

	<p>Council</p> <p><i>Annual Progress Report on Actions taken under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2023 EU – Spain (Gipuzkoa)</i></p>	<p>CNL(24)43</p>
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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 2024**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction / Region:	Spain (Gipuzkoa)

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 November).
No changes to the Implementation Plan
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
2: Stock status and catches.
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.
No significant changes in stock status

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 2023 (tonnes)	No catches			No catches
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2022 (tonnes)	No catches			No catches
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2023 (tonnes)	No catches			No catches
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2023	No catches			

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

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. Please report in relation to the reporting year only or the most relevant recent year. 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.*

Action F1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP)	Annual monitoring of the species, based on: (1) Collection of number, biometric and biological data of every salmon captured on recreational fishery targeting other species (bycatch). (2) Collection of number, biometric and biological data of every spawner salmon controlled at salmon traps in Urumea and Oria rivers. (3) Electrofishing surveys on juvenile production areas. (4) Smolt monitoring in the Urumea river (screwtrap), collection of number, biometric and biological data of every smolt controlled at the screwtrap. (5) Annual estimation of the conservation status of the salmon stock.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Data for stock trend analysis and evaluation.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement (as submitted in the IP)	The corresponding reports, published every year.

	<p>Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i></p>	<p>(1) No bycatch in recreational fisheries. 2) Low adult run in 2023. Urumea river basin trap: 55 adult salmon in 2023 Oria river basin trap: 20 adult salmon in 2023 3) Similar wild and hatchery origin juvenile population distribution in 2023 in Gipuzkoa river basins comparing with previous years. Data based in cuantitative and semicuantitative electrofishing sampling. Wild juveniles present in 2 sampling stations in Oiartzun river basin, in 6 sampling stations in Urumea river basin and in 1 sampling station in Oria river basin. Hatchery origin juveniles present in 1 sampling station in Urumea river basin. (4) Suspended action by now, diversion channel of the paper mill where rotary screw trap was installed is no longer working.</p>
	<p>Current status of action <i>(Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i></p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?</p>	<p>Yes. The only action not completed refers to action (4), as diversion channel of the paper mill where rotary screw trap was installed is no longer working.due to obsolescence or end of administrative concession for water abstraction.</p>
<p>Action F2:</p>	<p>Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	<p>Control of recreational fishery.</p>
	<p>Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	<p>Annual control of the number of fishery complaints by surveillance forces. Number and collection of biometric and biological data of every salmon captured bycatch on recreational fishing.</p>
	<p>Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i></p>	<p>Every year, the salmon fishery prohibition is published in the fishing regulation of Gipuzkoa. All bycatch data (number of catches, biometric and biological data) are gathered and published in the annual salmon monitoring report.</p>
	<p>Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i></p>	<p>No salmon has been caught bycatch in recreational fisheries in 2023.</p>

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	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes
Action F3:	Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Increase the knowledge about the angling activity.
	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Number of anglers in each river section, fishing pressure distribution among river basins and stretches.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Fishing regulation publication and new informatic tool or software for registration. Fishing pressure indicators.
	Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i>	Fishing season analysis from january to november 2023 has been carried out and incorporated in the annual monitoring report. - 7 different fishing modalities - 19 rivers and 6 reservoir - 10.368 daily fish passes in 11 monts
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	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes

3.2 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (section 3.5 of the Implementation Plan).

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Action H1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP)	(1) Evaluation of the permeability of 8 obstacles or fish-ways carried out (LIFE IREKIBAI) (2) Evaluation of permeability of V-flat gauging stations during 2019-2020 (3) Permeabilization of 48 obstacles in Gipuzkoa rivers to improve longitudinal connectivity in the frame of the Gipuzkoan rivers permeabilization Master Plan.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Report and GIS database.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement (as submitted in the IP)	Annual population monitoring to detect abundance, distribution trends and colonized areas.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)	1) Evaluation based in telemetry (radio and pit tags) monitoring studies of salmon and brown trout in fish passes. https://www.irekibai.eu/avance-del-proyecto/desarrollo-de-las-acciones/ (2) 2 V-flat gauging stations had been evaluated in 2019 and 2020 for brown trout and barbus (<i>Luciobarbus graellsii</i>). Station efficacy for trout between 64%-83% and 86% for barbus, varying with river flow. A third V-flat gauging station has been evaluated for trout in 2021-2022. Station efficacy for trout 64%, varying with river flow. (3) - 11 obstacles permeabilized in 2023: 2 obstacles in Oiartzun river basin, 8 obstacles in Oria river basin and 1 obstacle in Urola river basin. -2 partial demolition (1st phase of total demolition) in 2023: 1 obstacle in Oria river basin and 1 obstacle in Urola river basin.
	Current status of action (Please note: ‘Completed’ means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as ‘Ongoing’)	Ongoing

	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	Yes. Action (3) is being performed yearly on a long term framework
Action H2:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP)	Update of the salmonid mesohabitat maps.
	Expected outcome (as submitted in the IP)	An updated GIS database and maps. This information will be used to report the impact assessment of any construction that could affect the important salmonid mesohabitats identified.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement (as submitted in the IP)	The corresponding report and GIS database.
	Progress on action to date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)	Not started. It will be done in the period of 2022-2024
	Current status of action (Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')	Not started
	If 'Completed', has the action achieved its objective?	
<p>3.3 Provide an update on progress on actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (section 4.11 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: the reports under 'Progress on action to date' should provide a brief overview of each action. Please report in relation to the reporting year only or the most relevant recent year. 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.</i></p>		
Action A1:	Description of action (as submitted in the IP)	Supplemental stocking of Gipuzkoan rivers with salmon yearlings: (1) Selection and transfer of wild spawners from fish traps to

		<p>the hatchery.</p> <p>(2) Artificial spawning and fry growth in captivity.</p> <p>(3) Tagging (adipose fin clip) and stocking in rivers and tributaries upstream from naturally colonized areas..</p>
	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Increase of the emigrating smolt population and returning salmon in Gipuzkoan rivers.
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Annual monitoring report.
	Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i>	<p>(1) 4 female and 1 male adult salmon controlled in Oria and Urumea river traps transferred to Irun fish farm in 2023 for artificial spawning</p> <p>2) 54.870 eggs cultivated in the Irun fish farm that turn into 31.777 yearlings being released in Oria and Urumea river basins during 2023 after tagging (adipose fin clip).</p>
	Current status of action <i>(Please note: ‘Completed’ means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as ‘Ongoing’)</i>	Ongoing
	If ‘Completed’, has the action achieved its objective?	Yes
Action A2:	Description of action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Expected outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Approach for monitoring effectiveness & enforcement <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Progress on action to date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure, or other justified evaluation, of progress. If sub-actions are completed</i>	

	<i>during the reporting year, this should be made clear. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated)</i>	
	Current status of action <i>(Please note: 'Completed' means that the overall action is complete for the lifetime of the third reporting cycle. If it is an ongoing action that is reported on annually, it should be marked as 'Ongoing')</i>	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.	
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.	