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Introduction

This document is developed to select appropriate fish sampling methods for the evaluation of the species composition, abundance and age structure of fish in rivers, lakes and transitional waters.

WARNING — Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This document does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this document be carried out by suitably trained staff.

1 Scope

This document defines methods for sampling fish and procedures for selection of methods in order to evaluate fish populations in rivers, lakes and transitional waters. A selected literature with references in support of this document is given in the bibliography. This document refers to the standards "Water quality - Sampling of fish with electricity" (EN 14011) and "Water quality - Sampling of fish with multi-mesh gillnets" (EN 14757).

2 Normative references

Not applicable

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

river

natural body of water flowing continuously or intermittently along a well-defined course into an ocean, sea, lake, inland depression, marsh or other water-course
[ISO 6107-2:1997]

NOTE A body of inland water flowing for the most part on the surface of the land but which may flow underground for part of its course (Directive 2000/60/EC)

3.2

lake

inland body of water of considerable area
[ISO 6107-2:1997]

NOTE A body of standing inland surface water (Directive 2000/60/EC).

3.3

transitional water

body of surface water in the vicinity of river mouths which are partly saline in character as a result of their proximity to coastal waters but which are substantially influenced by freshwater flows (Directive 2000/60/EC)

3.4

water categories

rivers and transitional waters are categorized according to width and maximum depth, and lakes are categorised according to area and the presence or absence of a pelagic or profundal zone

NOTE Other categories may be used in limnological science or other standards.

3.5

fish habitat

place where the fish is to be sampled

3.6

species composition

species list from the target water which may include the relative dominance (number of fish of species A in relation to the total number of fish of all species [$100 \% \cdot N_A/N_{Tot}$])