

EIFAC Working Party on Fish Monitoring in Fresh Waters

Terms of Reference

Membership

Convenor – Phil Hickley

Members – Membership is open to anyone willing to serve. (List of current members is posted on the EIFAC web site.)

Purpose

To promote consistency of purpose and use of best practice in the monitoring of fish populations in fresh waters by facilitating:

- A. Provision of a scientific and technical advisory resource;
- B. Development of guidance on available and preferred methods of sampling.

Specific objectives

1. To gather information on the scientific work programmes of member countries relevant to fish monitoring;
2. To build understanding and fill knowledge gaps that currently compromise effective fish monitoring;
3. To encourage international consistency in the collection, analysis and reporting of information about fish communities and fisheries;
4. To produce best practice guidance and technical notes on fish monitoring;
5. To act as a forum for debate relating to fish monitoring methods and strategy;
6. To develop robust links across member countries for the dissemination of information;
7. To organise workshops on specific fish monitoring topics;
8. To advise on the development and content of European Standards on fish monitoring methodology, especially for the Water Framework Directive;
9. To identify and evaluate future scientific and technical fish monitoring issues of importance to the management of fish populations.

Outcomes

- a) Database of key information on fish monitoring;
- b) Network of user groups within member countries;
- c) Communication of methodology and best practice;
- d) Consistency of sampling and reporting across member countries;
- e) Awareness of fish monitoring emerging issues.