
Irish Demersal FIPs-IS&WFPO – FEAS- Marine Institute meeting

Action Points – Draft

Castletownbere

Friday 14th November, 2025

Action Points raised and anticipated timeframes:

Ref	Label	Action details	Time frame
1	Boarfish	Literature review of boarfish diet	3 months
2	Boarfish	Comparison of different stock abundances – time series of boarfish biomass versus other species (e.g. hake)	3 months
3	Boarfish	Feasibility Review of Ecosystem / Multi-Species Modelling potential in FEAS (EcoSIM & EcoPATH) focussing on species interactions with boarfish.	3-6 months
4	Boarfish	Reciprocal exchange of MI scientist & fisherman on MI acoustic survey (WESPAS) and appropriate fishing trip (Q2 boardfish trip), to observe and compare fishing vs. survey activities, e.g. sounder settings. Possibly including blind fishing tows – as appropriate at discretion of chief scientist and fisherman. Survey Reports detailing survey design and operation are available on-line.	6 months
5	Boarfish	Explore the potential to further develop the assessment and if relevant to present to ICES WG.	6-9 months
6	At sea sampling of fishing	Sampling explanation – plan follow up visit before end-of-year to explain sampling. Purpose, data entry into data calls and data processing, track into stock assessment. This may include an overview description of scientific surveys, their purpose and operation, but should focus on observers-at-sea-sampling.	Before year end, with 4 days notice
7	<i>Nephrops</i> FU16	Continue to work up sampling and provide working document to the IFSRP on the present stock structure.	2 weeks