

# Ongoing log of questions and clarifications during MSFD reporting

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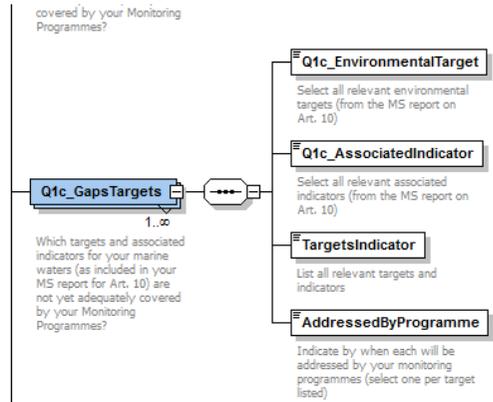
The following is a list of issues and clarifications that have arisen during the MSFD reporting period ending October 15. This list covers comments/issues identified in the schemas, database, supporting documents and tools and the appropriate action/response.

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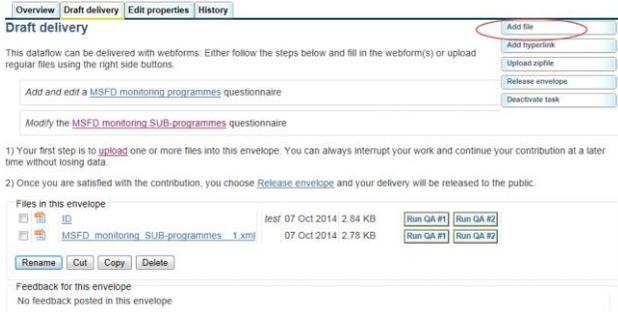
## 1. Technical queries

No.	Reporter	Area	Issue	Response
1.	UK	Error in name	An error has been spotted by UK for MSFD art 11 reporting (web forms). Under General Description-Regions the term list needs correction as follows:  NE Atlantic Ocean: Greater North Sea	Fixed

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			<p>NE Atlantic Ocean: Celtic Seas</p> <p>NE Atlantic Ocean: Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast</p> <p>NE Atlantic Ocean: Macaronesia</p> <p>Can you please adjust.</p>	
2.	UK	Country specific lists	<p>It seems under question 6a Links to Art. 10 targets, would mean we have to answer everything from Article 10 reporting again. Surely there is an easy fix from your site to link this to our previous reporting, otherwise it would duplicate our efforts from previous reporting rounds?</p>	<p>I know it would be nice to have an automated pre-filling of the list of relevant targets and indicators. But to extend the web forms with this functionality is not that straight forward and is costly and that's why we together with the Commission decided not to do new development back then. The current set-up for Q1c in the web forms is in line with the adopted schema and that's the main priority when providing the tools (screen grab nr.2).</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a flow diagram for a web form. On the left, a box labeled 'Q1c_GapsTargets' contains the text: 'covered by your Monitoring Programmes?' and 'Which targets and associated indicators for your marine waters (as included in your MS report for Art. 10) are not yet adequately covered by your Monitoring Programmes?'. A line with a double-headed arrow and '1..∞' connects this box to a central connector. From the connector, four lines lead to boxes on the right: 'Q1c_EnvironmentalTarget' (Select all relevant environmental targets (from the MS report on Art. 10)), 'Q1c_AssociatedIndicator' (Select all relevant associated indicators (from the MS report on Art. 10)), 'TargetsIndicator' (List all relevant targets and indicators), and 'AddressedByProgramme' (Indicate by when each will be addressed by your monitoring programmes (select one per target listed)).</p>
3.	UK	Web form	Just another issue that I found.	Question removed

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		Q7e	<p>In the webform under the programme section there are 5 questions under 7e, but if you look at the output of the webform you have 6 questions that are visible, of which one is of course not answered as it should not be there. This could cause trouble in the validation process as people may think a box was not ticked.</p> <p>Could you therefore remove the question Established methods for assessment: <b>Yes or no? As it is NOT a question in this section, hence no answer with it.</b></p>	
4.	NL	Q10b	<p>I found another one in the XML schema validation:</p> <p>Question 10b is always mandatory, however, the question reads:</p> <p>“10b: Description Data Aggregation : If 'other' is selected, describe the scale. If the data cannot be aggregated (beyond the national scale), give reasons?”</p> <p>If I did not select ‘other’ or ‘unknown’ in question 10a, I believe this question should not be mandatory.</p>	Fixed
5.	NL	Q1a	<p>I have also detected a small error in the webform (or in the making of the xml from the webform). For question 1 a, criterion 4.2: I have ticked in the webform the box ‘2014’, however the xml shows ‘not relevant’.</p>	Fixed
6.	NL	Sub programmes	<p>We have finalised filling in some of the sub-programmes reporting sheet and today I ran the XML Schema validation. For all subprogramme xmls it gives the same errors, see the screenshot</p>	<p>We detected some wrong namespaces in the schema file. This has now been corrected.</p>



