## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

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| CANADA   |   |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| C1: Pelagic ecosystem survey of the Northwest Atlantic                       | Sample the upper pelagic ecosystem during the period corresponding to the early post-smolt phase. Determine distribution and relative abundance of post-smolts at selected locations and times along hypothesised ocean migration route. Obtain data on relative abundance of other species including macroplankton aggregations to provide information on the role of salmon in the pelagic ecosystem. Obtain oceanographic information. | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea. | 2008-2009<br>23 day period<br>in September<br>2009 | North West Atlantic<br>(stations north of 52°N in<br>2009)  Colloborating countries:<br>USA | Gerald Chaput ChaputG@dfo-mpo.gc.ca Dave Reddin reddind@dfo-mpo.gc.ca Tim Sheehan Tim.Sheehan@noaa.gov | £355,000<br>(excluding<br>analyses)  | Surface<br>pelagic trawl,<br>oceanographic<br>and plankton<br>samplers.            |
| C2: Miramichi River kelt movements and survival                              | Document the spring movements and survival of kelts from the Miramichi River as they return to the sea. Use pressure sensitive tags to record the depths used by kelts.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea  | April 2008 –<br>March 2010                         | Miramichi River estuary<br>and Gulf of St Lawrence  | F Whoriskey<br>asfres@nb.aibn.com  | £12,500<br>(excluding<br>receiver<br>deployment<br>and other<br>costs<br>recovered<br>under other<br>projects) | Acoustic tags<br>and receiver<br>arrays  |
| C3: Marine survival of Canadian Atlantic salmon stocks: long-term monitoring | Long-term monitoring of smolt production and adult return estimates from a number of rivers in Newfoundland region, Maritimes region, Gulf region and Quebec.   | Long-term<br>monitoring                   | April –<br>November,<br>annually                   | Canadian rivers in<br>Newfoundland region,<br>Maritimes region, Gulf<br>region and Quebec   | Contact for information:<br>Gerald Chaput<br>Chaputg@dfo-mpo.gc.ca                                     | £639,500   | Smolt and<br>adult traps,<br>fences, trap<br>nets, rotary<br>screw smolt<br>traps. |

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| C4: Atlantic salmon smolt migration and survival within Canadian rivers, estuaries and during the marine life stage | Provide a time-series of stage specific estimates of mortality rates for smolts and post-smolts at various points of their at-sea migration, including for their transitions through fresh water, the estuary and to various points in the ocean; examine the relation between biological characteristics of the fish and survival rates to attempt to isolate mortality causes; document the migration pathways and speeds of smolts from different rivers.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | 2003-2009<br>(spring/<br>summer) | Miramichi River and estuary; Restigouche River and Baie des Chaleurs; Cascapedia River and estuary; St-Jean (Côte-Nord) River and estuary; Western Arm Brook; Strait of Belle Isle, Cabot Strait, Labrador; West River, Sheet Harbour.  Colloborating countries: USA | Fred Whoriskey<br>asfres@nb.aibn.com  | £300,000   | Acoustic tags<br>and receivers,<br>smolt wheels,<br>small boats<br>and chartered<br>fishing vessel. |
| C5: Stable isotope ratios to infer trophic structure and condition of Atlantic salmon during their life at sea.     | Improve understanding of marine ecology of salmon through status of trophic state and condition. Questions to be addressed include:  - are trophic states of 1SW non-maturing fish similar between NAC and NEAC origin salmon?;  - are trophic states of 1SW non-maturing fish different from those of maturing 1SW fish of the same cohort? Can this tell us anything about when these different maturity groups separate in the North Atlantic?;  - has there been a trophic state change between West Greenland and return to home rivers as 2SW salmon? | Life history/<br>biological<br>process   | 2007-2010                        | West Greenland and from salmon returning to the index rivers of Eastern Canada.  Collaborating countries: Greenland  | Gerald Chaput Chaputg@dfo-mpo.gc.ca Tim Sheehan Tim.Sheehan@noaa.gov Brian Dempson Mike Power | £18,000<br>(excludes cost<br>of purchase of<br>samples (See<br>Project D1) | Stable isotope analyses.  |
| C6: Identification of essential habitat for repeat spawning Atlantic salmon of Inner Bay of Fundy origin            | To identify the freshwater and marine habitats used by post-spawning Atlantic salmon of inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) origin for reconditioning until their return as repeat spawners, and identify the sites and times of mortality for those that fail to return.   | Distribution/<br>migration at sea        | New entry<br>2008-2010           | Primarily the Big Salmon<br>River but possibly other<br>inner Bay of Fundy rivers<br>(i.e. Stewiacke) as well as<br>the Saint John River and<br>Bay of Fundy.  | Dr. Gilles Lacroix Gilles.Lacroix@dfo- mpo.gc.ca  Ross Jones Ross.A.Jones@dfo- mpo.gc.ca      | £15,000 In-kind contributions from Fort Folly First Nation.                | Acoustic tags<br>and receivers<br>satellite tags.   |

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| DENMARK<br>(FAROE ISLANDS<br>AND GREENLAND)  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| D1: West Greenland<br>Salmon Fishery<br>Sampling Programme   | Continue time series of data on the continent of origin and biological characteristics of salmon in the fishery. Provide data on mean weight and length and continent of origin for input to models. Collect information on the recovery of internal and external tags. Collect additional biological samples from fresh whole fish in support of SALSEA-West Greenland or other special samples as requested. | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | Annually<br>during the<br>fishing season,<br>(August –<br>October) | West Greenland  Collaborating countries: USA, UK, Ireland, Canada  | Helle Siegstad<br>helle@natur.gl                              | £141,700 in 2008   | Catch sampling, scale analysis, genetic analysis, disease and parasite screening. Other sampling in support of SALSEA – West Greenland. |
| EUROPEAN UNION   |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| E1: SALSEA-Merge: Advancing understanding of Atlantic salmon at sea: Merging genetics and ecology to resolve stock – specific migration and distribution patterns. | Merge genetic and ecological investigations to advance understanding of stock specific migration and distribution patterns and overall ecology of the marine life of Atlantic salmon and gain an insight into the factors resulting in recent significant increases in marine mortality.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | April 2008 –<br>March 2011   | North-East Atlantic with marine surveys off coast of Ireland and UK, around the Faroes and in the Northern Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea  Collaborating countries: Denmark, Finland, France, Faroes, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Spain, UK | Jens Christian Holst<br>jens.christian.holst@imr.no           | £1.8 million   | Pelagic live<br>capture trawls,<br>pelagic trawls,<br>genetic<br>analysis,<br>oceanographic<br>data analysis                            |
| UK – England and<br>Wales  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| E2: Genetic sampling to type British salmon stocks   | Coordinate and support the establishment of baseline information on the genetic character of breeding populations within and among rivers in Britain.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | April 2008 -<br>March 2010   | England, Wales and Scotland  Collaborating countries: Scotland   | Miran Aprahamian  Miran.aprahamian@envir onment-agency.gov.uk | £70,000  | Genetic<br>sampling   |

