

Newsletter no.1 -March 2022

Dear national age/maturity coordinator

Updates to the standard report template to come out of SmartDots after an exchange/workshop are ongoing, progress has been delayed 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.

Efforts are still underway to get funding to incorporate maturity, egg and larvae modules into the software.

The report from the Workshop on use of Ageing and Maturity Staging Error Matrices in Stock Assessment (WKAMEMSA) has been published (<https://www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKAMEMSA.aspx>).

A meeting with discussions about long-lived species and the use of SmartDots have been held.

There will be a recommendation to WGBIOP to organise a workshop on photography and image quality to improve events in 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
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