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8.	EE	How to add more than one sub-monitoring programmes	Thank you for your answer. Maybe you could help me with one more. In the sub-programme level in web-forms, how can I make more sub-programmes ? I can't find the right place to add subprogrammes. Can you help me with that, because I haven't recieved an aswer from the helpdesk.	<p>You'll need to add a new file in the system (see screen grab below). Unfortunately the current set-up only allows you to click and edit one XML instance. If you need to add more sub-programmes click add file and browse to your XML instance. If need be you can find templates for XML instances at the resource page where there's also a mini-guide how to ad and modify the files.</p> <p><a href="http://icm.eionet.europa.eu/schemas/dir200856ec/resources2014/XML_Templates.zip">http://icm.eionet.europa.eu/schemas/dir200856ec/resources2014/XML_Templates.zip</a></p>  <p>The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Draft delivery'. At the top, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Draft delivery', 'Edit properties', and 'History'. Below the tabs, there are several buttons: 'Add file' (circled in red), 'Add hyperlink', 'Upload zipfile', 'Release envelope', and 'Deactivate task'. The main content area contains instructions for adding and editing MSFD monitoring programmes questionnaires. It includes a list of files in the envelope, such as 'test' and 'MSFD_monitoring_SUB-programmes_1.xml', with their respective dates and sizes. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Rename', 'Cut', 'Copy', and 'Delete', and a feedback section.</p>
9.	NL	Q6c	Question 6c: the answer(yes/no) that is given in the webform does not show in the webdisplay (it is in the xml, so no problem with reporting)	Fixed 21.10.2014
10	UK	Q7f	There is a transcription error between web form and style sheet. Selected values in the web form ( XML file) do not appear correctly in style sheet.	We are able to replicate the issue. Do any other MS experience this?

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11	NL	Q7e	Sub question to 7e: Established methods for assessment: Yes or no? was taken out previously (see issue id 3). As it still appears in the reporting sheets it should be put in again	The sub question was removed from the web forms 16 September as a consequence of issue 3. It was then re-introduced in the web forms 21/10/2014. This mean that al MS's who have reported after the 16 September have not had the change to report on this question.
12	UK	Q9b	There is a transcription error between web form and style sheet. 'Temperature' is ticked by default although its' not chosen in the web form .	Fixed
13	UK	Q10b	There is a transcription error between web form and style sheet. The value 'Other' was chosen and the answer was specified is: Approximately every 20 years. This answer is not displayed in the style sheet	Fixed

## 2.Guidance documents

No.	Reporter	Area	Issue	Response
1.	EE	Content and country specific lists for targets	1) Question 9a - Here I have to list specific elements that are monitored. When monitoring let's say zooplankton, do I have to list all of the species that have been monitored in the past, I mean one can never know what species they're going to find (regarding non-indigenous species)? Or is it suitable, if I just put 'zooplankton' ?	From the Commission: 1) Zooplankton is suitable level of detail here. 2) Just provide the relevant elements from the lists of options. 3) 1.The targets listed are from YOUR Art 10

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			<p>2) Question 5c - Here I can find habitat, pressure, species and phys-chemical features options and all of the 4 categories have a * in front of them, which (if I understand correctly) means, that I have to fill them out. But what happens if a subprogramme doesn't include all of the 4 above mentioned groups ? Do I just leave something empty and explain in the programme level (gaps)?</p> <p>3) Question 6a - Here we have two sub-questions:  1 - Select relevant environmental targets - list from 1 to 29. Are these numbers in accordance with the numbers in the Commission assessment of reporting on art. 8, 9 and 10? I ask this, because in our national report, the targets are not numbered.  2 - Select relevant associated indicator targets - list from 1 to 29. Answering this question, do I have to choose the number/target which is in accordance with the programme and has indicators with the specific target(number) ?</p> <p>4) And a broader question about targets - There are many questions that require yes/no answers or free text answers to issues regarding the assessment of progress towards achievement of relevant targets. My question is, how can I answer these kinds of questions, if Estonias targets are mostly non-quantitative, not time-bound and without specific thresholds etc ? Should I just leave them (Q6b, Q6d) empty and explain in the gaps in 6f ?</p>	<p>report (i.e. specific to Estonia) - the numbers 1-29 should therefore relate to what was reported in 2012. If the numbers do not make any sense to you (as you indicate) please contact the helpdesk and ask where these came from. 2. Presume this is a list of your art 10 indicators (one per target?). Again, please clarify with the help desk if these do not relate to what you reported in 2012.</p> <p>4) DC - I would use your best judgement as to whether you can answer the specific questions; you can use the 6f text field to provide a suitable explanation (e.g. if it is not possible to answer previous questions).</p>

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2.	SR	Content	<p>We would kindly ask for your assistance concerning reporting under Article 11 of MSFD (Monitoring Programme), General Description, Questions: <b>1a</b> and <b>1b</b> (and similar ones as <b>1c</b>, <b>1ds</b>, but also questions on Monitoring Programmes <b>5d</b> and <b>5g</b>).</p> <p>Could you, please, explain do the questions 1a and 1b (1c, 1ds, 5d and 5g) address the Monitoring Programme as a document (has it been adequately planned) or the monitoring (protocol) implementation itself? If we consider our Monitoring Programme (fully) adequately planned (but it's implementation hasn't started yet):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do we answer Q1a: YES?</li> <li>- What answer should we provide for the Q 1b (1c, 1ds, 5d and 5g): BY 2014 or NOT RELEVANT?</li> </ul> <p>Thank you in advance for your help!</p>	