



Agenda Item 8.1  
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***Annual Report  
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans***

***EU - Denmark***



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### **Annual Report on actions taken under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2012**

The Guidelines for the Preparation of Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, NSTF(06)10, indicate that the primary purpose of the annual reports is to provide a summary of all the actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year. In addition, details of any significant changes to the status of stocks, new factors affecting stocks, any changes to the management regime in place, and any changes to the Implementation Plan should be included in the report. Details of actions taken in accordance with Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention are also needed by the Council. **Please provide the following information to the Secretariat by 5 April 2013**

#### **Section 1: Details of any significant changes to the management outlined in the introduction to the Implementation Plan.**

**No significant changes**

#### **Section 2: A description of any significant changes in the status of stocks and information on catches. The Council has asked that the following information on catches be provided:**

- (a) the provisional catch of salmon in tonnes for 2012;**
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2011;**
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2012;**
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2012.**

- a) 12.186 tonnes – 1,688 salmon in recreational fisheries in rivers (average weight 7.2kg); 0.036 tonnes commercial catch (Kattegat, Skagerrak and North Sea)**
- b) 12.78 tonnes – 1,772 salmon in recreational fisheries in rivers (average weight 7.2kg); 0.02 tonnes commercial catch (Kattegat, Skagerrak and North Sea)**
- c) About 6 tonnes; commercial (pound nets) + recreational (gill nets); estimated in the Randers Fjord**
- d) Total catch: 3,903 of which 1,688 are landed and 2,215 are released back to rivers.**

**Section 3: A description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks.**

No significant changes

**Section 4: An account of all actions taken under the Implementation Plan with regard to the management of salmon fisheries; habitat protection and restoration; aquaculture and related activities; and other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including the marine environment).**

Management Action	Reporting Update	Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed)
<b>Fisheries Management</b>		
Sport Fishing	New regulations concerning the sport fishery in 8 rivers to the North Sea have been negotiated with the sport fishery organizations (i.e. closed season, number of salmon taken and sizes and types of gears) to be implemented in year 2012	River fishery starts 16 <sup>th</sup> April and is closed latest 15 <sup>th</sup> October The quota for each river is divided in 50 % less or equal to 75 cm total length and 50 % above 75 cm Natural bait except egg and shrimps is allowed Only none barbed hooks are allowed Ethic rules concerning the fishery are adopted The quota for the rivers are: Storå: 170 salmon Skjern Å: 400 salmon Varde Å: 160 salmon Sneum Å: 80 salmon Konge Å: 50 salmon Ribe Å: 100 salmon Brede Å: 60 salmon Vidå: 50 salmon Gudenå: no quota

<b>Spawning areas</b>		<b>No activity in 2012</b>
<b>Spawning run</b>	<b>The spawning run in the Varde Å river and Ribe Å river was estimated (PIT-tagging and electrofishing) in 2012 and was estimated to about 1007 salmon (<math>\pm 190</math>; 95 % CL) with a total length 51-125 cm and about 972 salmon (<math>\pm 263</math>; 95 % CL) with a total length 52-115 cm, respectively.</b>	<b>On-going (i.e. the activity is an on-going activity in the coming years for the rivers: Storå, Skjern Å, Varde Å and Ribe Å)</b>
<b>Habitat Protection and Restoration</b>		
<b>River restoration</b>	<b>Several rainbow trout hatcheries in rivers going to the North Sea have been removed; other obstacles have been removed or by-passes been established</b>	<b>On-going (i.e. the activity is an on-going activity in the coming years)</b>
<b>Aquaculture and related activities</b>		
<b>Stocking</b>	<b>Half- and one yearlings and smolt (F1 generation) are produced at two non-commercial hatcheries for stocking in rivers to the North Sea and the Kattegat</b>	<b>On-going (i.e. the activity is an on-going activity in the coming years)</b>
<b>Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)</b>		
<b>Management Action</b>		<b>Since some years salmon are protected against commercial and recreational fisheries during spawning migration in the Nissum and Ringkøbing fjords going to the North Sea</b>

**Section 5: Details of any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan.**

**No changes**

**Section 6: Information on the number of salmon that escaped from salmon farms (both freshwater and marine facilities) in 2012. The Council has asked that information be provided on the number of farmed salmon reported to have escaped from salmon farms together with an estimate, if available, of the number of escaped farmed salmon that was unreported.**

**There are only two hatcheries that produce salmon for stockings in rivers; there are no other facilities in Denmark**