



Agenda Item 5.1
For Information

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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2014***

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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 2015**.

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 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.
Re-organization of sport-fisheries in river Ulla was completed. Stocking of rivers Sor and Anllóns (A Coruña province) continued during 2014. First returning fish are expected during 2015.

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.				
No significant changes have been detected.				
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 (which may be subject to revision) for 2014 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	0,586	0,012		0,598
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2013 (tonnes)	0,942	0,017		0,959
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2014 (tonnes)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2014.	Unknown			

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).		
<i>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.</i>		
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, Mando 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 (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. ‘Not started’; ‘Ongoing’; ‘Completed’):	Not started
	If ‘Completed’, has the Action achieved its objective?	

Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	Cooperation with the central government of Spain in the development of fishing rules and research on the salmon population of river Miño.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Reinforcement of the population in the main river and its tributaries.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Not started
	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 (see note above):	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.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	No
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 Mera, Mandeo and Xubia; recolonization of rivers Eume, Sor and Anllóns.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	The "Plan" document is nearly finished. Stocking of rivers Anllóns and Sor has already begun with fish of nearby-rivers origin.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan). <i>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.</i>		
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 (<i>see note above</i>):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Not started
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
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>see note above</i>):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
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>see note above</i>):	The guidelines document is still under discussion.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
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>see note above</i>):	Three dams were removed in 2013 in the upper Eo river, now accessible up to its uppermost historical limit. Demolition of seven dams in the lower Ulla basin (related to the Margal-Ulla LIFE project) will begin next year.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its 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).

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Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	
	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.

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.