



Agenda item 5.1
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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2018***

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The primary purposes of the Annual Progress Reports are to provide details of:

- any changes to the management regime for salmon and consequent changes to the Implementation Plan;
- actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year;
- significant changes to the status of stocks, and a report on catches; and
- actions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **no later than 28 March 2019**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region:	Spain (Galicia)

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan <i>(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).</i>
No changes
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
The Interreg Project MIGRAMIÑO-MINHO, with the participation of Spain and Portugal, started at the end of 2016 with the aim of improving the status of migratory fish populations of the international reach of river Miño and of their riverine habitat conditions and is still ongoing.

2: Stock status and catches.				
2.1 Provide a description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks and, if there has been any significant change in stock status since the development of the Implementation Plan, provide a brief (200 word max) summary of these changes.				
There was a big drought again in Galician rivers during 2018 which probably affected to the final catch. No other significant changes.				
2.2 Provide the following information on catches:(nominal catch equals reported quantity of salmon caught and retained in tonnes ‘round fresh weight’ (i.e. weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish) or ‘round fresh weight equivalent’).				
(a) provisional nominal catch 2018 (which may	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	0.291	0	0	0.291

be subject to revision) for 2017 (tonnes)				
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2017 (tonnes)	0.335	0.018	0	0.352
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2018 (tonnes)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2017	Maintaining the figures of previous years, at least 15% of the catch is released. As 68 salmon were retained in 2018, a minimum of 10 salmon were released in Galician rivers.			

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (Section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action F1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Setting of CLs should be completed at least for rivers Eo and Ulla, where information is more extensive. CLs should also be fixed for rivers Masma, Mandeo and Lérez, derived from information on the previous where necessary.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Development of a reliable management system to fix catch quota.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	
	Current Status of Action	Not started
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	No, there was no advance in this F1 Action.
	Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)
Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)		Reinforcement of the population in the main river and its tributaries.
Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)		The 2016-2019 MIGRA MIÑO-MINHO project includes actions on connectivity, mitigation of human impacts or reinforcement of populations that will be evaluated. After some discussion it was agreed to share some common fishing rules in 2019 (open season data, length limits...)
Current Status of Action		Ongoing
If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?		

Action F3:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Development and implementation of specific fishing rules, criteria or management strategies for sea-trout and trout in salmon rivers.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Minimizing adverse effects on populations and unreported catch.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	A ban of natural baits for trout or sea trout was rejected again this year by fishermen in waters other than “salmon waters”. It was easier to declare some sea trout stretches as “C&R waters” than to change this!
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If ‘Completed’, has the Action achieved its objective?	No, there was no real advance in this F3 Action.
Action F4:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Development of a Conservation/Restoration Plan for salmon rivers in the A Coruña province
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Reinforcement of the populations of rivers Mandeo, Xubia and Mera; recolonization of rivers Sor, Anllóns and Eume.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	In 2018 summer electrofishing surveys no salmon parr was detected in the Sor river whilst a few 0+ and 1+ parr were found in the Anllóns river, an evidence of natural spawning in this river. Most of this parr were located upstream of a hydropower dam with serious problems for upstream and downstream migration.
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If ‘Completed’, has the Action achieved its objective?	No. It is very unlikely to restore the population in these rivers without further reinforcement and without connectivity measures in the Anllóns.

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan).

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Action H1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Criteria for management of riparian vegetation outside of RN 2000 will be developed. In RN 2000 guidelines have been already developed, but implementation is needed. Development of a cover index.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Maintenance of an adequate cover may contribute to attenuate summer temperatures.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	
	Current Status of Action	Not started
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	No, there was no advance after this H1 action.

Action H2:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Following the implementation of the WFD there are several programmes ongoing aimed to the subject.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	“Good ecological status” for all water bodies is a general objective under the WFD. An improvement in water quality is expected.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	Anllóns, Xubia and Miño rivers, among main salmon rivers, just achieved the “moderate status” in last WFD report, and some tributaries did fell in the “bad status” category. There’s was no new reporting in 2018.
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	There is no evidence of improvement, but no reporting is available.
Action H3:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Implementation of compensation flows is ongoing under the guidelines of river basin management plans.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Recovery of some reaches that presently are under very reduced flows or completely dry.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	There’s no reporting on the implementation of compensation flows, as defined in the River Basin Plans 2015-2021.
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	There is no evidence of improvement, but no reporting is available.
Action H4:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Removal of obstacles. Construction of fishways. Improvement of accessibility.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Access to upper reaches
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	No advances from the last reporting.
	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	Removal of obstacles in river Eo drove to higher densities of parr in upper reaches.

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (Section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan).

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Action A1:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Progress on Action to Date	

	<i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention	
4.1	Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.
4.2	Details of any new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration and other management measures.
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
4.4	Details of any new actions to invite the attention of States not Party to the Convention to matters relating to the activities of its vessels which could adversely affect salmon stocks subject to the Convention.
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.