

Implementing Decision DC-MAP

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The objective of this implementing decision is to establish a multiannual programme (3 years) for the Union on the collection, management and use of fisheries and aquaculture data to ensure the uniform application of the obligation to collect and manage data. This decision covers the period 2017-2019 and covers biological, environmental, technical and socio-economic data.

A multi-annual programme is necessary to define and plan data collection activities in the national work programmes of the Member States. It should contain the elements necessary for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013), where not already required by other legislative frameworks. Furthermore, the multiannual Union programme should include certain data collection rules resulting from new international obligations and commitments imposed on Member States and the Union by multilateral and bilateral fisheries agreements.

The programme does not describe the methods to be used for data collection but focuses on the data to be collected by Member States (see Annex Chapter III).