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| E3: Diffuse pollution and freshwater fish populations  | Investigate the role of diffuse aquatic contaminants in regulating populations of freshwater fish with particular reference to salmonid stocks and fisheries.   | Specific natural<br>and<br>anthropogenic<br>factors | April 2005 –<br>March 2010                   | England and Wales                                    | Andrew Moore<br>a.moore@cefas.co.uk  | £13,700  | Integrated research programme involving ecotoxicologic al studies, telemetry and literature review, etc.                       |
| E4: The influence of the freshwater environment on salmonid populations                                    | Investigate the impact of environment change on juvenile salmon production and ecology. One aspect of the research directly related to marine survival is the potential role of assessment techniques (trapping, anaesthetisation tagging) in influencing marine survival.    | Life history/<br>biological<br>processes            | April 2005 –<br>March 2010                   | England and Wales                                    | Andrew Moore<br>a.moore@cefas.co.uk  | £14,540  | Large-scale<br>microtagging<br>and PIT<br>tagging.   |
| E5: Deriving estimates of marine survival and exploitation for monitored river stocks in England and Wales | Establish 'monitored' rivers where estimates of marine survival and exploitation in marine fisheries can be derived and compared with other North Atlantic stocks.  | Long-term<br>monitoring                             | Ongoing<br>annual<br>monitoring<br>programme | River Dee (North Wales),<br>River Tamar (SW England) | Ian Davidson ian.davidson@ environment- agency.wales.gov.uk Simon Toms simon.toms@environment -agency.gov.uk Ian Russell i.c.russell@cefas.co.uk | £120,000   | Rotary screw<br>traps,<br>microtagging,<br>adult traps and<br>counters.  |
| E6: Factors affecting the distribution and behaviour of salmonid populations                               | Investigate the habitat requirements of adult salmonids within the estuarine and freshwater environments. One key element of the research is to investigate how changes in prey availability within the marine environment may influence recruitment of stocks between years. | Life history/<br>biological<br>processes            | April 2005 –<br>March 2010                   | England and Wales                                    | Andrew Moore a.moore@cefas.co.uk   | £13,400  | Integrated research programme involving physiological studies, analysis of stable isotopes, telemetry, literature review, etc. |
| E7: The marine life of Atlantic salmon: evidence from the microchemistry of scales                         | The objectives include measuring the stable isotope and trace element compositions from salmon scales in relation to variations in the marine environment and develop a model to predict impacts of changes in the marine environment on return rates of salmon.              | Life history<br>/biological<br>processses           | 2007 – 2010                                  | England and Wales                                    | Clive Trueman trueman@noc.soton.ac.uk  | £22,200  | Stable isotope<br>and trace<br>element<br>analysis.  |

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| UK – Northern<br>Ireland   |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |
| E8: The marine survival of Atlantic salmon from the River Bush, Northern Ireland | Investigate factors influencing the survival at sea of salmon smolts migrating from the River Bush until their return as adults.                      | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | 1973 –<br>Ongoing                                   | River Bush, N. Irish/Irish coastal waters and distant-water fisheries  Collaborating countries: Ireland (tag recovery programme)  | Richard Kennedy<br>Richard.kennedy@<br>afbini.gov.uk  | £50,000  | Microtagging,<br>traps, run-<br>reconstruction<br>models.  |
| UK - Scotland  |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |
| E9: Post-smolt mortality of Atlantic salmon                                      | Assess post-smolt mortality rates of Atlantic salmon from three Scottish rivers, and the contribution of these salmon to fisheries that exploit them. | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | Ongoing   | North Esk, Western<br>catchment of River Dee,<br>River Conon salmon<br>fishery district   | Julian Maclean (N. Esk<br>and Dee)<br>j.c.maclean@<br>marlab.ac.uk<br>John Armstrong (River<br>Conon)<br>j.armstrong@marlab.ac.uk | Approximately £50,000  | Traps,<br>counters,<br>rotary screw<br>traps, electro-<br>fishing, PIT<br>tags and<br>detectors. |
| E10: Analysis of post-<br>smolt life history by<br>scale reading                 | Investigate the relationship between growth and mortality, particularly during the marine phase, by analysis of scale growth patterns.                | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | Continuing<br>project under<br>longer-term<br>remit | Samples from around Scotland but North Esk and Girnock Burn in particular  Collaborating countries: USA and Canada  | Julian Maclean<br>j.c.maclean@marlab.ac.uk  | Approximately £10,000  | Scale analysis.  |
| E11:Fisheries-induced evolution  | Determine the incidence and extent of heritable genetic changes in salmon stocks due to fishery programmes.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | 2007-2010   | Scotland and across European species' distribution, including marine migration routes.  Collaborating countries: Austria, Norway, France, Denmark, Belgium, UK, Netherlands, Finland, Germany | Ulf Dieckman dieckman@iiasa.ac.at  Scotland John Gilbey J.Gilbey@marlab.ac.uk Ireland Philip McGinnity P.McGinnity@ucc.ie         | Scotland<br>£52,000 (FRS<br>cost)<br>Ireland<br>£3,500 (travel<br>for meeting<br>costs only) | Case studies,<br>genetic<br>analyses and<br>modelling.   |
| E12: Size and condition of returning grilse (1SW) and MSW salmon                 | Investigate decadal trends in the size and condition of adult salmon returning to Scotland.   | Life history/<br>biological<br>processes | 2007 -  | Six locations in Scotland, in particular North Esk.   | Philip Bacon P.J.Bacon@MarLab.ac.uk   | £30,000  | Collection of biometric data.  |

