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Please complete the relevant sections and return to the Secretary by 7 April 2008. This request refers to the calendar year ending 31 December 2007. A response is requested even if there have been no changes.

Section 1: Changes to the Management Regime detailed in the Introduction to the Implementation Plan

- 1.1 Have there been any significant changes to the management regime outlined in the introduction to the Implementation Plan?

YES		NO	X	<i>If “yes” please give details</i>

Section 2: Changes in Stock Status and Information on Catch Statistics, Unreported Catches and Catch and Release

- 2.1 Have there been any significant changes to the status of stocks as described in the Implementation Plan?

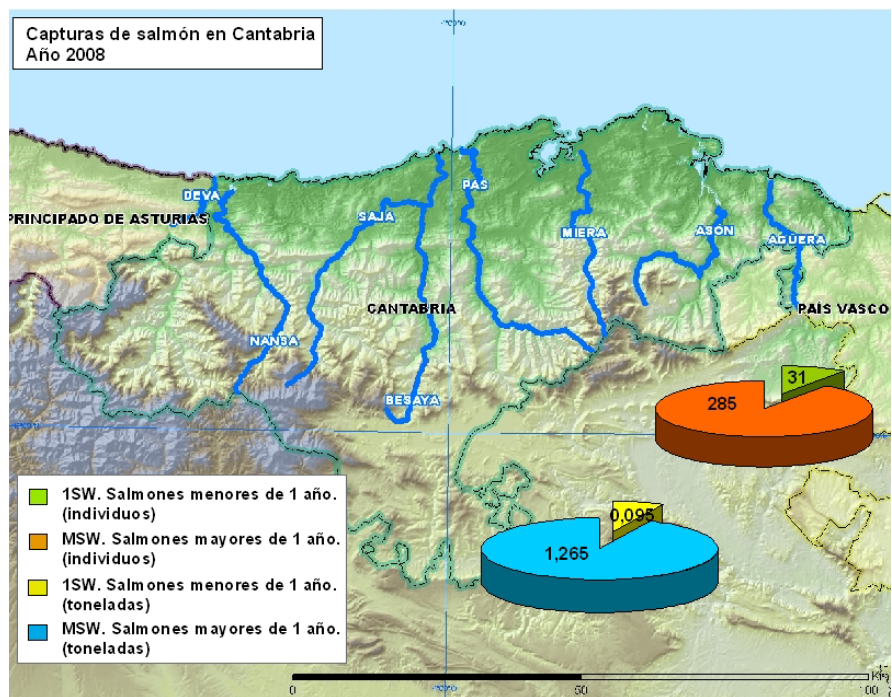
YES		NO	X	<i>If “yes” please give details</i>

- 2.2 What was the provisional catch of Atlantic salmon for the calendar year 2007 (in tonnes round fresh weight or round fresh weight equivalent) and, if available, numbers and weight of salmon caught according to sea-age?

CANTABRIA

Cantabrian rod & line fishery only.

<u>Sea Age</u>	<u>Nº</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1SW	31	0,095 T
MSW	285	1,265 T
TOTAL	316	1,360 T

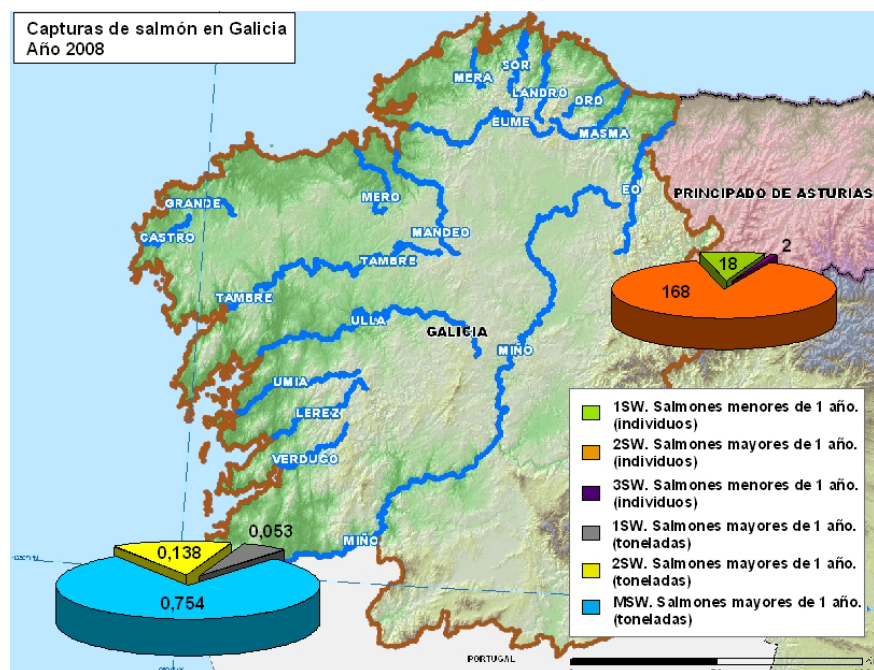


GIPUZKOA

There is no Atlantic salmon catch or fishery in Gipuzkoa.

