



## ACOM/SCICOM Workshop on Regional Seas Commissions and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Scoping (WKRISCO)

WKRISCO reports to the Benchmark Steering Group (BSG) – approved by SCICOM and ACOM intersessionally, May 2014

### Resolution

**2013/2/ACOMSCICOM02** The **ACOM/SCICOM Workshop on Regional Seas Commissions and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Scoping (WKRISCO)**, chaired by Mark Dickey-Collas\*, ICES, and Jörn Schmidt\*, Germany, will meet at ICES Headquarters, Copenhagen, Denmark, 17–20 November 2014.

The workshop will have two main objectives; first to summarise progress made and methods used across the ICES integrated ecosystem assessment (IEA) groups and second to scope with OSPAR and HELCOM the science needs for upcoming regional assessments (QSR and HOLAS). The aim of these is to provide the IEA groups with a panorama of their work across the scope of regional seas commissions (RSC) activities. The workshop will also provide a forum to build a timeline for IEA work, in response to the scoping exercise.

The four day workshop will take place in two phases; the first 2 days will synthesise the work of the IEA groups and the following 2 days will focus on the scoping exercise between ICES and the RSCs.

WKRISCO will report by 15 December 2014 (via BSG) for the attention of SCICOM, ACOM and SGIEA.

### ToR descriptors

TO R	DESCRIPTION	BACKGROUND	SCIENCE TOPICS ADDRESSED	PLAN	DURATION	EXPECTED DELIVERABLES
a	Review, summarize and compare the methods of regional ICES IEA groups, including quality assurance mechanisms.	Serves as a knowledge base and as comparison to other regional approaches	Integrated ecosystem assessments		WK 1 <sup>st</sup> two days	White paper that documents methods used and how a quality assurance process could be set up for IEAs in ICES
b	Provide a forward looking systems analysis across the ICES ecoregions of the governance and legal context that impact on IEAs.	What is the panorama in which IEAs operate?	Integrated ecosystem assessments and the human dimension		WK 1 <sup>st</sup> two days	Brief summary report with recommendations on needs of advice
c	Explore with HELCOM and OSPAR their science needs (R&D requirements for upcoming HOLAS and QSR analyses) to inform ICES IEA groups...	The ICES IEA groups have expressed frustration at a lack of scoping about RSC objectives and science needs.	Integrated ecosystem assessments and the human dimension		WK 2 <sup>nd</sup> two days	Another white paper to inform the IEA groups about the

## Summary of the Work Plan

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Year 1	White paper 1 and 2 and Brief Summary report
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## Supporting Information

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Priority	High, this WK is seen as a key strategic move forward that will help the IEA groups to position their work in a broader context and increase their visibility in the system. It also enable the IEA groups to consider the priorities of the RSCs as the RSCs prepare for their next rounds of ecosystem assessments and to build up synergies with RSCs and possibly other groups working on similar issues (e.g. within EU or other projects)
Scientific justification	This workshop follows on from WKBEMIA 2012. It supports the IEA groups for the next round of development and provides two products, a cross comparison of methods used and being developed by the IEA groups and a scoping exercise of the science needs of OSPAR and HELCOM in preparation for the next QSR and HOLAS rounds.
Relation to Strategic Plan	Developing and applying greater ecosystem understanding is core to the new ICES strategic plan. The IEA groups are the key mechanisms (along with a new benchmark process) by which ICES plans to apply integrated ecosystem understanding to management needs.
Resource requirements	Two meeting rooms at ICES HQ, webex facilities
Participants	IEA group chairs or members, participants from OSPAR and HELCOM working on HOLAS and QSRs, BSG chairs, SSGRSP (then SGIEA) chair, ICES Secretariat
Secretariat facilities	SharePoint site, secretariat support for reporting.
Financial	None
Linkages to advisory committees	ACOM
Linkages to other committees or groups	SSGRSP, all IEA groups, methodological groups like WGIPEM, SGIMM, WGSA
Linkages to other organizations	HELCOM and OSPAR

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