

Agenda items 6.1, 6.3 and 6.5  
For information

**Council**

**CNL(04)29**

*Return of Information by EU (Spain)*

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### ***Return of Information by EU (Spain)***

1. At the time of preparation of the following Council papers:

Returns under Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention, CNL(04)14;

Unreported Catches – Returns by the Parties, CNL(04)21;

Report on Progress with Development and Implementation of Habitat Protection and Restoration Plans, CNL(04)16.

which are based on returns by the Parties, no information had been provided by some EU Member States.

2. We have now received a return from Spain and the information is attached. However, information in relation to the Williamsburg Resolution has been incorporated into paper CNL(04)19 since this had not been completed at the time we received the information from Spain. No information has been provided by Spain on application of the Decision Structure for Management of North Atlantic Salmon Fisheries (paper CNL(04)15).

Secretary  
Edinburgh  
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## Returns under Article 15 of the Convention

### **1. Laws, Regulations And Programmes Adopted Or Repealed Since The Last Notification (*Article 15, Paragraph 5(a)*)**

TAC adoption in some salmon rivers of Galicia: Masma, Ulla, Lézé and Miño (Spanish reach). River Eo has no TAC established. Salmon fishing forbidden in rivers Ouro, Landro, Mandeo, Tambre, Umia and Verdugo.

### **2. Other New Commitments Relating To The Conservation, Restoration, Enhancement And Rational Management Of Salmon Stocks Subject To The Convention (*Article 15, paragraph 5(b)*)**

Most accessible reaches of salmon rivers of Galicia have been included in the proposed zones for Natura 2000.

### **3. Other Factors Which May Significantly Affect The Abundance Of Salmon Stocks Subject To The Convention (*Article 15, Paragraph 5(c)*)**

Effects of “Prestige” oil spill (November 2002) are unknown.

### ***Section 3: Unreported Catches***

***Annual return of information in relation to unreported catches for the calendar year 2003. Please provide the following information:***

***1. A description of management control and reporting systems by country***

All rod and line catches are screened. Other salmon fisheries (nets,...) are illegal.

***2. An estimate of unreported catch by country, broken down by category and indicating whether the unreported catch is the result of legal or illegal activities***

Unknown.

***3. An explanation of how the figure for unreported catch is arrived at, according to the following breakdown:***

No explanation provided.

***4. The extent of catch and release fishing***

Seems not to be a common practice.

***5. Any measures taken to further minimise the level of unreported catches***

No new measures.

***Reports on Progress with Development and Implementation of Habitat Protection and Restoration Plans***

1. Has an inventory of rivers, as envisaged in Annex 2 of the NASCO Plan of Action, been established or updated since the last notification? If “yes” please provide a brief description of the inventory or of any changes to an existing inventory.

Under development.

2. Has a comprehensive salmon habitat protection and restoration plan been developed in accordance with the aims of the NASCO Plan of Action, or an existing plan updated, since the last notification? If “yes” please provide brief details of the plan and the extent of its implementation or of any changes to an existing plan since the last notification.

Under development. In Cantabria the salmon restoration programme, initiated in 1996, is based on increasing the stream length accessible to salmon through demolishing illegal weirs and constructing new passes, enhancing the wild populations, based on the rearing and release of tagged juveniles, and the protection and restoration of salmon.

3. If a Plan has been developed or updated since the last notification have evaluation and monitoring systems been introduced or updated to assess the effectiveness of the plan in protecting and restoring salmon habitat? If the response to question 2 was “yes” please provide details of these systems or of changes to existing systems since the last notification.

In Galicia: 5 operating adult traps, 2 operating smolt traps, 4 operating counters and 1 being installed, Stocking programmes monitoring (tagging), Juvenile abundance monitoring.

In Cantabria, assessment of the success of restoration programme is carried out through micro-tagging and recaptures of stocked adults both in home rivers and at sea. Recapture rates varied from 0% to 0.35% and stocked adults represented 10-20% of all the adults screened.