

	<b>Council</b>  <i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2020 – EU – Spain (Galicia)</i>	<b>CNL(21)42</b>
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The Annual Progress Reports allow NASCO to evaluate progress on actions taken by Parties / jurisdictions to implement its internationally agreed Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines and consequently the achievement of their objectives and actions taken in accordance with the Convention. The following information should be provided through the Annual Progress Reports:

- 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.

*In completing this Annual Progress Report please refer to the **Guidelines for the Preparation and Evaluation of NASCO Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, CNL(18)49.***

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **no later than 1 April 2020.**

<b>Party:</b>	<b>European Union</b>
<b>Jurisdiction / Region:</b>	<b>Spain (Galicia)</b>

<b>1: Changes to the Implementation Plan</b>
<b>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 November.</i>)</b>
<b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>
<p><i>Regulations for fishing in 2020 included some restrictions on the season duration not reported in last APR because of its limited scope. These restrictions have been extended almost everywhere in 2021, limiting the salmon season to 2 months (May-June) instead of three (to the end of July) and banning fishing for all species from the first of July in salmon reaches, where in some cases sea-trout season extended to the end of September in previous. The aim of these regulations is to reduce fishing effort (about 1/3) and to protect salmon preventing by-catching and unwanted injuries.</i></p> <p><i>MIGRAMINHO interreg project will be concluded in 2021, with quite interesting results and a relevant recommendations on fishery regulations that are expected to be applied along the next years in Spain and Portugal.</i></p>

<b>2: Stock status and catches.</b>				
<b>2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that 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.</b>				
<b>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’).</b>				
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2020 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	0,233	0,139	-	0,372
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2019 (tonnes)	0,278	0,046	-	0,324
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2020 (tonnes)	0,035	0,139	-	0,174
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2020	<i>Maintaining the figures of previous years, at least 15% of the catch is released. As 63 salmon were retained in 2020 in sport fisheries, a minimum of 9 salmon were released in Galician rivers.</i>			

<b>3: Implementation Plan Actions.</b>		
<b>3.1 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (section 2.9 of the Implementation Plan). Note: the reports under ‘Progress on action to date’ should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. 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.</b>		
<b>Action F3:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Progressive limitation of “conflictive” sea-trout fisheries (14 rivers), closing the season together for both species 2019-2024</i>
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Limitation of “conflictive” sea-trout fisheries (14 rivers), closing the season together for both species 2019-2024</i>
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative	<i>3 from 14 “conflictive” sea-trout fisheries were closed in 2020 in rivers Ulla, Umia, and Lérez</i>

	<i>measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):</i>	
	Current status of action:	<i>Ongoing</i>
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action F4:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Stocking with parr of local origin tributaries in the main river.</i>
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Reinforcement and improvement of the Miño river stock</i>
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	<i>Finally the total number of salmon parr released all around the basin was 117,000 instead of the 80,000 initially planned.</i>
	Current status of action:	<i>Completed.</i>
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	<i>Yes, but we must wait for adult returns to have a truly evaluation of it.</i>

**3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration** (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan). *Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. 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.*

<b>Action H1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Design and testing of new passage facilities for some tributaries of the Miño river.</i>
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Improvement of connectivity and accessibility in the Miño system.</i>
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	<i>2 "put and take" fish ladders were placed in rivers Furnia and Caselas, adequate for some flow conditions but unnecessary during summer.</i>

	Current status of action:	<i>Completed</i>
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	<i>Yes.</i>
<b>Action H2:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Permeabilization or demolition of barriers in the Miño system</i>
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	<i>Improvement of connectivity and accessibility in the Miño system.</i>
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	<i>8 planned barriers were removed in spanish tributaries.</i>
	Current status of action:	<i>Completed</i>
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	<i>Yes</i>

**3.3 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics** (section 4.11 of the Implementation Plan). *Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. For all actions, provide clear and concise quantitative information to demonstrate progress. In circumstances where quantitative information cannot be provided for a particular action because of its nature, a clear rationale must be given for not providing quantitative information and other information should be provided to enable progress with that action to be evaluated. 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.*

<b>Action A1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated):	
	Current status of action:	<i>Choose an item.</i>
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	

<b>4: Additional information required under the Convention</b>
4.1 Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.
<i>See 1.2</i>
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.
4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon 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.
4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.
<b>North American Commission Members only:</b>
4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise by-catches of salmon originating in the rivers of the other member.
4.7 Details of any alteration to fishing patterns that result 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.