

# WGFAST

Working Group on Fisheries Acoustics Science and Technology

## **OUR OBJECTIVE**

Development and application of science and technology to observe the marine environment.

Characterization of organisms, populations, ecosystems, habitat, and behaviour by means of acoustic methods and complementary tools.

### **OUR EXPERTISE**

- Active acoustics technologies, narrow and wide bands, simple and multibeam.
- Marine organisms' scattering modelling.
- Combined approaches from acoustics, optics, environmental and biological sampling tools

Data Science and Technology Steering Group (DSTSG)

## **RESEARCH FOCUS**

- Resources assessment and monitoring.
- Spectral signatures of organisms and their classification.
- Assessment of uncertainties from acoustics, optics and trawls estimates
- Mesopelagic zone, migrations and carbon sequestration by ocean
- Monitoring of industrialized sea areas
- New platforms to monitor ecosystems in hard-to-reach areas.
- Management of large datasets
- Encourage opportunity data

- Data collection from a variety of mobile and stationary platforms.
- Development of shared data processing tools.
- New statistical approaches for "big data" processing (e.g. machine learning)

# **OUR CHAIR**



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