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| Ireland E13: Marine survival of wild and hatchery reared salmon National coded wire tagging and tag recovery programme and Burrishoole wild salmon census | Provide information on marine survival and exploitation rates by commercial fisheries; estimate contribution of individual river stocks to catches; examine performance of selected experimental groups; and evaluate potential for salmon ranching. | Long-term<br>monitoring                             | Code wire<br>tagging since<br>1980<br>Burrishoole<br>census since<br>1960s | Tag recovery from around North Atlantic Salmon census facility Newport  Collaborating countries: Norway, UK, Faroes, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark | Niall O'Maoileidigh<br>niall.omaoileidigh@<br>marine.ie<br>Russell Poole<br>russell.poole@marine.ie | £372,000                                       | Micro-tagging<br>and tag<br>recovery<br>programmes.<br>Traps.        |
| E14: Interactions between aquaculture and wild salmonid fish  | Assess efficacy of prophylactic treatments for salmon smolts migrating through aquaculture bays.   | Specific natural<br>and<br>anthropogenic<br>factors | 2003-2008  | Burrishoole, Shannon, Lee<br>and Screebe, and drift net<br>fishery around Irish coast  | D Jackson<br>dave.jackson@marine.ie   | £10,000  | Traps,<br>microtagging,<br>commercial<br>fishery.                    |
| France E15: The sea survival of Atlantic salmon from the River Scorff, Brittany   | Estimation and long-term monitoring of survival at sea in the southern part of the European distribution range of the species.   | Long-term<br>monitoring                             | 1994 on  | River Scorff (Southern<br>Brittany)  | Etienne Prévost<br>eprevost@st-pee.inra.fr  | £52,000  | Adult and smolt trapping facilities.                                 |
| E16: Atlantic salmon metapopulation investigation in Normany rivers   | Estimate exchanges between rivers flowing into the Mont Saint-Michel Bay and the impact on management of salmon populations.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | 2007-2010  | Rivers flowing into Mont<br>Saint-Michel Bay,<br>Normandy  | Jean-Luc Bagliniere Jean- Luc.Bagliniere@rennes.inra.fr   | £50,000  | Standard sampling equipment and genetics laboratory equipment traps. |

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| Denmark E17: Salmon Rehabilitation Plan: monitoring numbers of spawners, spawning and nursery areas in four Atlantic Salmon rivers  | The Danish national salmon rehabilitation plan describes four rivers with natural wild salmon populations. In earlier years monitoring has estimated numbers of smolts and numbers of spawners in the River Skjern Å but the exact spawning areas are not known. In 2008 monitoring took place in River Skjern Å, in 2009 in River Ribe Å, in 2010 in River Storå and in 2011/12 in River Varde Å. In 2013 again in River Skjern Å and so forth. In this way the effect of the rehabilitation plan and the development of the populations is assessed (the goal is at least 1,000 spawners in each river to fulfil the plan). This study will allow estimates of marine mortality of salmon to be made. | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | New Entry<br>Started in<br>autumn 2008<br>(tagging) and<br>fry collection<br>during<br>summer 2009<br>and so on. | River Skjern Å, River Ribe<br>Å, River Storå and Varde<br>Å. The rivers flowing into<br>the North Sea. | Anders Koed,<br>ak@aqua.dtu.dk<br>Einar Eg Nielsen,<br>én@aqua.dtu.dk | £14,000  | Pit and radio<br>tags, lab<br>equipments   |
| Finland E18: Long-term variation in population dynamics, life history characteristics, sea growth and origin (wild/reared) of salmon in the rivers Teno (Tana) and Näätämöjoki (Neidenelva) | Collect long-term data on variation in the stock components, life histories, sea growth and abundance of escaped farmed salmon in the salmon stocks of the rivers Teno and Näätämöjoki. Relate the population dynamics of the juvenile salmon and returning adult salmon in preceding and subsequent generations  | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | Long-term<br>ongoing   | Northern Finland and<br>Norway  Collaborating countries: Norway  | Jaakko Erkinaro<br>jaakko.erkinaro@rktl.fi                            | £275,000                                       | Collection of catch statistics and sampling. Analysis of scale samples (2,000-8,000 annually). Electrofishing. |
| E19: Towards sustainable fishing and biodiversity preservation of north- west Russian salmonid stocks by using molecular genetic techniques for stock and parasite monitoring               | Collect and analyse genetic and ecological data; establish a sound biological basis for monitoring and management; understand susceptibility and resistance to parasites such as <i>G. salaris</i> .  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | 1999-2010  | NW Russia  Collaborating countries: Russia   | Craig Primmer craig.primmer@utu.fi                                    | £53,200  | Genetic techniques.  |

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| E20: Joint use of high-throughput SNP assay infrastructure in Atlantic salmon                                       | The key aims of the project include: I) A concerted effort to identify genomic regions that affect ecologically and economically important phenotypic traits in domesticated and wild Atlantic salmon; II)efficient joint utilization of a state-of-the-art Nordic genomics infrastructure to generate large-scale salmon SNP datasets; | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | New entry<br>2009-2010                                   | Norway and Finland  | Craig Primmer<br>craig.primmer@utu.fi                      | £50,000   | Genetic<br>analyses.  |
| Sweden  |   |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| E21: Long-term variation in population dynamics, life-history and exploitation of salmon stocks in monitored rivers | Estimate long-term variation of survival in different life-stages, life-history characteristics and growth of wild salmon in the River Åtran and its major tributary. Estimate sea survival, growth and exploitation for wild fish in the River Åtran and wild and reared fish in the rivers Lagan and Nissan.                          | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | Ongoing  | Rivers Åtran, Lagan and<br>Nissan   | Lars Karlsson<br>lars.karlsson<br>@fisheriverket.se        | £8,500  | Adult and smolt traps. Carlin tags.                           |
| ICELAND   |   |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| I1: Return rate of salmon in three index rivers in Iceland in relation to population size and environmental factors | Monitor status of, and trends in, salmon stocks in three index rivers.  | Long-term<br>monitoring                  | Ongoing for<br>the last 10<br>years and will<br>continue | Iceland and surrounding ocean  Collaborating countries: Through ICES  | Thorolfur Antonsson<br>thorolfur.antonsson@<br>veidimal.is | £96,000   | Traps,<br>tagging, scale<br>sampling,<br>electro-<br>fishing. |
| I2: Distribution and behavioural ecology of salmon at sea   | Investigate the temporal and spatial distribution of DST-tagged salmon at sea. Investigate diurnal depth distribution, growth in relation to environmental parameters and by-catch in pelagic fisheries.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | 2005-2013<br>(pre-phase in<br>2003 and<br>2004)          | Release sites: River Tungufljot and River Hafnara Salmon Ranching Station (smolts) and River Botnsa and River Skoga (recovered kelts). Study area: North Atlantic  Collaborating countries: Faroe Islands, Norway | Johannes Sturlaugsson<br>johannes@laxfiskar.is             | £37,500<br>(varying from<br>£25,000 -<br>£150,000 per<br>annum) | DSTs (Star-<br>Oddi).   |
| I3: Orientation and navigation of salmon at sea   | Investigate the orientation and navigation of salmon at sea during their homing migration through oceanic and coastal areas during their homing migration using compass DSTs.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea | 2006-2011  | Tagging site: River Hafnara Salmon Ranching Station Study site: Icelandic waters  Collaborating countries: Sweden   | Johannes Sturlaugsson<br>johannes@laxfiskar.is             | £36,000   | DSTs (Star-Oddi).   |

