

FIRMS latest developments and updates

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Dear FIRMS colleagues and users,

this e-Bulletin highlights the latest developments and updates in FIRMS. You are most welcomed to distribute it to your community.

Best regards

The FIRMS secretariat team



More than **250 reports** have been updated during the last 4 months by **CCSBT, CECAF, IATTC, ICCAT, ICES, GFCM, NAFO, NEAFC** with the latest information on state and trend of stocks and fishery activities.



A comprehensive set of **8 management oriented fact sheets** has been finalized and published by NEAFC (see for example **Northeast Atlantic Deep-sea species fisheries, 2009** and **North East Atlantic Mackerel fisheries, 2009**). This set, which provides an interesting model for the description of fishery management systems and units in FIRMS, puts in practice the guidelines of the Scientific Committee (SC6) on the Management section.



Maps presented in stock fact sheets have been substantially improved with the inclusion of species distribution layers (when available) in addition to the extent of stock / management unit, a more comprehensive legend, and a better handling of various projections.

Some examples:

- **Albacore - Northern Pacific, 2009**
- **Cod - Baltic Sea (eastern part), 2008**
- **Sardinella - Northwest Africa, 2007**

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