GALICIA

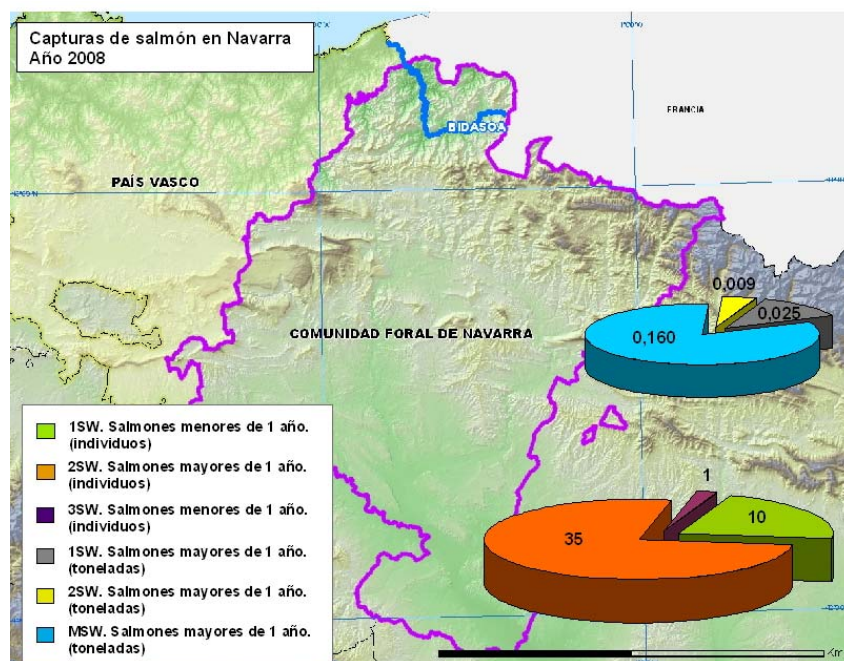
Sea Age	Nº	Weight
1SW	2	0,053 T
2SW	168	0,754 T
3SW	18	0,138 T
TOTAL	188	0,912 T



NAVARRA

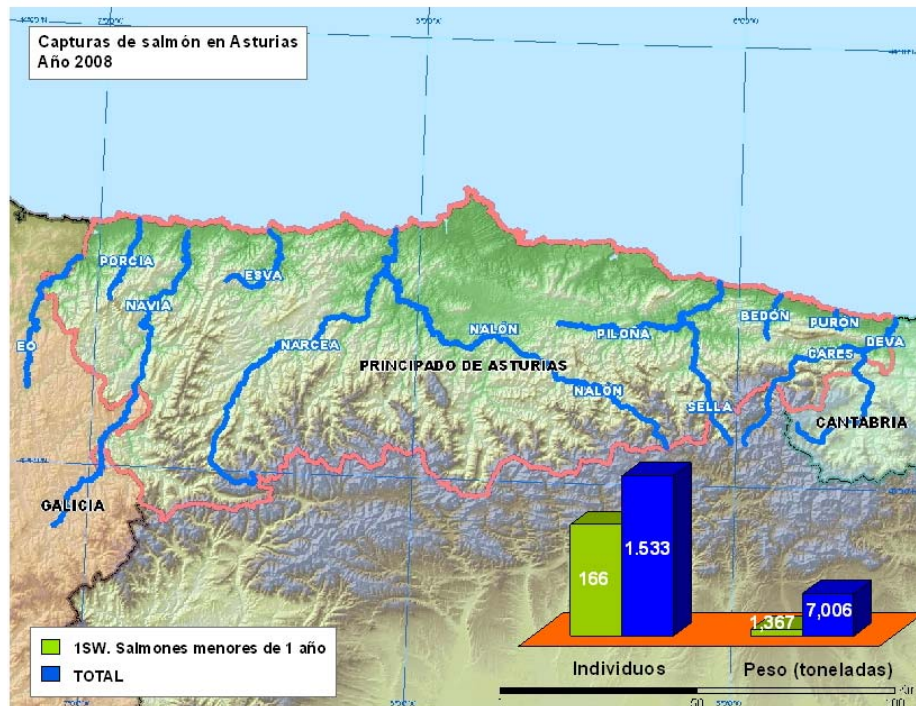
Navarra:

<u>Sea Age</u>	<u>Nº</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1SW	10	0,025 T
2SW	35	0,160 T
3SW	1	0,009 T
TOTAL	46	0,194 T



ASTURIAS

SALMON CATCHS STATISTICS IN SPAIN (ASTURIAS).			
Year	2006	2007	2008
Total Catch Asturias	2.214	1.949	1.533
Total weigth Asturias	10.074	8.507	7.006
Asturias 1SW-number	335	520	166
Asturias 1SW-weight	879	1.365	1.367
INCIDENCE (%) OF SALMON OF DIFFERENT SEA AGE IN ASTURIAN CATCHES			
Year	2006	2007	2008
1SW	15,8	26,7	10,8



2.3 What was the confirmed catch of Atlantic salmon (in tonnes round fresh weight or round fresh weight equivalent) for the previous calendar year (i.e. 2006?).