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| I4: Mapping genetic diversity of Icelandic Atlantic salmon   | Obtain baseline information on the genetic diversity of Icelandic Atlantic salmon.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | 2003-2009                                     | Iceland   | Sigurdur Gudjonsson<br>sigurdur.gudjonsson@<br>veidimal.is  | £30,000  | Genetic analysis.   |
| <b>15:</b> SALSEA-Irminger<br>Research on salmon<br>post-smolts in the<br>Irminger sea southwest<br>of Iceland                 | SALSEA-Irminger builds on other SALSEA-Merge projects. SALSEA-Irminger will sample adult salmon and post-smolts in the Irminger area, a very important area for salmon. The overall objective of SALSEA-Merge is, by merging ecological and genetic research, to advance understanding of stock specific migration and distribution patterns and overall ecology of the marine life of Atlantic salmon and gain insights in increases in marine mortality of the species. | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | New Entry<br>Summer 2009                      | SW-Iceland  | Sigurdur Gudjonsson<br>sg@veidimal.is,<br>Sigurdur Mar Einarsson<br>sigurdur.mar@veidimal.is                  | £200,000                                       | Pelagic<br>trawling   |
| NORWAY   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| N1: Significance of salmon lice for growth and survival of salmon in the sea   | Estimate the effects of salmon lice on post-smolt growth and survival, dependent on release site and time and year of release.  | Specific natural and anthropogenic factors          | 2006-2009<br>(Fish releases)                  | Western Norway, River<br>Dale, Matre Aquaculture<br>Station   | Ove Skilbrei<br>ove.skilbrei@imr.no   | £75,000  | Smolt trap,<br>tags, SLICE.   |
| N2: Marine survival,<br>growth and<br>exploitation of salmon<br>from the Rivers<br>Figgjo, Imsa,<br>Drammenselv and<br>Halselv | Estimate marine survival, marine growth and changes in marine exploitation of salmon from four rivers in Norway. Develop predictive models.   | Long-term<br>monitoring                             | Long-term<br>ongoing<br>monitoring<br>project | Rivers Figgjo, Imsa, Drammenselv and Halselv with tag recovery programme in fisheries along Norwegian coast and elsewhere | Lars Petter Hansen l.p.hansen@nina.no Nina Jonsson Nina.jonsson@nina.no Arne Johan Jensen Arne.jensen@nina.no | £134,000                                       | Fish traps, electrofishing.   |
| N3: Individual assignment of salmon caught in the ocean to region of origin  | Investigate genetic variation in Norwegian salmon populations on different spatial scales. Provide calibrated data from micro-satellite markers for a database. Analyse samples caught in the ocean and assign to country/region of origin.   | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | January 2006<br>– March 2009                  | Norway  Collaborating countries: Finland  | Oystein Skaala<br>oystein.skaala@imr.no<br>Vidar Wennevik<br>vidar.wennevik@imr.no                            | £107,000                                       | Electro-<br>fishing<br>equipment,<br>genetic<br>analysis.             |
| N4: Population-<br>limiting mechanisms<br>for Atlantic salmon<br>during early estuarine<br>and coastal migration<br>(SALPoP)   | Map migratory behaviour and quantity where, when and why mortalities occur; correlate data on migration and mortalities with health status and major population-limiting factors; develop improved mitigating actions and management strategies to contribute to sustainability of salmon populations.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | 2008 - 2012                                   | Eresfjord in Møre and<br>Romsdal, mid Norway<br><i>Collaborating countries:</i><br>Sweden, UK, Canada                     | Bengt Finstad<br>bengt.finstad@nina.no  | £209,800 in<br>2009                            | Acoustic<br>telemetry,<br>external tags,<br>fish health<br>screening. |
| N5: The<br>Hardangerfjord salmon<br>lice project   | Improve sea lice monitoring and management; evaluate success of sea lice management strategies; quantify the abundance and distribution of salmon lice in the Hardangerfjord area; analyse data sets for possible risk factors associated with varying lice infection pressure.   | Specific natural<br>and<br>anthropogenic<br>factors | 2007 - 2010                                   | Hardangerfjord on the Norwegian west coast  Collaborating countries: Canada, UK   | Bengt Finstad<br>bengt.finstad@nina.no  | £149,000 in<br>2009                            | Lice<br>monitoring,<br>models.  |

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| N6: Migratory<br>behaviour of smolts<br>and post-smolts of<br>cultured Atlantic<br>salmon   | Study the change in migratory behaviour from smolt during the post-smolt stages in cultured Atlantic salmon.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea. | New Entry<br>May 2008 –<br>January 2009  | Masfjorden, western<br>Norway   | Ove Skilbrei<br>ove.skilbrei@imr.no   | £80,000 in<br>2009   | Acoustic telemetry.  |
| RUSSIAN<br>FEDERATION   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |
| R1: Monitoring of the stock status, abundance assessment and provision of advice on the allowable level of harvest of Atlantic salmon | Estimate survival of juveniles and adult return rates; estimate natural and fishing mortality; study population dynamics; assess population sizes and spawning escapement and estimate allowable catch. | Long-term<br>monitoring                   | Annual<br>monitoring<br>programmes<br>(May to<br>October)  | Atlantic salmon rivers of<br>the Kola Peninsula,<br>Archangel Region and<br>Karelian Republic                               | Sergei Prusov<br>prusov@pinro.ru<br>Gennady Ustuzhinsky<br>gena@sevpinro.ru | £80,000  | Barrier fences,<br>nets, electro-<br>fishing, smolt<br>traps, external<br>tagging.   |
| USA   |   | <b>D</b> :                                | 2007 2010  | D 1 . D .   |   | 440,000  | T.T.   |
| U1: Penobscot hatchery versus wild smolt telemetry  | Evaluate migration timing and pathways in the Penobscot Estuary and Bay and estimate survival of migrating smolts and post-smolts.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea  | 2005-2010  | Penobscot Estuary Penobscot Bay  Collaboration Countries: Canada  | James Hawkes<br>James.Hawkes@noaa.gov                                       | £49,000<br>(public<br>funding)                             | Ultrasonic<br>tags and<br>receivers.<br>Small research<br>boats and<br>leased<br>commercial<br>vessels.                              |
| U2: Ultrasonic<br>telemetry of smolts<br>and post-smolts in the<br>Narraguagus River and<br>Narraguagus Bay                           | Evaluate migration timing and pathways in the lower Narraguagus River and Narraguagus Bay and estimate survival of migrating smolts and post-smolts.  | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea  | 2002-2009<br>(Fieldwork<br>April-June<br>2002-2005,<br>data analysis<br>and<br>publication<br>2005-2009) | Narraguagus River and<br>Narraguagus Bay (2002-<br>2005)<br>Gulf of Maine (2002-2004)<br>Collaborating countries:<br>Canada | James Hawkes James.Hawkes@noaa.gov  | £0 in 2009   | Ultrasonic<br>tags and<br>receivers.<br>Small research<br>boats and<br>leased<br>commercial<br>vessels.                              |
| U3: Comprehensive evaluation of marine survival of hatcherystocked smolts: migration behaviour and success of Dennys River smolts     | Evaluate migration speed and behaviour from lower river release sites through estuarine habitat; estimate survival of migrating smolts and identify areas where mortality may be occurring.             | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea  | April – June,<br>2001-2009<br>(Data analysis<br>and<br>publication<br>2005-2009)                         | Dennys River, Cobscook Bay, Gulf of Maine  Collaborating countries: Canada  | James Hawkes<br>James.Hawkes@noaa.gov                                       | £7,000<br>(public<br>funding)                              | Ultrasonic<br>tags and<br>receivers.<br>Electro-<br>fishing gear.<br>Small research<br>boats and<br>leased<br>commercial<br>vessels. |

