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Chub mackerel CMM: proposed tasking for TWGCMSA and SC

The Commission tasks the TWG CMSA to undertake the following:

- Provision and analysis of gear specific data to explore whether there is a need to protect the immature portion of the stock and advice on options for achieving that, as appropriate. This includes also accessory devices used for fishing purposes, such as FADs, light devices, etc.
- Clarification of the correspondence of fishing days and the level of catch in relevant fleets, such as the purse seine fleet.
- Based on the next stock assessment, provide projections and associated probabilities, based on constant catch scenarios (e.g. increments of 5.000 mt) or constant F scenarios, aiming at reaching an appropriate MSY proxy (SSB and F) within 5 to 10 years [with a probability higher than 50%.]

[The Commission agrees to initiate the MSE process for chub mackerel and tasks the SC to develop a fully fledged MSE, including candidate management procedures, with the aim to complete it at latest by 2030.]