnaire to be filled by the three of them.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.4, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 7 Case Study Freezer Trawler Fleet Exploiting Pelagic Fishery in the Northeast Atlantic	NO	
SSF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R08	2021	R08	ongoing	Provide support to evaluate the sampling coverage of SSF	Provide indicators and guidelines to evaluate the sampling coverage of biological variables in SSF (at sea and on shore)	ICES WGCATCH	TM 2022	WGCATCH is already evaluating the sampling of different variables collected for SSF (length, by-catch, discards, etc) using questionnaires. ISSG SSF would like to use RDB data to evaluate the sampling coverage of these variables in SSF, but needs support from WGCATCH to develop indicators and guidelines.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.6, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 9 Evaluation of the Data Collected for SSF at EU level	NO	
SSF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R09	2021	R09	ongoing	Provide support to estimate catch, effort and biological parameters of SSF	Provide guidelines and methodologies to estimate catch, effort and biological parameters using sampling data of SSF	ICES WGCATCH	TM 2022	ISSG wants to compare official catch and effort data with estimations calculated using RDB sampling data for SSF. ISSG needs support and guidelines from WGCATCH	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.6, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 9 Evaluation of the Data Collected for SSF at EU level	NO	



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SSF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R10	2021	R10	ongoing	Provide support about the RDBES data model for SSF	Provide support to the ISSG when testing the RDBES data model for SSF	ICES WGRDBES GOV	TM 2022	ISSG SSF wants to test the RDBES data models for SSF, to ensure that it can be used for SSF. For this test, The ISSG needs support from the RDBES Core Group, to ensure a correct understanding of the structure and philosophy of the RDBES, and to look for solutions for the specificities of SSF data. A similar exercise has been done to include PETS data in the RDBES with very good results.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.6, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 9 Evaluation of the Data Collected for SSF at EU level	NO	
PETS	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R11	2021	R11	ongoing	Provide advice about how much sampling effort is needed for a robust estimation of bycatch	Provide advice about how much sampling effort is needed for a robust estimation of bycatch	ICES WGBYC	TM 2022	ISSG needs advice about sampling effort needed for a robust bycatch estimation. This is a very general recommendation, but it is a very important discussion which has never taken place. WGBYC need to discuss it first with a general approach, for all species and fleets. Later we will need to focus on the particularities of each species and fleets.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.7, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 10 Identification of case studies for PETS Bycatch Monitoring	NO	
PETS	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R12	2021	R12	ongoing	Provide advice to improve the risk assessment methodology	Provide advice to improve the methodology for risk assessment evaluation	ICES WGBYC	TM 2022	Last year, WGBYC revised the methodology for risk assessment evaluation used by the ISSG, and recommended to improve it by adding some variables. During the group there was not enough time to go into the details, but the ISSG wants to update the methodology and needs this advice from WGBYC.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.7, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 10 Identification of case studies for PETS Bycatch Monitoring	NO	

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MRF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R13	2021	R13	ongoing	Provide support about the inclusion of MRF into the RDBES	To support in relation to the inclusion of MRF data into the RDBES to guarantee that the transition to the RDBES will be as easy as possible	ICES WGRDBES GOV	TM 2022	ISSG MRF wants to arrange a test data call using CSV/Excel file submission based on the already proposed recreational data format (aggregated data). The ISSG needs support from the RDBES Core Group, to ensure a correct understanding of the structure and philosophy of the RDBES and to guarantee that the future transition to the RDBES will be as easy as possible. This recommendations need to be addressed interessionally by the WGRFS, during the period 2021-2022. Thus the recommendation need to be forwarded to the WGRFS right after the LM.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.9, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 12 Marine Recreational Fisheries	NO	
MRF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R14	2021	R14	ongoing	Provide support about the development of a RWP for MRF	To provide support to the ISSG in the development of a RSP for the species agreed as case studies (cod, sea bass, eel and salmon). This includes technical support in all stages of the data collection, from the sampling design until providing estimations.	ICES WGRFS	TM 2022	The ISSG has agree on 4 species to be used as case Studies for the development of a Regional Sampling Plan. This will include the work on the different level of ambitions identified in Fisn'Co. For some species this regional coordination is already quite advanced. The ISSG needs technical support from the WGRFS. This recommendation need to be addressed interessionally by the WGRFS, during the period 2021-2022. Thus the recommendation need to be forwarded to the WGRFS right after the LM.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.9, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 12 Marine Recreational Fisheries	NO	
MRF	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R15	2021	R15	ongoing	To define the criteria to propose a regional list of species	To define the criteria to propose a regional list of species based on endusers needs	ICES WGRFS	TM 2022	The ISSG wants to define a regional list of species to enlarge the list of mandatory species approved in the new EUMAP. To define this list of species, they need some criteria based on scientific knowledge, to be provided by the WGRFS. This recommendations need to be addressed interessionally by the WGRFS, during the period 2021-2022. Thus the recommendation need to be forwarded to the WGRFS right after the LM.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.9, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 12 Marine Recreational Fisheries	NO	