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| U4: Comprehensive evaluation of marine survival of hatcherystocked smolts: Dennys River smolt stocking assessment                 | Evaluate smolt-to-adult survival rates based on temporal and spatial patterns of release; determine optimal stocking levels to achieve stock rebuilding objectives.  | Long-term<br>monitoring                             | May –<br>October, 2001-<br>2009   | Dennys River, Cobscook Bay, Gulf of Maine  Collaborating countries: Recovery of marked fish through NASCO West Greenland sampling programme | Greg Mackey<br>greg.mackey@maine.gov  | £14,000<br>(public<br>funding)                             | Elastomer<br>marks, rotary<br>smolt traps,<br>weir-based<br>smolt and<br>adult traps.     |
| U5: Evaluation of estuary and nearshore marine distributions of Atlantic salmon postsmolts in Penobscot Bay and the Gulf of Maine | Evaluate nearshore distribution and migration pathways of smolts and post-smolts; estimate the relative contribution of stocked hatchery smolts to overall post-smolt populations; evaluate the relative contribution of spatially and temporally distinct smolt releases on post-smolt populations; evaluate the physiological condition of post-smolts in marine environments. | Distribution/<br>migration in the<br>sea            | 2001-2009<br>Data analysis<br>from 2005                                       | Penobscot Bay, Gulf of<br>Maine   | Tim Sheehan<br>Tim.Sheehan@noaa.gov   | £20,000<br>(public<br>funding)                             | Post-smolt<br>trawl,<br>oceanographic<br>instruments,<br>commercial<br>trawlers.          |
| U6: Cormorant harassment in the Narraguagus River/Narraguagus Bay  FRANCE (in respect of St Pierre and Miquelon)                  | Reduce predation on migrating salmon smolts by excluding double-crested cormorants from the Lower Narraguagus River and Bay, and assess the efficiency of non-lethal predator exclusion as a means of reducing predation on migrating salmon smolts.   | Specific natural<br>and<br>anthropogenic<br>factors | 2005-2009<br>(Data analysis<br>and<br>publication<br>only in 2005-<br>2009)   | Lower Narraguagus River,<br>Estuary and Narraguagus<br>Bay, Maine   | James Hawkes<br>James.Hawkes@noaa.gov   | £7,000<br>(public<br>funding)                              | Shotguns with<br>firecracker<br>and screamer<br>shells, laser,<br>small boat,<br>cameras. |
| F1: St Pierre and<br>Miquelon Salmon<br>Fishery Sampling<br>Programme   | To improve the understanding of the biological characteristics and origin of salmon harvested in the fishery at St Pierre and Miquelon.  | Distribution/<br>Migration in the<br>sea            | New entry<br>Annually<br>during the<br>fishing season<br>(1 May – 31<br>July) | Around the islands of St<br>Pierre and Miquelon   | Daniel Briand,<br>brianspm@cancom.net<br>Jean-Claude Mahé,<br>Jean.claude.mahe@ifreme<br>r.fr | -  | Coastal<br>sampling   |

Note: Germany and the Netherlands had previously indicated that they do not carry out research on the marine phase of salmon. No information was provided by other EU Member States (Portugal and Spain) with salmon interests.

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

| Party  | Project Title and Details of Coordinating Scientist(s)  | Summary of Objectives  | Year removed                                |
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|        |   |  | from inventory                              |
| Canada | Marine migration and survival of post-smolt Atlantic salmon from Bay of Fundy rivers Coordinating scientist: Gilles L Lacroix LacroixG@dfo-mpo.gc.ca  | Provide knowledge about marine habitat (migration routes and feeding grounds) used by salmon post-smolts from Bay of Fundy rivers. Determine the location, timing and extent of salmon post-smolt mortality at sea. Investigate the causes and mechanisms of marine mortality of salmon post-smolts. Provide information to fuel the recovery programme for inner Bay of Fundy salmon stocks.                                    | 2003  |
| Canada | Distribution, health and condition of Atlantic salmon from Bay of Fundy rivers while at sea <i>Coordinating scientist:</i> Gilles L Lacroix LacroixG@dfo-mpo.gc.ca  | Provide knowledge about marine habitat and health of salmon post-smolts from Bay of Fundy rivers. Investigate the causes and mechanisms of marine mortality of salmon post-smolts. Provide information to fuel the recovery programme for inner Bay of Fundy salmon stocks.  | 2004  |
| Canada | Marine migration and survival of post-smolt Atlantic salmon from the Saint-Jean River (Gaspé)  Coordinating scientist:  Julian Dodson julian.dodson@bio.ulaval.ca  Francois Caron francois.caron2@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca | Provide knowledge of the marine habitat (migration routes and feeding grounds) used by salmon post-smolts from Bay of Gaspé rivers. Determine the location, timing and extent of salmon post-smolt mortality at sea. Investigate the causes and mechanisms of marine mortality of salmon post-smolts.  | Not previously included (completed in 2006) |
| Canada | Marine migration and survival of kelt Atlantic salmon from the Saint-Jean River (Gaspé)  Coordination scientist: Francois Caron francois.caron2@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca   | Provide knowledge of the marine habitat (migration routes and feeding grounds) used by salmon kelts from Bay of Gaspé rivers. Determine the location, timing and extent of kelt mortality at sea. Investigate the causes and mechanisms of marine mortality of salmon kelts.   | Not previously included (completed in 2007) |
| Canada | Tracking experimentally 'escaped' farmed salmon  Coordinating scientist: Fred Whoriskey asfres@nb.aibn.com  | Determine the course tracks and fates of sonically tagged farmed salmon released in winter and spring.   | 2006  |
| Canada | Atlantic salmon distribution and abundance at sea  Coordinating scientist:  David Reddin  reddind@dfo-mpo.gc.ca   | Determine salmon distribution and abundance at sea, particularly post-smolts in the Labrador Sea and Northern Grand Banks; collect biological and other data; investigate the relationship between salmon and their prey; investigate the relationship between oceanographic parameters and salmon abundance; tag and release salmon.  | 2006  |
| Canada | Integrated field and laboratory assessment of the effects of endocrine – disrupting substances on Atlantic salmon smolts.  Coordinating scientist:  Wayne Fairchild  Fairchildw@mar.dfo.mpo.gc.ca                 | Laboratory tests of the effects of endocrine-active substances in municipal, and industrial effluents; field tests of the effects of endocrine-active substances in municipal and industrial effluents; field tests on caged smolts near sites with potential for significant agriculture run-off; ocean field tests of link between exposure of smolts to endocrine - disrupting substances and subsequent lower adult returns. | 2008  |