Galicia: N°= 283 Weight = 1,233 T

Cantabria: Cantabrian rod & line fishery only.
N°= 200 Weight = 0,710 T

Navarra: N°= 50 Weight = 0,231 T

Gipuzkoa: There is no Atlantic salmon catch or fishery in Gipuzkoa.

Notes

1. "Round fresh weight" means weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish.
2. "Provisional" means latest available data (which may be subject to revisions) for calendar year ended.
3. "Confirmed" includes any revision to the provisional figure previously given.

2.4 What was the estimated unreported catch in 2007, broken down by category, and was

the unreported catch the result of legal or illegal activities?

Asturias: Very low illegal activities because, only fishing by anglers is allowed. All coastal fisheries are banned.

Cantabria: All rod & line catches are screened. Other salmon fisheries (nets, coastal fisheries...) are illegal.

There is not estimate for unreported illegal in-river fishing. Assessment c.5% of total catches.

Navarra: Unknown, but we consider that it is null or very low, because all catches must be declared.

The categories might include unreported catch by different gear types used for salmon fishing; by location of the salmon fisheries, e.g. coastal fisheries, in-river fisheries, etc.; and by-catch of salmon in fisheries for other species.

2.5 How many salmon were reported as being caught and released in 2007?

Cantabria: No catch & release fishing for salmon.

Navarra: Unknown, but it is not a common practice in the Bidasoa River.

Note: Please provide details of the number of salmon released following capture and of how this information is estimated.

Section 3: New Factors Affecting Salmon Abundance


3.1 Have there been any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks subject to the Convention (Article 15, paragraph 5(c))?

<i>YES</i>		<i>NO</i>		<i>If “yes” please give details</i>
				<i>Asturias:</i> Restocking programmes with native.

Section 4: Actions taken in relation to management of salmon fisheries; protection and

restoration of salmon habitat; aquaculture, introductions and transfers; other influences

4.1 Have any laws, regulations or programmes been adopted or repealed since the last notification (Article 15, paragraph 5(a))?

YES	NO	If “yes” please give details
		<p>Salmon fishing in Spain is regulated independently by each Autonomous Community. A general framework for fishing has been developed. It regulates fishing in fresh water for the rational and sustainable regulation of the Atlantic Salmon and other species every year.</p> <p>Atlantic Salmon can be found in the following Spanish Autonomous Communities: Galicia, Principality of Asturias, Navarra, Cantabria and Basque Country.</p>  <p>Asturias: In all Asturias rivers since 2007 catches and release all Thursday, every year.</p>

4.2 Have there been any other new commitments concerning the adoption, or maintenance in force for specified periods of time, of measures relating to the conservation, restoration, enhancement and rational management of salmon stocks

subject to the Convention (Article 15, paragraph 5(b))?

<i>YES</i>		<i>NO</i>		<i>If “yes” please give details</i>
				Navarra: During the last year, one weir has been demolished in the main stem and another four weirs in tributaries have been equipped with fish-passes.

- 4.3 Have any new actions been taken to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles* (Article 2, paragraph 2)?

* 40 nautical miles at West Greenland.

* Area of fisheries jurisdiction of the Faroe Islands.

<i>YES</i>		<i>NO</i>		<i>If “yes” please give details</i>
				Asturias: All coastal fisheries and commerce of all sylvester salmons are banned: Law 6/2002 of the Principado de Asturias, Protección de los ecosistemas y de la pesca.

- 4.4 Have any new actions been taken to invite the attention of States not Party to the Convention to any matter relating to the activities of the vessels of that State which appears to affect adversely the salmon stocks subject to the Convention (Article 2, paragraph 3)?

<i>YES</i>		<i>NO</i>		<i>If “yes” please give details</i>
				Bizkaia: No new measures. Cantabria: No new measures.

- 4.5 (Members of North American Commission only)

Have there been any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member (Article 7, paragraph 2)?

<i>YES</i>		<i>NO</i>	X	<i>If “yes” please give details</i>

- 4.6 (Members of North American Commission only)

Have fishing patterns been altered in a manner which results in the initiation of fishing or increase in catches of salmon originating in the rivers of another Party

except with the consent of the latter (Article 7, paragraph 3)?

YES		NO	X	<i>If “yes” please give details</i>

- 4.7 Have any actions been taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13, including imposition of adequate penalties for violations (Article 14, paragraph 1)?

YES		NO		<i>If “yes” please give details</i>
<p><i>Bizkaia:</i> No new measures.</p> <p><i>Cantabria:</i> No new measures.</p>				

Section 5: Revisions or Planned Revisions to the Implementation Plan

- 5.1 Have there been any revisions, or are any revisions planned, to the Implementation Plan since the last notification?

YES		NO	X	<i>If “yes” please give details</i>