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Stomach sampling	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D08	2021	D08	ongoing	Agree to start sampling stomachs during the IBTS survey in the North Sea	Agree to start collecting stomachs during the International Bottom Trawl Survey in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat (Q1 and Q3), and to participate at the ISSG Stomach Survey	NCs (DK, FR, DE, NO, SE, NE), UK(SC), UK(EN)	Decision meeting	Fundamental changes in natural versus fishing mortality are occurring in European waters, given e.g. reductions in fishing mortality, recovery of fish and non-fish populations, and complex environmental effects of global warming on our coastal-marine ecosystems. Stomach data presently used are often 20 years old (e.g. from the 1990s in the North Sea) or older and the lack of contemporary information on 'who eats who' and how the food webs have changed over time makes it increasingly difficult to provide adequate scientific advice. To ultimately improve the quality of natural mortality estimates and thus the ICES advice, regionally coordinated stomach samplings are urgently needed. Based on the recommendations of the ICES Working Group on Multi Species Stock Assessment Methods (WGSAM), the ISSG has drafted a sampling plan where two to three fish species* will be sampled every year during the International Bottom Trawl Survey (IBTS) in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat in quarters 1 and 3. The recommendation is to sample 2 stomachs per 5 cm length group in a 5 year rolling scheme, meaning that the same species will be sampled for example in years 1 and 6 and other species in years 2 and 7 and so on. This decision is the first step of the sampling plan. In 2022 MS will start collecting stomach, and further steps on processing the collected stomach and other details of the sampling plan will be discussed at the ISSG. The decision should be incorporated into the national work plans. In addition, to	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.4.10, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 4 Regionally Coordinated Stomach Sampling	YES	4.1

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									<p>ensure coordination, NC's agree that one representative, involved in stomach sampling work, will participate in the ISSG Stomach sampling.</p> <p>* Species to be sampled: Whiting, Megrin, Anglerfish, Horse mackerel, Plaice, Starry ray, Saithe, Grey and Red gurnard, Cod, Mackerel, Turbot, Haddock, Hake, Halibut</p>			

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NC	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D09	2021	D09	ongoing	Agree on combined Rules of Procedure	MS to agree on combined Rules of Procedure for RCG Baltic and RCG NANSEA	all NCs	Decision meeting	The RoP for RCG Baltic and RCG NANSEA were aligned to have standardized rules. A combined document of RoP for RCG Baltic and RCG NANSEA has been created.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.5.1, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 2 National Correspondents	YES	NO
Implementation of generic tools/ SECWEB	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_R16	2021	R16	ongoing	Foresee funds allocation for the RCG secretariat in the new WP 2022-2027	MS to take in consideration the financing of RCG secretariat from 2023 onwards in their EMFAF operational plans	all NCs	Decision meeting	It was agreed that we need a Secretariat to support RCG work. At the moment the SECWEB project is working in setting up the Secretariat work, but the project will finish at the end of 2022. It is essential to guarantee the long-term operation of the support tools beyond the SECWEB project, so NCs need to foresee funds allocation for the RCG Secretariat in the new WP 2022-2027.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.5.2, RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART III Chapter 16 Implementation of Generic Tools for the RCGs/SECWEB	NO	
ISSGs 2021-2022	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D10	2021	D10	ongoing	Agree on proposed ISSGs to work during season 2021-2022	The list of RCG ISSGs suggested by RCG NA NS&EA and RCG Baltic to be confirmed to take place during season 2021-2022	all NCs	Decision meeting	Work in ISSG needs experts and manpower (approximately 1 week of work / ISSG and person). The ISSG work force the MS to switch from working with a national focus to work with a more regional focus which is in line with idea of EU-MAP.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 5.5.4	YES	NO
RCG NANSEA	NANSEA BALTIC_2021_D11	2021	D11	ongoing	MS to agree moving NAFO to the RCG LDF	MS with TAC in NAFO area, to agree moving NAFO to the RCG LDF.	NCs (ES, PT, DE, EE, LT, LV, PO, DK, FR)	Decision meeting	NAFO region has its own RFMO and it fits better under the remit of the RCG LDF as RCG LDF was created for the management of all RFMOs where the EU is a contracting party. During the TM this issue was sent to the RCG LDF for discussion. The need for this decision depends on the outcome of the RCG LDF.	RCG NANSEA RCG Baltic 2021 Report PART I section 6	YES	NO