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| Canada | Use of stable isotopes to assess long-term changes in marine trophic ecology of Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar)  Coordinating scientist:  J Brian Dempson dempsonb@dfo-mpo.gc.ca   | Assess trophic and dietary information through analysis of stable isotope signatures of carbon and nitrogen from previously compiled scale samples from various salmon stocks; compare isotopic signatures within and among stocks to various differences in feeding ecology in time and space; examine evidence of environmental influences on trends in isotopic signatures; examine linkings of stable isotope signatures with trends in abundance. | 2008           |
| Canada | Effective population size, gene flow and population structure of Atlantic salmon in Newfoundland and Labrador  Coordinating scientist: Daniel Ruzzante daniel.ruzzante@dal.ca  | Document population structure and connectivity (gene flow) among Newfoundland and Southern Labrador rivers. Test for temporal stability of the structure over the past 50 years.   | 2008           |
| Canada | River and extended estuary acoustic tracking of Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) kelts and bright salmon <i>Coordinating scientist:</i> Peter G. Amiro AmiroP@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca A Jamie F. Gibson GibsonAJF@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca                                   | <ol> <li>To track and document migratory behaviour of Atlantic salmon kelts as they leave the river for the open ocean and bright salmon at they return to rivers;</li> <li>To identify possible critical habitat sites utilized by kelts and bright salmon during their migration;</li> <li>To examine the mortality rates of kelts and bright salmon during migration.</li> </ol>  | 2009           |
| Canada | Integrated modelling of juvenile Atlantic salmon movement and physical habitat in fluvial and estuarine environments  Coordinating scientist:  Julian Dodson julian.dodson@bio.ulaval.ca   | Objectives: 1) to develop an innovative geomatic approach capable of relating the behaviour of smolts during their migration to the characteristics of the physical habitat in rivers and estuaries, 2) to apply this approach to the analysis of the migration of smolts through the estuaries of the St. Jean, Dartmouth and York rivers and down the Baie de Gaspé.   | 2009           |
| Canada | Estuary acoustic tracking of Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) smolts and kelts – Conne River, Little River, and Bay d'Espoir, Newfoundland Coordinating scientist:  J. Brian Dempson brian.dempson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca Keith Clarke keith.clarkek@dfo-mpo.gc.ca       | <ol> <li>To tag and track migratory behaviour of Atlantic salmon smolts and kelts as they leave the Conne River, Newfoundland;</li> <li>To determine the movements and migration patterns throughout the Bay d'Espoir fjord;</li> <li>To provide insight into the initial survival and residency of smolts and kelts migrating through the fjord.</li> </ol>   | 2009           |
| Canada | Spatio-temporal distribution of Atlantic salmon stocks and the impact of the West Greenland fishery.  Coordinating scientist: Louis Bernatchez (Supervisor; Université Laval); Tim King (Co-supervisor; US Geological Survey) louis.bernatchez@bio.ulaval.ca | Provide knowledge about the river origin of the salmon catch in the commercial fishery at West Greenland.  | 2009           |

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| Canada                    | Genetic population structure of Atlantic salmon in Eastern Canada and its implication for conservation.  Coordinating scientist:  Louis Bernatchez louis.bernatchez@bio.ulaval.ca  Mélanie Dionne melanie.dionne@giroq.ulaval.ca         | This project aims at elucidating the genetic population structure of Atlantic salmon from a small (river) to a large (Eastern Atlantic coast) spatial scale and at helping in proposing conservation units for the Canadian distribution range. Samples from 51 rivers in Quebec, New-Brunswick and Labrador have been obtained and their characteristics evaluated at 13 microsatellite loci. Further work is ongoing on the variability in major histo-compatability complexe genes and its association with exposure to pathogens. The project began in 2004 and was completed in 2008 as part of the PhD project of Mélanie Dionne (Université Laval, Québec). | 2009                    |
| European Union            | SALMODEL Concerted Action – A co-ordinated approach towards the development of a scientific basis for management of wild Atlantic salmon in the north-east Atlantic Coordinating scientist:  Walter Crozier walter.crozier@dardni.gov.uk | Improve our ability to set salmon conservation limits (CLs), addressing transportability and dynamic change issues, also taking into account underlying stock structure, and;  Examine methods of estimating pre-fishery abundance (PFA) for north-east Atlantic (NEAC) salmon stocks and to determine whether and how PFA estimates can be used to give catch advice.   | 2003                    |
| European Union  – Denmark | Estuarine migration of smolts in the Rivers Skjern Å (North Sea) and River Guden Å Coordinating scientist: Gorm Rasmussen gr@dfu.min.dk  | To assess the effect of restoration of habitat in the River Skjern Å on the smolt runs of salmon and sea trout, in particular with regard to predation by piscivorous birds. To investigate the migration of salmon smolts in the River Guden Å.   | Not previously included |
| European Union  – Denmark | Mortality of Atlantic salmon smolts during estuary migration  Coordinating scientist:  Anders Koed  ak@difres.dk  Kim Aarestrup  kaa@difres.dk   | Estimate mortality of salmon smolts during migration through estuaries and compare the return ratio of wild, stocked ½- and one-yearlings.   | 2009                    |
| European Union  – France  | Evolution of biological characteristics in Atlantic salmon from all the Armorican massif rivers (Brittany and Low-Normandy, France)  Coordinating scientist:  Jean-Luc Baglinière  Jean-Luc Bagliniere:rennes.inra.fr                    | Examine relationships between the cumulative effects of climate warming and other anthropogenic stresses and changes in biological features in populations in the Southern part of the European distribution range of the species.   | 2005                    |
| European Union  – Ireland | Assessment of the levels of the parasite <i>Lepeophtheirus salmonis</i> on Atlantic salmon post-smolts in salmon aquaculture bays along Ireland's western seaboard <i>Coordinating scientist:</i> Paddy Gargan paddy.gargan@cfb.ie       | Determine whether sea lice from marine salmon farms are a contributory factor in increased marine mortality of salmon post-smolts migrating from bays with salmon aquaculture. Gather information on salmon post-smolt migration patterns.   | 2003                    |

