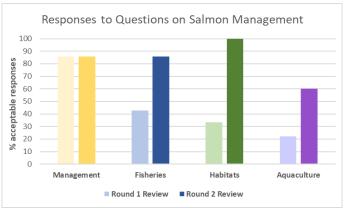
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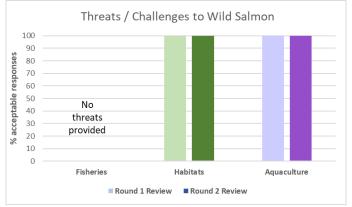
Evaluation of the Revised Implementation Plan under the Third Reporting Cycle (2019 - 2024) from the Review Group to EU-Denmark

The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision.

The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group's evaluation of EU – Denmark's Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked about the status of their stocks and their approach to their conservation of wild salmon.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked to identify their threats and / or challenges to the conservation of wild salmon.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked to provide clear (SMART) actions addressing the identified threats / challenges to the conservation of wild salmon.

It is apparent that while some improvements have been made between evaluations in EU – Denmark's Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management, no threats and challenges or actions have been provided.

The Review Group noted improvements made in EU – Denmark's Implementation Plan in the area of Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. However, no actions were considered to be acceptable.

The revised Implementation Plan has provided improved responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics. However, further work is necessary to provide acceptable SMART actions to address the threats identified; no actions were considered to be acceptable in this area.

The Review Group considered that the threats and / or challenges to the management of wild Atlantic salmon identified under each theme are all now related clearly to NASCO's Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines.

The RG considered the response to question 1.5 to provide a very comprehensive description of the current and potential future habitat.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. No mandatory actions are applicable to EU – Denmark.

The Review Group recognised the excellent work done in EU – Denmark to restore its salmon populations; this has been achieved through remarkable sustained successful conservation efforts. The Review Group considered that the NASCO Parties / jurisdictions would benefit from increased Danish engagement in the provision of insight into the success story that is the restoration of Danish salmon stocks. The Review Group concluded that more engagement with NASCO in relation to its Guidelines and Resolutions would support the refinement and improvement of EU – Denmark's Implementation Plan.

Parties to NASCO have committed to the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon. Implementation Plans set out their planned actions and are reviewed by an expert Review Group. Reporting is carried out annually on these Plans (see www.nasco.int).

*Full acceptability means that the Implementation Plan meets the criteria set out by the Council of NASCO in its Guidelines for the Preparation and Evaluation of NASCO Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, CNL(18)49.