



Agenda item 6.1
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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2015***

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The primary purposes of the Annual Progress Reports are to provide details of:

- 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

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **by 1 April 2016**.

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

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
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 December).</i>
No changes to the Implementation Plan have been proposed
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
This year a multi-sea-winter (MSW) salmon protection measure has been included in the regional angling regulation. A total authorized catch (TAC) limit for MSW salmon was established at 28 MSW salmon for the entire angling season. When 80% of that TAC (22 MSW salmon) was reached, the angling season would be closed for a week. These numbers are based on the data about the size and age structure of returning salmon population in the past five years

2: Stock status and catches.
2.1 Provide a description of any new factors which 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.
There have not been new factors which may affect the abundance of salmon stocks

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 2015 (tonnes)	0.173			0.173
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2014 (tonnes)	0.205			0.205
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2015 (tonnes)	0			0
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2015.	Unknown, but catch and release is not a common practice in recreational salmon fisheries			

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (Section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under ‘Progress on Action to Date’ should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. 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):	Data analysis for the establishment of the necessary reference limits.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Reference limits for every indicator of conservation status.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	Continues data collection for evaluation of the reference limits
	Current Status of Action (e.g. ‘Not started’; ‘Ongoing’; ‘Completed’):	Not started. The evaluation is not started because unable to invest the necessary financial resources
	If ‘Completed’, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To collect biometric and biological data of every salmon captured on recreational fishing. (2) To collect biometric and biological data of every spawner salmon passing the salmon trap. (3) Electrofishing surveys on juvenile production areas. (4) Monitoring of redds and spawners. (5) To collect biometric and biological data of every salmon passing the salmon trap. (6) Setup of a rotary screw trap. (7) To collect biometric and biological data of smolts captured in the rotary screw trap. (8) Estimate annually the conservation status of the salmon stock.

		(9) Monitoring of the sanitary status. (10) Preparation of protocols for the above actions.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Data for stock trend analysis and evaluation.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Biometric data (LF and weight), scale samples and biological samples for sex determination, collected for 50 salmon fished in 2015 (100%) (2) Biometric data (LF and weight), scale samples and biological samples for sex determination (until august), collected for 447 spawning salmon passing the salmon trap in 2015 (100%) (3) There have been 37 electrofishing surveys on juvenile production areas (100%) (4) During the 2015 reed monitoring campaign, 31 redds and 8 spawners were observed in spawning areas (100%) (6) The rotary screw trap was installed in 2014 (100%) (7) The rotary screw trap was damaged by a flood event this year. As a result, collection of biometric and biological data of smolts could not be carried out this year (0%) (8) In 2015, according to the tentative limits, the conservation status of the Bidasoa salmon stock remains unfavourable (100%) (9) All spawners transferred to the fish farm have been treated preventively with antibiotics. On the fish farm there is a protocol for sanitary status monitoring and prophylactic treatments (100%) (10) All protocols to carry out the above actions have been prepared (100%)
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	All actions, but one, have been completed. Action (7) could not be completed (smolt data collection) as a flood event damaged the rotary screw trap
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	All completed actions have been successful
Action F3:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	Establishment of the annual total authorized catch.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Annual estimate of the total authorized catch.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	Before the beginning of the 2015 angling season, the total authorized catch (TAC) for the season was set at 83 salmon caught. For the first time, this year a multi-sea-winter (MSW) protection measure was undertaken, and a TAC for MSW was established at 28 MSW salmon. When 80% of that TAC (22 MSW salmon) were caught, the angling season would be

		closed for a week. These numbers are based on the size and age structure of returning salmon population in the past five years
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Completed
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	Yes, annual catches were below the TAC. The 18 th of June the MSW protection measure entered into action and the fourth week of June, the angling season was closed
Action F4:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	(1) Selection and transfer of wild spawners to the hatchery. (2) Artificial spawning and fry growth in captivity. (3) Differential tagging of fry according to stocking moment. (4) Supplemental stocking in the Bidasoa river and tributaries.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Increase of the emigrating smolt population and returning salmon.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	(1) 27 females and 24 males were selected in the trap in 2014 and transferred to the hatchery for the 2015 fry production. (2) 128,000 eggs were obtained and they produced 70,000 fry in June (3) All juvenile salmon fish stocked into Bidasoa river are marked. Fry stocked in July are adipose clipped (ADC) while parr stocked in autumn are marked with CWT+ADC. Differential DCWTsq marking between MSWxMSW crossing and 1SWx1SW crossing is carried out. (4) In 2015, 42,000 salmon fry and 28,000 autumn parr were stocked in the Bidasoa river and its tributaries
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	All actions have been completed.
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	Yes

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. 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>		
Action H1:	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 salmonid mesohabitats identified.

	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Not started. The evaluation is not started because unable to invest the necessary financial resources
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action H2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	(1) Evaluation of the successfulness of the 10 fish- way projects carried out in the last decade. (2) Preparation and implementation of 5 new projects to improve longitudinal connectivity.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Significant improvement of the river habitat accessible for salmon.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	This action has been included in a LIFE project that has been recently confirmed to be funded (LIFE14 NAT/ES/000186)
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing. The project has just started and the first activities are scheduled for 2016
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (Section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan).

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Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	Not applicable.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	
	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.

This year a multi-sea-winter (MSW) salmon protection measure has been included in the regional angling regulation (Orden Foral 42/2015).

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.
	A LIFE project called IREKIBAI (LIFE14 NAT/ES/000186), has just begun and will run until 2020 with the aim of improving river connectivity and habitats conservation status
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
	Not applicable
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.
	Not applicable
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.
	Not applicable