



Agenda Item 6.1  
For Information

**Council**

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*Annual Progress Report  
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2013*

*EU – Spain (Galicia)*



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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 **by 1 April 2014**.

<b>Party:</b>	<i>European Union</i>
<b>Jurisdiction/Region:</b>	<i>Spain – Xunta de Galicia</i>

#### **1: Changes to the Implementation Plan**

##### **1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan and, where appropriate, provide a revised plan.**

*No revision is proposed for the IP.*

##### **1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.**

*A new management plan for sport fisheries in river Ulla is under development. This plan intends to reorganize fishing pressure in the river and to promote catch & release fishing for salmon.*

*Restoration of populations in rivers from A Coruña has already begun, with the stocking of rivers Anllóns and Sor, which lost their populations in the 1950's and in the 1980's respectively.*

#### **2: Stock status and catches.**

##### **2.1 Provide a description of any significant changes in the status of stocks relative to the reference points described in the Implementation Plan and of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks.**

*No significant changes have been detected.*

<b>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').</b>				
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2013 (tonnes)	In-River	Estuarine	Coastal	TOTAL
	<i>0,984</i>	<i>0,017</i>	-	<i>1,001</i>
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2012 (tonnes)	<i>0,716</i>	<i>0,106</i>	-	<i>0,822</i>
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2013 (tonnes)	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2013.	<i>Unknown</i>			

\* Catch includes that from river Eo (0,673 tonnes), which might be included too in asturian report.

<b>3: Implementation Plan Actions.</b>		
<b>3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan)</b>		
<b>Action F1:</b>	Description of action:	<i>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.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Development of a reliable management system to fix catch quota.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Data from fish counters/traps and catch records. Summer parr densities derived from electrofishing.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>Not started yet.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>

<b>Action F2:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Cooperation with the central government of Spain in the development of fishing rules and research on the salmon population of river Miño.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Reinforcement of the population in the main river and its tributaries.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Catch records and data from traps in the main river and tributaries. Evolution of parr densities in tributaries.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>Not started yet.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>
<b>Action F3:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Development and implementation of specific fishing rules, criteria or management strategies for sea-trout and trout in salmon rivers.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Minimizing adverse effects on populations and unreported catch.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Improvement of salmon population status.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>New reaches of rivers Mera, Anllóns and Sor have been declared “salmon areas”. This supposes a higher protection for parr, as natural baits are banned in these kind of areas.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>
<b>Action F4:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Development of a Conservation/Restoration Plan for salmon rivers in the A Coruña province</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Reinforcement of the populations of rivers Mandeo and Xubia; recolonization of rivers Sor and Anllóns.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Adult controls in fish traps or counters; summer electrofishing for parr.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>The “Plan” document is nearly finished. Stocking of rivers Anllóns and Sor has already begun.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>

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

<b>Action H1:</b>	Description of action:	<i>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.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Maintenance of an adequate cover may contribute to attenuate summer temperatures.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Cover index.</i>

	Ongoing/completed	<i>Not started yet.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>
<b>Action H2:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Following the implementation of the WFD there are several programmes ongoing aimed to the subject.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>“Good ecological status” for all water bodies is a general objective under the WFD. An improvement in water quality is expected.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Not evaluated yet.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>Ongoing.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>
<b>Action H3:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Implementation of compensation flows is ongoing under the guidelines of river basin management plans.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Recovery of some reaches that presently are under very reduced flows or completely dry.</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>The guidelines document is still under discussion.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>Ongoing.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>
<b>Action H4:</b>	Description of action:	<i>Removal of obstacles. Construction of fishways. Improvement of accessibility.</i>
	Expected outcome:	<i>Access to upper reaches</i>
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	<i>Three dams have been removed in 2013 in the upper Eo river, now accessible up to its uppermost historical limit. A Plan for the demolition of other seven dams in the lower Ulla basin (related to the Margal-Ulla LIFE project) is under development.</i>
	Ongoing/completed	<i>Ongoing.</i>
	Achieved objective?	<i>No.</i>

<b>3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan)</b>		
<b>Action A1:</b>	Description of action:	
	Expected outcome:	
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results::	
	Ongoing/completed	
	Achieved objective?	
<b>Action A2:</b>	Description of action:	
	Expected outcome:	
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	

	Ongoing/completed	
	Achieved objective?	
<b>Action A3:</b>	Description of action:	
	Expected outcome:	
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	
	Ongoing/completed	
	Achieved objective?	
<b>Action A4:</b>	Description of action:	
	Expected outcome:	
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	
	Ongoing/completed	
	Achieved 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.

*Anything relevant.*

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.

*No new commitments.*

4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.

*No new actions.*

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.

*No new actions.*

4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.

*No actions.*