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| European Union  – Ireland                              | Oceanic factors influencing marine survival of Irish salmon stocks  Coordinating scientists:  Niall O'Maoileidigh  niall.omaoileidigh@marine.ie  Kevin Friedland  friedlandk@forwild.umass.edu   | Provide information on marine survival at various stages of ocean migration.  | 2006                        |
| European Union – Ireland                               | Sustainable management of interactions between aquaculture and wild salmonid fish (EU SUMBAWS project – Irish component of project only)  Coordinating scientist:  Paddy Gargan paddy.gargan@cfb.ie Niall O'Maoileidigh niall.omaoileidigh@marine.ie | To assess efficacy of prophylactic treatments for salmon smolts migrating through aquaculture bays.   | 2007                        |
| European Union<br>—Ireland                             | Early distribution and migration of Atlantic salmon smolts off the West of Ireland Coordinating scientist: Niall O'Maoileidigh niall.omaoileidigh@marine.ie  | Test new pelagic trawl in open waters off Irish coast; train and familiarise staff on the operation and development of the trawl for further surveys in 2008 and 2009; obtain samples of post-smolts for background and genetic analysis; relate run-timing, timing of migration, swimming speed, growth, etc to oceanographic parameters.                              | 2008                        |
| European Union<br>–Ireland                             | Migration of salmon in estuarine and coastal waters  Coordinating scientists:  Russell Poole, russell.poole@marine.ie  Deirdre Cotter  deirdre.cotter@marine.ie  Niall O'Maoileidigh  niall.omaoileidigh@marine.ie                                   | Investigate the timing, route of migration and aspects of the biology of migrating ranched salmon smolts in comparison to the native wild smolt migration.  | 2009                        |
| European Union<br>–Ireland                             | National Development Plan - National Genetic Stock Identification Project  Coordinating scientists:  Tom Cross t.cross@ucc.ie Paddy Gargan paddy.gargan@cfb.ie Philip McGinnity phil.mcginnity@marine.ie   | Identify and map discrete spawning areas within tributaries of Irish salmon rivers and collect juveniles for establishment of genetic baseline for mixed sample analysis. Undertake molecular genetic analysis of juvenile salmon tissue and adult scales to determine relative contributions of different baseline river populations within mixed samples.             | 2009                        |
| European Union  – United  Kingdom (England and  Wales) | Salmonid migration and climate change  Coordinating scientist:  Andrew Moore a.moore@cefas.co.uk   | Describe and model the environmental factors affecting the migration of salmonids and investigate the effects of climate change on salmonid migration and survival both in fresh water and the sea.   | 2005                        |
| European Union - United Kingdom (England and Wales)    | Impacts of agricultural contaminants on wild salmonids  Coordinating scientist:  Andrew Moore a.moore@cefas.co.uk  | Identify and describe the effects of environmental levels of agricultural pesticides on salmonid embryo survival, smolt emigration and marine survival and model their potential impacts at the population level. In addition, the role of pheromones in sea trout biology was investigated in order to predict the effects of water quality on sea trout reproduction. | 2005                        |

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| European Union | Impact of intensive in-river aquaculture on wild salmonids                                       | Describe the nature and extent of the impact of aquatic        | 2007           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | contaminants derived from intensive freshwater aquaculture     |                |
| Kingdom        | Andrew Moore   | (effluents, pesticides, antibiotics and hormones) on           |                |
| (England and   | a.moore@cefas.co.uk  | reproduction and migration of wild salmonids.                  |                |
| Wales)         |  |  |                |
| European Union | Modelling the bioenergetics of Atlantic salmon migration   | Model the energetic requirements of salmon during their        | 2007           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | marine migrations and predict the effects of environmental     |                |
| Kingdom        | Douglas Booker   | and oceanographic changes on smolt growth and survival.        |                |
| (England and   | dobo@ceh.ac.uk   |  |                |
| Wales)         |  |  |                |
| European Union | Cardiff Bay Fisheries Monitoring Programme   | Assess the impact of Cardiff Bay barrage on salmon stocks of   | 2008           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | the rivers Taff and Ely.                                       |                |
| Kingdom        | Peter Gough  |  |                |
| (England and   | peter.gough@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk  |  |                |
| Wales)         |  |  |                |
| European Union | Atlantic Salmon Arc Project, ASAP  | Define exploitation at sea on a regional basis using genetic   | 2009           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | tools. Create a long-term database for these studies and       |                |
| Kingdom        | Dylan Bright   | create an international management tool to inform decision-    |                |
| (England and   | dylan@wrt.org.uk   | making.  |                |
| Wales)         |  |  |                |
| European Union | Development of conservation limits, pre-fishery abundance and management of the Foyle salmon     | To build upon the existing Foyle salmon management             | 2009           |
| - United       | fishery  | system, to develop it into a precautionary catch advice        |                |
| Kingdom        | Coordinating scientist:  | framework that fully takes account of biological data on stock |                |
| (Northern      | Paddy Boylan   | abundance and which fulfils all the main requirements of the   |                |
| Ireland)       | p.boylan@loughs-agency.org   | Precautionary Approach.  |                |
| European Union | Testing and development of Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Bergen, Norway, salmon trawl gear | Test a prototype trawl developed by IMR, Bergen, Norway,       | 2006           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | which, rather than capturing post-smolts, records, by use of   |                |
| Kingdom        | Julian MacLean   | CCTV, their passage as they pass through an open-ended         |                |
| (Scotland)     | j.c.maclean@marlab.ac.uk   | trawl net. A supplementary objective, dependent on the         |                |
|                | Jens Christian Holst   | success of the gear trials, was to conduct a post-smolt survey |                |
|                | jens.christian.holst@imr.no  | at the shelf edge.   |                |
|                | Dick Shelton   |  |                |
| T              | freda.shelton@btopenworld.com  |  | 2000           |
| European Union | Protecting salmonid fisheries from seal damage   | Develop and apply new molecular tools for discriminating       | 2009           |
| - United       | Coordinating scientist:  | among species of fish in the diets of seals from their remains |                |
| Kingdom        | John Armstrong (Fishery Research Services)   | in scats. Test the possibility of using molecular tools to     |                |
| (Scotland      | j.armstrong@marlab.ac.uk   | quantify the occurrence of diet components.                    |                |
|                |  | Identify factors influencing the migration routes of salmon in |                |
|                |  | estuaries and relate to the presence of predators.             |                |
|                |  | Recommend strategies for the most effective deployment of      |                |
|                |  | methods for protecting salmonid stocks in inshore waters.      | 2004           |
| Iceland        | Migration of smolts through the estuary of the River Ellidaar, Iceland                           | Monitor the migratory behaviour of smolts.                     | 2004           |
|                | Coordinating scientist:  |  |                |
|                | Sigurdur Gudjonsson  |  |                |
|                | sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is  |  |                |

