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Bilateral Agreement between ILVO, Belgium and SwAM, Sweden, for the collection of length and age samples collected in the IBTS survey in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision EU 2016/1251, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) 199/2008.

Agreement:

This agreement has been established to optimize and exchange the age reading expertise for species collected in the IBTS survey. A list of species are collected during the survey according to the Manual for the International Bottom Trawl Surveys ICES CM 2000/D:07. but for some species only a small amount are caught and there is a need for collaboration and task sharing. No additional sampling costs are involved and costs for analysis will be covered in the National Workplan 2017.

Description of sampling:

Age samples will be collected during the IBTS survey according to the manual (ICES CM 2000/D:07). Sweden will sample otoliths of Sole which will be stored in paperbags (with relevant data as agreed between the responsible readers and needed for the reading) and sent to Belgium for age reading.

Sampling Intensity:

Sole (Solea solea) - Sweden sends the otoliths collected during the IBTS q1 and q3 survey to Belgium for age reading. App 50 -100 individuals per year. Belgium sends the results of the age readings together with the otoliths at the latest in December each year.

Data responsibility:

Sweden is responsible for submitting the data to the relevant ICES Expert Groups, and to the EC under the requirements of its Data Collection Framework.

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