

## Newsletter no.2 - September 2021

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### Dear national age/maturity coordinator

Updates to the standard report template to come out of SmartDots after an exchange/workshop will not be implemented throughout 2021 due to lack of resources. For now, only the old report format will be used. All readers need to be ranked, but the evaluation of the readers expertise is currently not included in the script.

An effort is still underway to get funding to incorporate maturity, egg and larvae modules into the software.

A Workshop on use of Ageing and Maturity Staging Error Matrices in Stock Assessment (WKAMEMSA) will run in September (<https://www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKAMEMSA.aspx>).

The larval module has been used in WKIDCLUP with success.

Collaboration between WGALES, WGBIOP and WGSMART is initiated to ensure quality assurance of ichthyoplankton data.

We encourage all coordinators to remind the readers of an exchange/workshop to use the Feedback page to suggest improvements to SmartDots.

We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you all about your responsibility as a national age/maturity coordinator;

- Please make sure your readers/stagers are updated in SmartDots.
- If a WGBIOP exchange or workshop is to be run by someone else at your institute, it is your responsibility as coordinator to propose and delegate the event in SmartDots.
- All exchanges, workshops and stock assessment relevant training events need to be reported on and published in SmartDots.

Best regards  
WGSMART