

Regulation on fisheries' data

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// abstract:

In this regulation, measures on the collection and management of data regarding biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic issues of the fisheries sector are implemented in the context of multiannual programmes. This involves, firstly, a multiannual Community programme, and secondly the national Member States' programmes, that are drawn up in consensus. The regulation deals with several aspects of these programmes such as cooperation and coordination, the approval and evaluation by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), the Community financial contribution, the requirements of the data collection process, etc. The requirements for data management such as data storage, quality control and validation are also discussed. Furthermore, rules are laid down for the use (scientific analysis) of data regarding the fisheries sector in the context of the *common fisheries policy* (CFP) (Regulation (EC) No 1380/2013; p.99). The regulation also contains clauses as to the scientific recommendations required for the improvement and the execution of the CFP.