

Eurostat contribution to the 24th session of the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP), held in Rome, Italy, from 05 to 08 of February 2013

In 2012, the Fisheries Statistics team at Eurostat almost entirely changed. Franco Zampogna, Matthew Elliott and Steffie Bos have left. Vincent Tronet is the new team leader for Agriculture and Fishery Production Statistics. Friderike Oehler has joined Annabelle Jansen working on Fishery Statistics. A new Detached National Expert (DNE) is expected to join in May 2013. The new team is continuing the work on European Fishery Statistics, maintaining close contact with its predecessors, and in coherence with the annual work programme and the new Commission Decision on Eurostat¹. The team is working on improving the quality of statistical data and on reducing the reporting burden on data providers, in close collaboration with the European Member States, International Organisations and other European Commission services. Eurostat has also developed a new Confidentiality Charter which should facilitate the systematic treatment of confidentiality in Fisheries Statistics and other domains.

The production and dissemination of European catch, landings, fleet and aquaculture statistics continues to be at the core of Eurostat's work on Fisheries Statistics. The production process and the relevance and user-friendliness of the public Fisheries database² and main tables³ are being steadily improved and publications⁴ and press releases⁵ are being prepared. Likewise, efforts to improve the quality of aquaculture data have been made. At the same time, collaboration with DG MARE (EC) has been reinforced and a new sharing of responsibilities between the two Commission services is envisaged, with DG MARE acting as the single entry point for fisheries data and Eurostat processing the statistical data, sharing them with partner organisations and disseminating the data to the public. For this purpose a new Memorandum of Understanding is expected to be signed by DG MARE and Eurostat in 2013.

Other plans for the future include:

- A revision of the aquaculture regulation ([EC 762/2008](#)) following the finalised CWP Handbook aquaculture chapter;
- Further alignment of Eurostat's data collection with FAO and DG MARE with the aim of improving data quality and avoiding double work (collecting, validating and processing data);
- A revision of the catch regulations (EC [216](#), [217](#) and [218/2009](#)).

¹ [COMMISSION DECISION of 17 September 2012 on Eurostat \(2012/504/EU\)](#)

² <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/fisheries/data/database>

³ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/fisheries/data/main_tables

⁴ Most recent publication (Dec 2012): [pocketbook Agriculture, fishery and forestry statistics – Main results 2010-2011](#)

⁵ Most recent press release (Dec 2012): [Farming, fishing and forestry in figures](#)