

Cost-sharing agreement for participation to the International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas in 2021

Having regard ;

- Article 5.1c of REGULATION (EU) 2017/1004 stipulating the establishment of thresholds below which it is not mandatory for Member States to carry out surveys at sea;
- Article 5.6 REGULATION (EU) 2017/1004 stipulating that these thresholds for stocks subject to catch limits shall be based upon the share of the relevant Members In the TAC that are available for the Union;
- Chapter II.7 of COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/909 stipulating that the threshold for participation to a survey is set at 3%;
- Article 5.5 of REGULATION (EU) 2017/1004 stipulating that there is a need to avoid disruption of time-series of data
- Chapter I of COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/909 stipulating Member States shall guarantee continuity with previous survey designs;
- Article 9.8 of REGULATION (EU) 2017/1004 stipulating that regional work plans may contain cost-sharing arrangements for participation in research surveys at sea
- COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/909 lists the International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas as a mandatory survey

Having acknowledged;

- that the scientific responsibility as well as survey planning and reporting lies with the ICES Working Group on International Pelagic Surveys;
- that TAC shares by Member State for 2020 form the basis for cost-sharing in 2021.
- to include this agreement in full in every relevant National Workplan
- the participation of the UK as an independent coastal state

The following Member States have agreed to share the vessel costs for the International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas: Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, The Netherlands, and in addition the United Kingdom.

Cost-sharing model

Cost-sharing is based on a cost-sharing key following the Gothenburg-model (RCG subgroup 2017¹).

This model will be applied to the vessel costs made by Denmark (carried out by R/V Dana) for the duration of the survey (total survey time, including calibration, vessel transfers, excluding mid-cruise-breaks) for 2021. The respective vessel costs are based on the vessel's tariff of the preceding year. This tariff is based on the eligible costs as accepted by the EMFF Managing Authority of the MS conducting the survey .

¹ Report of the pan-regional RCG subgroup on cost sharing of research surveys at sea, Gothenburg 2016
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Application of the model leads to the following key:

Species: Herring *Clupea harengus* (2019 shares)

| Member State | Quota (2019) | % | Cost Share MSs |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | (tonnes) | Share | >3% |
| Belgium | 13 | 0.03% | |
| Spain | 43 | 0.11% | |
| Portugal | 43 | 0.11% | |
| Finland | 203 | 0.53% | |
| France | 566 | 1.48% | |
| Poland | 664 | 1.73% | |
| Germany | 2299 | 6.00% | 6.25% |
| Ireland | 3399 | 8.87% | 9.24% |
| The Netherlands | 4698 | 12.26% | 12.77% |
| Sweden | 4865 | 12.70% | 13.23% |
| United Kingdom | 8393 | 21.91% | 22.82% |
| Denmark | 13129 | 34.27% | 35.69% |
| Union | 38315 | 100.00% | 100.00% |

Duration and governance:


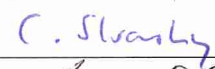
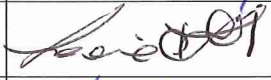

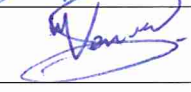
This agreement covers cost-sharing for 2021 International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas. Substantial changes to survey design, survey participations or substantial legal and/or financial amendments automatically lead to a review of this agreement. Duly justified, participating Member States may request a review. This survey falls under the remit of RCG North Atlantic & North Sea as such this agreement will in the future form a part of the Regional Workplan for the North Atlantic & North Sea.

Invoices should be sent to the MS concerned before November 1 by the National Institute responsible for the survey as well as the accompanied administration.

UK - Invoicing and payment

Prior to the UK making payment for its share of the survey, the other Member State will need to provide details as to how the overall costs and other Member State shares were calculated. The UK may require the other Member State to provide additional information on request in order to be in a position to satisfy internal audit processes and the Member States agrees to assist the UK with such requests. The UK will review the documentation before determining whether to make payment to the Member State conducting the survey, for the UK proportion of the costs for the International Surveys.

Signatures

| Member State | Name | Date | Signature |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Denmark | Jesper Dalgaard | 16/10 - 2020 |  |
| Germany | Dr. Christoph STRANSKY | 16 Oct 2020 |  |
| Ireland | Dr. Keonie O'Dowd | 5 th November 2020 |  |
| Sweden | Annastassia | 8 Dec - 2020 |  |
| The Netherlands | Sietse Vanven | 8/10/2020 |  |
| United Kingdom | M. S. S. | 23. 11. 2020 | MATTHEW FULLERTON |