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Catch and Effort Overviews	NANSEA BALTIC_2020_R03	2020	R03	ongoing	Implement Upload-logs as standard tool into RDBES	WGRDBESGOV to set up a standardized way for the Upload logs as integral part of the Uploading process of the RDBES	WGRDBES GOV	Before 2021-22?	The Upload-logs are important documents that support the understanding and reading of the census and sampling data overviews. Yet they are stand-alone Excel sheets with only a few standardized fields. Integrating them in the upload process will improve their usage and make the content available during the analysis of the data.	RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2020 report PART I Section 5.2.1, Annex 5 (Citation suggestion)	NO	NO
Surveys	NANSEA BALTIC_2020_R05	2020	R05	ongoing	ICES to setup a Workshop on a "pilot FIRMOG" in 2021	ICES to setup a Workshop on a "pilot FIRMOG" in 2021 to focus as a test case on proposed changes for the International Bottom Trawl Survey (IBTS), using the analyses already been conducted on the IBTS (WGISDAA, WKNSIMP...) and prepare a suggestion for changes that can be brought into the RCG for decisions. The Workshop will elaborate on the ideas from ICES WKREO. The outcome of the workshop to be put forward into the RCGs for making decision on proposed changes. The decided changes to be reflected in National or Regional workplans.	ICES	end of 2020	Multiple initiatives (e.g. EU project JMP and ICES WKPIMP, WGISUR, WKNSIMP... ) have considered options for developing more holistic and integrated ecosystem surveys, developing guidance and recommendations on both scientific theory and practical implementation. However, largely due to a lack of a coherent international organisational mechanism, only a small portion of this work has found its way to routine survey implementation.	RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2020 Report PART I section 5.4.1.1 WKREO report ( <a href="http://ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Expert%20Group%20Report/EOSG/2020/WKREO%20Report%202019.pdf">http://ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Expert%20Group%20Report/EOSG/2020/WKREO%20Report%202019.pdf</a> )	NO	NO

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Surveys	NANSEA 2020_20 20_R06	2020	R06	ongoing	Revision of the survey effort and coverage of the IBWSS	RCG NA NS&EA recommends ICES WGIPS to review the survey effort and coverage of the IBWSS and evaluate the impact of a 10% and 20% reduction in survey effort by Ireland and The Netherlands on the data quality of the survey indices. ICES to add this request to the ToRs of WGIPS for their work programme 2021; WGIPS to review and to summarise the results of their evaluation for the RCG NA NS&EA technical meeting in June 2021.	ICES WGIPS	01/06/2021	Since the 2017 implementation of the DCF recast, the participation by MS to surveys based on TAC shares has become mandatory for surveys listed in the EU-MAP. Currently, two surveys are subject to cost-sharing; the International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas (IESNS, also known as ASH) and the International Blue Whiting Spawning Stock survey (IBWSS). The EU part of the IBWSS is being carried out by Ireland and The Netherlands. As part of a multilateral agreement, Denmark, Germany, France and the United Kingdom contribute to the ship time cost with financial contributions proportional to their relative TAC share. Since 2019, Spain is also contributing ship time to the survey, however this is outside the multilateral agreement. The IBWSS will continue to be a mandatory survey under the new EU-MAP from 2022 onwards. In order to develop new task sharing agreements for the IBWSS including cost contributions under the next EMFAF programme, the RCG NA NS&EA recommends an evaluation of the current EU survey effort including the effect of the additional survey effort by Spain since 2019 and the impact of a potential reduction of survey effort by Ireland and Netherlands by 10% and 20%, respectively.	RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2020 Report PART I section 5.4.1.1 (cost sharing agreements)	NO	7C

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RWP	NANSEA BALTIC_2020_R08	2020	R08	ongoing	Draft RWP-RCG recommends PGECON to review NWP template tables 3a, 3b, 3c (socioeconomic data collection) and 5b (quality) for feedback	PGECON to review NWP template tables 3a, 3b, 3c (socioeconomic data collection) and 5b (quality) for feedback on structure and content as well as required changes to support the documentation of regional coordination of socioeconomic data collection towards a RWP.	PGECON	end of 2020	The ISSG RWP reviewed each table of the NWP template and identified how the regional working elements/agreements fit into the structure. If there was information that couldn't be captured in the current format, it was considered whether it needed to be linked to other or additional tables. The agile document with the tables and a textbox word document is in Google Doc for review and adjustment. PGECON is invited to review the tables relevant to socio economic data collection ( NWP template tables 3a, 3b, 3c (socioeconomic data collection) and 5b (quality)) for feedback on structure and content as well as required changes to document regional coordination of socioeconomic data collection towards a RWP.	RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2020 Report PART I Section 5.4.2 ToR 4 Development and implementation of Regional Workplans; links to proposed tables of the RWP are embedded in the text. RCG NA NS&EA RCG Baltic 2020 Report PART III Section II on the ISSG on development of draft Regional Work Plan 2020-Answers to the questionnaire on the priorities for all NA NS&EA and Baltic ISSG	NO	NO





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