

Agenda Item 5.8: **Fisheries statistics**

Note from the Secretariat

Submitted by: **The Secretariat**



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NOTE:
**IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING
THEIR OWN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING**

Fisheries Statistics

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At its 6th Meeting in April 1999, the Advisory Committee discussed the urgent need to obtain comprehensive data on fishing effort and decided to distribute a form for the collection of such data, presented to AC 6 by Per Berggren (AC 6 Doc. 35, attached as annex to this document) to Parties and Range States. On 7 May 1999 the Secretariat distributed this form, asking recipients to return the completed form no later than 1 November 1999. To date, Belgium, Germany, Poland and Sweden have submitted completed forms to the Secretariat (cf. Docs. 15 - 18). Poland indicated that it was in the process of developing procedures for collecting the data missing in the present form.

The Danish delegation will express Denmark's view on the format of statistical data to be collected by ASCOBANS is expressed in an oral statement.