



Agenda item 6.3
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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2016***

***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 **no later than 24 March 2017**.

Party:	Denmark
Jurisdiction/Region:	Greenland

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan

1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan

(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).

No changes proposed in 2016.

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

In 2016, a parr and smolt monitoring program of the kapisillit river was initiated. Electrofishing and mark recapture experiments in the river indicated that the number of parr is smaller than similar investigations performed in 1959. 2016 parr concentration in river sections 1-4 ranged between 0.25-1.01 parr/m² resulting in a total fry and parr estimate of 56314 (34435 fry, 8608 age1⁺ and 13261 age2⁺-5⁺ parr). The experiments indicate that the kapisillit river stock is thriving.

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.

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 2016 (tonnes)	Unknown(0-1)		West 25.7 and East 1.5	27.1 (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus only provide a total catch.)
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2015 (tonnes)				58.4 (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus only provide a total catch.)
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2016 (tonnes)			Licensed segment – 4.25 Private segment - unknown	10 estimate by the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2016	0 % (Greenland does not have any records of catch and release fishery.)			

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).

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.

Action F1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Increased control and information effort by hunting officers.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Improved reporting and data, knowledge about regulations and decreased non-reported catches.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	Since 2015 the hunting officers from the Greenland fisheries license control authority has increased their activities related to salmon. Activities has involved meetings with fishermen and the public in cities/towns and settlements, patrolling the known salmon fishery

		sites, conducting direct control of fishermen in situ , removal of gillnets that were not in accordance with regulations.
	Current Status of Action	Completed for Current Year
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	It is the sense that progress is being made.
Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Since 2014 a subset of licensed fishermen (20-30% yearly) has been subject to a phone survey conducted by the Greenland fisheries control authority and the Greenland institute of natural resources.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Improved knowledge about unreported catch.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	A phone survey on the 2016 season was conducted in 2017. The survey managed to interview 49 of the 263 licensed fishermen.
	Current Status of Action	Completed for Current Year
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	In 2016 the estimated non-reported catch decreased to 4.25t from 5.0t in 2015 and 20 t in 2014.

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

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Action H1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	A protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and entire river area is currently undergoing a hearing process.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	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).
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	No progress. The protection plan is still not implemented and the process seems to have stopped. There is currently no legal protection of the Kapisillit river salmon stock. However, the river and surrounding area is largely untouched with an insignificant water intake for the nearby settlement, and hiking trails being the only domestic disturbance besides recreational fishery and gillnetting in the nearby estuary.
	Current Status of Action	Not started
	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).

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.

Action A1:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	There is currently no aquaculture in Greenland. There are no initiatives against introduction and transfer of transgenics, parasites viruses or likewise besides normal regulations for other organisms.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	
	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.

No new items

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.

Latest changes to regulations took place in 2015.

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

Fishery targeting salmon beyond 12 nm is already prohibited / illegal by law in Greenland.

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.

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