



Dr. Cornelius Hammer, ICES Director
ICES Secretariat, H. C. Andersens Boulevard 44-46
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Subject: Information request regarding the equipment of Dutch trawls with electrodes

Dear Dr. Hammer,

BLOOM is a non-profit organization founded in 2005 that works to preserve the marine environment and species from unnecessary destruction and to increase social benefits in the fishing sector. BLOOM wages awareness and advocacy campaigns in order to accelerate the adoption of concrete solutions for the ocean, humans and the climate. BLOOM carries out scientific research projects, independent studies and assessments that highlight crucial and unaddressed issues such as the financing mechanisms of the fishing sector or ecosystem impacts of destructive fishing gears.

As you may be aware, BLOOM is running a campaign with other NGOs and artisanal fishers on electric fishing in Europe. As part of this endeavor, we have been looking for information on the **dates upon which each Dutch electric trawler was first equipped with electrodes.**

We note that these data form the basis of Figure 5.2.1 in the 2018 WGELECTRA report (enclosed).¹

We would like to know whether ICES had this information readily available in its own files. If so, we would be grateful if you could forward it to us. If not, we would appreciate if you could indicate to whom our request should be directed.

Thank you very much for assisting us in accessing these data.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Frédéric Le Manach
BLOOM, Scientific Director

¹ ICES (2018) Report of the Working Group on Electric Trawling (WGELECTRA). IJmuiden, the Netherlands, 17-19 April 2018. ICES CM 2018/EOSG: 10.



Annex: Figure 5.2.1 in the 2018 WGELECTRA report

