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Corrective Action Plan**Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters**

Control Union (UK) Ltd. (CU UK) would like to inform stakeholders that CU UK has received a corrective action plan from the client group in relation to the suspension of the UoAs related to Ling (in subareas 3, 4, 6–9, 12, and 14) and the announcement of intent to suspend given on 30/11/2022.

In accordance with GCR2.4.1 7.4.3g this notification confirms that CU UK has found the corrective action plan acceptable and as it was submitted within 90 days of the notice to suspend we formally instruct the client to implement the corrective action plan.

The corrective action plan is published as an appendix to this notice.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters

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During the second surveillance audit of the Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters, significant changes were evident in scores of the Principle 1 performance indicators related to ling (*Molva molva*) (in subarea 3, 4, 6-9, 12 and 14). The reduction in scores has resulted in the suspension of all UoAs as they no longer reach the overall 80 score for ling in principle 1.

To lift the suspension, the client group provides an client action plan to increase P1 scores for ling. These actions are listed below and should lift the suspension of the suspended UoAs. If the status of the ling stock does not appear to improve within the certification period, the client group will see if other efforts can be made to raise other P1 scores related to ling.

Actions to address PI 1.1.1 for ling:

Year 3: The client group provides evidence that the client is working with ICES, the relevant national authorities, and the EU on identifying measures required to rebuild the stock to a level that is highly likely to be at or fluctuating around a level consistent with MSY. Score: 60

Year 4: The client group provides evidence that the measures have been implemented and that the stock is rebuilding to a level that is highly likely to be at or fluctuating around a level consistent with MSY. I. Score 60.

Year 1 reassessment: The client group provides evidence that the stock has rebuilt to a level that is highly likely to be at or fluctuating around a level consistent with MSY. Score 80

Actions to address PI 1.2.4 for ling:

Year 3: The Client group shall present evidence that the process on agreeing appropriate reference points is progressing at the relevant research level and involving the competent authorities. Score: 75

Year 4: The client group shall present evidence to the assessment team that the proposed reference points have been discussed at the appropriate level and the assessment approach is related to these reference points. Score: 80