

## 2024- RCG NANSEA and RCG Baltic

### Terms of Reference

#### 1. Propose ways to improve the alignment between data collection and end-user needs (by region)

- Define end-user needs and assess how they are met by current and future data collection.
- Define and suggest mechanisms for communication and implementation of end-user needs.
- Feedback from ICES end-user groups and RCG feedback on their recommendation.
- Improve regional cooperation for small-scale fisheries and assessing effects on the ecosystem.
- Formulate recommendation(s) for revision of EU-MAP to ensure that it is in line with end-user needs.

#### 2. Implement and maintain data quality in data collection

- Assess the documentation of data quality procedures.
- Update on fisheries overview and sampling overview.
- Update on the development of RDB and RDBES.
- Review the outcome of regional-orientated projects and other groups.
- Develop a strategy for the implementation of electronic data capture (REM).

#### 3. Review the impact of management measures on data collection

#### 4. Development and implementation of Regional Work Plans

- Identify and propose potential regional workplans.
- Review and evaluate the outcome of regional-orientated projects to identify templates, content, and actions to incorporate into the regional work plan.
- Optimize the use of surveys: efficiency, multi-purpose & task sharing decisions and actions to be taken.

#### 5. Propose ways to improve regional coordination and feedback on regional issues

- Review and evaluate the outcome of regional-orientated projects.
- Develop & adopt tools and working procedures for more effective regional cooperation and coordination.

#### 6. Support of ToRs

- Promote the publication of findings, likely in the form of peer-reviewed publication (e.g. CRR) that documents the development of methodologies in the field of regional coordination & data collection and the state of scientific knowledge on the topic at the end of the 3-year TOR period.
- Identify pilot studies—decisions and actions to be taken.