



Agenda Item 6.1  
For Information

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*Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) - Greenland*



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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>	<b>Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)</b>
<b>Jurisdiction/Region:</b>	<b>Greenland</b>

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

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

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

**The new Government of Greenland Executive Order on Salmon Fisheries have improved the reporting, the Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority (GFLK) now receives more, better and improved information on the Greenlandic salmon fishery.**

#### **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.**

**The status of the Kapisillit River is unknown. The ICES advice on stock status for 2014 will not be available until May 2014 but the Framework of Indicators does not show that there has been a significant change in the indicators used.**

Recent investigations (2011 and 2012) have revealed the existence of several year-classes of smolts in the Kapisillit river, and the stock persists (unpublished). Current quantity is 1 river (Kapisillit). The genetic investigations of the local Greenlandic stock is awaiting publication.

**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)				47 tonnes (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus, only provide total catch)
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2012 (tonnes)				33 tonnes (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus, only provide total catch)
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2013 (tonnes)				10 tonnes
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2013.	There is no catch and release in Greenland.			

**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)**

<b>Action F1:</b>	Description of Action:	Evaluation of the reporting system implemented in 2012 through the new Government of Greenland Executive Order on Salmon Fisheries.
	Expected Outcome:	Improved reporting and data.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Effort data; number net, number of hours and net type used is now included in the catch reporting. So far the data has improved, however the evaluation is still ongoing.
	Ongoing/completed:	Ongoing. Planned timescale 2015.
	Achieved objective?	The evaluation has shown an improvement in data, however, it takes time to distribute a new reporting

		schedule and not least get the fishermen to fill it out correctly. Thus, the evaluation will continue till 2015 as planned in order to ensure as nuanced evaluation as possible.
<b>Action F2:</b>	Description of Action:	In July 2012 a quota for landings to fish factories in the internal-use only fishery was set. Review and revise as necessary the quota.
	Expected Outcome:	Improved control of the harvest/fishery.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	The quota for landings to fish factories has not yet been fully utilized.
	Ongoing/completed:	Ongoing. The Government of Greenland reviews the catches and biological data every year before determining a quota.
	Achieved objective?	

### **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:	A protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and entire river area is currently undergoing a hearing process.
	Expected Outcome:	Protection of the entire river area including adjacent estuarine area from anthropogenic effects (pollution, development agriculture and gillnetting) and specifying rules of public access (including fishery).
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	
	Ongoing/completed:	The Ministry of Environment and Nature is currently finishing a draft executive order on the protection, that will be sent in hearing during 2014. Furthermore, the salmon from Kapisillit will with great certainty be elected for the network project: "Strategy for the protection of the biodiversity in Greenland".
	Achieved objective?	

### **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>Action A1:</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.

**No laws, regulations or programmes has 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.

**No changes since the last notification.**

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

**Greenland has no fishery 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.

**No foreign states fish salmon in Greenlandic waters.**

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

The Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture is currently in a process of updating the regulatory measures. The plan is to revise the reporting from the wildlife officers and to make the restrictions more tight.