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***Annual Progress Report
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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 **no later than 29 March 2018**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region:	France

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 December).

We are currently rallying all salmon-related actions to set priorities for the future action plan. This collaborative plan will involve the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Ecology, and the various scientific and socio-economic actors.

1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.

Most of the regional management actions are referenced in the PLAGEPOMI. It considers management methods that must be applied locally in order to preserve the species. This year, the PLAGEPOMI 2018/2023 of the Brittany Region is set up (consolidated version at this time). It will replace very soon the PLAGEPOMI 2013/2017.

A report on salmon was made on this occasion : Atlantic salmon is classified as near threatened according to the IUCN criteria in Brittany (2015 work). This observation is linked to a relatively good population on all Breton rivers. The level of juvenile recruitment has been good since 1997 despite a greater variability among rivers. Spawning lifts on the Aulne, Elorn and Scorff rivers, monitored by videocomposing and trapping devices, are also stable if we think about the 3 rivers.

Salmon stocks in southern Europe, including France and, more specifically, Brittany, seem to be more fragile than those in northern Europe. This vulnerability is linked to a survival rate at sea that is more and more variable, or even particularly low in some years.

The news objectives are :

http://www.bretagne.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/plagepomi_2018_2023_version_validee_cogepomi.pdf :

- 1.1. Preserve and restore habitats in freshwater and estuaries
- 1.2. Restore and guarantee free migratory
- 1.3. Take action on taking samples
- 1.4. Supervise restocking
- 1.5. Pursue and strengthen biological monitoring actions
- 1.6. Know and follow the fisheries

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.

No comment

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').*

(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2017 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	4,16T	5,99T	We now count the coastal fishermen	10,15T
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2016 (tonnes)	5,85T	1,8T	We cannot do the difference between estuarine and coastal marine professionals fishermen	7,65T
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2017 (tonnes)				
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2017.	<p>1454 salmon were caught by river recreative fishermen 160 salmon were caught by river professionals fishermen It is not yet possible to know the number of salmon caught and released in the current state of the data. The difference between the 2016 provisional nominal catch and the 2016 confirmed nominal catch for marine fishermen is due to the time required for the establishment of the data base from paper declarations For estuarine and coastal fisheries, the source data comes from SACAPTweb (catch declarations)</p>			

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 <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Conduct annual assessments in order to obtain more information on by-catch in other fisheries
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Determination of the need for emergency regulatory controls or other new measures (including voluntary) on salmon fishing by nets and rods in all fisheries
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Development and implementation of specific fishing rules, criteria or management strategies in order to eliminate unreported catches.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Minimizing adverse effects on populations and unreported catch.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F3:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Setting of CLs should be completed at least for all French salmon rivers.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Development of a reliable management system to fix catch quota.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	AFB and INRA have decided to work together under the RENOSAUM project to define new LCs for Breton salmon populations. The aim is first of all to remove the current ambiguity between conservation and exploitation. At the same time, progress is also needed to address other NASCO recommendations, particularly the use of river-specific data and the integration of uncertainty.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing

	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F4:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Conduct annual assessments of the status of salmon stocks.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Determination of the need for emergency regulatory controls or other new measures (including voluntary) on salmon fishing by nets and rods and implementation of changes.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	

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 a French rivers classification table and monitoring implementation of the WFD and other ongoing plans of similar nature
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Monitoring ongoing work and trying to analyse levels of importance
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	See the French salmon rivers list which was reviewed by AFB
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action H2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Restoration of up- and downstream river continuity and development of the quantitative and qualitative aspects of spawning and juvenile habitats. Priority measures will be chosen based on aspects of efficiency (proportionality), technical feasibility and financing possibilities (Removal of obstacles, construction of fishways. improvement of accessibility, etc.)
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Increased quality and quantity of spawning and juvenile habitats and decreased mortality due to barrages and hydropower plants.
	Progress on Action to Date	

	<i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action H3:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Update of the salmonid mesohabitat maps.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	An updated GIS database and maps. This information will be used to report locations of spawning and nursery habitats, etc.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	
	Current Status of Action	Not started
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action H4:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Increase awareness of the problem of climate-change effects, to which there are no easy answers.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Heightened awareness helping to increase conservation, bearing in mind the fragility of salmon in the south of France
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	the salmoglob project will be completed at the end of the year
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	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).

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 A1:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	

	Current Status of Action	
	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.
	The modernization of territorial public action and affirmation of metropolises law, which was approved on 27 of January, 2014 transferred most of the management of European funds from the State to the regions. For the period 2014-2020, the regions of France thus have authority to manage most of the European structural and investment funds (FESI). They are responsible, in partnership with the State, for the implementation of four funds (ERDF, EAFRD, ESF, and EMFF), in line with the 2020 Europe strategy "for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" and with the regional and local strategies of their territory. In addition, the recovery of biodiversity, nature and landscapes law which was approved the 8 of August, 2016, has given the regions the task of defining a biodiversity regional strategy. The regions of France are now a major partner for the preservation of salmon.
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.
	No comment
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
	No comment
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.
	No comment
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.
	No comment