



Agenda Item 6.1
For Information

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

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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**.

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

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan and, where appropriate, provide a revised plan.
None
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
None

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.
None

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’).				
	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2013 (tonnes)	0.417	N/A	N/A	0.417
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2012 (tonnes)	0.483	N/A	N/A	0.483
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2013 (tonnes)	0	N/A	N/A	0
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2013.	0	N/A	N/A	0

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)

Action F1:	Description of Action:	Reducing over-exploitation of MSW in rivers through restrictions on landing large fish.
	Expected Outcome:	Increased egg deposition and MSW survival.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Annual assessments of current status of stocks relative to 1SW/MSW ratio. Monitoring annual catch data.
	Ongoing/completed:	Monitoring annual catch data in ongoing
	Achieved objective?	No
Action F2:	Description of Action:	Joint promotion, with stakeholders, of catch and release in rod fisheries.
	Expected Outcome:	Increased uptake of catch and release in rod fisheries.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Changes in levels of C&R will be reviewed following the campaigns that will be carried out.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action’s don’t begin
	Achieved objective?	No
Action F3:	Description of Action:	Establishing Conservation Limits and management targets from all salmon stocks.
	Expected Outcome:	Data on the current status of salmon stocks. Conservation limits for all salmon stocks.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Monitor the current status of stocks relative to the reference points established. Parr surveys, catch statistics & exploitation in rivers.
	Ongoing/completed:	Parr and juvenile surveys are ongoing
	Achieved objective?	No

Action F4:	Description of Action:	Establishing in-river exploitation levels, through tagging/returns & catch and effort statistics.
	Expected Outcome:	Catch & effort statistics for Cantabrian rivers.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Annual assessments of current status of stocks. Monitoring annual catch data.
	Ongoing/completed:	Monitoring annual catch data in ongoing
	Achieved objective?	No
Action F5:	Description of Action:	Running monitoring in index river (smolt & spawner census, tagging of smolt, electrofishing).
	Expected Outcome:	Stock-recruitment data, sea survival, run-timing, diversity of stock, age at smolting, age in the sea.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Annual report on status of salmon stocks and fisheries.
	Ongoing/completed:	Parr and juvenile surveys are ongoing
	Achieved objective?	No

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan)		
Action H1:	Description of Action:	Improve fish passage by removing dams, installing fishways, removing culverts and upgrading road-stream crossings.
	Expected Outcome:	Enhanced connectivity between freshwater habitats and the Cantabrian Sea
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Enumerate the number of habitat area units and/or stream kilometres made accessible.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action's don't begin
	Achieved objective?	No
Action H2:	Description of Action:	Undertaking further research on impacts of hydropower (including cumulative effects) and taking account of best scientific advice to maintain and where possible to improve fish passage and implementing new regulations enhancing powers to require fish passage.
	Expected Outcome:	Improvements to fish movement allowing greater access throughout rivers and to obtain better understanding of the potential impacts of hydropower.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Number of hydropower facilities have been made permeable.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action's don't begin
	Achieved objective?	No
Action H3:	Description of Action:	Provision of appropriate river flows by implementing sustainable abstraction programmes.
	Expected Outcome:	Water bodies do not deteriorate from their current status and provision of flows to support <i>Good Ecological Status</i> of river habitat.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Periodical assessments of <i>Good Ecological Status</i> , as well as Natura 2000 site condition. Where appropriate

		monitored rivers will be utilised for detailed assessment/ understanding of the effects of environmental changes on the production and survival of salmon in freshwater.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action's don't begin
	Achieved objective?	No
Action H4:	Description of Action:	Taking an integrated catchment management approach to reduce the impact of land use, through implementing the SACs Management Plans.
	Expected Outcome:	Improvements to land management practices and more water bodies meeting <i>Good Ecological Status</i> , as well as Natura 2000 Protected Area objectives.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Periodical assessments of <i>Good Ecological Status</i> , as well as Natura 2000 site condition. Where appropriate monitored rivers will be utilised for detailed assessment/ understanding of the effects of environmental changes on the production and survival of salmon in freshwater.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action's don't begin
	Achieved objective?	No

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

Action A1:	Description of Action:	Regulate salmonid stocking in Cantabrian rivers by implementing and enforcing existing and proposed new stocking programme. The scheme will include limiting stock levels and preserving the genetic integrity of stocked fish. Out of catchment introductions of fish will be forbidden. Ongoing review of evidence about impacts of stocking will be used to update the stocking guidance and procedures underpinning existing and proposed new regulations.
	Expected Outcome:	Stocking operations are more focused, appropriate and lower risk leading to protected genetic integrity and reduced risks from inadvertent introduction of diseases, non-native invasive species, etc.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Periodic review and quality assurance of stocking programmes.
	Ongoing/completed:	Action's don't begin
	Achieved objective?	No

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.
	None
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.
	None
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
	N/A
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.
	N/A
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.
	N/A