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| Iceland | Survival at sea of 1- and 2-sea-winter salmon in relation to oceanic conditions.  Coordinating scientist: Sigurdur Gudjonsson sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is   | Study changes in the ratio of 1SW:2SW salmon and in the annual number of salmon caught in rivers in south-west Iceland in relation to oceanic climate.  | 2006                        |
| Iceland | Variation in growth and return rates of Atlantic salmon from three Icelandic rivers  Coordinating scientist: Thorkell Heidarsson Thorkell@veidimal.is Thorolfur Antonsson thorolfur.antonsson@veidimal.is   | Increase knowledge of growth and environmental factors influencing return rates and life-history of different salmon stocks in Iceland.   | 2006                        |
| Iceland | Growth of Atlantic salmon in the River Hofsa, north-east Iceland, in relation to ocean and in-river conditions.  Coordinating scientist: Sigurdur Gudjonsson sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is Sigurdur Mar Einarsson sigurdur.mar@veidimal.is                            | Investigate the use of salmon growth, back-calculated from scale samples, in relation to ocean conditions and the size and age composition of the salmon run.   | 2007                        |
| Iceland | Tagging mortality and the time of recovery related to internal tagging of hatchery-reared salmon smolts with DST Micro tags (Star-Oddi).  Coordinating scientist: Ingi Runar Jonsson ingi.runar.jonsson@veidimal.is Sigurdur Gudjonsson sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is | Investigate the mortality and the time of recovery associated with different handling and tagging techniques with DST tags (dummy).   | 2009                        |
| Iceland | DST tagging of reared salmon smolts  Coordinating scientist: Sigurdur Gudjonsson sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is  | Record the seawater temperature and depth experienced by salmon from West Iceland during the first-year migration at sea.   | 2009                        |
| Iceland | Survival of salmon during the first and the second year at sea  Coordinating scientist: Sigurdur Gudjonsson sigurdur.gudjonsson@veidimal.is   | To evaluate the survival of salmon during the first and the second year at sea.   | 2009                        |
| Norway  | Identification of salmon by geochemical signatures; further development and testing of methods  Coordinating scientist:  Peder Fiske peder.fiske@nina.no  | <ul> <li>The main objectives of this project were to:         <ul> <li>test if geochemical signatures are stable from year to year</li> <li>test if geochemical signatures of salmon scale samples can be used to discriminate among fish from different rivers</li> <li>develop analytical procedures (otolith core sampling, chemical and statistical analyses) for application of this method in ecological studies on Atlantic salmon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 2003                        |

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| Norway | Development of models to predict marine survival and return of salmon to Norway  Coordinating scientist:  Lars Petter Hansen  l.p.hansen@nina.no  | Identify and examine feasibility of applying time series of marine environmental data, ecoplankton productivity, productivity of pelagic fish and salmon life-history information for model development. Develop appropriate models.   | from inventory 2006   |
| Norway | By-catch in pelagic fisheries as a population-regulating factor in wild salmon stocks<br>Coordinating scientist:  Jens Christian Holst jens.christian.holst@imr.no  | Investigate the extent of by-catch and develop management advice to reduce by-catch while maintaining catch rates in the mackerel fishery.   | 2006  |
| Norway | Sea lice as a population-regulating factor in Norwegian salmon: status, effects of measures taken and future management  Coordinating scientist:  Jens Christian Holst jens.christian.holst@imr.no                                  | Further clarify the effects of sea lice on wild salmon populations and propose measures to reduce sea lice infections in wild salmon and develop alternative measures in critically affected stocks.   | 2006  |
| Norway | Distribution of salmon in relation to environmental parameters and origin in the North Atlantic – capture, tagging and release of salmon with data storage tags (DSTs)  Coordinating scientist:  Marianne Holm marianne.holm@imr.no | Investigate the temporal and spatial distribution of DST-tagged salmon in the Norwegian Sea and adjacent areas, with emphasis on spatial distribution and temperature preferences; growth in relation to environmental parameters; and diurnal vertical distribution.                        | 2007  |
| Norway | Temporal variation in abundance of the northern-most populations of Atlantic salmon with emphasis on the River Tana  Coordinating scientist  Martin Svenning  martin.svenning@nina.no   | Examine the influence of ocean climate, predation, marine fisheries and smolt production on the abundance of salmon in the River Tana  | 2007  |
| Norway | The importance of early marine feeding on the growth and survival of Atlantic salmon post-smolts in Norwegian fjords.  *Coordinating scientist:* Bengt Finstad bengt.finstad@nina.no  | Analyse spatial variation in early marine post-smolt feeding and growth along a north-south geographical scale; investigate how post-smolt feeding and growth is associated with timing of smolt descent, marine prey availability, parasite infection, fjord migration and abiotic factors. | 2008  |
| Norway | Distribution and ecology of post-smolts and salmon at sea.  Coordinating scientist:  Marianne Holm  marianne.holm@imr.no  | Analyse age, growth and migratory paths in relation to environmental conditions and competitors so as to expand understanding of salmon marine life-history in order to explain observed variations in salmon survival.  | 2008  |
| Norway | Dispersal of salmon lice in Norwegian fjords  Coordinating scientist:  Karen Boxaspen karinb@imr.no   | Estimate and describe to what extent free-living salmon lice larvae disperse from wild and farmed sources within and between areas.  | 2008  |
| Norway | Experimental tagging programme for investigating the behaviour of escaped farmed salmon: pilot study  Coordinating scientist:  Lars Petter Hansen  l.p.hansen@nina.no   | Examine the migration of escaped large farmed salmon and test if they are transported with the currents and appear in Norwegian waters.  | Not previously included in the inventory but reported in 2008 |

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| Russian<br>Federation | Assessment of by-catch of post-smolts of Atlantic salmon in pelagic fisheries in the Norwegian Sea.  Coordinating scientist: Boris Prischepa pboris@pinro.ru Alexander Zubchenko zav@pinro.ru | Assess occurrence of post-smolts in catches by Russian vessels engaged in the pelagic fisheries for mackerel, blue whiting and herring.  | 2008                        |
| United States         | Forecasts of Atlantic salmon transoceanic migration: climate change scenarios and anadromy in the North Atlantic  Coordinating scientist:  Kevin Friedland  friedlandk@forwild.umas.edu       | Develop and evaluate marine migration models for Atlantic salmon from North America and Europe; evaluate the potential effects of climate change on migration patterns of Atlantic salmon. | 2005                        |
| United States         | Stable isotope composition of Atlantic salmon scales  Coordinating scientist:  Kevin Friedland  friedlandk@forwild.umas.edu   | Develop a retrospective time series of stable isotope ratios to evaluate feeding patterns over time.   | 2005                        |