

	<b>Council</b>  <i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2021 EU – Spain (Galicia)</i>	<b>CNL(22)37</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 2022**.

<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 (Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 November).</b>
NGEU funds will imply a great investment in salmon rivers up to 2024, with restoration of habitat measures (eradication of invasive alien species -6 rivers- and permeabilisation of barriers -14 in 6 rivers- , including demolition, new fish ladders or improvement of defective ladders), and monitoring facilities (fish counters).
<b>1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.</b>
It has been proposed to include an item in the agenda of the next <i>Comisión Permanente Internacional del río Miño (CPIRM)</i> on the drafting of a IP for the Miño river between Spain and Portugal. The government of Galicia is not a part of this commission, responsible for the management of this border river, where spanish government is represented by the <i>Ministerio de Defensa, Comandancia Fluvial del Miño</i> .

<b>2: Stock status and catches.</b>				
<b>2.1 Provide a description of any new factors that may affect the abundance of salmon stocks significantly 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>				
2021 was a very dry year in Galicia, affecting timing of salmon runs and catches. Spawners in the traps were very scarce, affecting to the hatchery stock available for stocking in nexts years. Spawning might have been affected too, with the redds very exposed to predators and to water level oscillations.				
<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 2021 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	0,391	0,028	0	0,419 tn
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2020 (tonnes)	0,209	0,139	0	0,348 tn
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2021 (tonnes)	0,059	0,028	0	0,087 tn
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2021	Maintaining the figures of previous years, at least 15% of the catch is released. As 78 salmon were retained in 2020 in sport fisheries, a minimum of 12 salmon were released in Galician rivers.			

<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).</b>		
<i>Note: the reports under ‘Progress on action to date’ should provide a <b>brief overview</b> of each action. For all actions, provide <b>clear and concise</b> 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.</i>		
<b>Action F3:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Progressive limitation of “conflictive” sea-trout fisheries (14 rivers), closing the season together for both species
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Avoiding by-catch of salmon after fishing season, or in restricted areas, improving its survival to spawning time. This will improve in the long term the levels of spawning and recruitment.
	Progress on action to date	Another 4 “conflictive” sea-trout fisheries were closed in 2021 in rivers Eo, Masma, Ouro and Landro, added to the 3 already closed in 2020 (rivers Ulla, Umia, and Lérez). The fishery in the lowermost part of Anllóns river is

	<p><i>(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></p>	<p>completely CR and closes up on 31 of July, and should be added to the pool of “protected” rivers: <b>8 of 14</b>.</p> <p>The fishery in the Miño river for sea trout closes jointly with salmon season, but fishing for other species (sea bass...) is allowed all over the year by Spanish-Portuguese governments.</p> <p>(<a href="https://boppo.depo.gal/bop-v2-portlet/download?id=idd_60012B65-5B5D-4DB3-97A6-36EE796A1CD4&amp;fileName=an.bop.PONTEVEDRA.20200826.2020036567.pdf">https://boppo.depo.gal/bop-v2-portlet/download?id=idd_60012B65-5B5D-4DB3-97A6-36EE796A1CD4&amp;fileName=an.bop.PONTEVEDRA.20200826.2020036567.pdf</a>)</p> <p>Fishing for sea-trout is still authorized until 30 of September in rivers Sor, Mera, Xubia, Eume, Mandeo and Tambre, in the province of Coruña.</p>
	Current status of action:	Ongoing
	If ‘Completed’, has the action achieved its objective?	
<b>Action F4:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Stocking Miño’s tributaries in Portugal and Spain presently not used by salmon with parr of local origin (river Tea).
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Reinforcement and improvement of the Miño river stock will contribute to maintain a better status on the southernmost populations and, on a larger time-scale basis, contribute to the recovery/reconstruction of “bridge” populations between Cantabrian and Atlantic complexes.
	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):	As already stated in previous APR, the total number of salmon parr released all around the basin was 117,000.
	Current status of action:	Completed
	If ‘Completed’, has the	Yes, but still waiting for returns news.

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<p><b>3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration</b> (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan).</p> <p><i>Note: the reports under ‘Progress on action to date’ should provide a <b>brief overview</b> of each action. For all actions, provide <b>clear and concise</b> 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.</i></p>		
<b>Action H1:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Design and testing of new passage facilities for some tributaries of the Miño river.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improvement of connectivity and accessibility in the Miño system, allowing to reach the cooler pristine waters of upper reaches.
	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):	As stated in previous APR, 2 “put and take” fish ladders were placed in rivers Furnia and Caselas, adequate for some flow conditions but unnecessary during summer.
	Current status of action:	Completed
	If ‘Completed’, has the action achieved its objective?	Yes
<b>Action H2:</b>	Description of action (as submitted in the IP):	Permeabilization or demolition of barriers in the Miño system
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improvement of connectivity and accessibility in the Miño system, allowing to reach the cooler pristine waters of upper reaches.
	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):	As stated in previous APR, 8 planned barriers were removed in spanish tributaries.
	Current status of action:	Completed
	If ‘Completed’, has the action achieved its objective?	Yes

### 3.3 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transgenics (section 4.11 of the Implementation Plan).

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<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:	Choose an item.
	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.

*Ley 2/2021, de 8 de enero, de pesca continental de Galicia has replaced the old Ley 7/1992, de 24 de julio, pesca fluvial, with no relevant changes for salmon populations.*

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.

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4.6 Details of any new measures to minimise bycatches 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.