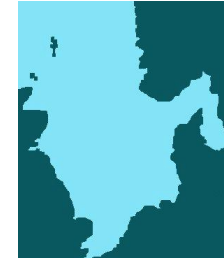


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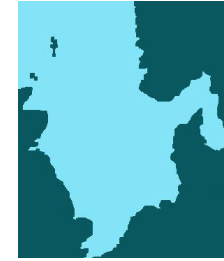


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***Aim:*** *'To set up a small steering group... to formulate a proposal for a pilot study on the provision of data, including VMS and e-logbooks, to identify priority areas of fishery interest and to support and protect fisheries interests in the context of spatial planning'*

**Task of Focus group:** Scope a pilot study on the feasibility of collecting data on fishing activity for mapping purposes

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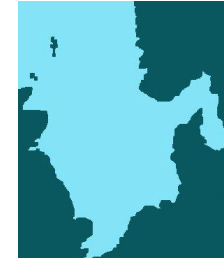


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***Breakdown of task:***

- Agree what the purpose of the exercise is
- See how far we get today with the 'how' to do it
- Decide on what the next steps are (scoping is a big job for the focus group – how do we ensure it is carried out effectively and in a reasonable timeframe?)

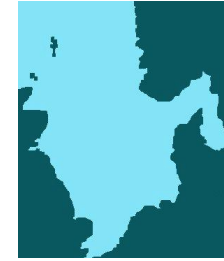
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***PAPERS etc FOR THIS SESSION:***

- Paper 3 by Chair
- Presentation on Irish Sea Marine Spatial Planning Pilot
- Paper 4 on VMS data
- Paper 5 on Data Regulation

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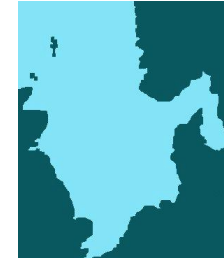
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### *SPATIAL EXTENT OF OPTIONS FOR PILOT:*

- **Part of the North Sea** (in which VMS data can be provided by the bordering Member States)

**Whole of the North Sea** (involving all MSs - challenge of obtaining VMS from all)

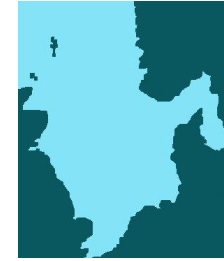
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***ELEMENTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY:***

- Which data? (who will use the maps?)
- Which MSs can provide it? -> which area of North Sea?
- What controls on data transparency?
- What cost?
- What timescale?

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***VMS DATA NEEDS TO BE:***

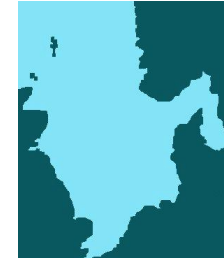
- Aggregated and time delayed
- In common format from MSs
- Anonymous vessel reporting in aggregated data

Data also needs to be capable of being mapped to integrate with data for other Marine Spatial Planning features/activities (e.g. Cmap, MESH, etc)

**[!!!!See also CEFAS Note on VMS!!!!]**

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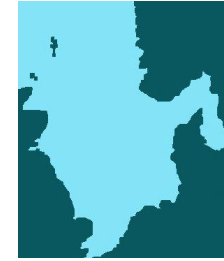


***COST CONSIDERATIONS OF COLLECTING DATA:***

- Geographic spread (all or part of North Sea)
- Comprehensiveness and complexity of study
- Timescale
- Software costs (especially GIS)
- Out-sourcing(?) costs

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#### ***FUNDING THE SCOPING STUDY:***

- Scoping study too big a task for the Focus Group?
- Consider FIFG/Interreg (+ what matching funds?)
- Consider enlisting a consultant or agency to fully scope the project?
- After the feasibility study, what steps towards full project?