

Submission by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission regarding the theme Ocean Science and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/124

The following is the contribution by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) to the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide information on the theme 'Ocean Science and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development' for the 20th meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/124, as requested in a letter from Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under Secretary-General in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs, dated 19 December 2018.

science and include examination by ICES of the overall effect of NEAFC policies on other living marine resources and marine ecosystems, and indeed the interaction of the changing environment with the resources NEAFC manages. Following NEAFC's performance review in 2015, NEAFC recognised the importance of the broader ocean processes and specifically mandated ICES to provide multispecies advice and advice on possible climate effects and other ecosystem considerations.

- b) Information from catches of non-target species and discards: NEAFC has adopted measures regarding catches and discards. All catches of regulated resources, including those taken for scientific purposes, must be counted against quotas (regardless of what is the target species).
The NEAFC